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## Council approves rezoning for Rt. 419 corner

**Meg Hibbert**  
Contributing writer

At the July 26 meeting, Council approved on first reading rezoning for the “historically challenged corner” of Rt. 419 and East Main Street so a self-storage complex can be built.

The corner is the location of long-vacant Givens Books and the Layman Candy warehouse. Both buildings would be razed, Joseph Thompson of Property Catalyst Group explained.

“It’s going to be a nice building,” Thompson said, referring to designs shared with Salem City Planning Commission that show canopies, landscaping, and single-entrance buildings with a staffed office.

Thompson called the existing corner “unsightly” and “historically

challenged.”

Three motions carried to rezone five properties from Light Manufacturing to Highway Business District. The vote was 4-0, by Mayor Renee Turk, Councilmen John Saunders and Randy Foley, and Vice Mayor Jim Wallace participating remotely from out of town. Councilman Bill Jones was absent.

In other matters, Council approved:

- Rezoning the Salem Historical Society’s Preston Place at 1936 W. Main Street – the site of the former White Oak Tea Tavern – from Community Business District with conditions to the same without conditions. Salem Historical Society The new tenant will be Glow Healing Arts. Owner Meredith Novak thanked Council for the zoning change that makes it possible to provide personal

services, including therapeutic massage, reflexology, yoga and other holistic health practices. Preston Place was built in 1821, Historical Society board of directors representative Lisa Bain, pointed out, and is the oldest home in Salem.

- Closure of Main Street on Saturday, Sept. 11, for Olde Salem Days 2021.

- Support of proposed American Rescue Plan Funding for Virginia tourism destinations.

Mayor Turk recognized members of Boy Scout Troop 39, who attended the meeting to earn their Communications Badge, and their leader, Trena Carroll. Scouts were Keegan Craighead, Nathan Madison and Dwayne Lynch.

It was Mayor Turk’s first meeting

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PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF SALEM

**Members of Scout Troop 39 visited Salem City Council July 26 to learn about government for their Communications Badge. From left are Scoutmaster Trena Carroll, and Scouts Keegan Craighead, Nathan Madison and Dwayne Lynch.**

## Roanoke Valley clean-up efforts unite the community

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Almost everyone knows people who are economically disadvantaged. Defined as the inability to compete in business or pay their debts due to diminished credit or capital opportunities, the U.S. Census Bureau statistics recently estimated that nearly one-fourth

of the total population falls under that category.

Two years ago, through the vision and leadership of Aldrica Anderson and her Veteran Affordable Senior Housing (VASH) team, the Roanoke Valley Beautification Day initiative was created. Beautification Day, noted Anderson, is an opportunity for Southwest Virginia residents, families and visi-

tors to come together to beautify homes, parks and neighborhoods.

“This day pays homage to my dad who was born and raised in Roanoke. At 85 years young, he asked if there was anything I could do to help fight the blight and other needs in the communities he has a wealth of memories in,” she said.

Rain was a factor in last year’s

inaugural event at Kennedy Park, however, it wasn’t a deterrent as dozens of volunteers still showed up to beautify homes. This year’s theme was “Can’t Stop the Feeling,” and over a 100 Roanoke County, Roanoke and Salem volunteers as well as out of state visitors arrived at Eureka Park around 9 a.m. on July 24 to plant flowers, pick up trash and rake mulch,

among numerous other things.

Constructed to unite the Roanoke Valley community through the concept of love, volunteer Ke-ara Moore said she embraced the opportunity to speak with locals on their perceptions of the Watershed Academy Program. “It’s important to see people flourish

See **Clean-up**, page 7



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

**Local teenagers, from left to right, Kevin McNeil Jr., 15, Carrington McNeal, 13, Jamaal Crisp, 15, and Kenley Randall, 16, all said they enjoyed cleaning up the community.**



**Former educator Sharon Hicks raking mulch at the park.**

## Talented Salem teen graduates from Boles Piano Studio, embraces next life chapter

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It’s been quite a year for Zachary Davidson. In early 2021, the Salem teenager participated in various Virginia federation music festivals and recit-

als. In June, he, along with his fellow Class of 2021 members, graduated from Salem High School. In the coming weeks, Davidson will be getting acclimated to Harrisonburg as a James Madison University freshman.

Born in Roanoke and raised in the City of Salem, Zachary is the son of Allan and Angie Davidson. Some of his earliest childhood memories include going on vacations with his family.

At an early age, David-

son showed an aptitude for creativity. Around five was when he fell in love with the piano. It was family and friends who recommended that Davidson study under Mrs. Donna at the Boles Piano Studio in 2008. To date, he considers that one of the best decisions that he’s ever made.

“In December of 2008, I played in my first piano recital. I was only six, so I was scared, but performing at studio recitals and other festivals prepared me to be confident in my playing and my anxiety went away,” he said. “The amount of lessons over 13 years was monumental, but someone was always glad to take me.”

Davidson was continually active with the marching, symphonic and jazz bands in high school. Being a member of various band teams afforded him countless memories that he says he will cherish for the rest of his life. “My most cherished memories are playing piano in a band with my best friends,” he said.

During his senior year, Davidson won the RVM-TA Scholarship Award and a cash award as a finalist in the Mary Smart Competition sponsored by the VFMC, among many other scholarship opportunities. He also was a proud recipient of the Duane Perdue Scholarship from the Salem Educational

Foundation. “I knew I would be a distinguished scholar because it requires a 4.0 grade point average which I have maintained throughout high school. All distinguished scholars were awarded a \$500 scholarship for their accomplishments,” he said.

Davidson is the first to acknowledge that without family and friends, he would not be where he is today. “I am so thankful for my music abilities which partly come from my father and the opportunity to study under Donna Boles who is a phenomenal pianist and teacher,” he said before adding, “I am excited for my next life chapter.”



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**For 13 years, between the ages of five and 18, Zachary Davidson studied at the Boles Piano Studio.**

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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.

### FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

### SECOND MONDAY

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

### EACH TUESDAY

•Salem Chess Players meet at the Salem Senior Center, 110 Union Street in Salem from 7-11 p.m. Open to anyone 16 years or older. Instructions are available.

•Salem Kiwanis Club meets 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch, Salem Civic Center.

•Glenvar Rotary Club meets 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. for lunch in Richfield Retirement's Recovery and Care Center cafeteria, first floor. Guests welcome.

•Knights of Columbus hosts bingo for charity. Proceeds support local charities including RAM House, Madonna House, the Roanoke Rescue Mission, Saint Francis House, food pantries and various youth projects. Games are played from

5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Gator Hall, at 5301 Williamson Road, near Happy's Flea Market.

•Infinity Acres Ranch Fundraiser from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at 321 E. Church Street in Blacksburg. Tickets are \$8 while children eight and younger can eat for \$4. For more information, contact 276-358-2378.

•All ages are welcome to TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) at 5:15 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center. For more information, contact Linda at 540-389-4207.

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

•From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a chair caning and basket weaving class will occur at the Salem Senior Center. While free, attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. For more information, contact 540-375-3054.

### THIRD TUESDAY

The monthly meeting

for National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Roanoke Valley Chapter #226 locations and times will now vary. Learn more details by emailing us at nawicroa226@gmail.com.

### THIRD WEDNESDAY

Alzheimer's /Dementia Caregiver Support Group at 2 p.m. at Salem Terrace at Harrogate.

### FIRST THURSDAY

Roanoke County Woman's Club meets at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at College Lutheran Church in Salem. New members are welcome.

### EACH THURSDAY

•The Salem Senior Center's Social Club, known as the 49ers Plus Club, originally started the senior program in Salem over 40 years ago. They have different speakers and/or activities practically every week. New members are always welcome to show up at the Salem Senior Center

at 11 a.m. Contact 540-375-3054 for more information.

•The Salem Rotary Club meets from 12 to 1 p.m. for lunch in Salem Civic Center. Guests welcome.

### 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.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

The Virginia Vintage Comics and Collectibles Show will be returning to the Salem Civic Center for its 24th year. The show is the longest running comics and collectibles show in Virginia and is one of the few vintage comics shows in the nation. Because of its unique focus, the show

has drawn vendors and collectors from 15 states, as far as New York, Florida and Minnesota. Comic books, which were a staple in the mid-20th Century, have enjoyed a resurgence in recent years. One reason is the proliferation of television shows and blockbuster movies based on comic books. Another reason for renewed interest is that demand for certain issues has caused values to skyrocket. Some comic books that originally sold for ten cents can be worth hundreds of thousand dollars, with a few topping the one-million-dollar mark if in pristine condition. "Not all old comics are worth big bucks," said show promoter Roger Mannon. "The most valuable issues are typically superhero comics, while some genres, like cartoons, Westerns and romance can be found for just a few dollars." The Salem Civic Center is located at 1000 Roanoke Blvd., with easy access from Interstate 81, Exit 114. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information, call 540-320-7056.

