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## Salem Fair remains open after shooting brings felony charges for male juvenile

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Fair shootings are rare. In all her years of going to the Salem Fair, Roanoke County resident Brandy Simmons said never in her wildest dreams did she think she would ever experience one. Because of the mindless actions of one male juvenile, June 30, 2021, is a day Brandy says she will never forget.

At approximately 8:57 p.m. last Wednesday, the Salem Police Department responded to the sound of gunshots at the opening day of the Salem Fair. Officers quickly observed a suspect with a gun and chased the individual down before taking him into custody. Said suspect, a male juvenile under the age of 16, has since been charged with two counts of using a firearm in the commis-



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To ensure the safety of all fairgoers, new precautions have been put into place.

sion of a felony, two counts of malicious wounding and carry a concealed weapon.

Neither victim that the juvenile shot knew each other. Both sufferers were transported to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital by Salem Fire and EMS personnel. The young adult who suffered non-life-threatening injuries was treated and released. The other victim, a juvenile, was transported with serious injuries, but listed in stable condition the next day.

"For weeks, I had the Salem Fair opening day circled on my calendar. I think that my two children were even more excited than me. None of us could contain our enthusiasm when we arrived at the gate," Simmons said. "I heard the gunshots while we were eat-

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## Richard Goodman announces run for City of Salem Sheriff

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In the coming months, a definitive statement regarding local politics will be made. As of right now, there are three candidates vying for the Salem Sheriff position in November: incumbent April Staton, Chris Shelor and Richard Goodman.

Goodman, who has served in law enforcement for 29 years, strongly believes that because of his experience in various areas, he is the most qualified individual to serve as sheriff.

"I have served in administration rolls, handled budgets, worked patrols

(day and nights), fought individuals in the streets and in jail," said Goodman who first ran for Salem Sheriff four years ago. "I have had to make arrests, train officers in the academy, deliver death notifications and much more. I am truly an all-around law enforcement officer."

On July 1 at the Shriners Temple on Salem Turnpike, Goodman met with members of the community to have an open dialogue on a variety of topics and officially announce his candidacy for sheriff.

"Salem is a city that is looking to upgrade, and at the same time keep its small city curb appeal. But

as we see around the Roanoke Valley, the state and the nation, crime is growing and spreading to areas that no one expected. I believe that Salem needs to be proactive and not reactive," he said. "The Salem Sheriff's office needs to be aware of the changes and be prepared to stand beside the police department in serving and protecting not only its citizens, but visitors alike."

Born and raised in Roanoke, Goodman is a product of Roanoke City Public Schools. Becoming a police officer was his childhood dream. After high school gradua-

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PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Policeman Richard Goodman discussing what he will do as sheriff during a recent meeting with members of the community.

## Top notch recording studio opening soon in Salem

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There are those who believe that "music is a universal language and gives us all the ability to express ourselves in

compelling ways." One such individual is Bryan Poff.

Poff, a long-time music industry professional, is a co-owner of Aberration Music, a one-stop shop for artists to perform, record and distrib-

ute their work. The other co-owners are John Atkins, Zach Emerson and Jess Johnston.

When Aberration Music opened its first studio in Roanoke back in January, Poff says they were flooded with

artists who were ready to get back out and create again. Another Aberration Music studio at 1617 West Main Street will be opening soon in Salem. In addition to managing the day-to-day operations of the busi-

ness, Poff is also in charge of all aspects of the production division.

"When producing artists, I have them focus more on

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Bryan Poff and his girlfriend, Jess Johnston, say their love for music is matched by their love of each other.



Bryan putting the final touches on an album before it is released to the public.

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# OSIG hires accreditation manager

Body cameras. Protective vests. Certification training. These are just some of the items the Virginia Office of the State Inspector General hopes to obtain through grants now that it has hired a new Accreditation Manager to get the agency accredited and to apply for grants. Elizabeth Knudson comes to OSIG from the Lexington Police Department, where she served as its Accreditation Manager for three years and as a patrol officer for four years.



Elizabeth Knudson

agencies that have demonstrated compliance with their high standards.

“The Accreditation Manager’s main focus is to get OSIG’s Investigations Unit accredited on both the federal and state levels,” said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall. “While she is working on that, OSIG can still apply for state and federal grants for body cameras and vests and other items such as law enforcement membership fees and computer software.”

“These accreditation standards hold law enforcement agencies accountable,” said OSIG Chief of Investigations Katrina Goodman. “Accountability, transparency and integrity are recognized and prized by other law enforcement agencies and communities and show that your agency takes pride in its work.”

OSIG is applying for accreditation with the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, which is a credentialing authority through law enforcement’s major executive associations, and both can take up to three years to complete. Both commissions award accreditation to public safety

Knudson has a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Liberty University. She is certified by the Virginia Criminal Information Network and is CPR/AED certified. Knudson also is certified as a Senior Assessor for the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission and as a National Child Passenger Safety Technician.

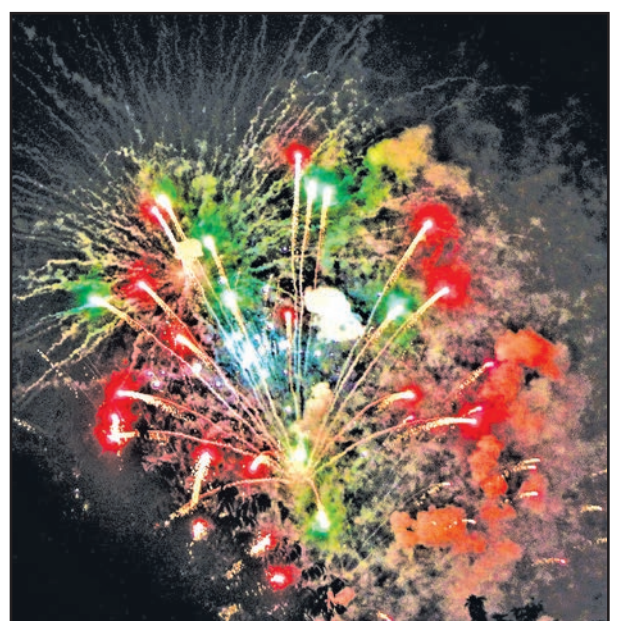
-Submitted by  
Kate Hourin,  
Communications Director

# Salem celebrates Fourth of July with firework displays



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Each year, both massive and small firework displays take place throughout the City of Salem.



