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Former Salem resident John McAfee, known for his anti-virus software, dies of suicide



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Renowned computer programmer John McAfee was 75 when he died. An autopsy revealed that the cause of death was suicide.

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John McAfee was a renowned businessman, two-time presidential candidate and computer programmer who impacted millions of lives across the world. The story of McAfee, however, cannot be told without the City of Salem. Although he was born in Cinderford of the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom in 1945, McAfee grew up in Salem. McAfee's life was full of trials and tribulations. At just 15, his father, whom he would later describe as an abusive alcoholic, killed himself with a gun.

As an adolescent, McAfee showed a propensity for learning. In 1967, he received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Roanoke College. Forty-one years later, the school awarded him an honorary D.sc degree.

From 1968 to 1970, McAfee worked as a programmer for NASA's Institute for Space Studies in New York City. Afterward, he went to Univac as

a software designer before arriving at Xerox as an operating system architect.

The year 1987 was a turning point in McAfee's life as he founded McAfee Associates, the first anti-virus software on the market. At the time he said, "I wrote this antivirus program in a day and a half and within a month, four million people were already using it."

In 1989, McAfee wrote the best-selling book, Computer Viruses, Worms, Data Diddlers, Killer Programs, and Other Threats to Your System: What They Are, how They Work, and how to Defend Your PC, Mac, Or Mainframe.

McAfee also founded Tribal Voice that developed one of the first instant messaging programs. When McAfee warned Americans not to use smartphones in 2014, he suggested that apps are used to spy on clueless consumers who don't read privacy user agreements. Before the financial crisis of 2008, McAfee had an estimated net worth of \$100 million.

As a libertarian, McAfee strongly

advocated for the decriminalization of marijuana, non-interventionism in foreign policy, a free market that doesn't redistribute wealth and upholding free trade. The Transportation Security Administration was also something that he supported.

It was on September 8, 2015, when McAfee announced he would seek the office of U.S. President in the 2016 election. Along with rivals Austin Peterson and Gary Johnson, McAfee consistently polled among the top three Libertarian Party candidates. On March 29, 2016, all three men appeared in the party's first nationally televised presidential debate. When all of the votes were counted, McAfee was the runner-up in the primaries and came in third at the Libertarian National Convention.

Among McAfee's varied talents and interests in life was traveling. His career afforded him the opportunity to visit multiple continents and countless countries. Millions have gone on to use his products, no easy feat to accomplish. In his later years, McAfee regularly referred to himself as a "prime target" of the IRS.

McAfee was arrested in Spain last October over U.S. tax evasion charges. Civil and criminal charges brought by federal prosecutors alleged that McAfee failed to pay income taxes for years. As he awaited extradition to the United States, McAfee was found dead on June 23 in his prison cell near Barcelona. An autopsy revealed that he died of suicide. He was 75.

In her first public remarks, Janice Dyson, McAfee's second wife who he married in 2013, said, "His last words to me were 'I love you and will call you in the evening.' Those words are not words of somebody who is suicidal."



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Newest Salem Police Officers who recently completed their training phase and are going into the field are introduced to Salem City Council at the June 28 meeting in Andrew Lewis Middle School Auditorium. With Officer Jonathan Detzler are Jarod Bridges, Aaron Haynes, Christopher Hayth, Matt Duhon and Hannah Rich.

Council approves zoning changes

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Salem City Council approved four zoning changes on first reading at Monday night's council meeting.

It was the second meeting held in the Andrew Lewis Middle School Auditorium. Because state and local declarations of emergency during the COVID pandemic have been lifted, Council

meetings will return to Council Chambers for the second meeting in July and afterwards.

Salem City Manager Jay Taliaferro said Council will meet July 12 at Salem High School for a joint session with the Salem School Board.

At the start of Monday night's meeting, Salem Police Officer Jonathan Detzler introduced five

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Richfield Living celebrates 'long time coming' of The Health Center

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Richfield Living representatives cut the ribbon officially opening The Health Center, creating a happy and historic day for the residents who live there.

"It's been a long time coming," said Chief Executive Officer Cherie Grisso at the June 24 event.

"We are so proud to achieve a major objective of our Vision 2020 Strategic Plan in opening The Health Center – Salem Campus which provides a significant shift in the environment of long-term health care."

She pointed out the new Health Center offers a unique home-like setting, with every resident having a private bedroom,

full-service kitchens available and more choices in their daily living routines.

Grisso added it was amazing to see the impact already on the quality of life for long-term care residents.

The move toward today's care began in 2008 when the Richfield Living Board had the vision to make changes to the former model, that included 315 beds in the nursing building, she said.

The new Health Center has 76 beds and four households, Health Center Administrator Andy Jones pointed out, with a dining room, four-season porch and laundry room available for residents who want to do their own laundry under supervision of staff. Jones is also administrator of the new Roanoke City campus's health center soon to open.

The center is for residents who need a higher level of care.

"Our Health Center residents can control their own days," Grisso said. "It helps them feel like they are in their own person-

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Richfield Living representatives prepare to cut the ribbon opening The Health Center on June 24. From left, they are Richfield Living COO Esteban Duran-Ballen, Richfield Board Members Dr. W.D. Hasty and Dr. Martha Anderson, Richfield CEO Cherie Grisso, Board Chairman Kirsh Patel, Roanoke County Supervisor Martha Hooker, Supervisors Chair Jason Peters and Health Center Administrator Andy Jones.

Lautenschlager receives Lay Leadership Serving Boldly Award

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Salem resident Garry Lautenschlager has received a high award for more than 40 years of putting faith into action.

Pastor David Drebes presented Lautenschlager with the Serving Boldly Lay Leadership Award at a recent service at their church, College Lutheran. The award came from the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

He was one of only four in Virginia to receive the award, which recognized not only service in his congregation but also his active service in many ministries.

"I'm quite honored," said Lautenschlager, who was one of the founding directors of the Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries (SAEM). The ministry feeds hungry children and their families, provides the Summer Feed and Read program and obtained two grants for student-run food pantries at Andrew Lewis Middle School and

Salem High School. Lautenschlager wrote those grants.

He added that he is proud to be a part of organizations that support those who are less fortunate.

"I take a lot of pride in the call to serve based on the commandment to serve," he added. His list of volunteer service fills two pages, and ranges from the board of Family Promise of Greater Roanoke that helps homeless families with housing, jobs and childcare; to chair of Area Churches together that provides weekend breakfast and lunch items to more than 180 school children in Salem and western Roanoke County.

He was Salem Rescue Squad member for 25 years and one of the first paramedics certified in Virginia.

Lautenschlager has been an active member of College Lutheran for 55 of his 66 years.

Lautenschlager and his wife, Shirley, have a son, Chris, who lives in Raleigh, NC.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The City of Salem has been monitoring the potential spread of COVID-19, and like you, we have been processing a great deal of information. The safety of citizens, school children and visitors is always the number one priority from the Salem Civic Center to City Hall. Emergency Management team members are in constant contact with the Virginia Department of Health, the Roanoke-Alleghany Health Department and area health professionals at our local hospitals. During this time of uncertainty, people are encouraged to monitor the website (salemva.gov) for official city details on closings or cancellations. This site will be updated daily whenever there is new information.

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.

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.