## Kristin Stathers named Administrator of the Richfield Living Health Center-Roanoke Campus

Richfield Living, a local leader in senior living and rehabilitation, recently announced the selection of Kristin Stathers as Administrator of The Health Center-Roanoke Campus.

Stathers, who came to the company with 25 years of healthcare leadership experience ranging from post-acute to acute care facilities across Virginia, is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Bluefield College and an extensive list of certifications and professional credentials that include (CDP) Certified Dementia Practitioner, (CHPA) Certified HIPPA Privacy Associate and Certified Six Sigma Green Belt. She joined the team in April 2020.



Kristin Stathers SUBMITTED PHOTO

"We are thrilled to have Kristin's leadership at our new Richfield Health Center in Roanoke," said Esteban Duran-Ballen, Chief Operating Officer. "Her passion, benevolence, experience, and expertise in healthcare management - including startup of new operations, make her a perfect fit to lead this innovative and unique building that will redefine post-acute services in the Roanoke Valley."

"I am extremely excited and honored to be part of the Richfield Living team and a member of the team opening the Richfield Health Center - Roanoke Campus" said Stathers. "There are many innovative approaches to care and culture change being launched with the opening of The Health Center - Roanoke Campus. The vision of Richfield and the Roanoke team of a homelike culture of small households is a dream come true for our future residents, caregivers and the families who will entrust us with their loved ones. It's equally exciting to know we will have acute care clinical capabilities and skills within The Health Center - Roanoke Campus. I could not be prouder to have been chosen to lead this team and facility knowing integrity, respect and quality of care with amazing outcomes is always our priority and goal."

- Submitted by Lisa Clause, Senior Director of Marketing and Philanthropy

## Local Church of Latter-Day Saints arrange FSWVA donation



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

As the food was being unloaded in the warehouse, Kevin Bohon, Church leader, Jennifer Brown, Church member, Lisa Uhl of FSWVA and Debbie Stanley, Church member discussed some logistics.

Recently, the local congregations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints arranged for a massive food donation to Feeding Southwest Virginia.

The tractor trailer truck carrying the foods, arrived from Salt Lake City, Utah. The donation consisted of dry and canned foods.

Said Kitty Tabor of Feeding Southwest Virginia (FSWVA), "The 36,364

pounds of food delivered to the Salem Distribution Center will provide over 30,000 meals for food insecure people in our community."

Kevin Bohon, a local leader of The Church, was there for the presentation of the food donation. Lynchburg and Clarksburg, West Virginia, both received similar donations.

-Submitted by Jennifer Brown

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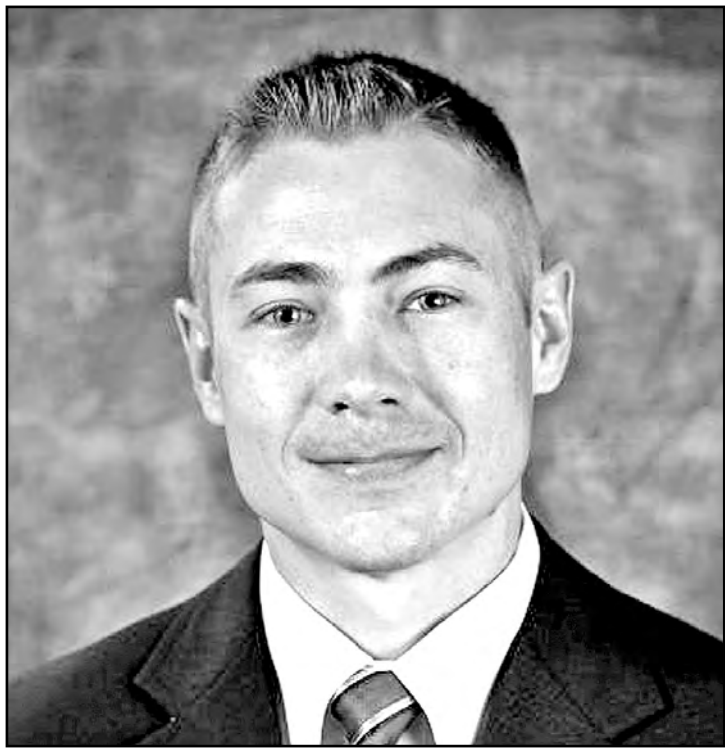
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Pictured from left to right, Kitty Tabor of FSWVA, Debbie Stanley, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Kevin Bohon, local leader of The Church; and Jennifer Brown, member of the Church.

# Salem realtor offers reduced commissions for Veterans



**Max Darnall, a Realtor and Associate Broker with Re/Max Real Estate One on West Main Street, was born and raised in Salem. His father, Scooter Darnall, has over 35 years of experience as an agent.**

**What is your official title and what do your responsibilities consist of?**

Realtor & Associate Broker with Re/Max Real Estate One in Salem. I help people: A) purchase the right home B) sell their home for the most money C) sell their home and transition into a new home. My job is to make this process as smooth as possible, make sure my clients stay in-

formed and have understanding, and to eliminate risk in areas of the process where things can go wrong. I have been a Real Estate Agent for eight years.

**Where were you born and raised?**

Born and raised in Salem. I graduated from Salem High, attended Virginia Western and graduated at the top my class in

business. I then went on to obtain two bachelor's degrees from Virginia Tech - one in Business Management and one in Marketing. My father, Phillip "Scooter" Darnall, who worked under Luke Waldrop at Waldrop Realty, has over 35 years of experience in Real Estate and is Salem's top agent. I owe my success in real estate to him and his patience, knowledge, and guidance in how

to do things the right way.

**What comes to mind when you think about our Veterans and the resources they need?**

When I think of Veterans and First Responders, I think of service, sacrifice, honor, courage and gratitude. I think of strong men and women who put others before themselves to keep our nation and communities safe.

**Can you explain the concept of reduced commissions?**

I am offering a reduced commission to Veterans and First Responders as a way to give back to them and put a little more money in their pockets and show my appreciation for their service.

- Questions compiled by Shaun Nowlin



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## Bank of Botetourt announces promotions to Executive Vice President

Bank of Botetourt recently announced that Michelle R. Austin has been promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. She will maintain her role as CFO, which she has held since 2005, and will continue working from the Bank's Troutville Office. Michelle began her career in banking with Bank of Botetourt as a college intern in 1991 and joined the Bank full time in 1993. She has her Bachelor of Business Administration from Roanoke College and an MBA from Troy University. Michelle also graduated from the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) School of Bank Management at University of Virginia (UVA) and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University (LSU).

Stated Austin, "I am blessed to be part of the leadership team at Bank of Botetourt. As a community banker, it has been rewarding to help customers, employees, and the local area for the past twenty-eight years."

Austin was recently appointed to the Region 2 GO Virginia Board

(GOVA). The GOVA mission is to support programs that help create high-paying jobs through incentivized collaboration between business, education, and government to diversify and strengthen the economy in every region of the Commonwealth. She serves as a Board Member of the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) Benefits Board since 2019, served on the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College (DSLCC) Educational Foundation since 2011 and continues to be a Trustee of Lithia United Methodist Church. Her spare time has always included an element of education. For eleven years Michelle served as an adjunct professor in the Department of Business Administration and Economics at Roanoke College. She currently teaches an accounting prerequisite class for the VBA School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia (UVA).

After 27 years with Bank of Botetourt, George E. Honts IV (Ned) has been promoted to Executive Vice President and



**Michelle Austin**

will continue his role of Chief Lending Officer. Ned is based out of the Bank's Troutville Office. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College along with the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at UVA and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Ned serves on the Board of the Botetourt County Public Schools Education Foundation, the Board and Executive Board for the Virginia State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and as a Board Member and Treasurer of the Appalachian Habitat Association. In his free time, he enjoys



**George Honts IV**

the outdoors and can be found hunting, fishing and golfing. Ned grew up in Botetourt County and resides in the Troutville area with his wife Stephanie and their son Garrett.

Bank President and CEO, G. Lyn Hayth, III stated that "the Bank and our senior management team is grateful to have

both Michelle and Ned on our team. Their wealth of knowledge in the industry combined with the time they've both invested in our community brings a level of insight that cannot be matched."

-Submitted by Mary Ann Miller, Community Relations

## SCC offers insurance tips for students heading to college

After anywhere from months to more than a year of virtual learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many students will soon be heading to college campuses for in-person instruction during the fall semester. In addition to new courses, teachers, friends, surroundings and living accommodations, it also can mean new insurance needs.

