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## Salem City Public Schools team up with area counties to collect school supplies



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Now, through Virginia's Tax-Free Weekend, August 6-8, school supplies for students in need are being collected at all four of the Roanoke Valley Walmart locations.

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In the coming weeks, local students will be starting the 2020-2021 academic school year.

Know a child in need of back-to-school supplies and would like to make a difference?

If so, multiple Walmart stores throughout the Roanoke Valley are currently collecting supplies through Virginia's Tax-Free Weekend, Aug. 6-8. Until Sunday, interested individuals can make their donations at either the Bonsack, Clearbrook, Valley View or Salem store location.

Items needed the most are glue sticks, backpacks, crayons, notebooks, three-ring binders, colored pencils, college and wide-ruled notebook paper, highlight-

ers, rulers, folders, scissors and construction paper. Tissues, printer paper and dry erase markers are also needed too. During store hours, supplies will be collected at the registers and bins. Once everything is gathered, families may be asked to provide proof of school enrollment before supplies are given out.

"Each year, thousands of children across the Roanoke Valley begin school without the supplies they need to be successful," said Roanoke County Public Schools Acting Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. "Walmart is teaming up with area school systems to work together to provide the tools our children need to be successful. Every single donation will help a student learn and achieve, especially this year when so many fami-

lies are in need because of the pandemic."

One of the main reasons why Roanoke County resident Ana Richey supports the Load the Bus for Kids School Supply Drive is because she remembers being the beneficiary of similar circumstances growing up. "I grew up in a single parent household. Just me, my mother and my two younger siblings. While we didn't have a lot of money, my mother made sure that we had everything else in abundance, including an appreciation for perspective," she said. "Without people chipping in a few bucks and supporting such events, I would have often started the year without the school supplies that I needed."

When Chris Smith

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## New medical cannabis dispensary in Salem is first off-site pharmacy in Virginia

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A former bank building in Salem is now home to a medical marijuana dispensary.

Located at 1634 West Main Street, RISE Salem held its ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 28 and officially opened for business five days later. Profits from the first day of sales were donated to a local non-profit organization, according to a company spokesperson.

Earlier this summer, Dharma Pharmaceuticals was acquired by Green Thumb Industries, a national cannabis CPG com-

pany that also owns Rise™ Dispensaries.

In addition to a variety of vapes, edibles, concentrates, tinctures and topicals, the dispensary also offers a variety of consumption methods for each patient's specific needs. To purchase any product, customers must be a registered patient with the Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

RISE Salem represents a new chapter for Virginia's medical marijuana industry. No longer will patients have to travel significant distances to get their products, something Dharma Pharmaceuticals' Virginia Market Leader Jack Page is

related about.

"We had a great turnout for our ribbon-cutting last week, which shows us that people are eager for a medical cannabis dispensary to be in their communities," he said. "We are looking forward to working with the legislature during the 2022 General Assembly session to finalize the adult use program, particularly the social equity program."

Misconceptions about medical marijuana are plentiful and range from causing patients physical harm to FDA approval must be required to pass legislation. Currently, 49

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

RISE Salem at 1634 West Main Street held its ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 28.

## Firehouse Subs' Annual H2O for Heroes event happening this Saturday



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Every Firehouse Subs' location throughout the Roanoke Valley will be participating in the ninth annual H2O for Heroes bottled water collection drive on August 6.

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There is a nationwide effort to hydrate local heroes and the community is invited to participate.

Now in its ninth year, H2O For Heroes is a nationwide bottled water drive by Firehouse Subs that aims to equip first responder organizations and community groups with the water supplies they need to support the community's most vulnerable. Beneficiaries of the drive will be local police and fire departments, senior and community centers and emergency victims.

Guests who bring an

unopened, 24-pack of bottled water into any of the local Firehouse Subs on event day will receive a free medium sub of their choice. Last year, the event was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, donations are needed more than ever.

Many parts of the United States experienced unprecedented temperatures in June, resulting in an increased risk of wildfires and heat-related illnesses.

"It's never been more important to support our firefighting communities," said Firehouse Subs Franchisee Chris Morris. "Many people might not know, but wildland fire-

fighters can work in 16-day cycles out in the heat under very grueling conditions. It's really important to me and my fellow restaurant owners to be able to help them and our local communities stay hydrated during this time, and we're honored to partner with our guests to make that happen."

In 2012, H2O for Heroes began by Phoenix-area franchisees Jerry and Windy Griffith as an initiative to encourage bottled water donations.