Numerous people gathered to see fireworks explode over the Roanoke River.

# More than 750,000 Virginia adults gain access to comprehensive dental services with new Medicaid benefit

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that more than 750,000 adult Medicaid members will have access to comprehensive dental services under a benefit

that began on July 1. The Governor celebrated the launch of the new adult dental benefit during an event at the Capital Area Health Network’s Vernon J. Harris Medi-

cal and Dental Center in Richmond.

“Oral health is an integral part of overall health, well-being, and quality of life,” said Governor Northam. “This

historic expansion of services will ensure that adult Medicaid members across our Commonwealth have access to the quality dental care they deserve. I am proud of the bipartisan support and strong collaboration we have received from dentists and health care advocates that helped us reach this significant milestone.”

Adult members currently eligible for full Medicaid benefits will have more services and provider choices under the initiative approved in the new state budget. The new benefit covers up to three regular cleanings annually as well as preventive care, X-rays, fillings, dentures, oral surgeries and other oral health services.

“With this new benefit, Virginians will have access to true wellness,” said Secretary of Health and Human Resources Daniel Carey, MD, MHCM. “I am

grateful to the dental community, the General Assembly, and the Department for Medical Assistance Services for all of their work to make this happen. Together, we can make Virginia the healthiest state in the country.”

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and DentaQuest, the state’s Medicaid dental benefits administrator, are working closely with dental providers to encourage participation in the initiative. Providers wishing to serve Medicaid members can call 1-888-912-3456 or visit the Dentaquest website for information on credentialing and enrolling in the Medicaid provider network.

“When we expanded Medicaid eligibility in 2019, our new members identified dental services as a top need,” said DMAS Director Karen Kimsey. “With more

than 562,000 new members as a result of Medicaid expansion, we appreciate the support of Virginia dentists in helping us meet the tremendous need we know exists in our Commonwealth for oral health care.”

Research indicates that poor oral health is linked to high blood pressure, as well as pregnancy and birth complications.

Medicaid members can contact a DentaQuest representative at 1-888-912-3456 to find a dentist and learn more about the new dental benefit. Children and pregnant individuals enrolled in Medicaid, Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) and FAMIS MOMS are already eligible to receive dental care.

-Submitted by  
Alena Yarmosky,  
Office of the Governor

## Live the Life!



With a focus to encourage vibrant living and individual wellness, 2021 brings exciting new senior apartment options and convenient Town Center amenities catered to those looking for an active, independent lifestyle to Richfield’s Salem Campus.



### Join our vibrant Independent Living community!

New options at Richfield include The Villas and Lake Retreat apartments, both now leasing! You can put your own sense of style on any of our comfortable, convenient floor plans and enjoy maintenance-free living.

Our beautiful surroundings, combined with a broad range of services and accommodations, provide a setting where individuals become members of a secure, supportive, and active community.



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- Restaurant-style and casual dining venues
- Salon/Spa
- Community room with scheduled activities
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- Underground heated parking
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Said Governor Ralph Northam, “Oral health is an integral part of overall health, well-being, and quality of life.”

Send community news and photos to [shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org](mailto:shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org)



# 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](http://www.salemfair.com).

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## Old Salem Zaxby's location now a Moe's Southwest Grill



**Left, Moe's Southwest Grill franchisee Angelo Dixon cutting the ribbon during the restaurant's grand opening. Right, Dixon conversing with members of the community.**

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Ever dream about enjoying a specific variety of Southwestern menu items for the entire family on an outdoor patio? If so, that vision became a reality when Moe's Southwest Grill officially had its grand opening on June 25. Present at the ribbon cutting ceremony were members of the community as well as the Roanoke County-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and just one of three Moe's in Virginia to have a drive-thru, the eatery occupies the same space as the old Zaxby's location. Catering and indoor dining options are available.

Known for its burritos, Moe's also offers meal kits, salads, nachos, Quesadillas and much more. The first thing that Chandler

Carter did when he visited Moe's last week was order two burritos for himself and three meal kits for his family. "The wait was long, but it was totally worth it. Whenever I come home with Moe's, my children tend to be on their best behavior," he said.

As a Moe's Southwest Grill franchisee, Angelo Dixon is actively involved with all aspects of owning and operating the restaurant. As he put it, "My responsibilities would be to develop, support, and lead the restaurant teams by maintaining the highest standards of quality, service, and cleanliness adhering to brand standards according to all federal, state, and local laws, including all health standards as required."

The new Moe's in Salem features an upscaled, modernized look. Last month, the establishment hosted a celebration dinner for Salem High's 10th state championship football team and a special lunch for first responders.

"When the opportunity to open a Moe's in Salem on Main Street became available, I decided it would be a great addition to the market," Dixon said. "It's great to be part of the Salem restaurant community and we look forward to making a positive impact for many years."

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## Annual Craig County Fall Festival happening this year



**The fun-filled 38th Annual Fall Festival is scheduled to take place on October 9 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the streets of New Castle.**

When news broke that the Annual Craig County Festival will be happening this year, many residents went to Facebook and responded with positive comments. The Craig County Historical Society recently announced that the annual occurrence, now in its 38th year, will be held on Saturday, October 9, from 9 am to 5

pm on Main and Court Streets in New Castle. "Lenny Macdonald has agreed to emcee the event along with David Givens who will be handling all the entertainment and events of the day. Dr. Jackie Scruggs Taylor is presenting the annual car show which has been a huge success year after year," Robyn Foster, festival orga-

nizer, said. "We have a few new surprises for this year and will share them as the event draws closer." Givens is searching for entertainment for the day and can be reached on Facebook for those who have an interest or know of someone to suggest. This year, booth spaces of 10 feet x 10 feet

of sidewalk and street may be rented for \$35. If more than ten feet is needed, additional space may be rented. Regardless of weather, the Fall Festival will be held. Additionally, no refunds will be granted. Electricity is limited; however, individuals can indicate on their application that they need it, along with the size of their tent and what items they will be selling or showing. For setup, a Society member will be on Main Street by 6 a.m. to direct everyone to their space. Exhibitors must furnish all materials needed. They ask that table fronts be draped to the sidewalk.