The State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance encourages Virginians to make sure their back-to-school checklist includes a thorough review of their own and their student's insurance needs. "Know before they go what your student's insurance needs will be and make sure they have the right coverage," said Virginia Insurance Commissioner Scott A. White. "Protect yourself and your family by reviewing insurance coverage for your student's health, auto, living space and belongings and make sure they understand the coverage."

The Bureau offers the

following insurance considerations for parents and students:

### HEALTH

College students have several options for getting health insurance. Under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), students may stay on their parents' health insurance until age 26. If your student remains on your health insurance policy, make sure he or she has a copy of all insurance cards and understands what services are covered and how to obtain referrals, if necessary, before seeking treatment. Under some health insurance policies, your student would need to find a physician or hospital within the carrier's provider network - except for emergency care - or pay more out of pocket.

Students who do not have health insurance through a parent's policy, or who have limited coverage due to provider networks or service areas, may opt to purchase a student health insurance plan through their

college or university. Students also can apply for a private health insurance plan through the health insurance marketplace at HealthCare.gov. Students may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period for health insurance. To learn more, visit [healthcare.gov/coverage-outside-open-enrollment/special-enrollment-period/](https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage-outside-open-enrollment/special-enrollment-period/).

### HOME

College students often take many valuable items with them to school including computers, printers, televisions, bicycles and mobile phones. Consider how much it would cost to replace everything in your student's dorm or apartment should a theft or disaster occur.

For students who live in on-campus student housing, their parents' homeowners or renters policy may cover their belongings if they are stolen or damaged. However, there may be limits to the amount of coverage provided for such items. Some items such as jewelry or expensive electronics may require special

coverage. In the event of a loss, policy deductibles may also apply.

Students living off-campus should consider renters insurance, an inexpensive form of coverage that protects personal property and insures the tenant in case someone is injured while on their leased premises. Landlords' policies generally only cover the structure, not the possessions of renters. Renters insurance premiums vary depending on the location and size of the rental unit and the value of your possessions.

Encourage your student that, no matter where he or she lives, it's important to make a list of his or her belongings. An inventory will help you and your student determine how much insurance is needed and, if a loss occurs, the inventory can be used to file a claim. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners offers a free smartphone app that makes creating an inventory easy. Parents may also want to use this

opportunity to update their own home inventory as well.

### AUTO

For students planning to take a car to school, parents should ask their insurance agent or company about coverage availability and rates for the city and state where the college is located before deciding whether to keep the student's car on the family policy. Also, make sure you know that state's minimum requirements for auto insurance coverage. Students who maintain good grades may be eligible for a good student discount on the vehicle's insurance premium.

Students whose names are on the title for a car must purchase their own policy. However, they may be able to stay on their parents' policy if their parents own the vehicle they will

use at school. Let your insurance agent know where the vehicle will be stored if the address is different from what is on the policy.

The Bureau of Insurance encourages parents and students to shop around and compare policy provisions and premiums. Read any insurance policy carefully and make sure you understand exactly what is covered, exclusions, deductibles and limits. If you have questions or concerns, contact your insurance agent or company.

For more information, contact the Bureau of Insurance toll-free at 1-877-310-6560 or in Richmond at 804-371-9741 or visit its website at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Insurance](https://www.scc.virginia.gov/pages/Insurance).

-Submitted by Katha Treanor, Communications Director

**"If man lives up to the divine commandments, this earth shall be transformed into heaven."**

- Baha'i Faith

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# OPINION

## Give Light ~ Nearing a Century / Frosty ~

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

Another birthday has come and gone. I'm now two years into my tenth decade. It's something to be thankful for.

About 20 years ago, I interviewed noted watercolorist artist Harriet Stokes, who died a few years later weeks before her 100th birthday. A regular attendee at my Salem church, Stokes formerly did not tell her age, but as she grew closer to the century mark, she revealed it proudly.

A long-time friend who lives in a retirement home in Lexington turned 99 this past April 15. She's still good for a 15-minute conversation and told me of her late mother-in-law who died at 102 but unable to see or hear.

"That's not living," my friend said. I'm inclined to agree.

I've been blessed to know two men who celebrated their 100th birthdays though they did not long survive them. Melville (Buster) Carico, a long-time political reporter for "The Roanoke Times"

was honored by his Fincastle church on his July birthday several years ago. He could still reminisce a bit about his difficulty in covering objectively civil rights struggles affecting friends of faith.

The other centenarian was George Overstreet, once a furniture sales representative of a Roanoke industry and in retirement a bass soloist in my church's choir. He, like Carico, had outlived his wife.

Musicians, artists and writers whose greatest satisfaction in life comes from within may be at least somewhat productive into their 90s.

I've seen a lot of history, all of it in Virginia, to which my ancestors on both sides came in Colonial times.

One of my earliest memories is going with my mother to a bank in our small Piedmont, Virginia, town. Around its walls were colorful red, white and blue posters bearing a Blue Eagle and NRA. When I asked my mother what it was for, she responded, "Something about the government."

No, it wasn't the National Rifle Association but that the bank was cooperating in the National Recovery Act, a

### Frances Stebbins Correspondent

Franklin D. Roosevelt initiative to bring the nation out of the Great Depression.

We got our mail in a Rural Free Delivery box on the highway after walking across two fields and crossing a small creek on a footbridge, for our "Farmhouse" style frame home, like several others, was on a slight rise away from the highway. Six days a week, a copy of the earliest edition of "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" was always there. When World War II broke out in Poland in 1939, my mother and I learned of it in the paper.

Fast-forward to my young adult years and a summer job at the daily Richmond newspaper, not as a writer, but as one of six women in the Reference Department, a boring but indispensable place for writers to find information in pre-computer days.

I spent long hours that

summer as the clipping file envelopes on obscure "Korea" suddenly grew from one to a dozen. The conflict ended three years later; by then my news reporter husband Charlie Stebbins and I were married and starting our many years of writing for the daily Roanoke papers.

Political conventions, heard on small radios, were fascinating in the 1950s when we began voting and even shook the hand of the famous General Dwight D. Eisenhower when he visited Virginia. We were Republicans then, as many were in the Commonwealth. Various changes came later.

Our daughter of seven came home from her Hollins school early to tell us of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The 1964 Civil Rights legislation gave our youngest child a dedicated Black teacher.

Newlywed niece of my husband had married her Richmond sweetheart, he got a job in the new state of Hawaii, and in 1982 they made a weeklong visit to the islands possible. I flew for the first time.

From 1985 to 1999, with

children grown, Charlie and I flew to the British Isles four times, a thrill of my life. After the World Trade Center disaster, we stayed on this side of the Atlantic touching nearly every state and five Canadian provinces by bus and train tours. His death in 2008 confined me to several interesting Western Virginia day trips. Always I wrote of them.

For many of our adult working years, Charlie and I benefited at the daily newspaper from the editorship of Forrest M. (Frosty) Landon who died earlier this month at 87. Parkinson's Disease, which usually kills slowly, was revealed in his obituary as might be expected in an excellent newsman knowing readers would want to know. Much, naturally, has already been published about this active member of Roanoke's Unitarian-Universalist church whose commitment to representing people in fairness marked his many years. He made it possible for us to continue to do work we loved so long as he was able. I still value that.

Send letters to the editor at [shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org](mailto:shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org)

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

I wanted to send a public thank you to our Salem Electrical Department for fixing our electrical wires last week. We noticed flickering of our power and since it was 8:00 p.m., I sent a non-emergency request on their web-

site, thinking that they would see it first thing in the morning. Fifteen minutes later, a crew showed up at our house to check it out. They found not one but two places where our wires had been damaged by branches and squirrels. They quickly found the problems and replaced wires be-

fore it was even bedtime! We were so impressed and thankful that they were able to prevent an inconvenient and probably dangerous situation for us. It's easy to complain when service is bad, but it's a joy to share when it is super.

-Lara Galbreath

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## Virginia to reduce water pollution, increase access to clean water

- \$411.5 million investment in American Rescue Plan funds will improve aging water and sewer infrastructure, restore waterways -

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that Virginia plans to allocate \$411.5 million in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to reduce water pollution and increase access to clean water across the Commonwealth. The proposal will make substantial investments in aging water systems and improve drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

The announcement

is part of "Investment Week," during which the Governor and legislative leaders will highlight proposals for distributing the \$4.3 billion in ARP funding available to the Commonwealth in advance of the August 2nd special session.

"With this funding, we have a tremendous opportunity to rebuild our aging water systems and ensure every Virginia family has reliable access to safe, clean drinking water," said Governor Northam. "In addition to modernizing water and sewer infrastructure across the Commonwealth, these investments will go a long way towards restoring the health of our waterways and reducing pollution in our communities."