Since expanding in 2016, Firehouse Subs, its franchisees and guests

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# City of Salem Kiwanis Club recognizes local First Responders



**Salem Administrative Assistant Valerie Prude-Pope was recently recognized for her work ethic and ability to adapt to a continuously evolving environment.**



**Current Club President Mary Cross looks on as longtime Kiwanian Tom Coffman presents an award to a first responder.**



**The Salem Fire/EMS Department chose to honor Captain Dalton Baugess.**

# Millions invested to make college more affordable for Virginians

Governor Ralph Northam recently visited Virginia Tech where he announced that Virginia plans to use \$111 million in American Rescue Plan funding to increase access to financial aid for low- and moderate-income undergraduate students. The proposal designates \$100 million for public higher education institutions through the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia, and \$11 million for private institutions eligible for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant program.

“The economic uncertainty of this pandemic has led many to question whether a college degree was still an affordable reality,” said Governor Northam. “Our Administration has worked hard to make higher education accessible to every Virginian, and this targeted investment is a significant stride towards that goal. Increasing access to financial aid will help create more equitable pathways to opportunity and put a world-class education within reach of even more students.”

“In order for Virginia to be the best-educated state in the nation, we must continue to invest in financial aid and improve access to affordable higher education,” said Secretary of Education Atif Qarni. “It is critical that we dedicate federal relief funds to build on our past investments in financial assistance and bolster our education and talent pipelines.”

This proposed investment supplements more than \$833 million that will be made available to Virginia colleges and universities through the American Rescue Plan Act’s Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III. These funds will be received directly by institutions of higher education and must be used for financial assistance for students as well as for qualifying institutional purposes.

“Virginia’s colleges and universities rank amongst the top in the nation, and we must do everything in our power to ensure that all Virginians have equitable access to these institutions, regardless of wealth or income-level,” said Senator Mamie Locke, Chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee. “I am proud of the work that we have done in recent years to address the affordability of higher education. The dedication of these federal funds continues those efforts and is particularly impactful during these challenging times for students.”

The Governor’s proposal also commits \$10 million to enhance the Online Virginia Network, which facilitates

online coursework and degrees from George Mason University, Old Dominion University, James Madison University, and community colleges.

“Over the last year, we saw students delay or pause their pursuit of higher education during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Delegate Betsy Carr, Chair of the House Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee. “This funding signals our dedication to ensuring that students in need of financial aid are able to access it, especially as we confront the ripple effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“We are following through on our commitment to Virginia’s students and investing not simply in financial aid but in the Commonwealth’s future,” said Delegate Chris Hurst, member of the House Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee. “This funding will open the doors for higher education to low- and middle-income Virginians across the Commonwealth.”

“Higher education faced numerous challenges over the past 16 months and it was an especially difficult time for our students,” said Timothy Sands, President of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. “For many who were already facing financial strain, the impact of COVID-19 threatened to push their higher education dream out of reach. We are grateful to the Governor and General Assembly for these additional funds to support financial aid at this critical time, and for their continued investment in the future of our students and the Commonwealth.”

In May, Governor Northam and General Assembly leaders released a joint statement outlining shared priorities for allocating the \$4.3 billion in federal funds available to the Commonwealth from the American Rescue Plan. Throughout this week and in advance of the August 2nd special session, Governor and legislative leaders are highlighting proposals for allocating these funds and have announced \$250 million for school modernization and air quality improvements in school buildings, \$411.5 million to reduce water pollution and increase access to clean water, \$935.6 million to replenish the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and accelerate critical upgrades to the Virginia Employment Commission, and \$485 million to strengthen Virginia’s behavioral health system.

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

# Eight Virginia companies expand into global markets with Commonwealth’s Trade Accelerator Program

Recently, it was announced that eight companies across the Commonwealth have graduated from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership’s (VEDP) Virginia Leaders in Export Trade (VALET) program. VALET, which now has more than 300 graduated companies, assists Virginia exporters that have firmly established domestic operations and are committed to international exporting as a

growth strategy. “The success of Virginia businesses both at home and abroad is key to maintaining strong, resilient state and local economies,” said Governor Northam. “The VALET program equips growth-minded companies with the resources they need to stay competitive in today’s global marketplace and expand trade opportunities in a post-pandemic world. I congratulate these eight graduates on their im-

pressive export sales and remain confident that they will continue to contribute to the economic vitality of our Commonwealth in the years to come.”

VALET is a two-year international business acceleration program that provides participating companies with international sales plan development services, assistance from a team of experienced international service providers, international business meetings with potential partners, educational events, and customized market research. There are currently 48 companies participating in the VALET program and 378 Virginia companies have been accepted to participate in the program since its inception in 2002.

“VEDP’s VALET Program has had great success helping companies of all sizes expand into global markets,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. “VALET is an invaluable tool for existing businesses in Virginia, and we are excited about the current and future growth these eight companies will experience as a result of their time in the VALET Program.”