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Salem Museum Speaker Series

- Cultural heritage and the modern-day "Monuments Men" -

Cultural heritage sites around the world are threatened by armed conflict and natural disaster. On July 8 at 7 p.m., Dr. Hayden Bassett will describe the recent efforts of the Cultural Heritage Monitoring Lab and the modern day "Monuments Men," and the emerging role of museums and other civilian research institutions in global cultural property protection. Salem Museum members who are fully vaccinated are welcome to attend in person; please call 540-389-6760 to pre-register. All others are invited to watch the program via Zoom. The link will be posted on the Salem Museum's website on the morning of the talk.

The Cultural Heritage Monitoring Lab, housed at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, is a collaborative effort with the Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative. Among other tech-

nologies, the Lab utilizes high-resolution satellite imagery to rapidly identify in real time the destructive events and active threats to monuments, museums, archives, historic buildings, archaeological sites, and landscapes worldwide. Through its partnership with the Smithsonian Institute, the Lab serves the US Army's recently reactivated Monuments Men unit.

Dr. Bassett is the Archaeology Curator at the Virginia Museum of Natural History, and a Research Associate at the Smithsonian Institution. Over the past 15 years, he has conducted archaeological fieldwork in the US, Jamaica, Barbados, Bermuda, Tanzania, Kenya, Djibouti, Bahrain, and Italy. He has undertaken this fieldwork for academic research, and for NGO and US Department of Defense stakeholders. Previously, Dr. Bassett directed

archaeological fieldwork and advised US military planners in advance of their activities abroad.

Dr. Bassett continues to work closely with the Department of Defense to protect global cultural heritage. Today, in addition to his curatorial role, he also serves as the Director of the Cultural Heritage Monitoring Lab at the Virginia Museum of Natural History, providing advanced satellite monitoring of global cultural heritage to the modern-day "Monuments Men" in the US Army Reserves.

Dr. Bassett received a B.A. in Archaeology from the University of Virginia, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Archaeology from the College of William & Mary. He currently resides in Martinsville.

-Submitted by Fran Ferguson, Salem Museum Executive Director



Dr. Hayden Bassett

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2020 crash statistics published by Governor's Executive Highway Safety Team

- Overall crash fatalities increased in Virginia last year; speed-related fatalities reached 10-year high -

The Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety has announced the Virginia crash statistics for 2020. The final numbers are

now available for analysis in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' state-of-the-art automated Traffic Records Electronic Data

System (TREDS), the Commonwealth's central repository for crash data and related information.

In 2020, there was a significant decline in traffic volume because of the pandemic. However, while serious injuries declined by five percent last year, the number of overall crash fatalities in the Commonwealth increased by two percent, with 847 fatalities reported, compared to 827 in 2019. Speed-related fatalities increased to the highest number in at least 10 years with 406 fatalities reported, a 16 percent jump over 2019

fatalities. The number of people who weren't wearing their seat belt killed as a result of crashes also increased in 2020, with 343 fatalities reported compared to 304 in 2019.

Led by the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, the Governor's Executive Leadership Team is composed of representatives from the Virginia Departments of Motor Vehicles, Health, Education, Transportation and State Police. They are charged with reducing serious injuries and fatal-

ities on Virginia's roadways and driving change in the Commonwealth's highway safety culture.

"Although the number of vehicle crashes decreased during the pandemic, we saw more fatalities related to speed, alcohol, and failure to wear a seat belt. These decisions have heartbreaking consequences that affect families and communities across Virginia," said Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine. "Our transportation agencies are committed to working diligently to reverse these trends, so everyone ar-

rives home safely."

"Our state troopers and other first responders encounter the devastating effects of speed on our roadways every day," said Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran. "These incidents and others like it could have been prevented by drivers and passengers making the right choice to follow the speed limit and buckling up. These aren't simply statistics - they are people's lives."

-Submitted by Jessica Cowardin, Communications Specialist

Experts discuss challenges and strategies for feeding growing population

Sustainably producing food and other agricultural products for a growing global popula-

tion is the greatest challenge facing the world's farmers today.

In preparation for

the United Nations Food Systems Summit, the Global Agricultural Productivity Initiative

at Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences presented a June 15 webinar describing a vision for strengthening food and agricultural systems to meet the challenge with productivity growth.

Agricultural productivity increases as farmers use innovative technologies and practices to grow more crops, livestock and aquaculture products while using the same amount—or less—land, fertilizer, feed, labor, machinery and livestock.

Productivity must increase by an average of

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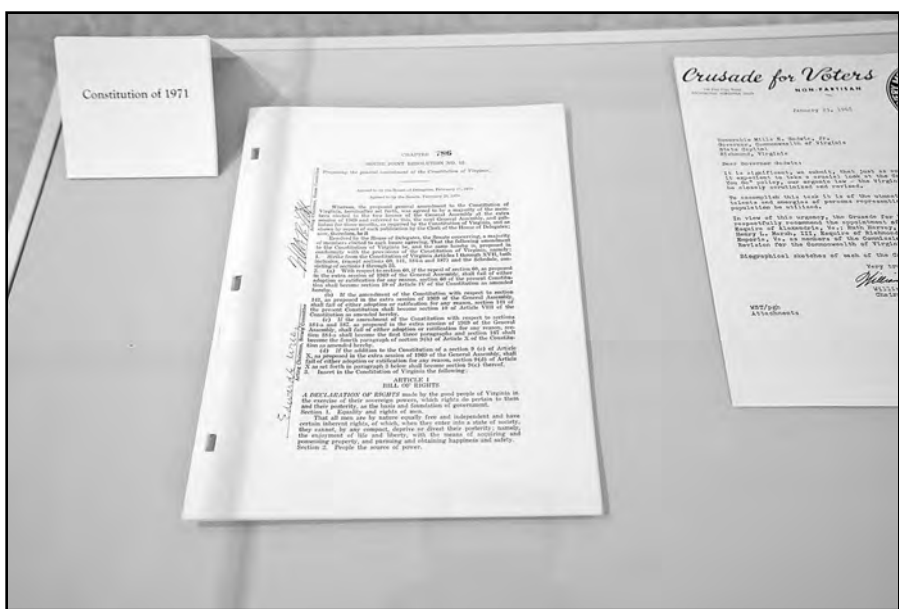
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Governor Northam commemorates 50th anniversary of the Virginia constitution



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Governor Northam and Professor Howard viewing original copies of Virginia's Constitutions at the Library of Virginia.

Recently, Governor Ralph Northam marked Constitution Day by visiting the Library of Virginia to view original copies of four of Virginia's Constitutions and commemorate 50 years since the current Virginia Constitution took effect on July 1, 1971. Until 1971, the Virginia Constitution included detailed provisions intended to disenfranchise Black voters and prohibit racially integrated public schools.

In the years after the Civil War, the brief period of Reconstruction was characterized by state and federal laws that expanded the rights and freedoms of citizens. But Virginia leaders re-wrote the state constitution explicitly to restore white supremacy, culminating in the Constitution of 1902 that instituted poll taxes, literacy tests, and other barriers to voting. The Constitution also required segregated schools by prohibiting the teaching of Black and white children in the same school. While some of the most discriminatory provisions of the 1902 Constitution were reversed by federal law or court decisions, it remained in effect in Virginia for most of the 20th century, until voters approved a new constitution in 1971.

"The 50th anniversary of Virginia's 1971 Constitution is an important opportunity to acknowledge how our Commonwealth has evolved," said Governor Northam. "Virginia has 400 years of history—good and bad—and it is important that we tell the accurate, honest story of our past. Understanding our full history means learning about these events and the ways they are connected to the present day, so we can work together to build a better future for all Virginians."