The proposal includes \$186.5 million for wastewater treatment and nutrient removal, \$125 million for combined sewer overflow projects in Richmond, Alexandria, and Lynchburg, and \$100 million to assist water systems in small and disadvantaged communities. These proposed investments supplement more than \$300 million in ARP funding that the Commonwealth sent to towns in June and \$2.3 billion made available to Virginia's 133 counties and cities directly from the federal government to meet local response and recovery needs, which include improving access to clean

drinking water and to supporting vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

"Protecting the environment, and particularly providing for sanitary disposal of wastewater, is critical to public health and the economy," said Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Matthew J. Strickler. "These investments will put us even closer to restoring the Chesapeake Bay, and will clean up streams and improve septic and sewer systems across the Commonwealth."

"The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of ensuring all Virginians have access to basic necessities—safe housing, quality health care, food security, and reliable utilities," said Secretary of Health and Human Resources Daniel Carey, MD, MHCM. "Investing in our water systems will help advance health equity and ensure a robust economic recovery."

Clean water supports overall public health by preventing water-related ailments, increasing sanitation, and enabling food production. Affordable and reliable access to clean water is also important for driving economic activity across a broad range of industries, from tourism and agriculture and manufacturing.

"Maintaining wastewater infrastructure is

an essential function of government," said Senator Mamie Locke. "I am grateful to my colleagues in the General Assembly and to Governor Northam for investing in this issue that has gone unaddressed for far too long."

"This is a public health issue, an economic issue, and an equity issue," said House Majority Leader Charniele Herring. "This investment means more Virginians can focus on leading healthy lives and taking pride in their communities, not worrying about high utility bills."

"As someone who values our natural ecosystems, I am excited to see the tremendous benefits this will bring to improving the health of watersheds across the Commonwealth," said Senator David Marsden. "It is critical to use these federal funds to make permanent improvements in our fight for clean water."

"Every Virginian deserves access to clean water and we know that a healthy environment is the backbone of a strong economy," said Delegate David Bulova. "I look forward to continuing to work with the Administration and my fellow legislators to make Virginia the healthiest state in the nation."

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Language group with Iranian influence
  5. No seats available
  8. Health insurance organization
  11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
  13. Defunct European economic organization
  14. Dutch word for "language"
  15. Hard to penetrate
  16. When you'll get there
  17. Iranian city
  18. Small fishes
  20. Dry white wine drink
  21. Turkish city
  22. U.S.-born people
  25. Synthetic resin
  30. Major nerve in human body
  31. Type of recording
  32. Small drum
  33. Alters
  38. General's assistant (abbr.)
  41. Venezuelan capital
  43. Free of deceit
  45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation
  48. Competition
  49. Launch an attack on south
  50. Cavalry sword
  55. Spiritual leader
  56. One point east of due south
  57. Afflicted
  59. Database management system
  60. Snake-like fish
  61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
  62. Small drink
  63. Not wet
  64. Impudence
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Father
  2. Performed perfectly
  3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
  4. Thin, compact object
  5. One attempting to find something
  6. No longer working
  7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
  8. Book of Genesis character
  9. Volcanic craters
  10. Brand of American automobile (slang)
  12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe
  14. Bangladeshi monetary unit
  19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
  23. Family of genes
  24. Et \_\_\_ indicates further
  25. Pacific Standard Time
  26. S. American wood sorrel
  27. Women's \_\_\_ movement
  28. Chinese hoopster Ming
  29. Layers of rock
  34. Patriotic women's group
  35. Solid water
  36. Shade of brown
  37. Very fast airplane
  39. Put clothes on
  40. Quality of one's character
  41. Time zone
  42. Primates
  44. Pleasantly
  45. Metrical feet
  46. Rogue
  47. German river
  48. Relieves from
  51. Swiss river
  52. Prejudice
  53. Actor Idris
  54. Those who resist authority
  58. Criticize

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# Virginia awarded \$1.5 million federal grant to support maritime industrial base and small defense business cyber training

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that Virginia has been awarded \$1.5 million in federal funding to provide Virginia small businesses in the defense industry with required cybersecurity skills and certifications and help modernize the maritime industrial workforce.

"Virginia is a leader in the defense industry and the second highest recipient of Defense Department investments among all states," said Governor Northam. "Local defense suppliers are critical to present and future military readiness, and this federal funding will help enhance their cyber capabilities while also improving the resiliency of our maritime workforce to meet modernization opportunities."

The grant includes \$1.026

million for the GENEDGE Alliance, which will help at least 85 small defense companies maintain compliance with U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) cybersecurity standards. An additional \$474,000 will go to the Maritime Industrial Base Ecosystem (MIBE) initiative, managed by Old Dominion University. MIBE seeks to transform the shipbuilding and ship repair workforce with modernized and sustained maritime training pipelines. The funding was awarded by the DoD Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) through their industry resilience program. In 2019, Virginia received a federal grant of \$3.2 million to support cybersecurity training and shipbuilding and maritime workforce development initiatives.

"Our partnerships with GENEDGE and the Maritime Industrial Base Ecosystem provide services that give our small businesses a competitive edge," said Acting Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Kathleen Jabs. "This federal grant will allow us to increase investment in capabilities for our military and national advantage through innovation, modernization, and collaboration."

"Cyber threats are growing in volume and severity every day, and the requirements to safeguard against those threats are increasing in complexity," said Jeff Jaycox, Chairman of the GENEDGE Board of Trustees. "Our program enables these companies to understand and develop required competencies to prepare them for

Cybersecurity Maturity Model certification, which will enable them to remain competitive in dynamic markets that contribute to national security."

"This funding will help MIBE work with its stakeholders to strengthen Virginia's maritime workforce, which is critical to our ability to continue building the world's best warships, while also improving ship repair on-time completion rates," said retired Rear Admiral Brad Williamson, Executive Director of the Maritime Industrial Base Ecosystem. "It will also position Virginia as a leader in the application of Industry 4.0 and 5.0 technologies in the maritime space. MIBE is engaged with business, academic, non-profit, and public leaders across five Virginia economic regions, as well as our

public and private shipyards. I am certain that our collective efforts can create the maritime industrial base workforce of tomorrow while simultaneously creating jobs and economic opportunity across Hampton Roads."

Virginia consistently ranks among the top states in defense spending and 11 percent of the state gross domestic product is defense related. According to a 2021 OLDCC report, Virginia ranks third among all states for defense contract spending at \$30.5 billion, second for direct defense spending at \$60.3 billion, and first for defense personnel spending at \$15.7 billion.

*-Submitted by  
Alena Yarmosky,  
Office of the Governor*

## Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts to offer opportunities for back-to-school immunizations

To ensure children are protected to return back to school, Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) will offer numerous opportunities across our jurisdictions in upcoming weeks for students to re-

ceive Back to School immunizations.

To meet state requirements to enter the school year, students new to Virginia schools must receive a physical and all students must be up to date on their vaccinations.

There are new vaccines required this year, and in particular, there are several vaccines required for entry into 7th and 12th grades. COVID-19 vaccines are not required for school entry, however RCAHD

encourages all children ages 12 and up to get vaccinated to protect themselves and others.

A list of walk in back-to-school clinic dates and locations can be found at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/roanoke/back-to-school-immunization-clinics/>.

*-Submitted by Christie  
Willis, RCAHD  
Communications Officer*

## Approximately \$500 million investment to improve air quality in Virginia schools announced

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that Virginia plans to invest \$500 million to improve ventilation and air quality in public schools, securing the completion of nearly all currently planned HVAC projects. The Commonwealth will allocate \$250 million in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for necessary ventilation upgrades, which will be matched 1:1 by local ARP or other relief funding. Ventilation systems clean and disperse air, decreasing the risk of various airborne illnesses including COVID-19.

Governor Northam made the announcement at Hopewell High School, joining school officials to celebrate the launch of their year-round school initiative. This announcement marks the start of "Investment Week," during which the Governor and legislative leaders will highlight proposals for allocating the \$4.3 billion in ARP funding available to the Commonwealth in advance of the August 2nd special session.

"Air quality is a key part of maintaining safe and healthy learn-

ing environments for our students across the Commonwealth," said Governor Northam. "This investment will help families, educators, and students feel more confident about the quality of the air they breathe as we return to in-person learning five days a week this fall."

In a recent report to the Commission on School Construction and Modernization, the Virginia Department of Education analyzed 117 Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs) from school divisions detailing the projects they plan to complete in the next decade. Following plans for new buildings and renovations, school divisions most frequently planned for HVAC repair and replacement projects, with a total of 463 HVAC projects amounting to \$623 million. Governor Northam's investment will secure the completion of nearly all currently planned projects.