“The VALET program puts participating companies on the fast

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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.

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

### 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.

(OA) meeting, 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Come listen to live music and dance the night away around 5 pm at the Salem Farmers Market to experience Salem After Five. Bring a chair and blanket while enjoying food from local vendors, children's activities, and adult beverages from P.A. Short will be available for patrons. Tickets prices are still just \$5 for adults and kids 12-and-under are admitted free.

### 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.

Be sure to 'Like' the Salem-Times Register on Facebook.

### 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

# POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged July 13-19. Arrest indicates an accusation, and defendants are presumed innocent unless found guilty in

court. Police do not release the names of persons under the age of 18.

### Those arrested and their charges were listed as:

July 13 - Christian L. Eubank, 40, shoplifting; Donald

W. Sowers Jr., 54, shoplifting, obstructing justice; and Kasey E. Schook, 20, shoplifting.

July 14 - Johnathan R. Kennedy, 28, violation of probation

July 15 - Jacob M. Graham, 23, failure to appear; Bryce G.

Richards, 24, false name to police; Emily A. Gillespie, 20, shoplifting; and Alexander B. Gill, 19, shoplifting.

July 16 - Melody L. Newby, 31, criminal trespass; and Tara L. Woods, 58, domestic assault

and battery.

July 17 - Phillip R. Strange, 42, possession of controlled substance

July 18 - Gregory S. Williams, 28, possession of controlled substance

# Sunglasses and sunscreen: How to beat the heat this summer

Slathering on sunscreen isn't only for a day at the beach; it's just as essential on the farm and at other outdoor work settings.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports skin cancer is on the rise. Each year 4.3 million people in the U.S. are treated for basal cell cancer and squamous cell skin cancer, and in 2018, there were an estimated 1.3 million people living with skin melanomas.

Farmers and their employees are among the groups most at risk. While experts advise ev-

eryone to limit time spent outdoors during the hottest part of the day - between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - many farmers need those crucial daylight hours.

"The major factor is the amount of time that farmers spend in the sun," explained Dana Fisher, chair of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Farm Safety Advisory Committee. "Whether it is planting in the spring, caring for fields and animals in the summer, harvesting in the fall, or the fall and winter calving seasons, any exposure to the sun without protecting your skin can

lead to an increased risk of skin cancer."

With the CDC projecting 106,110 new cases of skin melanomas and 7,180 deaths from skin cancer in 2021, it's important to stay mindful about combating the sun's intense rays.

Regularly apply broad spectrum, sweat- and water-resistant sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher to all exposed skin—including ears, hands, neck and lips—and reapply at least every two hours. Broad spectrum sunscreens offer protection against

both UVA and UVB rays, two types of ultraviolet rays that cause sunburns, premature skin aging and increased skin cancer risk. Follow the directions on the sunscreen's label to ensure proper application.

Wearing long sleeves, pants, broad-brim hats and sunglasses also can help block harmful rays, particularly if they're sun-protective.

In addition to sun exposure and sunburns, Fisher added there are other risks tied to working outside in scorching temperatures.

"With pressure to take ad-

vantage of sunny days for making hay and tending other crops, farmers are always pushing their personal limits," Fisher said. "Heatstroke and dehydration can happen quickly if farmers do not take measures to keep themselves cool and hydrated."

Signs of heatstroke include weakness, confusion, nausea and headache. Fisher advised taking frequent breaks to cool off, and drinking lots of fluids when working in the heat.

-Submitted by Alice Kemp, VFJB communications

# Roanoke County School Board does not plan to impose mandate for students or staff

-Masks are required on school buses due to federal mask mandate for public transportation -

The students and staff of Roanoke County Public Schools will not be required to wear a mask indoors when the 2021-2022 school year begins on August 12.

Roanoke County Public Schools will comply with all federal and state mandates regarding mask wearing and did so this past school year and throughout the summer under orders from the governor and the state health commissioner. The governor and

the state health commissioner have decided to not mandate mask wearing in schools for the coming school year, but currently have left it as a recommendation.

At this time, the school board does not plan to make any additional requirements above state and federal requirements regarding mask wearing for the coming school year.

Federal transportation requirements do currently

mandate mask wearing on public transportation, including school buses. Masks will, therefore, be required on RCPS school buses as long as the federal mandate is in effect.

Cooperation with the regional health department for contact tracing and quarantining will continue and face masks, though optional, are encouraged, for unvaccinated individuals. Absent a mandate, students' choice about mask wearing (or not) will

be fully supported within the school environment. In the event that conditions change and in-person learning becomes significantly impacted for large numbers of students, additional mitigation strategies and requirements will be considered by the school board.