The 1971 Virginia Constitution took important steps to renounce the constitution in place since 1902 by eliminating the poll tax, enshrining a ban on racially segregated schools,

providing free public education for every school-aged child, and prohibiting governmental discrimination based on race, color, national origin or sex.

Work on the 1971 Virginia Constitution began in 1968 when Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. appointed a commission to revise the 1902 document. This action came in response to the momentous social changes of the 1960s, including the passage of the Civil Rights Act and other laws that superseded discriminatory provisions in state constitutions, including that of Virginia.

A.E. Dick Howard, the Warner-Booker Distinguished Professor of Law at University of Virginia School of Law, served as executive director of the Commission on Constitutional Revision 50 years ago and directed the successful referendum campaign for the ratification of a new constitution.

"Thomas Jefferson famously called for each generation to consider the extent to which a constitution serves the needs of its own time," said Professor Howard. "In 1971, the revision commission's purpose was to repudiate the racism of the 1902 constitution, and to put Virginia on a sound and progressive footing. I consider Virginia to have been well served by the commission—they handed us a good constitution, and the proof lies in the fact that it continues to serve the purpose of upholding a democratic government."

Virginia adopted its first Constitution on June 29, 1776, declaring the total dissolution of the rule of Great Britain and its monarch over the citizens of the Commonwealth. Virginia also led the nation by adopting the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which later influenced the United States Constitution Bill of Rights.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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1.73 percent annually to sustainably meet consumer needs in 2050, and the "world is not keeping pace with this target," reported the GAP Initiative. The productivity disparity is most apparent among the world's low-income, small-scale farmers. Unless this trend is reversed, experts said the earth's soil, water resources and forests could be degraded significantly by 2050, creating increased greenhouse gas emissions and higher food prices.

Panelists representing nonprofit and private sectors in Africa, India, Latin America and the United States discussed

policies, agricultural practices, investments and partnerships that support and accelerate productivity growth.

Virginia farmers are generally on the right track, with some room for improvement, said Dr. Megan Seibel, director of Virginia Tech's Virginia Agriculture Leaders Obtaining Results program.

"Farmers have a great desire to be responsible in establishing best management practices," said Seibel, who owns Mountain View Farm and Vineyard and serves as president of Roanoke County Farm Bureau. "Because of the expense of labor and cost of the

inputs, that's where we have some opportunity for innovative improvements around precision technology and things that allow us to better target applications of nutrients and pesticides."

The global challenges

New law pertaining to bicyclists, motorists takes effect July 1



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Motorists will be required to change lanes to pass bicyclists.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants residents to be aware of a new law, effective July 1, that requires motorists to change lanes when passing a bicyclist if the lane of travel is not wide enough to accommodate three feet in distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle.

Current law allows, but does not require, a motorist to move into the other lane when passing a bicyclist in order to ensure at least three feet of distance between the bicyclist and the overtaking vehicle. In addition to bicycles, this provision also applies to people riding on an electric personal assistive mobility device, moped, animal or animal-drawn vehicle.

"This law increases safety for bicyclists by providing more space between them and much larger vehicles when motorists pass on our roadways," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "We all share our roads and we all share the responsibility to look out for each other."

The new law also removes restrictions on bicyclists riding two abreast. This provision applies to people riding on an electric personal assistive mobility devices or motorized skateboards or scooters.

-Submitted by Jessica Cowardin, Communications Specialist

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged June 15-28. 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 16 - Joequan M. Vaughn, 33, domestic assault and battery; Jacob M. Graham, 23, petit larceny; Roger L. White, 53, violation of probation; Emily R. Elmore, 32, possession of controlled substance; Dianna L. Rabik, 54, possession of controlled substance; and Michael D. Perdue, 67, shoplifting.

June 18 - Laura M. Brunk, 40, public intoxication; and Caleb G. Smith, 43, DUI, carrying a concealed weapon.

June 19 - Javier M. Machado, 48, DUI; and Meranda M. St. Clair, 39, public intoxication.

June 20 - Phillip R. Strange, 42, failure to appear; and Michelle L. Gorman, 49, criminal trespass.

June 21 - Daniel T. Hicks, 47, harassing communications

June 22 - Stephanie N. Carner, 35, neglect; Michaela K. Johnson, 24, telephone harassment.

June 23 - William T. Welch, 28, DUI; Zachary T. Wright, 26, shoplifting; Perpetua Z. Saint-Jean, 27, failure to appear; Thomas R. Mountcastle, 61, public intoxication; Jessica R. Day, 33, criminal trespass; Jacob A. Cooper, 24, DUI; and Chasity L. Overstreet, 25, obstructing justice.

June 24 - Jaedi L. Moore, 27, unauthorized use of vehicle, violation of probation; and Chelsie R. Hall, 31, shoplifting.

June 25 - Darence L. Jones, 27, DUI; Jennifer N. Fields, 47, contempt of court; Nancy E. Williams, 54, grand larceny; and Boyd K. Temple, 65, DUI.

June 26 - Timothy C. Slate, 28, contributing to delinquency of a minor; and Jose A. Garcia-Martinez, 33, DUI.

June 28 - Mark W. Graham, 53, public intoxication; Matthew L. Graham, 49, public intoxication; and Devin D. Richardson, 37, violation of protective order.

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OPINION

Give Light ~ More than the Fourth ~

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

July is once again with us - the month of Independence, hot weather and good eating from our gardens.

It's a month of many significant events in this columnist's life.

To begin, I was born near the end of the month in the year the stock market crashed, and the Great Depression began. (You figure it out.)

On July 8, when I had just completed my first year of higher education, I discovered on the same afternoon that my single-parent mother had a life-threatening illness and the WW II veteran I might have married was also ill with a then-untreatable malady.

Two years later on the same July 8 evening, I became engaged to the love of my life,

Charlie Stebbins.

And two years after that, July 14, 1951, he and I were married in a beloved cousin's church, St. Paul's Episcopal in Charlottesville. It just happened to be the French national holiday, Bastille Day. This summer we would have marked our 70th Anniversary, but death took him 13 years ago.

We both came of families who settled in Virginia in Colonial days. Patrick Henry - sadly today, in my opinion, being blamed for an evil accepted in his time - was a maternal ancestor of my husband.

It was quite fitting then that our first child, whom we named Julia Cary, was born on July 4. Living in Florida for many years, she has a significant birthday Sunday, for she's 65. After our birth announcement went out, an elderly aunt of Charlie's, also named Julia, wrote us to say her great-niece was born on

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

her 75th birthday.

As if that wasn't enough, our first son was born on July 6, 1958. We gave him the name of his Confederate cavalryman great-grandfather, Frank Stringfellow. A long-time steelworker and animal lover, Frank loves the country of Botetourt.

So, no month has more significance to me than July. Several of my church friends were also born in that month as were a maternal aunt and a paternal cousin.

Will I die in July? That's up to God, the Higher Power, Man Upstairs - whatever feels correct to you.

Although the Salem Fair represents a highlight of summer for many and brings in money from countless visitors for our city, my neighbors and I do not welcome its arrival and were relieved when it could not safely be held in 2020. But now its unwelcome tents, trailers and rides have made their appearance.

We're stuck with the traffic, noisy strangers roaming about our streets, occasional inebriates at 10:30 p.m.