"Ensuring there is clean air in our classrooms helps assure staff and students that schools are safe places so they can focus on learning," said Secretary of Education Atif Qarni. "We know high qual-

ity ventilation systems reduce the number of virus particles in the air, and this investment means that Virginia schools will have updated HVAC systems for years to come."

Funding will be allocated to school divisions based on their average daily membership, with a minimum allocation of \$200,000 per school division. The funds will be granted as reimbursements to divisions completing HVAC projects.

"This funding is incredibly important for schools across the Commonwealth in dire need of upgrading their ventilation systems," said Senator Louise Lucas, Chair of the Senate Education and Health Committee. "I'm proud we can provide this necessary support on behalf of teachers, staff, students, and communities."

"In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many schools have recognized the need to improve their air quality and HVAC systems," said Delegate Roslyn Tyler, Chair of the House Education Committee. "Now more than ever, this funding is critical to ensuring

we provide a safe and supportive learning environment to students in Virginia schools."

Every schools in Virginia is required to make in-person instruction available to all students in the 2021-2022 school year, pursuant to Senate Bill 1303 which was passed during Virginia's 2021 special session.

"When the special session convenes next week, the Commonwealth has the opportunity to invest in its future, beginning with its students," said Senator Janet Howell, Chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. "This investment is another prime example of how we will be utilizing American Rescue Plan funding to move Virginia forward and build on the investments of last year's CARES Act funding."

"Together with the localities, we are working to address school modernization needs across the Commonwealth," said Delegate Luke Torian, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee. "This partnership will support our collective efforts to create healthy

learning environments for all of our students."

In 2020, Governor Northam directed \$492 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to public schools and PreK-12 state-level education initiatives. This year, Virginia received approximately \$939 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2021. Ninety percent of the funding was distributed to school divisions in January, with the other 10 percent set aside for targeted state-level initiatives to address the impact of the pandemic on students and schools. Additionally, the American Rescue Plan Act ESSER III funds directly allocate \$1.9 billion to school divisions, with an additional state set aside of \$211 million.

*-Submitted by  
Alena Yarmosky,  
Office of the Governor*

## Appointments to three Virginia Cannabis Oversight Boards announced

- Newly-created boards will lead multi-year legalization process, establish an equitable marijuana industry in Virginia -

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced appointments to the three newly-created boards responsible for overseeing the legalization of recreational marijuana in the Commonwealth. This spring, Virginia became the first Southern state to pass adult-use cannabis legislation, with changes going into effect on July 1, 2021. The new law legalizes simple possession and home cultivation for adults 21 and over, seals some marijuana-related records, and creates a new independent state entity, the Cannabis Control Authority (CCA), to regulate the cannabis market. In coming years, the General Assembly must reenact sections of the bill and the CCA must implement regulations before legal sales of cannabis can begin.

"Virginia is committed to legalizing cannabis the right way—by learning from other states, by listening to public health and safety experts, and by centering social equity," said Governor Northam. "There is a tremendous amount of work ahead to establish an adult-use marijuana market in our Commonwealth, and I am proud to appoint these talented Virginians who will bring diverse backgrounds, an incredible depth of expertise, and a shared commitment to public service to this important effort."

Information about each of the boards and the Governor's appointments can be found below. Answers to frequently asked questions are available at [cannabis.virginia.gov](http://cannabis.virginia.gov).

**CANNABIS CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
The Cannabis Control

Authority (CCA) is the regulatory agency for the legal cannabis market in Virginia. The CCA is led by a five-member Board of Directors responsible for the creation of the adult-use marketplace for cannabis and is statutorily vested with control of the regulated sale, transportation, and distribution of marijuana and marijuana products in the Commonwealth. In the coming years, the Board will work to create a fair and equitable regulatory structure and provide critical guidance to the CCA's staff as they work to develop a workforce, establish regulations, and ensure that marijuana legalization accomplishes the health, safety, and equity goals established by law. Board members cannot have financial interests in the cannabis industry. The enacted legislation authorizes the Governor to appoint all five members of the Board.

"The diverse range of backgrounds and expertise will provide critical perspectives to the Cannabis Control Authority and the important work that is ahead," said Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Brian J. Moran. "I look forward to working with the board members as we begin this process."

Neil Amin, Chief Executive Officer, Shamin Hotels

Neil Amin has been appointed to the Cannabis Control Authority Board of Directors and will serve as Chair. Neil started his career at Goldman Sachs & Co. where he advised public and private technology companies on merger and acquisition transactions and capital markets ac-

tivities. Since 2008, he has served as Chief Executive Officer of Shamin Hotels, which owns and operates over 60 hotels under the Hilton, Marriott, Intercontinental Hotels, and Hyatt brands. He has previously served on the Virginia Treasury Board, Virginia Small Business Financing Authority, and the Governor's Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates. Mr. Amin graduated summa cum laude from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and a Master of Business Administration.

Michael Jerome Massie, Esq., Owner, Michael Jerome Massie, PC

Michael Jerome Massie has been appointed to the Cannabis Control Authority Board of Directors and will serve a Vice Chair. Michael is a trial lawyer with experience at every level of Virginia's courts and federal courts. He is currently the owner of Michael Jerome Massie, PC. He started his practice of law as a Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Portsmouth and has served as a Substitute Judge. Michael earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Government from the University of Virginia, a Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado, and a Master of Divinity from Virginia Union University.

Bette Brand of Roanoke, Chief Executive Officer, Strategic Consulting LLC

Bette Brand has been appointed to the Cannabis Control Authority Board of Directors. Bette has served in several roles at the United States Department of Agriculture

including Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, Administrator of Rural Business Cooperative Service, and Acting Administrator of Rural Utility Service. Prior to her federal service, Bette held senior leadership positions at Farm Credit of the Virginias for more than 35 years. She is currently Founder and CEO of Strategic Consulting LLC. Bette earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Virginia Tech and a Master of Business Administration from Virginia Tech.

Rasheeda N. Creighton, Co-Founder, The Jackson Ward Collective

Rasheeda N. Creighton has been appointed to the Cannabis Control Authority Board of Directors. Rasheeda is the co-founder of The Jackson Ward Collective and Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The 3Fifty Group. She previously served as the Executive Director of Capital One's 1717 Innovation Center. Rasheeda received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Spelman College and her Juris Doctor from The University of Michigan Law School.

Shane Emmett, Co-Founder and Former Chief Executive Officer, Health Warrior

Shane Emmett has been appointed to the Cannabis Control Authority Board of Directors. Shane served as an attorney in the Office of the Counselor to Governor Tim Kaine and then co-founded and served as Chief Executive Officer of Health Warrior, a superfood brand recently acquired by PepsiCo. He is now an occasional advisor to PepsiCo and Entrepreneur in Residence at the

University of Richmond, while serving on a number of growth consumer brand boards, as an advisor to consumer-facing venture and private equity firms, and working on a book about the American state of food. He has law degrees from Oxford University and Wake Forest University.

**CANNABIS EQUITY REINVESTMENT BOARD**

Virginia's adult-use cannabis law dedicates 30 percent of tax revenue from cannabis sales—a predicted \$7.8 to \$2.9 million in 2024 and \$38.4 to \$63.9 million in 2028—to a Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Fund. The Fund will be managed by the 20-person Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Board and used to provide resources to communities that have experienced disproportionate enforcement of drug laws and economic disinvestment. Specifically, it will support locally designed and community-based responses to

such impacts, including grants for workforce development, apprenticeship, and reentry programs, and scholarships for historically marginalized individuals.

"We are intentionally constructing an equitable blueprint that will embed equity and inclusion at every stage and every level of the marijuana legalization process," said Dr. Janice Underwood, Chief Diversity Officer to Governor Northam, who will chair the Board. "The Cannabis Equity Reinvestment Board will serve as an important voice for Virginians and help elevate resources to the persons, communities, and families most negatively impacted by the disparate enforcement of marijuana laws and ensure that equity remains at the forefront of legalization in Virginia."

The enacted legislation authorizes the Governor to make five appointments to the Board, including

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*Thought for Today:* Abusive people are wounded people, and wounded people often hurt others.

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**Anita Burch, left, looks on as daughters Amari and Selena decide which books to select.**

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**Food Lion employees Mara Lowell, Rob Ward and Kathy Cassels, from left to right.**



**Volunteers Keara Moore and Kiesha Preston**

and succeed by loving, caring and supporting one another. Not only this, but tree planting and landscaping heavily benefits one's mental and physical health in numerous ways," Moore said.

Rob Ward, Food Lion's Regional Director of Operations, donated ice, water and an ice cream truck for Saturday's event. "We always look for community events that we can be a part of," he said. "Our associates see these people in our stores daily and being there for them outside of a store setting helps build that relatedness and helps us get to know them better. It all starts with just trying to be a good human being and caring for others in any way that we can."