Continued mitigation strategies in place include increased air flow for indoor spaces in accordance with CDC guidelines, encourag-

ing students and staff to stay home if symptomatic, contact tracing, continued enhanced cleaning, and observance of three-foot distancing when possible within the classroom with all students present. For additional details, refer to the RCPS district health plan, which can be found at www.rcps.us/21-22

-Submitted by Chuck Lionberger, APR Director of Community Relations

# Peak-season peaches available throughout Virginia

Peaches are at their sweetest in midsummer, and Virginia-grown varieties are available now at local farm stands, farmers markets and orchards.

"There's nothing like a ripe peach," said Frederick County produce farmer John Marker. "They're a very flavorful fruit, and people really enjoy eating them fresh. They're also good canned or frozen,

and in pies, cobblers, cakes and more."

Marker, who serves on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Specialty Crops Advisory Committee, grows about ten peach varieties annually at Marker-Miller Orchards.

He said the orchard began harvesting peaches in mid-July, and freestone peaches are at their peak in August. Freestone varieties

are noted for their ease in removing the pit.

"The peaches are sweet, juicy and tasting really good right now, but we could use some rain to help with the size," Mark-

er commented. "We're not quite in as dire straits as some of our neighbors to the south, but we'd appreciate some showers to help

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# OPINION

## Give Light ~ Books: Wales and Tansills ~

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

From time to time, this column will consider books I've read, for until relatively recent years, reading, first novels, and now almost always non-fiction, was one of my major pleasures.

I was read to, nightly, by my single-parent mother who herself loved books. The regular practice lasted until I moved into grownups' fiction starting with "Gone With the Wind" at 11.

I've always thought a good book is worth several readings and so with "How Green Was My Valley," a powerfully beautiful novel of coal miners in Wales around the turn of the 20th Century.

My copy on its title page carries the information, in an unformed hand, that I received on my 13th birthday. As often happened in those World War II days, it was quickly made into a movie which stayed close to the book by the Welshman Richard Llewellyn.

Perhaps a neighbor who

values her Welsh heritage brought the book to mind. With more than 500 pages, it took me several weeks in my 15 minutes of post-midnight bedtime, but I found it even more sadly moving than when first encountered. There's no other tale quite like it.

Shifting gears and time, I followed the Welsh novel of nearly 80 years ago with a shorter book of non-fiction self-published by a Roanoke friend of the past year, the late Gail Tansill Lambert.

It's called "The Life and Times of Virginia Robert Tansill," the great-grandfather of my late friend. Gail Tansill Lambert lived in the Raleigh Court area of Roanoke for more than 50 years. I came to know of Lambert through her writing a Travel column for the free monthly publication, "Senior News." In time also, I discovered that her Confederate heritage was important to her as mine is to me.

Robert Tansill, the Roanoke author's ancestor, was born in 1812 and grew up in the Northern Virginia town of Dumfries. As its name suggests, the town was named for one in the Scottish Lowlands from which many Scots emigrated to America in Colonial

### Frances Stebbins Correspondent

days. His descendant describes the rural area in the early 19th Century, a place vastly different from the sprawling Washington suburbs that dominate much life today in Eastern Virginia.

In what turned out to be the waning months of her life, Gail Tansill Lambert carefully researched the background of this man who joined the United States Marine Corps in 1840. In the next 20 years, he traveled on land and sea. She discovered that he fought in the Seminole Indian Wars - the Native Americans of today were hardly benevolent citizens of Florida in the 1840s - and that he was with Commodore Matthew Perry in 1853 on an expedition to Japan.

That resulted in the history-making event of bringing the United States into commercial contact with the ancient island nation. A century later, the two nations would

be in a long and bloody war which some of us can well remember.

When the American Civil War broke out, the United States Marine Corps Captain, Robert Tansill, followed his conscience and, after the unwelcome delay in which he spent time in a New York prison because he could not get home to Virginia, joined the Confederate Army where he was soon elevated to Colonel.

An interesting aside, Tansill had married Frances Ann (Fanny) Weems. She was a granddaughter of the Rev. Mason Locke Weems, a clergyman who wrote the first biography of George Washington and is credited with the famous story of how the future president "could not tell a lie" when he cut down his father's cherry tree.

Gail Tansill Lambert carries the story of her maternal ancestors through four generations. Fanny Weems Tansill died at 21 of typhoid fever leaving a young son who was reared by his grandmother who had moved to New York. Lambert's grandfather, like so many in the post-Civil War period, moved to Texas and amassed a fortune in cigar

manufacture and land development.