I've lived near the Salem Civic Center since 1989. Admittedly, the fair's patrons cause less trouble now than they did 30 years ago, for Salem City Police are evident and do their best to stem trespassing in yards and pilfering from gardens as we've known some to do. One is more careful than usual to lock doors and keep an eye on outdoor pets.

And, thankfully, it's over in 10 days.

When I was serving as a docent at The Salem Museum on a recent Saturday, a three-generation family came in. The grandmother identified herself as a new resident of Salem; her daughter from Florida with a small boy were visiting. They were learning about the city's favorite son, General Andrew Lewis, but the child in elementary school did not know of William Fleming; both 18th Century patriots have had high schools named for them. History in this part of Virginia is different from that more familiar from textbooks. Long after areas around Williamsburg, Richmond and Charlottesville were established and reflected the culture and names associated with the British Isles, the Blue Ridge Mountains and Shenandoah Valley areas seemed quite different.

We remember our patriots too.

COVID-19 forever changed our lives

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

When the Governor declared a State of Emergency in March 2020 to address the looming threat

of an emerging pandemic, we could not have known the extent to which the pandemic would transform our lives. Since then, every one of us has been impacted by it. Reflecting on what we at the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) have learned, several things come to mind:

- Access to real-time data: In order for local health departments to be able to optimally protect the communities we serve, we must know what is happening in our communities. As an example, COVID-19 testing was the primary tool in our toolbox in the beginning of the pandemic because it allowed us to identify people who were infected and we were able to make recommendations to isolate that person and quarantine their close contacts to help slow the spread. Today, testing still plays a vital role in controlling the pandemic. Having systems in place to make it easy for healthcare providers report test results and to make disease activity reports available to the public (data dashboards) were and remain essential duties of the health department. Find a testing location at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-testing/>.
- Reliance on partner-

ships: It became apparent very early that the only way through this pandemic was to work together. We are so fortunate to have had so many dedicated community partners working with us at every step. In both our testing and vaccination efforts, there are three organizations that were crucial partners in the public health response. The Virginia Army National Guard were initially deployed to our area last year to assist with our testing events and stayed with us through May, helping us deliver thousands of vaccines at our large vaccine events at the Roanoke and Salem Civic center events. Our partners at Carilion Clinic have been by our side every step of the way, providing a wide range of services for the public during the pandemic, particularly with respect to our mass vaccinations clinics. And finally, we would not have been able to protect our

community without the help of our extraordinary Medical Reserve Corps who have helped us in every conceivable way. While these three partners helped us with "boots on the ground" public health services, countless more partners contributed, including other healthcare providers, especially those serving our most vulnerable residents; our local elected officials and first responders; our school superintendents and their staff who have worked tirelessly to protect our children; and so many more. We are committed to continue working together to protect and improve the health of all of our residents.

• Resilience of our community: As we celebrate that Virginia has reached the goal of having over 70 percent of the adult population having received at least a first dose of vaccine, as our case counts slowly trend down, and as restrictions ease, it is heartwarm-

ing to see families and friends safely returning to our new normal. Despite all of the challenges we have faced, we see strength and resilience everywhere we look.

As we move forward, it is important that we apply these lessons learned and that we honor the more than 500 community members we have lost to COVID-19 by doing everything we can to learn from the past year. Unfortunately, we still are fighting this nasty virus as the Delta variant, a more contagious and potentially more dangerous strain of the COVID-19 virus, poses a new threat across the country. We all still need to do our part to protect ourselves and each other.

As the finish line appears to be so very close, let's put our full efforts, most importantly, by getting a COVID-19 vaccine if you haven't done so already, so that we can cross the line together.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Absence of difficulty
 - 5. Preserve a dead body
 - 11. Gratitude
 - 14. The act of coming together again
 - 15. More cushy
 - 18. Visionaries
 - 19. Fish-eating bird
 - 21. Indicates near
 - 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
 - 24. Icelandic poems
 - 28. Pop
 - 29. Hammer is one
 - 30. Senses of self-esteem
 - 32. Trigraph
 - 33. Not around
 - 35. Electronic data processing
 - 36. Driver's licenses and
 - 39. Snake-like fishes
 - 41. Military flyers
 - 42. Raincoats
 - 44. Type of community
 - 46. Feature of worm's anatomy
 - 47. In the center
 - 49. Laid back
 - 52. Jewelled headdress
 - 56. In slow tempo
 - 58. ___ Falls
 - 60. Saying things again
 - 62. Periods in history
 - 63. Hyphen
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Body part
 - 2. Mimics
 - 3. Expel or eject
 - 4. Sea eagle
 - 5. Subdivision of cenosespecies
 - 6. Dialect of Chinese
 - 7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"
 - 8. Consumed
 - 9. Chinese dynasty
 - 10. NFL great Randy
 - 12. Ireland
 - 13. Palm trees
 - 16. Fungal disease
 - 17. Willis and Jerry are two
 - 20. Affirmative!
 - 22. Potato state
 - 25. "The First State"
 - 26. A way to develop
 - 27. Associations
 - 29. Woman (French)
 - 31. Sunscreen rating
 - 34. Brew
 - 36. Mosque prayer leader
 - 37. Indigo bush
 - 38. Burn with a hot liquid
 - 40. Jr.'s father
 - 43. Scad genus
 - 45. Morning
 - 48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)
 - 50. Double curve
 - 51. Small thin bunch
 - 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
 - 54. Mars crater
 - 55. Humanities
 - 57. Of the ears
 - 58. "To the ___ degree"
 - 59. Residue
 - 61. It keeps you cool

Richfield

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al home instead of the former institutional model nursing home."

Richfield Living is the first in Southwest Virginia to offer the household care model, the CEO said.

All Richfield team members are cross trained to run the household, Grisso added.

People could tour the Willow Household after the ribbon cutting. The average age is 82, Grisso said, and average stay three-and-a-half years.

Others who took part in the ceremony included Chief Operations Officer Esteban Duran-Ballen, Roanoke County Supervisors Chair Jason Peters, Roanoke County Catawba District Supervisor Martha Hooker, County Economic Development Director Jill Loope, Richfield Board Chairman Kirresh Patel and several other board members, and Senior Chaplain Gary

Kingery.

The Health Center is in a building that started out as the T. Stuart Payne Center for Assisted Living in 1990. Payne served as general manager from 1964 to 1981. The new Health Center is located at 3719 Knollridge Road in the Glenvar area.

Richfield is a not-for-profit community that is home to 700 residents and 500 employees including a Roanoke campus soon to open. It started in 1934 and was initially named Mercy House. There was a 280-acre farm which supplied fruits and vegetables, raised pigs and chickens and had a small dairy herd to supply milk.

For more information, contact Lisa Clause, Public Information Officer and Senior Director of Marketing and Philanthropy, at LClause@richfieldliving.com.

Zoning

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new officers who have completed their training field and are going into the field. They are Jarod Bridges, Aaron Haynes, Christopher Hayth, Matt Duhon and Hannah Rich.

Zoning requests approved on first reading were from:

- Bethel Baptist Church from Residential Single-Family District to Highway Business District in order to replace an old sign that cannot be repaired;
- Peter R. and Vivian D. Fields to rezone 303-305 South Colorado St. from Residential Multi-Family to Transitional Business District. Peter Fields explained they want to renovate the building for a hair salon. He said it was built in the 1960s as a dental office;
- MCLIP Properties LLC to rezone property at 901 S. Colorado St. and

110 7th St. from Light Manufacturing District to Community Business District. Mayor Renee Turk pointed out the building has recently been designated for the local historical registry. Leslie McVey, who works for the owners, explained the property had been vacant for a couple of years:

• Timothy J. and Lonzie L. Linkous Jr. for a Special Exception Permit for property at 335 Roanoke Boulevard to be used as a duplex.