"We also request that vendors sell only those items that are healthy and safe for our children and our community," Foster said. "No alcoholic beverages will be allowed." Each space will be asked to be kept clean during the day and the Society will furnish trash bags. All vendors, however, will be responsible for cleanliness and trash

removal. Please break down any large boxes and keep trash secured. All materials and equipment must be removed by the vendor at the end of the day and a dumpster will be located across from the Craig County Administrator office for easy disposal. To reserve a space, contact Foster for an application. The check or money order can be made to the Craig County Historical Society. Those who register by September 1, can get the early bird rate of \$45.00. Afterward, it is

\$50. Registration ends September 30. For more information, contact Robyn Foster at 540-977-8395. The Fall Demolition Derby has also been scheduled for that evening, along with the little tikes Power Wheels Derby and the younger teens and tweens Lawnmower Derby. "The Craig County Historical Society is really looking forward to this event and bringing back the history of Craig County and sharing the legacy of our beautiful homeplace," Foster said.

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# OPINION

## Give Light - High School and "The War" -

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

The four years I spent in Orange, Virginia, high school coincided with America's participation in World War II.

At least my freshman, sophomore and junior years covered 1942 to 1945. Restrictions due to shortages and the needs of those in uniform affected everything we teens did. Competitive academic and sports activities stopped.

All changed in my senior year, for Japan surrendered in August just before our class of about 35 moved into the front classroom presided over by veteran teacher, Miss Stella Mae Payne. She taught most of the English classes.

As mentioned in my earlier column about my admittance to Richmond Professional Institute (now VCU) in 1946 because it had flexible requirements and accepted the basic Virginia subjects for a diploma, I struggled with the required General Mathematics course.

Then, as now, I simply am deficient in matters of numbers though apparently above average in the use of words. Math tests that first year brought failing grades, tears and understanding from my mother. She said if I could pass the one required class of a smattering of algebra, geometry, measurements and fractions I need take no more.

God must have been with me because I squeaked by. Eighty years later, I am grateful for calculators!

As a sophomore taking Latin instead of Algebra, I set a goal. Two of my girlfriends - typically three and four years older than myself - had, as the second-ranking honor students - given the welcoming speech at our graduations. I would do the same.

In that small school, honors were accorded only to the students who ranked first and second academically. The first ranking gave the farewell address as Valedictorian and the second ranking offered the welcome as Salutatorian. Sure, that the youngest class member, Virginia, mentioned earlier, would take first honors, I set about making top

### Frances Stebbins Correspondent

grades in my favorite subjects of English literature and composition and History in any form. I tolerated Science classes, mastering them but caring little for the limited lab work.

By my senior year with the war over, several academic competitions were resumed. I took state honors in what was known as a Latin Tournament and regional in written spelling. Vocabulary tests, then carried in the popular "Reader's Digest" magazine and part of our English class, found me generally missing only one or two words.

Something significant was happening. I was discerning that I wanted to be a writer.

My first printed work was appearing in the weekly newspaper; it gave a half page during the school year to what was designated "The Orange Peal." My English teacher,

Miss Payne, picked me to be the Editorial Writer. I commented on the national election of 1944.

And I made my first money from a contest sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). I took second place in Virginia for an essay on the work of General Robert E. Lee after the Civil War when he was president of a Lexington college. I got a check of \$25.

And indeed, my planning and studying paid off. In May 1946, a few weeks before our graduation was held in the auditorium of our small building, our principal informed Miss Payne, our home-room teacher, of the two top-ranking students.

I would get to welcome parents and friends as Salutatorian. I did so and in addition was given my little check from the Confederate women's organization. It remains one of the happiest moments of my life.

Despite my academic recognition, my memories of high school are far from unalloyed happiness. At times, the war news was frightening; we had air raid drills regularly. A

half-dozen times Mr. Walker, our principal, announced in the daily opening religious exercises that a young man from school had been killed in combat. Two of them I knew as acolytes at our church.

There was the January that I was sick with chickenpox at 15 at the same time my mother suffered severe burns on an arm making her barely able to care for the poultry flock that supported us.

But, most of all, I felt myself to be a social misfit, for I had never been asked for a date. Though I tried mightily to interest one of the few boys in our class to take me to the annual spring prom, I was unsuccessful. I was considered a "brain," wore glasses and could not make small talk. My only-child, single-parent upbringing had not prepared me for the teen social world. Some of my classmates already had serious boyfriends serving in the military.

But better things were ahead, for I finally found my niche in newspaper training at the Richmond Professional Institute in our state's capital city.

## Shooting

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ing some ice cream. I immediately grabbed their hands, and we ran to safety. It's still hard to comprehend why something like this would happen."

A day after the shooting, new security measures and rules were im-

plemented:

- Gates will now close at 10 p.m. Rides and the fairgrounds will close at 11 p.m.

- In addition to electronic wandering at gate entry, everyone will also be subject to bag checks

and a walk-through detector

- While on the fairgrounds, individuals younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian with a valid I.D.

- \*Police staff will be increased throughout the fairgrounds

While there have been a few physical altercations throughout the Salem Fair's history, never

has a shooting occurred.

"Our hearts go out to those who were affected by the unfortunate incident at the Salem Fair," said Salem's Director of Civic Facilities Wendy Delano. "In the 33 years this event has been held, we have never had to deal with something like this. We have worked diligently with our city management, public safety officials and Deggeller

Attractions since the incident to enhance safety for all of our guests."

Fairgoers have over 30 rides to choose from. To reduce lines, visitors are encouraged to purchase their tickets prior to arriving. When James Jeffrey shows up at the Salem Fair this weekend, he plans on doing so with his wife and their three daughters.

"The fair shooting

forced me to have some pretty uncomfortable conversations with my children because they are so young. After much discussion, we all agreed as a family to return to the fair this Saturday. We are most looking forward to seeing the performers and experiencing the food," he said.