As in an earlier story she published, "Orie," Lambert explored ancestry leading to one of the founders of the "new" city of Roanoke of 140 years ago.

Returning now to "How Green Was My Valley," a fictitious story of the large Morgan family deeply involved in a mountainous coal mining village at a time when the town's famous choir performed for Queen Victoria. Told in first-person by Huw, ( Hugh) the youngest son, it replicates the style of Welsh speech then a mark of pride of the devout Protestant folk who had been absorbed by the English government 400 years before.

The creeping pile of slag, byproduct of the conflicted unionized mine, symbolizes the loss of "greenness" of the valley as Huw grows from childhood to maturity and reflects in his middle age on the loving strength of his family and the minister who was forced out by his principles.

The reader is left with the hope that Huw in his leaving the slag heap is moving on to greater things.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Governor Northam's commentary last week announced that \$411.5 million from the American Rescue Plan will pro-

mote clean water across Virginia. While commendable, Northam's administration should value clean water by first

doing no harm. Salem's headwaters that feed the North and South Forks of the Roanoke River - trout streams, sinkholes, wetlands and Tier 3 waters - are currently under attack by MVP and will suffer imminent, permanent damage. MVP's 4,000-pound pipes with toxic coatings are currently being embedded into wetlands on Bent Mountain and will never be removed. Northam's administration, which permitted MVP, has numerous valid reasons to stop work. MVP lacks its water crossing permit and hundreds of violations are well-doc-

umented.

MVP is especially harmful to the Roanoke River whose tributaries are crossed over 120 times. Each crossing disturbs the natural watershed. Trees are cut, chemicals, herbicides and sediment from the soil are released and eventually radioactive and methane precipitate will leak into our watershed from inevitable broken pipes in the destabilized landscape on the steepest slopes of the entire 300-mile project. First, do no harm. These harms pose challenges far greater than cleaning sewage from water-

ways. These chemicals rise more to the level of turning Salem's Roanoke River watershed into a Superfund site.

No region should have such pollution introduced into its watershed - especially for an unneeded project that will only increase our gas rates from the world's most-expensive-per-mile pipeline. Concerned citizens and environmental groups have requested a stop-work from courts and numerous agencies: FERC, EPA, US Fish and Wildlife, A.G. Mark Herring, Governor Northam and VADEQ who betrayed its assur-

ance "that water quality would not be harmed." MVP now wants to bore under many streams - introducing drilling fluid and tons of sediment into streams that supply drinking water.

While federal money is cleaning Virginia waters, Governor Northam is fouling and destroying our clean headwaters with a nonsensical MVP project that even its own investors now see as a threat to their own profits. Salem and Roanoke County deserve protected headwaters and a clean river!

-Cynthia Munley

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## Cannabis

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states have acknowledged the medical value of marijuana, all without FDA approval. Compared to many prescription drugs' risks, the side effects of marijuana are relatively modest.

Added Page, "We have seen a significant amount of acceptance for cannabis, especially with the state le-

galizing adult-use. People are beginning to understand that medical cannabis has the ability to help many people. More people are looking for alternatives for sleep, anxiety and pain, and relying on cannabis to aid them."

RISE Salem is the first off-site cannabis dispensary in Virginia. As well as a drive-thru, the new location has a delivery hub too. Salem native John Harris says he noticed an increase

of Main Street traffic in recent days. "At first I didn't know what was going on, said Harris with a smile before adding, "After I found out, it made all the sense in the world."

Compared to just a few years ago, tremendous progress pertaining to medical marijuana has been made. Today, the industry makes more money than hotels and tourism.

"We are excited to open the first Rise™ location

in Virginia and our first store in a southeastern state," said Green Thumb Founder and Chief Executive Officer Ben Kovler. "As cannabis acceptance sweeps the country, we are honored to expand our retail footprint and to be the first medical cannabis dispensary in the Roanoke region. We look forward to meeting more community members and introducing them to the Rise™ retail experience."

## Global

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track to international business growth by connecting them with the necessary tools for successful international sales," said VEDP President and CEO Stephen Moret. "Executed by VEDP's world-class international trade team, the VALET program has a proven track record of helping Virginia businesses increase export sales, and we look forward to the continued global success of these graduating companies in the coming years, contributing to the Commonwealth's economic growth."

Virginia exports over \$35 billion

in goods and services annually. Exports of the Commonwealth's products and services are critical to economic growth, supporting more than 257,000 jobs and generating \$2 billion in annual tax revenue. VEDP offers numerous programs to assist Virginia companies with selling into the global marketplace and has a network of international market research consultants covering more than 75 countries around the globe.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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# Supplies from page 1



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School supply items needed the most are backpacks, glue sticks, notebooks and colored pencils.

speaks about the Load the Bus event, he does so with reverence. Smith, a Salem teenager entering his junior year of high school, says his parents taught him the importance of giving back to the less fortunate at an early age. "Both of my parents have great jobs so there's so many things that I never had to worry about such as food, shelter or school supplies. I understand that not everyone

is as lucky. If we all were to do our part, what a difference we could make as a community."