A fifth special exemption permit request was withdrawn by petitioner Total Motion Performance to allow athletic instruction services at 773 Union St.

Council also received the abstract of votes cast in the June 8 Democratic Party Primary Election.

The meeting lasted 25 minutes.

Send letters to the editor at shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

Warner and Kaine praise Treasury's launch of state and local COVID relief funds

U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine recently applauded the Treasury Department's launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act.

"We welcome the \$7.2 billion in relief for Virginia and are pleased the Biden Administration has listened to our calls to give states, localities, and tribes significant flexibility in determining how best to use these emergency funds," said the Senators. "These funds will allow the Commonwealth and localities to recover from the economic harm of COVID, promote pub-

lic health, invest in broadband, make up for lost revenue, and address many of the other impacts of the pandemic. We will keep working with the Commonwealth and local governments to ensure Virginians receive this much-needed relief."

The Virginia state government will receive nearly \$4.3 billion from these funds. An additional amount of approximately \$2.9 billion will be allocated to municipalities the following way:

- Bedford County: \$15,344,241
- Blacksburg: \$13,364,987
- Bland County: \$1,219,816
- Botetourt County: \$6,491,249

- Christiansburg: \$3,115,411
- Covington: \$1,075,692
- Craig County: \$996,637
- Danville: \$29,142,851
- Floyd County: \$3,059,059
- Franklin County: \$10,885,502
- Franklin City: \$1,547,496
- Galax: \$1,232,830
- Giles County: \$3,247,664
- Lynchburg: \$33,328,529
- Martinsville: \$2,438,467
- Pulaski County: \$6,609,346
- Radford: \$8,228,392
- Roanoke County: \$18,294,526
- Roanoke City: \$64,576,671
- Salem: \$4,914,423

•Non-entitlement funds: approximately \$633,000,000

Allocations for non-entitlement local governments will soon be released and will provide an additional \$633 million in relief to Virginia cities and towns. Tribal governments will receive their allocation amounts after submitting their requests for funding to the Treasury.

Eligible state, metropolitan city, and county governments may now request their allocation through the Treasury Submission Portal.

-Submitted by Rachel Cohen, Communications Director

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They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress (Psalm 107:27-28).

A. G. Ward wrote in the Pentecostal Evangel eighty-three years ago, "We have passed through many tests in the

past twenty-four years, often we have been at 'wits' end corner' but again and again we have found ourselves singing."

Are you at the end of your rope? Cry out to the Lord. Your prayer life will be different. Your praise life will open up.

Your prayer should be like that of Jehoshaphat as he led God's people when they were under attack: "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you" (2Chronicles 20:12).

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, I trust You to still the storms in my life.
Quicklook: Psalm 107:23-32

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Eric J. Reynolds appointed as Virginia's first children's ombudsman

Independent agency is authorized to investigate and resolve issues related to families of children served by state agencies

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced the appointment of Eric J. Reynolds as Virginia's first Director of the Office of the Children's Ombudsman. The Office was established by the General Assembly and approved by Governor Northam during the 2020 legislative session to serve as a mechanism for reporting concerns about the treatment of children within Virginia's foster care system.

"The role of the Children's Ombudsman is to ensure every child in Virginia has a safe and permanent home," said Governor Northam. "Eric Reynolds is a compassionate leader with extensive experience working in our foster care system and with agencies that serve children—he is the right person for this important position."

The Office is an independent agency that is authorized to receive complaints and investigate and review actions of the Virginia Department of Social Services, local departments of social services, child-placing agencies, or child-caring institutions. Prior to the creation of this office, the only way for families to file a complaint with a local department of social services was with the agency itself or with the Department of Social Services. It will also monitor and ensure compliance with relevant statutes, rules, and policies pertaining to child protective services and the placement, supervision, treatment, and delivery of care to children in foster care and adoptive homes. The Children's Ombudsman has the ability to advocate for legislation.

"I am honored to serve in this inaugural role," said Reynolds. "I was drawn to this position because I know how much of an impact it can make. I look forward to working alongside the Department of Social Services to ensure that the needs of foster care children across Virginia are met."

"I was thrilled to champion this legislation creating the Office of the Children's Ombudsman," said Delegate Chris Hurt. "The work of the Ombudsman will be a critical step forward in keeping the best interests of the child at the center as complicated decisions are made."

Reynolds most recently served as Staff Attorney for Court Improvement Programs at the Virginia Supreme Court. Reynolds previously served as Assistant

Attorney General in the Division of Health, Education, and Social Services at the Office of the Virginia Attorney General. He also served as legal counsel for the Department of Social Services, Office of Children's Services, Department of Medical Assistance Service, and Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services. In this role, he provided analysis for agency programs and assisted in drafting proposed legislation and regulation.

As an attorney, Reynolds has represented both parents and children in child welfare cases and family law. Reynolds earned his law degree from the University of Richmond and his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York.

"The creation of this office is an important step in our ongoing

work to strengthen Virginia's foster care system," said Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Daniel Carey, MD, MHCM. "I am confident that Director Reynolds will build an office that improves outcomes and delivers results for children in foster care and their families."

The Office of the Children's Ombudsman is headed by the Children's Ombudsman, who is appointed for a term of four years by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The Office is required to annually report its activities and findings to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services.

- Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

Over \$11.1 million in GO Virginia Grants officially announced

Funding will support workforce and site development, infrastructure, entrepreneurial ecosystems

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced an allocation of more than \$11.1 million in Growth and Opportunity for Virginia (GO Virginia) grants to help advance economic recovery efforts across the Commonwealth. This funding will support 20 projects focused on expanding workforce development and talent pipelines in key industries, growing startup businesses and entrepreneurial ecosystems, and increasing Virginia's business-ready sites portfolio.

"The targeted support that GO Virginia provides is critical to ensuring communities across our Commonwealth are well positioned to succeed in a post-pandemic economy," said Governor Northam. "These projects demonstrate how regional collaboration can drive innovation and deliver positive economic results, including diversifying our workforce, supporting entrepreneurs, and upgrading our infrastructure."

Included in this round

of GO Virginia funding is one statewide project, 16 regional projects, and three projects through GO Virginia's Economic Resilience and Recovery Program. The awarded projects will leverage an additional \$7.1 million in local and other non-state resources.

"The regional approach of GO Virginia continues to spur creative economic development strategies throughout the Commonwealth," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. "These projects will support regional priorities and help communities achieve economic growth goals now and in the future."

"The collaboration inspired by GO Virginia is evident in these projects," said Nancy Howell Agee, who was elected to serve as Chair of the GO Virginia Board at the June 15th meeting. "It is important to recognize the leadership of the GO Virginia regional councils and the localities partnering on these important initiatives and acknowledge their con-

tinued efforts to build stronger regional economies that provide quality job opportunities for Virginians."

Since the program's inception in 2017, GO Virginia has funded 182 projects and awarded approximately \$68 million to support regional economic development efforts. To learn more about the GO Virginia Program, visit dhcd.virginia.gov/gova.