The last day of the Salem Fair will be Sunday, July 11.

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## Studio

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capturing emotion rather than make sure every single take is totally perfect because the emotional element is what people are relating to," Poff said.

He added, "Music plays a critical role in our mental well-being, allowing us to better understand and process complicated thoughts and feelings. Regardless of what life may throw at you, music stays the same. It does not judge, and it does not ridicule."

Poff credits Rob Halford, Devin Townsend in addition to guitarists Dave Mustane and Chris Poland for giving him the inspiration to pursue

music at an early age. "Music has been so important to me that I have sacrificed greatly to be able to turn it into a career. I'm consumed by it from sunrise to sundown each and every day," he said.

Aberration Music will be launching a scholarship program for Salem High students looking to further their education in music. Internships for aspiring record-

ing engineers will also be offered.

"Our original goal was to create a facility that is beneficial to the community and provides young artists and musicians the tools they need to make their passion more than just a hobby," Poff said. "We have discounts for recording and instructional programs for Salem residents, and are in the process of creating reoccurring fund-

raisers that will provide grants to Salem small businesses."

Poff says that he and his co-workers regularly have conversations about ways to improve the studio. When people walk through the doors, said Poff, I want them to feel welcomed. For more information about Aberration Music, including the hours or operation, visit aberrationmusicgroup.net.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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# Sweeping change celebrated to move Virginia forward as new laws take effect

- Historic measures include marijuana legalization, tuition-free community college, increased access to voting, and expansion of passenger rail -



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**Said Governor Ralph Northam, "I am proud of the transformational legislation we passed this year to continue building a stronger, fairer, more inclusive, and more resilient Commonwealth."**

Governor Ralph Northam highlighted new laws that take effect with the start of the new fiscal year in the Commonwealth. During one of the most consequential legislative sessions in modern Virginia history, Governor Northam worked with the General Assembly to advance policies that confront the biggest challenges facing Virginians, take steps to end racial disparities in Virginia, and help the Commonwealth recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

"I am proud of the transformational legislation we passed this year to continue building a stronger, fairer, more inclusive, and more resilient Commonwealth," said Governor Northam. "As we set our sights on post-pandemic life, Virginia's future has never been brighter. From taking historic steps to end systemic racism and address racial disparities in our criminal justice system to improving voting access, raising teacher pay, expanding passenger rail, and making higher education more accessible, these new laws will

have a lasting impact and move all of Virginia forward."

Key measures that go into effect on July 1 include:

- Criminal justice reforms that legalize the simple possession of marijuana and create the Cannabis Control Authority to establish an equitable cannabis marketplace, seal certain crimes from an individual's record automatically, abolish the death penalty, limit the amount of active incarceration for technical violations of probation, and allow sentencing

by a judge rather than a jury in certain criminal cases.

- Increasing access to the ballot box with the Voting Rights Act of Virginia and measures that reduce barriers to absentee voting and allow localities to provide access to early voting on Sundays.

- Prioritizing diversity, equity, and inclusion at state agencies, within emergency management and disaster response efforts, and by modernizing the funding mechanism for local health departments. A new law also prohibits discrimination in public accommodations, employment, and housing on the basis of a person's military status.

- Supporting teachers and students by giving educators a five percent pay raise, increasing the number of school counselors, providing cultural competency training for teachers, giving middle and high school students one day of absence per school year to participate in civic or political engagement activities, and prohibiting schools from filing a lawsuit against students or their families because the student cannot pay for a school meal or owes a school meal debt.

- Strengthening worker protections including the Virginia Overtime Wage Act, paid sick leave for home health

workers, and prohibiting employers from taking retaliatory actions against employees who utilize leave. New measures also ensure that domestic workers are covered by employee protections, fair pay laws, and the Virginia Human Rights Act. Virginia is also expanding eligibility for workers' compensation to first responders who contracted COVID-19 on the job.

- Accelerating Virginia's renewable energy transition by establishing the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy and requiring car manufacturers to sell a certain percentage of electric or hybrid electric passenger cars.

- Transforming passenger rail by creating the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority to support the expansion of passenger rail west of Roanoke.

- Advancing the rights and representation of LGBTQ+ Virginians by creating the Virginia LGBTQ+ Advisory Board, striking the discriminatory LGBTQ+ "panic defense," ensuring equal access to aging services for LGBTQ+ older adults, making adoption easier for unmarried LGBTQ+ couples, and modernizing outdated criminal laws related to people living with HIV and other

sexually transmitted infections.

- Making higher education accessible to all Virginians with the G3 program, which provides tuition-free community college to low- and middle-income students who pursue degrees in high-demand fields. Other measures ban public institutions of higher education from denying admission solely based on criminal history, and establish a program to provide scholarships to families of enslaved individuals who labored at Virginia colleges.

- Commonsense gun violence prevention measures that prohibit individuals convicted of domestic assault from owning, purchasing, or carrying firearms for a three-year period and ban guns and explosive materials from Capitol Square and state government buildings.

- Protecting women's health by increasing access to contraception for Medicaid members and removing the prohibition on abortion coverage within the state health insurance exchange.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

# Growing Climate Solutions Act passes Senate

Legislation that would help increase farmer participation in carbon markets and create the framework for carbon program certification has passed the U.S. Senate.

The Growing Climate Solutions Act passed with a 92-8 vote on June 24. The bill was introduced by Sen. Mike Braun, R-Ind., on April 22 and gained bipartisan support from 54 cosponsors, including Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va.

The bill now has moved to the House of Representative, where it will go through committee consideration, debate and a vote.

Under the bill, the U.S. Department of Agriculture would establish a certifica-

tion program that would solve technical barriers that previously have prevented agricultural producers' involvement in developing carbon credits.

The USDA-commissioned Greenhouse Gas Technical Provider and Third-Party Verifier Certification Program would address those limiting factors, which include a lack of credible market information and access to qualified credit verifiers and technical service providers.

The program would provide additional information on third-party technical assistance providers and credit verifiers, as well as informal endorsements of reputable providers who help landown-

ers generate carbon credits. USDA also would create a website to provide information and resources for producers interested in participating in carbon markets.