Without the selfless gestures of so many Roanoke Valley residents, the Load the Bus for Kids School Supply Drive would not be possible. The goal of this year's event, as always, is to help as many students and families as possible.

# Firehouse from page 1



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The restaurant will offer one medium sub to every guest who brings in at least one unopened, 24 pack of bottled water.

have donated more than four million bottles of water to public safety departments, emergency victims and senior and community centers, with nearly half being collected in 2019 alone. A partner of Firehouse Subs, Coca-Cola will be donating 5,000 cases of DASANI water to first responders and community organizations in support of this year's H2O For Heroes.

"We are proud of the fact that hundreds of Firehouse Subs franchisees have partnered with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to donate more than 100,000 meals to healthcare workers and first responders across the nation over the last year," Erin Neves,

Firehouse Subs Manager of Public Relations, said. To date, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has provided over \$309,000 in grants to Roanoke area first responders, including both the Salem and Fort Lewis Fire & EMS teams."

In Roanoke, there is a Firehouse Subs located at 2019 Colonial Avenue, at 5050 Rutgers Street and at 5044 Keagy Road. The City of Salem location is at 1421 West Main Street.

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# Peaches from page 3

finish out the crop.”  
 With adequate rain, Marker said, he expects to have peaches available at the Marker-Miller Orchard Farm Market and its U-pick operation through the end of August. The orchard’s peach festival will be held Aug. 14.  
 At Cullipher Farm in, Mike Cullipher said his peaches “turned out to be a really nice crop” after enduring frosts in April and May.  
 “We thought we lost a lot to those frosts, but as it turned out, we didn’t,” said Cullipher, who also serves on the VFBF Specialty Crops Advisory Committee. “The peaches are doing well—a lot better than we expected.”  
 Cullipher said he began harvesting July 1 and expects to have peaches available through the third week of August. The farm sells white and yellow freestone varieties at its on-site market and through

U-pick, and Cullipher said customers have been enthusiastic about the peaches’ flavor this year.  
 Farmer Cynthia Chiles said peach season has been “so far, so good” at her family’s orchard.  
 In total, the three orchards grow between 25 and 30 varieties, and Chiles said each has done “really well” in dry conditions throughout the growing season. She noted the orchards’ harvests will continue through Labor Day, and that the peaches could use intermittent rain and slightly cooler temperatures over the next few weeks.  
 “The peaches probably are on the smaller side due to the lack of rain, but peaches do like hot and dry weather,” Chiles said. “For consumers, they’re not going to notice that much of a difference.”

-Submitted by Mike Cullipher

# Millions in new resources will go to promoting public safety, preventing crime

- American Rescue Plan funding to increase support for victims of crime, provide hazard pay for law enforcement and correctional officers -

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that Virginia plans to direct more than \$114 million in federal and state funding to support public safety initiatives across the Commonwealth. The Governor’s proposal includes \$62 million in hazard pay and compensation for public safety officials, \$35 million to address COVID-19 in correctional facilities, and \$17 million for crime reduction and prevention programs and services for victims of crime.  
 “We are grateful for Virginia’s public safety officials who have worked overtime throughout the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Governor Northam. “This critical investment will give us more resources to recruit and retain law enforcement and correctional officers, bolster our efforts to reduce gun violence, and help ensure the safety of families and communities across the Commonwealth.”

relief to local and state law enforcement agencies and help localities to continue supporting victims of domestic and gun violence,” said Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran. “This funding is in recognition of the critical jobs they perform.”  
 “Recruitment and pay compression issues have led to an increasing number of vacancies at State Police over the past several years—these issues were only magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Wayne Huggins, Executive Director of the Virginia State Police Association (VSPA). “VSPA is encouraged that this issue is being addressed in an ongoing and comprehensive manner. We appreciate the Governor’s support and commitment.”

the demand for domestic violence and sexual assault programming and support services for crime victims in the Commonwealth. Since 2019, the number of individuals seeking shelter and contacts to the Virginia Statewide Hotline has risen significantly. The funding proposal includes \$12.2 million in new resources for victims of crime and survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, and child abuse. An additional \$1 million will be dedicated to the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund, which will provide funding for prosecution and victim support.  
 The funding proposal designates \$2.5 million for gun violence reduction initiatives within the Office of the Attorney General and more than \$500,000 for the Department of Forensic Science to increase capacity to analyze firearms evidence. An additional \$800,000 for the Department of Criminal Justice Services, which will administer a one-time grant to the City of Hampton to support an employment program for court-involved youth and adults facing barriers to employment, expand services for those participating in or at risk of participating in gun violence, and provide counseling or mental health services for those exposed to violence. These programs will work in conjunction with the Governor’s proposal to invest ARP funds in community-based services and substance abuse treatment.  
 “I am proud of this substantial investment in gun violence prevention in our Commonwealth,” said Senator Janet Howell, Chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee. “I have been a strong advocate for violence prevention measures and know this funding will provide critical services to impacted community members.”