2021 ROUND TWO REGIONAL GRANT AWARDS

Helping Local Employers Prepare the Existing and Future Workforce for Industry 4.0 | \$45,360

Region 2: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Franklin, and Roanoke, the cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem, and the town of Vinton

The Learning Factory in Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Virginia Tech, in partnership with the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center, will address the need for trained talent in Industry 4.0 technology

skills in the region and increase competitiveness for manufacturers. The project will convene employers and stakeholders to help identify areas of needed growth in Industry 4.0 such as necessary new technology, skill gaps among the current and future workforce, areas of potential collaboration and others.

Lynchburg Beacon of Hope | \$97,740

Region 2: Amherst County and the city of Lynchburg

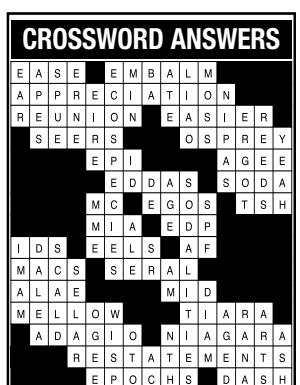
Lynchburg Beacon of Hope will develop a Playbook for Future Centers to provide a programmatic guide of its existing Future Centers model that will focus on in-demand careers in the region's targeted industries of manufacturing, information technology, and life sciences. The playbook will guide the operations and sustainability of the Future Centers model, a template for hiring a director of each Future Center, and a professional development and training module for effective Future Centers.

Building a Regional Health Sciences Talent Pipeline | \$100,000

Region 2: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Franklin, and Roanoke, the cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem, and the town of Vinton

The project will establish the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers to work as a consortium with public institutions and private employers, helping them to more systematically collaborate to leverage resources and align curriculum with employers' future growth strategies. This project will accelerate the development of a new model for widespread business-education collaboration, increase the number of health and life science graduates, and begin to formalize a health science talent pipeline focused on engineering, cybersecurity, mechatronics, and the broader life sciences trade sector.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor



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Salem's "Jazz in July" returns to Longwood Park

One of Salem's most popular summertime music events, Jazz in July, returns to the Longwood Park Amphitheater on July 17 at 4 p.m. This is the 20th year for the concerts in the park, and the musical lineup for 2021 includes an array of talented musicians and Grammy winner Chip McNeil:

4:10 p.m. James Lagueux Band – Jazz Fusion

5:20 p.m. Jstop Latin Soul – Salsa in The Park

6:50 p.m. Chip McNeil & The Chick Corea Tribute Band

8:30 p.m. Chupacabras! Party Band

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Along with parking that is available at Longwood Park, attendees can also park at the Salem Museum and Oakey Field lots. A golf cart shuttle service will be available from the latter two sites for those with mobility issues. Pets are not permitted at this event. For additional information, contact the Salem Parks and Recreation Department at 375-3057. The Comfort Suites of Salem and Pepsi proudly sponsor Jazz in July.

-Submitted by Mike Stevens, City of Salem Communications Director

RELIGION BRIEF

Methodist pastors change

A Salem church and one Daleville are among those affected in the annual rotation of United Methodist pastors. They "itinerate" or are up for a move every year, but most remain for several years, perhaps as long as 15.

At Calvary Church in East Salem, the Rev. Rebecca M. Wheeler will take up her duties on July 1. She also will serve West End United Methodist in Southwest Roanoke in a Cooperative

Parish arrangement.

At St. Mark's Church in Daleville, the Rev. Dr. Justin White is going to St. Mark's Church in Richmond. He will be succeeded by the Rev. Terry L. Clark.

The Rev. Benjamin Lockhart Jr. will come out of retirement to serve the Catawba Circuit.

- compiled by correspondent Frances Stebbins



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Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on The Public Input on Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan and American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER Plan on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. The hearing will begin at 5:30 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, July 7, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring copies of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

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all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of 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 approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of the Salem Historical Society, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1936 West Main Street (Tax Map # 138-2-7) from CBD Community Business District with proffered conditions to CBD Community Business District without conditions.

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc., applicant, and Layman Candy Company, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1637 East Main Street (Tax Map #77-3-13) from LM Light Manufacturing with proffered conditions, to HBD Highway Business District without conditions.

3. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc., applicant, and Layman Candy Company, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 23 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #77-3-12) from HBD Highway Business District with proffered conditions, to HBD Highway Business District without conditions.

4. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc., applicant and Layman Candy Company, Inc. and George W. Givens Jr. & Susan K. Givens, property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow personal storage on the properties located at 1637 & 1641-1647 East Main Street, and 11, 15, & 23 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #s 77-3-13, 77-3-16, 77-3-15, 77-3-14, and 77-3-12).

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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.

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THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

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Salem AAA All-Stars earn trip to state, RAYSA is this week

The Salem AAA all-stars won the District 7 Dixie League baseball championship at Green Hill Park last weekend and will now head to Madison Heights on July 8 for the Dixie League state tournament.

Salem cruised to the title, opening with a 12-1 win over Glenvar on Thursday night. On Friday Glenvar defeated North Roanoke and on Saturday Salem eliminated North Roanoke, setting up a Salem-Glenvar rematch on Sunday evening. Salem won that game, 11-1, to win the tournament.

Green Hill Park also played host to the District 7 O-Zone tournament, and North Roanoke came out on top in that one. Glenvar beat Mount Pleasant but lost to North Roanoke twice for elimination. Salem did not have an O-Zone team in the three-team tourney.

Roanoke Area Youth Softball Association(RAYSA) games were being played at the James I. Moyer Complex this week. Salem had a team in the 10-and-Under division and the Salemites fell to South County Red in the opening round Monday night. The tournament is double elimination and championship games are scheduled for 10, 12 and 16 year old divisions tonight at the Moyer Complex.



DIXIE

Above left, Maclin Hale of the Salem AAA Dixie All-Stars pitches against Glenvar, and above Glenvar's Bentley Crowe beats the throw to third as Salem's Kelton Wheeling covers the bag. Left, Glenvar's Trevin Weikle connects in the AAA game. Below left, Will Cook of the Glenvar O-Zone all-stars scores a run against Mount Pleasant. Below right, Glenvar's Dylan Hall beats the throw to third in a win over the Mount Pleasant all-stars at Green Hill Park.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



RAYSA SOFTBALL

Far left, Salem catcher Kaitlyn Shearer waits for the throw in RAYSA softball action at the Moyer Complex. Left, Kyla Rutledge pitches for the Salem Stars and, above, Kathryn Wise(#12) takes a throw at second to force out a South County runner.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

HOOP GIRLS

Scott Jester(standing right), the new girls' basketball coach at Salem High School, talks to "the future" at the Salem Parks and Recreation Department girls' basketball camp at West Salem Elementary school's gym last week. At the left is returning assistant Henry Bradley.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Barrett is fourth athletic director in 43 years of Salem High School

The Salem School Board is expected to formally approve Drew Barrett to be the new Athletic Director and Events Supervisor for Salem High School when the board meets on July 13. Barrett is excited to begin his new position, which opened when Chris King retired, effective today.

"It is an honor to be a part of the leadership team at Salem High School and know that we have tremendous community support for our students, as well as the best facilities in the state," says Barrett. "I realize that this is an incredible opportunity for me, and I could not be more excited to get started."

Barrett already is well known in the halls of the high school. He has been a counselor in Salem since 2015, but that is only part of his varied and impressive professional background.

After graduating from Tazewell High School in 2000, where he was awarded the Billy Wagner Scholarship, he earned his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from V.M.I. Barrett turned his experience on post into a job with Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern and designed over 40 traffic signals in the Commonwealth, served as the Lead Engineer on more than 60 bridge-roadway projects in the valley and designed the area's first 5-legged

roundabout on Merriman Road in Roanoke County.