An advisory committee also would be established for the certification program to ensure it retains its credibility and remains receptive to the demands of farmers and other carbon market participants. This council would be comprised of experts, producers and scientists.

Ultimately, the Growing Climate Solutions Act would help connect farmers with third-party entities who can assist landowners in monetizing their sustainable land

management practices.

"Carbon markets present valuable opportunities for farmers but can be confusing or difficult to navigate," said Ben Rowe, national affairs coordinator for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

"All industries, including agriculture, are seeing growing pressure to become more efficient and reduce carbon emissions," he added. "This bill puts farmers in a position to help direct that conversation and capture the progress the industry has made in not only reducing emissions, but also sequestering carbon from all sectors."

Rowe noted the legislation sets the stage for more farm-

ers to be compensated for conservation practices they're already employing, such as no-till farming, precision agriculture and reforestation.

With the additional compensation earned through carbon credits, he said, farmers could expand their investments in climate-smart practices and earn further recognition as environmental stewards.

"We commend the Senate on their passage of the bill and encourage the House to move swiftly as the legislation moves to their chamber," Rowe said.

-Submitted by Ben Rowe

## Goodman from page 1

tion, Goodman enlisted in the Marines, proudly serving for six years before being medically and honorably discharged.

Goodman's family has always been supportive of his desire to be a servant in and to the community. The best advice Goodman ever received came from his wife Stephanie and Uncle George. "They would remind me of what Matthew 6:33 says, 'But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.'"

More than just a cop, Goodman is also a proud parent. His son, David, is the School Resource Officer at Andrew Lewis Middle School.

In addition to local law enforcement, sheriff's offices also often protect courtrooms and administer local calls. When news broke of the Salem Fair shooting last Wednesday, Goodman was in disbelief like everyone else.

"My prayers go out to the victims. I also send prayers out to the family of the juvenile that was involved. This type of situation is what I was referring to as growing crime in the valley. The Sheriff's office needs to be prepared, along with the police department to protect its citizens and visitors," he said.

More information about Goodman be found on his public Facebook page.



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**Four years ago, Richard Goodman ran for Salem sheriff. This time around, he's hoping that the outcome will be different.**



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Read Proverbs 5:1 through 8:36

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Maybe times and values have changed, but today it seems like more and more young adults would rather not work at all. An entire generation of young people have been lured away by different types of leisure activities. Scripture warns against neglecting one's work:

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man (Proverbs 6:10-11).

God created people to work hard with the giftedness and talents He gave us. Like no other generation in the world, we have access to education and job training to prepare us for our work. It is good for parents to provide for the needs of their family through the work God has provided.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank God for your talents and abilities and for the work He has placed before you.

Quicklook: Proverbs 6:6-11

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# USDA announces dates, incentives for Conservation Reserve Program signups

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced enrollment dates and new incentives for farmers and landowners interested in participating in the Conservation Reserve Program.

The announcement was made regarding the CRP General and CRP Grasslands signups—popular voluntary programs that offer annual rental payments for land taken out of agricultural production, and instead dedicated to conservation.

Under the CRP General signup, farmers and landowners

establish resource-conserving plant species, such as certain grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitats. This year the USDA's Farm Service Agency, which manages the program, is adding a one-time ten percent inflationary adjustment for the life of the contract, and is offering more flexibility on adjusting soil rental rates.

In addition, the FSA has updated the Grasslands rental to establish a minimum rental rate of \$15 per acre, and new National Grassland Priority Zones

—targeting grasslands in migratory corridors and environmentally sensitive areas.

“This latest-round CRP General will provide Climate-Smart Practice Incentives, in addition to traditional practice rental rates, to encourage farmers to implement practices that sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gases,” said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. “CRP Grasslands will help farmers protect grassland while maintaining the areas as grazing lands.”

Interested farmers have until July 23 to apply for the CRP General signup, and the FSA will accept applications for the Grasslands signup July 12 to Aug. 20.

The higher rental rates and new incentives are an effort by the USDA to focus on climate mitigation and attract an additional 4 million acres into the CRP. The program currently has 20.8 million acres enrolled, below its 2021 cap of 25 million acres. That threshold will gradually increase to 27 million acres by 2023.

Banks added that Virginia

farmers “are good stewards of the land, and the CRP is an effective tool for farmers to use in managing their land and natural resources for the benefit of both the resource and society.”

CRP contracts run between 10 and 15 years, and certain eligibility requirements must be met for the General and Grasslands signups. Producers and landowners interested in enrolling should contact the FSA office at their local USDA Service Center.

—Submitted by Alice Kemp, VFBB Communications

# Richfield Living opens new Town Center to public

**Meg Hibbert**  
Contributing writer

(Last week's article had a few errors. Here is the accurate article) Richfield Living opened its new Town Center and welcomed the public to the jewel of the Salem Campus with a ribbon cutting, grand opening and tours on May 18.

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

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

Cherie Grisso, Chief Executive Officer, explained the center that connects to 48 Lake Retreat Apartments and is adjacent to The Villas' 28 apartments is “The vision of what we were 50 years ago and what we are becoming.”

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

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

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

Speakers at the celebration included Jill Loope, Roanoke County Director of Economic Development, who called the growth and transformation of the Richfield campus “exciting news for Roanoke County. High quality independent living in a superior setting enhances the county's quality of life and adds to the diversity of services available in our community.”

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

Grisso, Chief Operations Officer Esteban Duran-Ballen, Director of Community and Development Scotti Hartman and Senior Director of Market-



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 Kirtesh Patel, Roanoke County Supervisor Martha Hooker, Supervisors Chair Jason Peters and Health Center Administrator Andy Jones.

ing and Philanthropy Lisa Claus greeted visitors that day.

Richfield Living Board Chair Kirtesh Patel and other board members, Roanoke County Supervisors Chair Jason Peters, and Roanoke County Catawba District Supervisor Martha Hooker took up scissors to cut the blue ribbon at the entrance to the Town Center.

Former board member Stewart Bruce and his wife Mary Lou dedicated the atrium in honor of her parents, the late Harvey

and Muriel Bredlow.

A capital campaign underway to finance the new construction and renovations has a goal of \$1.25 million. So far, \$1.15 has been raised, Grisso said.