This investment also includes \$35 million to address COVID-19 within facilities operated by the Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice. Funding will allow for rate increases for medical contractors and staff positions to support COVID-19 management. It will also provide testing supplies, personal protective equipment, ventilation modifications in correctional facilities, quarantine spaces, and tents to enable outdoor visitation.  
 “This announcement shows that we are dedicated to protecting Virginian’s families and keeping our communities safe,” said House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn. “I am proud of our strong investment in crime prevention measures and the commitment to supporting survivors of domestic violence.”  
 “This has been a difficult year and it is crucial we use the available ARPA funds to support Virginia’s COVID-19 recovery,” said Senate Majority Leader Richard Sallaw. “Law enforcement compensation has been a long-standing issue and I am pleased we are able to address it now.”  
 The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated

ing shortages and support for victims of crime, and help us to prepare for the future,” said Delegate Luke Torian, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee. “Throughout this difficult year, Virginia has shown that smart investments pay off for the public.”  
 “Handling the issue of salary compression and hazard pay for our local and state law enforcement officers and the Department of Corrections will help us to recruit, train, and retain more qualified and diverse officers,” said Delegate Lamont Bagby, Chair of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus. “All Virginians will benefit from this comprehensive public safety funding which includes necessary financial support for law enforcement offices and assistance for victims of violence.”

and nephews, Matthew Eubank and Charles Fletcher; and niece, Tammy Fletcher.  
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 The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem. A funeral service will be held at Seneca Baptist Church, 8572 Roanoke Rd, Elliston, VA 24087, on Thursday, August 5, at 11:00 a.m. The family will also receive friends at the church one-hour prior to the service. Jackie will be laid rest immediately following the service at Birchlawn Burial Park, in Pearisburg, VA. Rev. John Collins will be officiating.  
 Online condolences can be made by visiting the funeral home’s website, www.johnmoakey.com.

# OBITUARIES

## Fletcher, Jackie Lee

Jackie Lee Fletcher, 73, of Salem, went to be with the Lord on Friday, July 30.



Jackie is remembered for being a kind and warm-hearted gentleman. Well known for his seamster capabilities, it was not uncommon to find him working away tirelessly on a wedding dress for a new bride or suit for a local businessman with a smile on his face, enjoying every moment. He loved his family and friends wholeheartedly, but you did not have to second guess where you stood with him.

There were no gray areas in his personal opinions, it was always either black or white. He was a member of Seneca Baptist Church in Elliston for over 20 years. If he wasn’t sewing or woodworking, you could find him relaxing and singing along to some of his favorite southern gospel songs. Jackie no doubt has left behind a loving impression on the hearts of many and will be truly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Daniel and Mildred Louise Fletcher; brother, J.D. Fletcher; sister, Judy Fletcher; sister-in-law, Sharon Lynn Fletcher; niece

and nephews, Matthew Eubank and Charles Fletcher; and niece, Tammy Fletcher.  
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## Helms, Mary W. “Fran”

Mary W. “Fran” Helms, 71, of Roanoke, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 28, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Fran was born on Sunday, February 19, 1950, to the late William E. and Frances Mae Womack in Craig County. She was a 1968 graduate of Andrew Lewis High School. Fran enjoyed collecting miniature figurines, decorative pitchers, stoneware, swans and ballerinas.



Her faith was of utmost importance to her, she was a member of both the Dale Ridge and Star City Church of Christ. Following a 20-year career, she retired from the U. S. Postal Service. Fran was a wonderful wife, marvelous mother and her enjoyment was found in spending time with her precious family.  
 She is survived by her husband, James R. Helms, Jr., daughter, Ruth Carter and husband, Michael; son,

and nephews, Matthew Eubank and Charles Fletcher; and niece, Tammy Fletcher.  
 Left to cherish his memory, brother, Charles Fletcher; niece, Terry Beckner (Michael); great-nieces and nephews, Jessica Ann Marie Darnell, Logan William Beckner, Ryan Fletcher Michael Fletcher, Jay Fletcher Sr. (Doris), and Megan Fletcher; great-great nieces and nephews, Ryan Walrond, Sharon Vickers-Fletcher, Cody Fletcher, John Wayne Fletcher, James Mack Fletcher Jr., and Melissa “Missy” Eubank; aunts, Sandra Patterson and Darlene.