Free books, courtesy of Roanoke City Public Libraries, were given out throughout the day. Roanoke Councilmember Joe Cobb served as the event's emcee while Mayor Sherman Lea and entrepreneur JoJo Friday provided the welcomed and keynote address, respectively.

Several Roanoke Valley residents and companies were honored with an award recognizing them as community leaders. Recipients consisted of individuals, businesses and corporate partners who came together to support the day and who are community champions in their own ways.

They included, Tiffany Jordan, Spirit of Excellence Community Leader Award; the Rev. Sean Burch, Clergy Champion Community Leader Award; JoJo Friday,



**The Rev. Sean Burch won the Clergy Champion Community Leader Award.**

Community Innovator Community Leader Award; Andrew Nackley, Small Business Leadership Award; Myra Davis, owner "Ruby's Cakes and More" Emerging Business Achievement Award; Allyson Davoll, owner "Inspired to Enhance Beauty & Grooming Consultants" Woman Owned Business Achievement Award; Andrew Grider, owner "Southern Sun Landscaping Co" Sustainable Business Community Leader; and Joshua Elliott, owner "J's Lemonade Squeeze" Young Entrepreneur Award.

Five major corporate

sponsors dedicated to community service initiatives were awarded the VASH Top Corporation Community Leadership Award: Lowes Home Improvement, Kroger Family of Companies, Food Lion, Sam's Club and BJ's Warehouse Club.

Seeing so many people of different backgrounds come together for a great cause warmed Anderson's heart. It's incredible, she added, what the community can accomplish when people work together.

All signs point to the Third Annual Beautification Day happening in 2022.

# OBITUARIES

## Raykes, Sarah Silvers



Sarah Silvers Raykes, 93, went home to be with the Lord on July 20, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Raykes, Jr. Sarah is survived by her son, James J.R. Raykes; daughters, Sandra Bowles (Johnny) and

Donna Farris (Alex); two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Friday, July 23, at 11 a.m. at Elmwood Cemetery. Johns Ridout's Elmwood Chapel.

## Troutman, Daniel Edward

Daniel Edward Troutman, 68, of Salem, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 21, from Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was born on May 16, 1953, son of the late Homer and Margie Shuford Troutman, in Statesville, N.C.

In addition to his parents, Danny was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Troutman; and sister-in-law, Gail Troutman.

As a seventh-generation blacksmith, one could almost imagine that Danny was practically born with a set of horseshoes he created while in the womb. His wealth of knowledge came early, as he was taught from a young age the craftsmanship of a blacksmith as well as a welder. His talent was like no other. He could literally create nearly anything you requested out of a piece of steel. His talents weren't limited to steel, however. Danny could do almost anything he set his mind to.

His love for horses was also to no surprise, as he, along with his wife, Nancy, owned and managed a large horse farm locally. He received numerous awards over the years from the many associations he belonged to; the Roanoke Valley Horseman's Association, the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Virginia, the United Professional Horseman's Association, and the Hackney Society, just to name a few.



While most of Danny's adult life was spent fixing fences, among other duties around the farm that needed tending to, you may have found Danny fishing local, or possibly at the Outer Banks of North Carolina, along with friends and those he loved most, trying to hook a big one.

Danny was simply a great man whose shoes could never be filled and whose legacy will be carried on by the many friendships that were made over the years.

Family remaining to cherish his memory includes his wife of 38 years, Nancy C. Troutman; sister-in-law, Karen Pannick; and his nephews, Bradley Troutman, Marcus Troutman; and Ryan Shriver.

A graveside service to honor Danny's life was conducted on Monday, July 26, at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton, with Rev. Mark Mofield officiating. A brunch in Danny's honor was held at the farm following the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations in Danny's memory to the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Virginia, 5327 Sundance Rd Salem VA 24153-5804.

The family wishes to offer special thanks to Holly Nichols, RN, at Roanoke Memorial, as well as Karen Pannick and Carol Reedy for the love, care, and support they have each shared at a time it was most needed.

## Weaver, Kenneth

Mr. Kenneth Weaver, age 85 of Stockbridge, GA., passed away July 24. Mr. Weaver was retired from the Jonesboro Post Office and was a member of First Christian Church of Jonesboro.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years; Patricia Weaver, daughter; Beverly Kay Weaver of Stockbridge, GA., son; Jeffrey Charlton (Julie) Weaver of McDonough, GA., sister; Ruth Woodruff of Waverly, OH., grandchildren; Katie (Cameron) Guida, Sarah (Houston) Rutledge, Abigail Weaver, Mark (Kylie) Weaver and Benjamin Weaver, great-grandchildren; Ava Kate Elisa Guida, Steel Vincent Guida, Turner Grace Rutledge and Arlington Hope Rutledge, and many nieces, nephews cousins and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his infant son; Mark Laine Weaver, parents;



Ernest H. and Margaret Weaver, sisters; Ernestine Brown Medley, Hester Hayden, Lois Chaplin and Nanny Sue Milton, and step-mother Gay Weaver. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, at First Christian Church Jonesboro with Minister Wade Hall officiating.

Interment will follow at Eastlawn Memorial Park in McDonough, GA. The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on July 31 at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to: First Christian Church Jonesboro, Benevolent Fund or Missions Fund, 2272 Walt Stephens Road, Jonesboro, GA 30236, in Memory of Mr. Kenneth Weaver. Ford-Stewart Funeral Home, Inc., Jonesboro/Stockbridge, GA 770-210-2700 www.fordstewart-funeralhome.com.

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one representative from the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission and four representatives of a community-based provider or community development organization. The General Assembly will make eight additional appointments, including someone who has been previously incarcerated or convicted of a marijuana-related crime, a veteran, a representative from one of Virginia's historically Black colleges and universities, an entrepreneur, and experts in public health with experience in trauma-informed care, education with a focus on access to opportunities for youth in underserved communities, Virginia's foster care system, and workforce development.

Jorge Figueredo, MPP, Executive Director, Edu-Futuro

Amari Harris, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Attorney, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission

W. Anthony West of Roanoke, Chief Operations Officer, Virginia CARES (Community Action Re-Entry System)

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The 21-person Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council is an expert advisory council to the CCA Board of Directors. It will assess and monitor public health issues, trends, and impacts related to marijuana and marijuana legalization and make recommendations regarding health warnings, retail marijuana and product safety and composition, and public health awareness, programming, and related resources. Additionally, the Council must approve any health-related regulations before the CCA can finalize them.

"The Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council will ensure that health experts have a seat at the table as Virginia establishes a legal cannabis market," said Secretary of Health and Human Resources Daniel Carey, MD, MHCM, who will chair the Council. "I am pleased to serve alongside these dedicated and knowledgeable council members."

The enacted legislation authorizes the Governor to make four appointments to the Council, which must include a representative of a local health district,

someone from the cannabis industry, an academic researcher knowledgeable about cannabis, and a registered medical cannabis patient. The General Assembly will make 10 additional appointments, including a representative from the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth, experts in substance use disorder treatment and prevention, a person with experience in disability rights advocacy, a person with a social or health equity background, a member of the Medical Society of Virginia, and a representative from the Virginia Pharmacists Association.

Ngiste Abebe, Vice President of Public Policy, Columbia Care

Larry Keen II, Associate Professor, College of Health and Natural Sciences, Department of Psychology, Virginia State University

Cynthia Morrow, MD, MPH, of Roanoke, Health Director, Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts

Marcus Treiber of Leesburg, Chief Executive Officer, EMT Holdings LLC

- Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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presiding in Salem City Council Chambers. When she was installed in July 2020, Council was meeting in other locations around the city due to COVID 19 space restrictions.

After the main portion of the meeting, Council went

into closed session at 6:56 to discuss acquisition or disposition of property, and also to consult with counsel pertaining to probable litigation.

No action was expected, Councilman Foley announced.



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**Joseph Thompson of Property Catalyst Group tells Salem City Councilmembers about plans to raze the former Givens Books and Layman Candy warehouse and build a self-storage complex.**

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## Legals - City of Salem

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold public hearings, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on August 4, 2021, at 3:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearings shall be to determine if a certain structure is dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structure should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structure is located as follows:

- (1) A dilapidated structure located at 17 7th Street Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 184 - 2 - 2).

All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potential dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036).

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## Legals - City of Salem

### Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on August 11, 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 Layman Candy Company, Inc., contract purchaser, and Lewis-Gale Medical Center, LLC, property owner, for rezoning a portion of the property located at 2105 Apperson Drive (Tax Map # 281-1-2) from BCD Business Commerce District to LM Light Manufacturing District.
2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Roanoke College Trustees, property owner, for rezoning a portion of the property located at 232 North Broad Street (Tax Map # 87-7-7), from CUD College and University District to RSF Residential Single-Family District.