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

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

Center.

Richfield Living is a not-for-profit community which began as Mercy House in 1934. Richfield Living is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and gifts are tax deductible within IRS guidelines.

For more information about donating, contact Senior Director of Marketing and Philanthropy Lisa Clause at lclause@richfieldliving.com or Director of Community Development Scotti Hartman at shartman@richfieldliving.com.

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- You were the property owner as of 12/31/20.
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- The gross income from all parties living in the residence and/or named on the deed is \$50,000 and under.
- All assets, excluding the home you are applying for, is \$100,000 or under.

Applications are available in our office and online at [www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov). Assistance in completing the required tax freeze application is provided in our office by appointment. Please contact our office at 540-375-3019 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with any questions.

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# Virginia Department of Health reminds residents to be aware of the risks of heat-related illness

Many Virginians celebrated the July Fourth holiday with trips to beaches and parks and backyard cookouts. The Virginia Department of Health reminds residents enjoying time with family and friends to be aware of the signs of heat-related illness, particularly in those more vulnerable to extreme temperatures.

Hot temperatures, high heat indexes and hot, sunny conditions can cause ill health effects. During the most recent heat wave, from June 28 through July 1, a total of 206 visits were made to emergency departments or urgent care centers in Virginia as a result of heat-related illnesses.

"We encourage all residents to take the necessary precautions to protect

against heat-related illness," said Chief Deputy Commissioner of Community Health Services Dr. Parham Jaberi. "And remember to consider the special needs of children, the elderly and those without air conditioning in the hot weather."

Extreme heat can be deadly. According to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, between 2018 and 2020 there were 28 heat-related deaths in Virginia.

One of the most important precautions people should take is to schedule or reschedule activities and outdoor work until the coolest parts of the day. In the summer, sunlight exposure and heat are greatest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Signs of severe heat-related illness include high body

temperature, fast pulse, dizziness, nausea, confusion, headache, passing out, and hot, red, dry or damp skin.

Here are additional steps you can take to protect yourself against heat-related illnesses:

- On extremely hot days, stay indoors in an air-conditioned area or find a cooling center in your area if your home is not cool. Spending at least two hours per day in air conditioning significantly reduces the risk of heat-related illnesses. When temperatures reach the upper 90s or above, a fan may not prevent heat-related illness.

- Drink plenty of fluids (2-4 glasses of cool fluids) each hour. To replace salt and minerals lost from sweating, drink fruit juice or a sports beverage during exercise or

when you have to work outside. However, talk to your doctor first if you are on a fluid-restricted diet or medications, or on a low-salt diet.

- If you must be outdoors, wear lighter weight and light-colored clothing and wide-brimmed hats to reflect the sun's rays. Apply sunscreen to exposed skin to avoid sunburn. Sunburn limits your body's ability to keep itself cool and causes loss of body fluids. Use sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or greater, and apply it at least 20 minutes before going outside.

- Extreme heat can be stressful on your body. Limit physical activity until your body adjusts to the heat.

- Never leave children or pets in cars. Temperatures inside a car can reach higher than 150 degrees quickly,

resulting in heat stroke and death.

- Use the "buddy system" if you are working outside. If you suffer a heat-related illness, you could become confused or could lose consciousness. Therefore, make sure someone else knows of your plans.

- Be sure to check on the elderly and neighbors without air conditioning.

For more information about heat-related illnesses visit the Virginia Department of Health's website at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/news/public-relations-contacts/severe-weather-preparedness/extreme-heat-and-heat-related-illnesses/>.

-Submitted by Robert Parker, VDH Public Information Officer

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### Legals - Botetourt County

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### Legals - City of Salem

#### Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 6:30 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.
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### Legals - City of Salem

Map #s 77-3-13, 77-3-16, 77-3-15, 77-3-14, and 77-3-12).

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

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

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### Legals - Town of Vinton

#### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold three public hearings at its meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, on the following, to-wit:

1. Proposed amendment to Town of Vinton's FY 2021-2022 budget to accept and appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,204,017 for Federal Funding received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
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## Rah, Rah for SALEM!!!!

The West Salem Elementary School gym was the site of the annual "Cheer Camp" last week, sponsored by the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation and conducted by the Salem High cheerleaders. Above, a large crowd of colorfully clad young ladies attended the camp. Left, Spartan cheerleader Katelyn Greger teaches the campers the highs and lows of jumping.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

### Brian Hoffman



#### Who was that masked man?

I'm taking the mask off. I'm fully vaccinated and it's time.

Ever since the coronavirus struck back in March of 2020 I've been counting the days since all sports shut down as we knew them. You remember. It was the second week of March last year and Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz tested positive for COVID 19. Shortly thereafter the NCAA basketball tournament was cancelled and the NBA and Major League Baseball spring training was put on hold. NASCAR followed, and before you could say "Doctor Anthony Fauci" there was nothing going on in the sports world.

At that point everyone and the Lone Ranger was expected to wear a mask. My wife bought some cool material and broke out our old sewing machine and started making masks for our extended family members. I had my picture taken in a Philadelphia Phillies "powder blue" mask and I've been using that for my column head for well over a year.

Well, this week will be 484 days AG, or "After Gobert," and we're not totally back to normal, but we're close. The Major League Baseball stadiums and Haley-Toyota Field here in Salem are back to 100 percent capacity again, and the big leagues are playing all 162 games. The NFL and college football are on pace to have normal seasons with normal fans, if painting your face maroon and orange is a normal thing.

You can eat inside without a mask, you can go

to the movies again and I just passed the two week mark where I didn't wear a mask in the grocery store, and thought nothing of it.

I'm not saying we're totally normal. The little stickers on the floor at the drugstore are still telling me to stay six feet back, but at least no one gives you a dirty look if you don't. And if I get a peanut stuck in my throat and cough people still back away. But that's nothing compared to last year at this time.

I've been busy here at the paper. For over a year I had little sports news to cover, writing features and columns and whatever photos I could find. Since the high school sports returned in January I've not only been busy, but swamped. As you know they stuck the fall high school sports, football, volleyball, golf and cross country, between the winter and spring sports. And Roanoke College did the same. You know, in a two week span in March every single sports team at Roanoke College played some kind of game or scrimmage.