After nine years with HSMM and AECOM, he changed career paths, went back to college, and secured his master's in Counselor Education from Virginia Tech.

"I knew early on in my engineering career that I would rather work with people than projects," he says. "My whole family has had various careers in education from an elementary teacher to a high school principal to a college professor, so I guess it's just in my blood to be involved in education. Plus, I just enjoy helping people and building relationships with them."

Barrett has long-standing connections to both the Virginia High School League and the NCAA. He has been a football official and baseball umpire at VHSL events for the past 16 years, and he served as a football official in both the Old Dominion Athletic and USA South conferences from 2006 -2012. The Southern Conference has used his skills as one of its assistant replay officials for football since 2018.

Barrett is replacing King, who retired on June 30 after serving the division since 1993. Before taking over as the high school's athletic director, King was an assistant principal at Andrew Lewis Middle School, a middle school athletic director and a physical education



DREW BARRETT

teacher. Barrett is just the fourth athletic director in Salem High School history, following King, Sandy Hadaway and Dale Foster.

"Salem has one of the best and most respected School Divisions in the state," Barrett says. "I am extremely humbled and honored to carry on this tradition."

Salem Fair sends Red Sox out of town for two weeks

The Salem Red Sox split a six game series with the Lynchburg Hillcats last week at Haley-Toyota Field as both teams spun their wheels in the Low-A East North Division standings.

Salem went into the series tied with the Hillcats for second place, five games behind first place Delmarva. After six games in Salem last week the two rivals are still dead even, and they both dropped two more games behind the first place Shorebirds, who swept a six game series with last place Fredricksburg. Delmarva now has a five game edge on both Salem and Lynchburg.

The Red Sox series with Lynchburg last week featured four one-run games. Salem won the opener, 9-8, then lost three in a row by scores of 5-4, 5-2 and 1-0. Salem bounced back with a 5-0 shutout of the Hillcats on Saturday night as four pitchers combined for eight strikeouts. Casey Cobb picked up the win with three and a third innings in relief of starter Jeremy Wu-Yelland. It was the second game in a row Wu-Yelland started a game that became a combined shutout win.

On Sunday Salem won the get-away game, 11-10, with a walk-off win in the bottom of the ninth on a hot afternoon. The batters were hot as well as the two teams combined for 29 hits, 16 by the Hillcats and 13 by Salem. Joe Davis was three-for-five and had two three run homers for the Sox.

Salem is now on the road for the next two weeks with the Salem Fair in town. The Sox are at Fredricksburg this week, then after a day off Monday they head to Delmarva for six games. The next home game is July 13 against Fayetteville.



Joe Davis(#44) of the Salem Red Sox is greeted at home plate after blasting his second three-run homer of the game Sunday in an 11-10 win over Lynchburg. The welcoming party included, left to right, Matthew Lugo and Gilberto Jimenez, who were on base, and Ceddanne Rafaela, who was the on deck hitter.

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Layla Vaught swims freestyle for Stonegate.

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Gators win at RCC, will host HV Tuesday

The Stonegate Swim Club competed at the Roanoke Country Club on Monday and took a win over the host team in a Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association meet. The Gators had 982 points to 351 for Roanoke CC.

Among the first gold winners for Stonegate in the Breaststroke included Jacob Daniel in 11-12 boys and Ava Dalaski in the 13-14 girls. Harry Cooper took first silver in the 25 Butterfly for 6 and under boys while Izzy Supanich won first silver for 7-8 girls in the 50 Freestyle. Macy Westland took first silver in the 50 Breast and 100 Free in the 15-16 girls' division.

Next week's meet will be on Tuesday, July 6th, due to people having off for vacation on Monday due to the 4th of July holiday. Stonegate will be home to host the Ashley Plantation and Hidden Valley.

Gotta be done by 4 pm

The James I. Moyer Complex smelled a lot like Ben Gay last week as teams of senior men and women descended upon Salem from all over the country to play softball. Among five tournaments was the 2021 20th Annual WBSA Senior World Cup for women 80 years of age and over, and it's doubtful if anyone has played in all 20. Below, the "Touch of Class" firstbaseman plays behind a runner and, right, a senior is ready to let one rip. Below right, the "Golden Girls" from Vienna, VA await their turn on a hot day in Salem. There were also men's tournaments for 75/80 year olds and another for the younger generation, age 70 and over. Rumor has it that many of the players who returned from previous tournaments were upset to find the K&W in Salem has closed.

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Brian Hoffman

47 years ago like yesterday

Thanks to Salem's Staley Hester for bringing to my attention an article that appears in the current edition of Sports Illustrated magazine.

On page 40 of the July, 2021, edition(right) you can find a terrific story by Tom Verducci about Pablo Cruz, who is a member of our Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. Pablo was inducted into the third class of the Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1992.

Cruz is a long-time Major League Baseball scout who has signed some of the top stars in the game, and the story chronicles his work bringing talented Latin American players to the Pittsburgh Pirates and other big league teams. However, the crux of the story is about how he has dealt with an episode that happened in Salem in August of 1974 when he was playing for the Salem Pirates of the Carolina League.

Cruz was involved in an outfield collision with a budding young star from the Dominican Republic, then 20 year old Alfredo Edmead. It was one of a very few incidents in the history of baseball where a player died playing the game, as Edmead suffered head injuries from the collision and died on the way to the hospital.

I remember it, I was there.

I started working for the Salem Times-Register the second week of July, 47 years ago. I was in the press box with Bob Tietlebaum of the Roanoke World-News, Doug Doughty of the Roanoke Times, who had started there just a few weeks after I started at Salem, public address announcer Dickie Walthall and scoreboard operator Richard Epperly. It was 47 years ago next month, but I remember it like it was yesterday.

I won't go into the story of how Cruz was on the team to be a "father figure" to the young Spanish speaking players, or the details of the accident. You can read all about that in the Sports Illustrated article, which is complete and quite detailed. I will say that the five of us in the pressbox received a call from the hospital telling us Edmead had died, but not to say anything as the Pirates' manager, John Lipon, wanted to break the news to the club before it spread around what was then called Salem Municipal Field.

Edmead was a very talented and popular player, and I can remember many fans coming up to the press box at the top of the bleachers and asking if we'd heard anything about his condition. We knew he had died, but didn't say a word in respect to the team. It was a very difficult night.

Cruz was one of the all-time most popular players to have played for our local team. He played here in 1968, then rose to Class AAA before returning to Salem in 1974 to mentor the young players. He was on our team through the 1977 season as a player-coach and became quite involved in the community. In the article Cruz is quoted as saying, "In Salem people are good. If I can't go to the big leagues I prefer to stay here all my life."

Dan Kinder, the 1974 general manager of the Salem team, is quoted in the story as well as several players, including some who went on to big league careers, like Miguel Dilone and Steve Nicosia, and some who didn't, like Tom Prazych who lived in the apartment next to me in what was then called "Greenbriar Salem" on Craig Avenue in Salem. Many of the players lived there and 21



year old Brian Hoffman, fresh out of Roanoke College, was a willing party mate for the ballplayers that summer.

Murray Cook was a 14 year old clubhouse attendant and "ballpark rat" during the 1974 season. He went on to international fame as one of the top turf and ballfield consultants in the world, and is now the president of BrightView Sports Turf Division, the official field consultant for Major League Baseball. Murray is also a member of our Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame, and he's quoted extensively in the Sports Illustrated article.