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

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

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

## Legals - Montgomery County

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. J019381-01-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY J & DR - JUV (CHRSTB) Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ELSAYED, LAURA The object of this suit is to: CUSTODY It is ORDERED that the defendant ELSAYED, AHMED HASSAN appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/01/2021 08:30 AM 07/12/2021 Amie Blankenship CLERK

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## Legals - Montgomery County

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#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Draft copies of the Substantial Amendment of the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan are available for

review. Copies can be obtained from the Christiansburg Town Manager's Office, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street or on the Town's website at www.christiansburg.org.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia for the adoption of the Substantial Amendment of the FY2019 Annual Action Plan.

Provide any questions, comments, or suggestions by mailing the Town Manager's Office, Town of Christiansburg, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029, by e-mailing [awarren@christiansburg.org](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org) or by phone at (540) 382-6128 x 1130.

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## GLENVAR SOCCER CAMP

Glenvar High boys' soccer coach Josh Jones recently held a soccer camp for young players at Highlander Stadium. These are the elementary school kids who attended along with Glenvar coaches and players who served as instructors. The elementary players came to a morning session and there was also a session for middle school "Future Highlanders" in the afternoon. Jones plans to continue the camp on a yearly basis.

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Above left, Matthew Lugo of the Salem Red Sox is hit by a pitch. Right, teammates greet Nicholas Northcut at the plate after a grand slam homer.



PHOTOS BY JOHN WACHER

## Strong City-County showing lifts Gators to second in RVAA

After finishing third by a substantial margin in the regular season, the Stonegate Swim Club used a strong performance during the Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association championship to finish second overall. The annual "City-County" meet was held at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center last weekend.

Olympic Park finished first with 14,457 points, adding 60 percent of the regular-season total to 40 percent of the City/County total. Stonegate finished second with 12,221 points, passing defending champion Hunting Hills on the final day.

Stonegate was led by 11-year-old Mike Bateman, who had first-place performances in the 50 backstroke and 100 free, where he was seeded fifth. Jacob Daniel of Stonegate won the 50 freestyle and 100 individual medley in the 11-12 age group.

Hidden Valley was 12th but received strong performances from Chris Tucker, who had five first golds, and Caleb Hagadorn, who had three first golds in the boys' 15-16 age group.

## Red Sox take North Division lead

The Salem Red Sox moved into first place in their division and two games behind a playoff spot when they won five of six games against Fredricksburg in last week's homestand.

The Sox climbed to 42-30 after Sunday's win while Delmarva, who had held first place in the Low-A East North Division for most of the summer, went 2-5 in a seven games series with Lynchburg. That dropped the Shorebirds to 41-30, a half game behind the Sox.

The top two teams in the 12 team Low-A East make the playoffs and the Sox come into the week in the third spot. Charleston, the first place team in the South, is cruising along at 50-20. The Riverdogs, a Tampa Bay Rays franchise, are nine full games ahead of Salem.

The Carolina Mudcats, a Milwaukee Brewers franchise, took four of seven games from Down East last week as they continue to lead the Central Division. The Mudcats come into the week at 44-28, two games ahead of Salem for the second playoff spot. The Sox do not play the Mudcats at all this season, so they'll have to depend on others to beat Carolina if Salem is going to make the playoffs.

Salem has a favorable schedule with eight weeks to go in the season. This week the Sox are at Kannapolis

for a six game series with the Cannon Ballers, a White Sox affiliate. The Ballers are struggling along with a 23-49 record, tied with Fredricksburg for the worst among the 12 Low-A East teams.

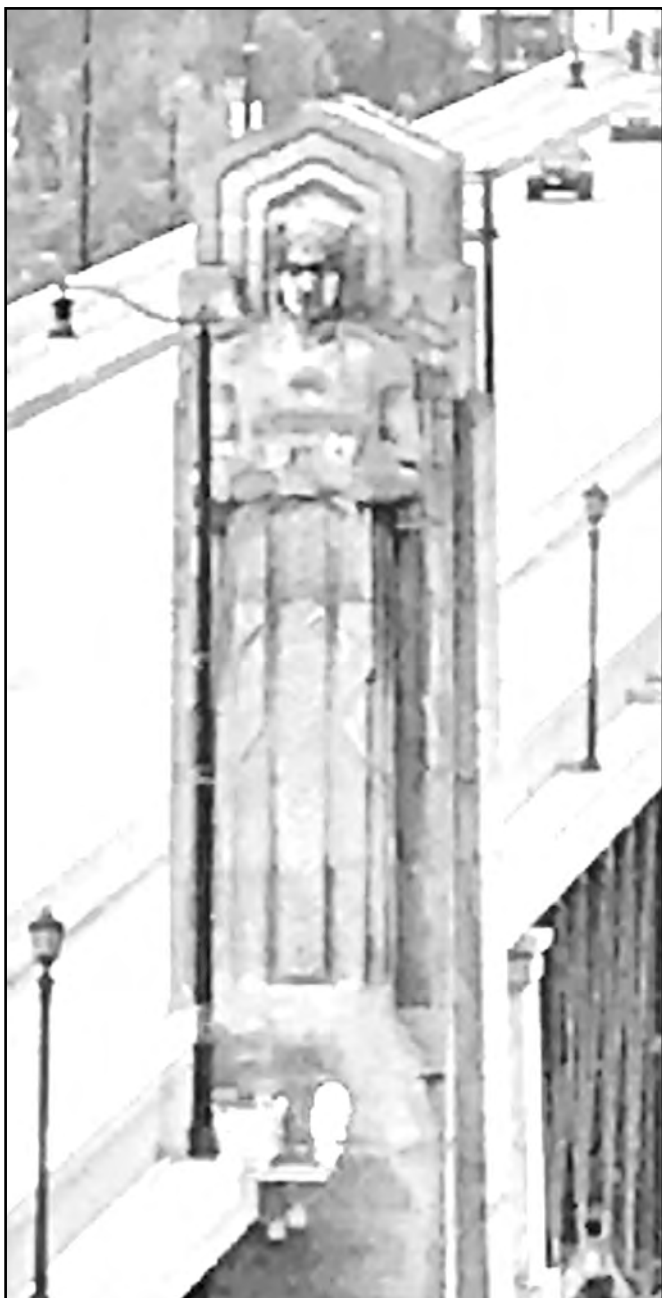
After this week the rest of Salem's games are against division foes. Salem will play Lynchburg 18 times and Delmarva and Fredricksburg 12 times each. The Sox are 17-7 in their 24 games with Fredricksburg to date, including five wins in six games last week. The Red Sox won the first four games of the series by scores of 4-3, 4-2, 3-2 and 7-4. They lost 18-6 on Saturday but bounced back to shut out the Nationals on Sunday, 3-0, as Jorge Rodriguez, Ryan Fernandez and Devon Roedahl combined for a four hitter with no walks and a dozen strikeouts. Ceddanne Rafaela hit a two run homer in the fifth and those were only runs the Sox would need.

This week the Sox are hoping to get some help from the Hillcats as Carolina is at Lynchburg for a six games series. Delmarva is at Fredricksburg, and the Shorebirds have 18 games against the lowly Nationals from now until the end of the season. Salem and Delmarva play the final six games, from September 14 to 19, and that's shaping up to be a big series as far as the playoffs are concerned.



Some of the local participants in the butterfly event at last weekend's City-County meet included, top to bottom, Lin Daniel III and Shae Honaker of Stonegate and Hidden Valley's Parker Baba.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEY AKERS



Four statues like this "guard" the Hope Memorial Bridge in Cleveland, just outside Progressive Field where the baseball team plays.

PHOTO BY DORIS HOFFMAN

## Brian Hoffman Column

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"Guardians" it didn't seem as bad as it did at first glance. I discovered the bridge heading in the direction of Progressive Field is flanked by four "Art Deco Statues" named the "Guardians of Transportation." The statues are pretty cool and they've been there since 1932. Guardians doesn't say much about baseball, but then neither did Indians. "Native Americans" played lacrosse in the spring.

I get it. The team had to do something because the term Indians was seen as offensive to many, just like the Redskins in Washington. Cleveland did away with the grinning "Chief Wahoo" a couple years ago and that logo is no longer found on the uniform or team merchandise, replaced by a block "C". Of course, you don't have to look far to find Wahoo as he's still on most of the clothing worn by Indians fans.

The team kept the traditional red and dark blue colors and they can use the same hats, with the C. In fact, the font for the front of the artist's rendering of the new uniforms is the same, with "GUAR" replacing "IN" in front of the "DIANS."