And I love it. I'd much rather be busy than sitting at home on the porch reading magazines and watching the birds. It took 483 days but I'm actually feeling normal enough to take the mask off the column head.

But let me warn you, don't get too comfortable. I'm hearing about this Delta strain and how it's worse and spreads faster, and you're at serious risk if you don't get vaccinated. I don't want to go back to sitting on the porch and watching the birds again, so please consider getting the shot if you haven't done so. If you believe the experts, and I do, it's the best chance we have to keep things "normal" again.

And then if someone asks, "who was that masked man?," it probably WAS the Lone Ranger.

#### KARNES IS VaSID All-State

Jada Karnes, who recently completed her sophomore season at Roanoke College, has been named to the Virginia Sports Information Directors All-State team for college division teams.

Karnes, a 2019 graduate of William Byrd High

School, was 14-4 on the mound with two saves for the Maroons. She struck out 157 batters in 159 innings and finished the season with an earned run average of 1.44.

NCAA Division III National Champion Virginia Wesleyan University swept the major awards as Jessica Goldyn was named State Player of the Year, Hanna Hull was named State Pitcher of the Year, Emily Seale was selected as State Rookie of the Year and Brandon Elliott was honored as State Coach of the Year.

#### BLAIR IS ALL-REGION IN WOMEN'S LAX

Salem's Lily Blair was recently named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Association All-Region first team. Blair, who completed her junior season this spring, was named to the Chesapeake region.

During a season that would see the Maroons ranked 24th in the final IWLCA top 25 poll, Blair recorded a team high 50 goals to go with 10 assists, 38 draw controls, 21 ground balls, and 11 caused turnovers. The former Salem Spartan was named All ODAC first team and was one of six conference players to be named 1st team All Region. Emerson Foster of RC was named to the second team.

#### RC'S PLUNKETT IS ALL-SOUTH REGION

Carter Plunkett, a rising Roanoke College junior from Patrick Henry High in Roanoke, was recently named first team as a designated hitter on the D3baseball All-South Region and American Baseball Coaches Association All-South Region teams.

Plunkett, a 1st team All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) selection, earned the regional honor after completing a season that would see the Roanoke native being ranked in the top 10 in the conference in several offensive categories. Plunkett posted a batting average of .405, slugging percentage .702, 49 hits, 37 RBI, 16 doubles, and six home runs all ranked in the top 10 of the final ODAC statistics.



Mary Catherine Yeakel of the Stonegate Gators Swim Club is off the block in an RVAA swim meet in Salem. This week's meets were held on Tuesday instead of the usual Monday due to the 4th of July holiday. Look for highlights in next week's edition along with results from next Monday's meet, when the Gators travel to Forest Hills.

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## Fernandez named assistant women's basketball coach at RC

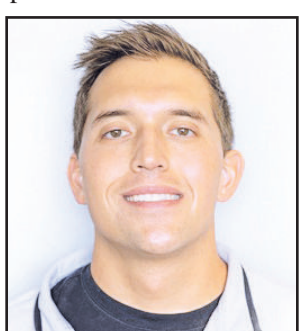
Roanoke College head women's basketball coach Carla Flaherty has announced the addition of a new assistant coach to her staff. Aaron Fernandez started his new position on July 1st and will be the primary assistant going into the 2021-22 season.

Coach Fernandez comes to Salem after a stint at Davidson College and coaching with Pro Skills Basketball in Raleigh. After spending the 2019-20 season as the

Davidson College women's basketball Director of Player Development, Fernandez spent the 2020-21 season working with Pro Basketball Skills while completing his Master's degree in Coach Education and Athletic Development from Xavier University.

While with the Wildcats, coach Fernandez was responsible for skill development, scouting of opponents, video coordinator, and on-campus recruiting. In

his time with the DI program, Fernandez coached the Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Year as well as a pair of All Conference



Aaron Fernandez

players. Coach Flaherty was impressed during the hiring process and excited about what coach Fernandez will be able to add to the program.

"Aaron's depth of experience and passion for teaching the game of basketball really set him apart," said Flaherty. "I'm looking forward to working together as we continue to enhance our program."

Before coming to Davidson Fernandez served as an assistant and

then interim head coach for the women's basketball team at Division II Mars Hill University in Mars Hill, N.C. He started as the assistant coach for the program before taking over on an interim basis halfway through after former head coach Jenny Finora took a leave of absence due to health reasons.

Prior to coaching at Mars Hill, Fernandez served as the head varsity girls' basketball coach at Owen High school for

the 2017-18 season. He recorded a 20-7 record which was second best in the conference. The 20-win season and second place finish in the conference were the best marks by the school in over 10 years.

Coach Fernandez was also the assistant boys' basketball coach at Tuscola High School from 2009-2017. During the 2012-13 season, the school won the conference and posted a record of 24-5.



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## Salem AAA All-Stars in Dixie state tournament this week