"It was a great article for Pablo," he wrote to me in an e-mail this week. "The writer and SI did some crazy homework for this article. I have no idea how they found all those guys. I received a call out of nowhere one day a couple months ago and talked to Verducci. I have no idea where he got my number."

I can go on and on, but it's all in the article that covers 10 pages of the magazines with many photos. In fact, there's a photo of Edmead batting in Salem with Cruz in the on deck circle that first appeared in the Salem Times-Register. I assume Robert Downey took the photo, as he was our main photographer at the time, but I have no idea how Sports Illustrated managed to get ahold of that picture.

"That caught my attention because there's a sign in the background for Hester Coal & Oil," said Staley Hester, as that was his family business. You can also see the old Andrew Lewis High School football scoreboard in the background, as that's where the Wolverines played when the Pirates left town after the summer season.

Thanks to Staley's call, this was the first time I looked at Sports Illustrated in some time. With all the sports sites on the internet I get plenty of sports news to read, and I'm sure the magazine is affected just like the print newspapers these days. In fact, I had to hunt to find a copy. I went to two drugstores and two super markets that didn't carry "SI" before I finally found it at Wal-Mart. I didn't know that it only comes out monthly now, except for a couple special issues.

One thing I did discover is that the swimsuit issue comes out next in late July, so you still have time to pick up the copy with the Pablo story before it goes off the newsstands that still carry it.

You wouldn't want to buy that swimsuit issue by mistake, would you?

WILLIAMS WAS ALHS GREAT

James Alwood Williams, who was a terrific athlete during his days at Andrew Lewis High School, passed away on June 16. Richard Browder, who ran for Lewis and coached teams at Andrew Lewis High, Salem High and Roanoke College, remembers Alwood's days running for the Wolverines.

"Alwood was one of the most outstanding runners ever to compete for Andrew Lewis High School," said Browder. "Coached by the legendary Ray Bussard, Alwood won both hurdle events at the State Championship Meet in Williamsburg in 1959 to lead Andrew Lewis to the State 1A(big school) Championship."

Alwood also won many sprint races and ran on many winning sprint relay teams. He once competed in a State Championship Meet wearing a full-length arm cast, and almost won. His track accomplishments are legendary."

Alwood was a member and former deacon of Bethel Baptist Church in Salem. He retired from Norfolk and Western/Norfolk Southern as a conductor and leaves behind his wife, Barbara, and an extended family, many of whom reside in Salem and the Roanoke Valley.



ALWOOD WILLIAMS

POLLOCK IS ALL-AMERICAN

Salem's Geist Pollock, a recent 2021 graduate of North Cross School, has been named a USA Lacrosse All-American from private schools.

Pollock was a key member of the Raiders' VISAA Division II boys' championship team that won the state title this spring. The team is coached by Geist's dad, Chris Pollock of Salem, who was named the USA Lacrosse Coach of the Year among VISAA schools.

All-Three Rivers honors for GHS spring players

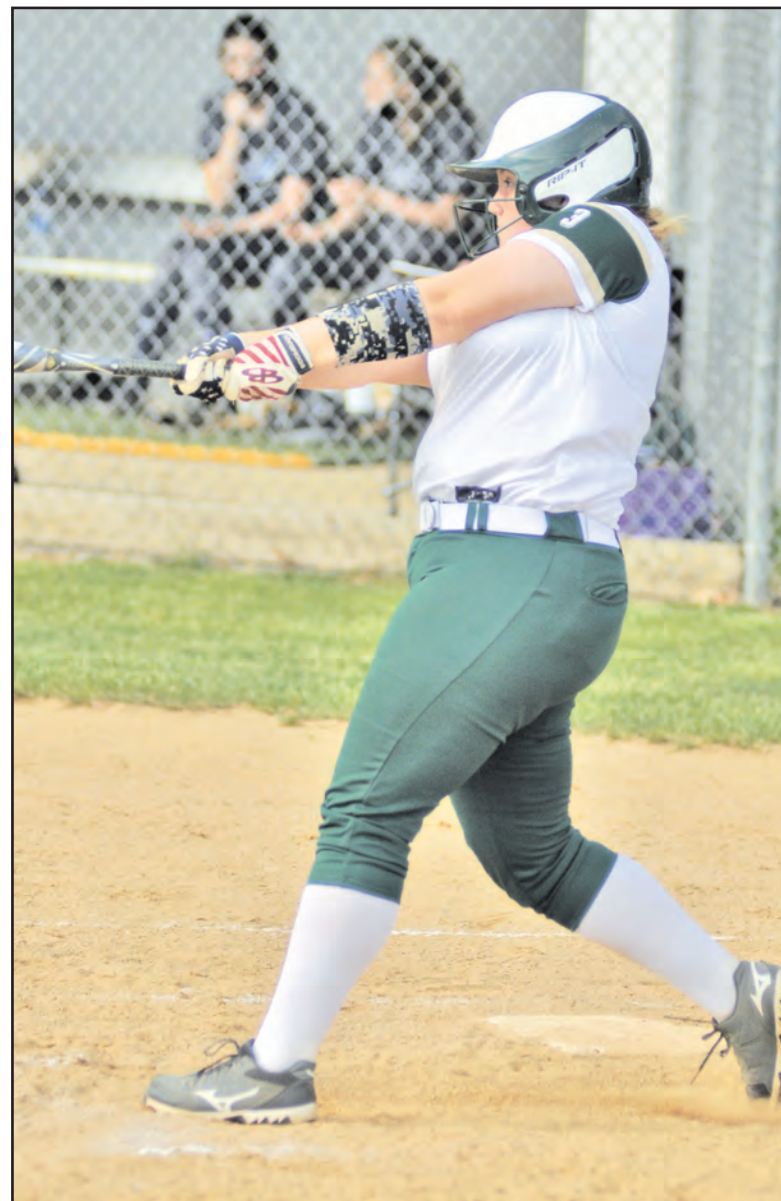
The Three Rivers District has announced All-District teams for softball, baseball and both boys and girls soccer and Glenvar is well-represented. The Highlanders have two "Players of the Year" among the four sports.

In softball Emory & Henry bound Lydia Taylor was named the district Player of the Year, as well as a first team catcher. She was joined on the first team by pitcher McKenna Shearer, outfielder Sarah Kate Tozier and infielder Courtney Raines. Second team selections from Glenvar included Shearer and Justice Wilfong, both in the infield.

In boy's soccer Glenvar's Riley Geddes, a junior, was named the Player of the Year. Glenvar had six players on the first team as the Highlanders won the district and the Region 2C tournament without a loss, advancing to the state semifinal game. Joining Geddes on the first team were fellow forward, and junior Jacson Shepherd, junior Maddox Fisher and sophomore Colin Clapper at midfield and junior Matthew Ross and freshman Zach Curfiss on defense.

In girls' soccer Glenvar's Giuliana Stanley, Rhyann Harris, Mallory LaPrad and Gabriella Stanley all made the first team. Jordin Crouch and Khana Nguyen were second team selections.

In baseball Glenvar had two first team selections, pitcher Ryan Butler and catcher Josh Howard. Clay Caldwell, an outfielder was named to the second team.



Junior Riley Geddes(left) is the Three Rivers District Player of the Year in boys' soccer while slugging Lydia Taylor(right) was named Player of the Year in district softball.

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