My wife and I and my friends who live outside Akron attended Saturday night's game against Tampa Bay, and many people were taking photos of the Guardian statues that are easily seen from the walkways around the upper deck of the stadium. Progressive Field has a giant, lighted "Indians" logo above the scoreboard and I wondered aloud what they were going to do with that? My friend Craig's wife, Debbie, surmised, "they'll probably just knock off the I and the N and put GUAR there instead."

That would work, but what about my friend from Roanoke College, Bob Bower, who grew up in Youngstown and now lives in Warren, Ohio. A life long Indians fan, he had Chief Wahoo tattooed on his calf years ago and I don't think long socks will cover it.

Then again, from the feedback I heard last weekend most of the fans in Cleveland aren't going to let go of the Chief that easily.





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## Buriak served Roanoke College well for 40 years

Roanoke College athletes competing in fall sports will be reporting to Salem in August, and for the first time in 40 years Jim Buriak won't be there to greet them.

Buriak retired after the 2020-21 school year after serving the college as a trainer, professor and administrator since the fall of 1981. Before departing he was honored with a surprise reception at Mama Maria's restaurant in Salem and informed that the college's Athletic Training Clinic, located in the Cregger Center, will now be called the "James Buriak Athletic Training Clinic."

"I had no idea," said Buriak of the honor. "I really enjoyed my time here, teaching and working with students. It's been very rewarding."

A native of Johnstown, PA, Jim was a catcher for the Westmont Hilltop High School baseball team. He started dating his wife, Carol, in high school and they stayed together when he went to college at Lock Haven State College, which is now University. He was a Physical Education Major with a concentration in athletic training, graduating in 1978.

Buriak attended graduate school at the University of Illinois, where he also served as a teaching assistant. Upon graduation he took a job at Lycoming University in Williamsport, PA as the head athletic trainer. After one year there he saw a position vacancy notice for a job at a Division III school in southwest Virginia and decided to check it out. This included a faculty position, which was not the case at Lycoming, and Buriak accepted the job as Health & Physical Education professor and head athletic trainer at Roanoke College.

At the time Buriak's office was located in a small room in ancient Alumni Gym and the training facility consisted of part of the basketball locker room. To say Jim left the school in a better place than when he arrived is very much an understatement.

"At that time I knew Bast was coming," he said, referring to the C. Homer Bast Center that served as RC's main athletic facility from 1982 until 2016, when the current Cregger Center opened. At the time the Bast Center was a top notch facility for Division III athletics.

"It was one of the best facilities in the ODAC (Old Dominion Athletic Conference)," said Buriak. "When I got here we started with nothing, but we were able to get some rehabilitation equipment. It was a huge step up."

As the first professional athletic trainer at Roanoke College Jim was a one-man staff for his first 15 years in Salem, with some help from students. Many of his students went on to become trainers in the Roanoke Valley and elsewhere as high schools started to understand the importance of having a full-time trainer at the school.

One of Jim's goals was to start an athletic training major at RC, and in 1997 that came to be. That was a popular major at Roanoke until just last year when it was dissolved because of a then-new Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education mandate that requires an institution to offer graduate level courses to continue certifying athletic trainers. Roanoke does not offer graduate level courses.

"We are pretty sure he is the only faculty member, ever, at Roanoke College to propose, start, develop, implement and then dissolve their own academic major," noted the resolution read at Jim's retirement dinner.

During his time at Roanoke Buriak was inducted into the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Virginia Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 2010. He was recognized by the



Buriak is proud of the college's new athletic training facility in the Cregger Center.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

national Athletic Trainers Association (ATA) in 1997 and, in 1994, he received the college's "Dean's Council Award" for exemplary service to the college.

Buriak served under four Roanoke College presidents and was a valued colleague of countless coaches, sitting on the bench or standing on the sideline ready to assist an injured player at a second's notice. He has assisted in NCAA championships in Salem, administering drug tests when required and providing expertise and staff for the "City of Champions." He also worked with the Special Olympics, Soccer Development Programs, the Virginia Commonwealth Games and many other organizations in the area that benefited from his expertise. He developed a close personal relationship with area doctors and health care personnel.

Jim and Carol lived in Salem and raised two children here. Laura, who played soccer for Salem High, lives in Savannah, GA and Jimmy, who played lacrosse for the Spartans, is an Aviation Rescue Swimmer stationed in California. Jimmy received national attention when, on an off day, he saved the life of a man who was in distress who had drifted too far off a beach in Guam. Mostly, however, he jumps out of helicopters in rescue efforts.

Jim and Carol now live at Smith Mountain Lake, where he spends time on his boat and enjoys the retired life. He plans to continue to attend Roanoke College sporting events, only now he won't be at the school all day getting ready.

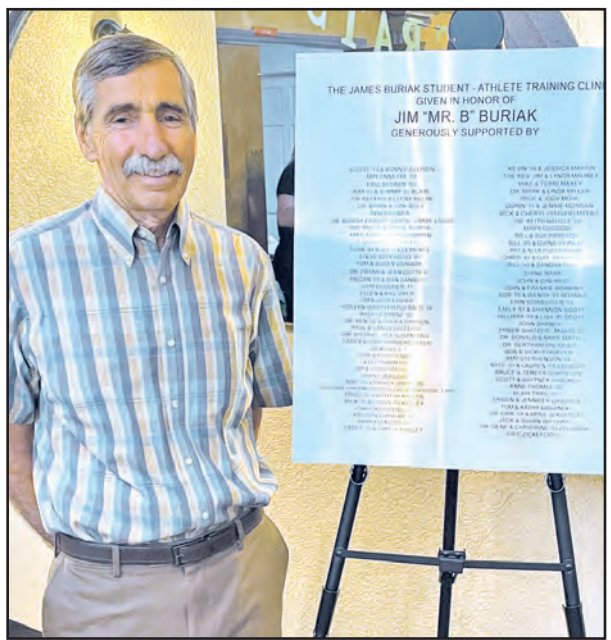
Buriak is proud of the many students he has trained who have gone on to success in the field of athletic training. Many come back and visit.

"I hear from a lot of them," he said. "We have a group who have zoom meetings to stay in touch. I've been very lucky and have really enjoyed my time here."

Buriak is leaving the program in great shape, much better than when he crammed his stuff into



Above, a young Jim Buriak attends to a Roanoke College athlete. Below, Jim was honored with a surprise dinner at Mama Maria's in Salem, where he posed for a photo with a copy of the plaque that will be mounted in the James Buriak Student-Athlete Training Clinic.



thing you might need."

And, it will be a lasting testimony to Buriak's contributions to Roanoke College, the city of Salem, the NCAA and the many lives he has touched. A plaque recognizing his contributions will be mounted inside the James Buriak Athletic Training Clinic for all to see.

"I really enjoyed mentoring and establishing close relationships with students in our athletic training program and am extremely proud of our graduates who are enjoying successful professional careers," he said. "It gives me such pride to think that I may have had a small impact on their lives. Roanoke College has a special place in my heart that I will cherish forever."



Jim Buriak, left, at the Stagg Bowl with, left to right, Dr. Delmas Bolin, Dr. James Farmer and Mike Buurman, a trainer at Roanoke College.

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*Brian Hoffman*



## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS THIS WEEK

pm. Salem will go until 5:15 pm, then take a break before practicing again from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The Spartans will continue two-a-days until Thursday, August 12. On the 13th Salem will host Brookville for a scrimmage at Salem Stadium, beginning at 6 pm.

Glenvar will open today, July 29, with practices from 3-5 pm and 6:30-8:30 pm. The Highlanders will practice from 9 to 12 am on Saturday, then go back to their two-a-days at 3 and 6 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Glenvar's first scrimmage is August 13 at William Byrd at 5 pm.

Both teams will open on Friday, August 27, and both are at home. Salem will host Martinsburg and Glenvar will entertain Galax.

### GUARDIANS OF LAKE ERIE

My wife and I just happened to be in northeast

Ohio to see some baseball last weekend when the new name of the Cleveland franchise was announced. The team that has been known as the Indians for longer than anyone who is alive can remember will be known as the "Guardians" beginning next year.

My first impression was, "why that?" I had heard several suggestions, among them "Rockers" and "Spiders." Apparently Spiders was the name of the team long ago and "Rockers" was in reference to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame being in Cleveland.

I sort of liked "Rockers." I could see a logo of a ballplayer swinging a guitar and it would be something that might appeal to younger fans. They could play "Cleveland Rocks" prior to the games and have concerts in the stadium and all kinds of tie-ins. The guy who comes to the game and beats a drum could dress up like Ringo Starr.

However, once I got a little history on the

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