*RAYSA softball all-star team goes 1-2*

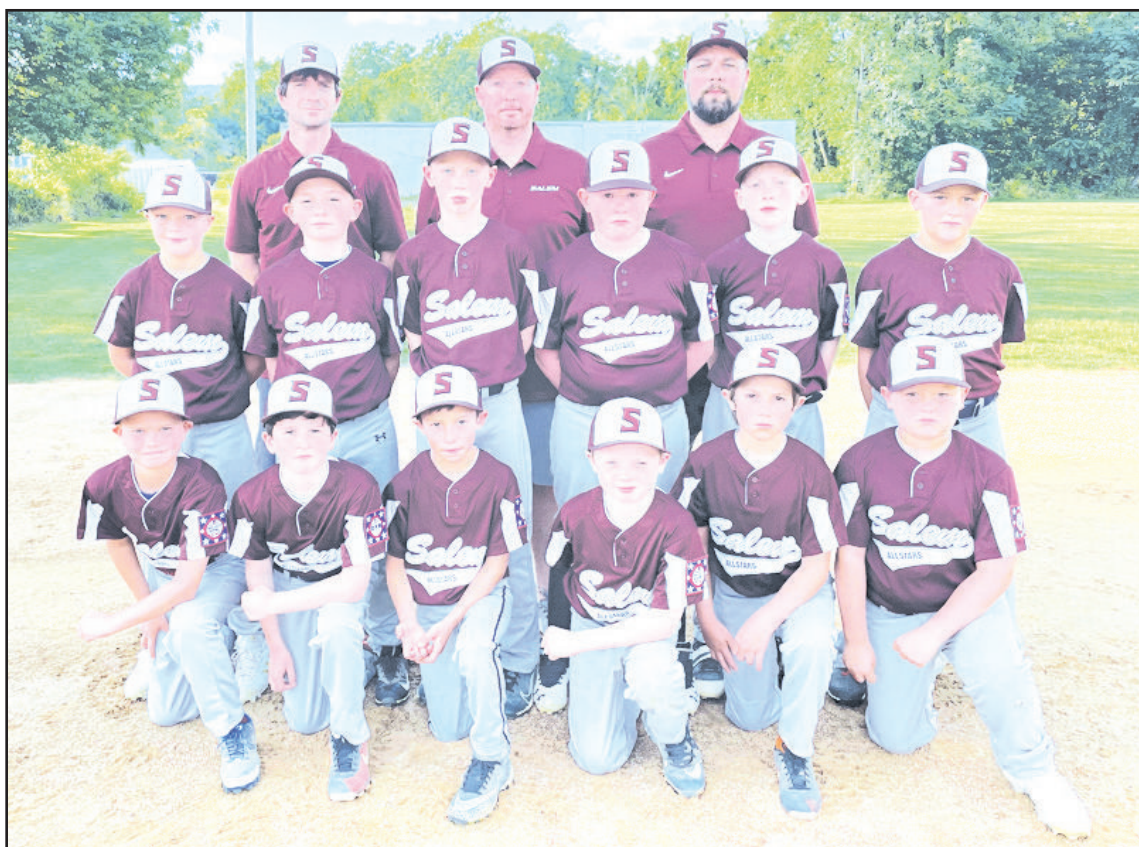
The Salem Dixie League AAA All-Stars will open the Division 2 state tournament on Friday night in Madison Heights. Salem will play the 6 pm game against Dinwiddie American in the six team double elimination tournament.

The tournament will open at 1 pm with Amelia against Brookneal. At 3:30 pm Lunenburg will play South Hill, and the Salem game will follow at 6 pm.

On Saturday the losers' of the first two games will play at 1 pm and the two winners will play at 3:30 pm. The winners and losers of Salem's Friday game won't play again until Sunday, and the tournament runs through Tuesday's championship game with an "if" game on Wednesday, July 14.

The Salem 10-and-under softball team played in the Roanoke Area Youth Softball Association(RAYSA) tournament at the James I. Moyer Complex last week. Salem opened with a loss to South County Red in the opener, but bounced back to beat North Roanoke in the losers' bracket. Salem was then eliminated by South County Blue in the double elimination format, and South County Red went on to win the tournament with an undefeated record, beating Blue in the final.

In the 12 year old tournament South County beat Franklin County in the final, and in the 16 year old tournament South County Red completed a sweep of the week's action with a win over Williamson Road in the final.



**The Salem district champion AAA All-Stars will be playing in the Dixie League state tournament this weekend. Front Row, left to right; Evan Stroud, Adam Dewalt, Cam Scharnus, Cannon Cowling, Nick Winterer and Nate Keffer. Second Row; Maclin Hale, Ryker Rehm, Wilson Dick, Kelton Wheeling, CJ Goens and Landon Bell. Back Row; coaches Jud Cowling, Kendall Keffer and Josh Hale.** SUBMITTED PHOTO



**Action from last week's RAYSA softball games at the James I. Moyer Complex. Far left, Elizabeth Keffer strokes a hit for the Salem 10 and under all-stars, Middle, Jayden Robertson tracks down a grounder at third base, and above Caroline Snyder is on second base and ready to run for the Salem stars.**

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Sox begin two-week homestand on Tuesday

The Salem Red Sox will be returning from a two-week road trip this weekend and begin a two week homestand on Tuesday of next week.

The Sox are road warriors with the Salem Fair in town, playing six games in Fredricksburg last week and six in Salisbury, MD against Delmarva this week, beginning Tuesday. The Sox go into the series with Delmarva six games behind the Shorebirds, a farm team of the Baltimore Orioles.

Salem took four of six games in Fredricksburg last week but actually lost ground to Delmarva, who won five of six from Lynchburg. The Hillcats were tied with Salem heading into that series but that dropped Lynchburg nine games behind Delmarva and three behind second place Salem.

The Sox have won six of their last eight games through Sunday, but all that did was drop them a game farther behind Delmarva. The Shorebirds have won nine of their last 10 and come into the week at 35-17, the best record in the Low-A East North Division and the second best among the 12 Low-A East teams.

Salem has a chance to make up some ground this week with six games at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium in Salisbury, hoping to cool off the red shot Shorebirds. The Sox then return home next Tuesday with six against the Fayetteville Woodpeckers, a farm team of the Houston Astros. Fayetteville, a member of the Low-A East Central Division, comes into the week at 22-31.



**Salem Red Sox catcher Jaxx Groshans sings the national anthem at the Sox last homestand.** PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

## Holter, Clifford, Leftwich will speak at RV Sports Club "High School Football Kickoff"

The Roanoke Valley Sports Club will have its "High School Football Kickoff" night on Monday, July 19, at the Salem Civic Center. Five local coaches will speak at the dinner meeting, including Salem High coach Don Holter and Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford.

Also speaking at the meeting will be Lord Botetourt's Jamie Harless, Jamar Lovelace of William Fleming and new Cave Spring head coach Nick Leftwich, who is a former Salem High player. In addition the Glenvar girls' outdoor state championship track team will be recognized as well as the North Cross School lacrosse state champs.

For more information or to make reservations visit the club website at [www.roanokevalleysportsclub.com](http://www.roanokevalleysportsclub.com).



**Left, Salem third baseman Nicholas Northcut is ready to fire the ball across the infield for an out. Right, second baseman Jake MacKenzie coasts under a pop up.**

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