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Jim Helms; grandchildren, Channing Carter, Kayla Carter, Noah Helms, Elisha Carter; brother-in-law, John Helms; special family friends, Judy Carter, who was also her daughters’ mother-in-law, Danny and Margaret Sprouse and their family, Jason, Crissy, and Brynn Gentry, and many other loving friends.

A celebration of her life was held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 1, at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem with her son-in-law, Michael Carter, officiating.

Friends visited with the family from 2 p.m. until the service hour at the funeral home.  
 The family wishes to send a special thank you to the kind and compassionate staff of Good Samaritan Hospice, especially to Maegan.  
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**Legals - Botetourt County**

**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:

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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.

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

**Legals - City of Salem**

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

**Legals - City of Salem**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21-888**  
ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
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ALTIZER, ZANDER LEE v. MCGUIRE, CONNER LEE  
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**Legals - Montgomery County**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ019381-01-00**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY J & DR - JUV (CHRISTB)  
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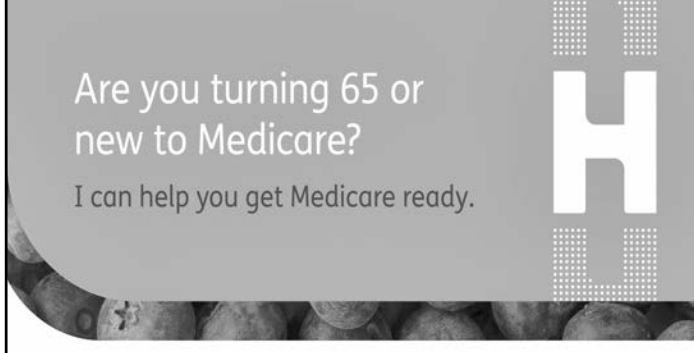


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## Salem Rec. Soccer Clinic

Salem High boys' soccer coach David Atkins and girls' coach Kayla Wood combined to instruct young soccer players at the Salem Recreation Department Youth Clinic in July. Left, Jackson Kuzmich makes a save during goalie practice at the boys' clinic, and above Salem High girls' assistant coach Logan George demonstrates technique to some future Spartan girls players.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

# Metro Golf Tournament is one day affair at Botetourt G&SC

The Botetourt Golf & Swim Club will be the site of the Botetourt Metro Golf Tournament on Tuesday of next week, with most of the area high schools participating.

This will be the first Metro tournament since the fall of 2019, as the coronavirus pandemic wiped out the 2020 affair. The high school golf season was rescheduled for the spring but the Metro was not included due to limits on number of schools that were allowed to compete at an event.

This year's Metro will be only one day instead of the two-day, 36 hole events of the past. It will be held at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club with the first group teeing off at 10 am. Salem and Glenvar will both be competing in the tournament, which will include 20 teams and 108 players battling over 18 holes.

Glenvar opened with a Three Rivers District

match at the Cliff View course Monday, hosted by Alleghany. The Highlanders finished fourth among five teams with a 346. Floyd County was the team winner with a 319 while Radford took second at 331. James River was third at 335 and host Alleghany carded 490.

Mason Hylton had the low score for the Highlanders with a 78. Jackson Shepherd was next at 81 and also scoring were Aiden Hylton at 92 and Adam Harvey at 95. Grayson Shepherd and Brendan Magruder played and shot 111 and 113, respectively, but their scores did not count. Mason Hylton and Jason Shepherd are both juniors who have continued to improve each season.

"I expect that growth to continue this season," said coach Blaine Mills. "As a team, I'm looking forward to us building on our successes of last year and continue to get better. I feel we will have one of the best

teams from top to bottom since I started coaching. We have a lot of new names and I'm looking forward to seeing what they can do."

The Highlanders open with a busy schedule. They're at Olde Mill for a match today, then play at the Pete Dye River Course on Monday before participating in the Metro a day later.

Salem won't open until next Monday, August 9, with a River Ridge District match at the Hidden Valley Country Club. The Spartans return everyone from last year's team, including Trey Joyce, Hunter King, Alex Rea, Macy Johnson, Josh Kiser, Taylor Davis and Andrew Rea. Coach Thad Snyder also welcomes freshman Kathryn Ha, who has already made a name for herself in summer tournaments.

"Kathryn is an excellent player and will really help the overall scoring," said Snyder. "I have high hopes and feel really good about this group."

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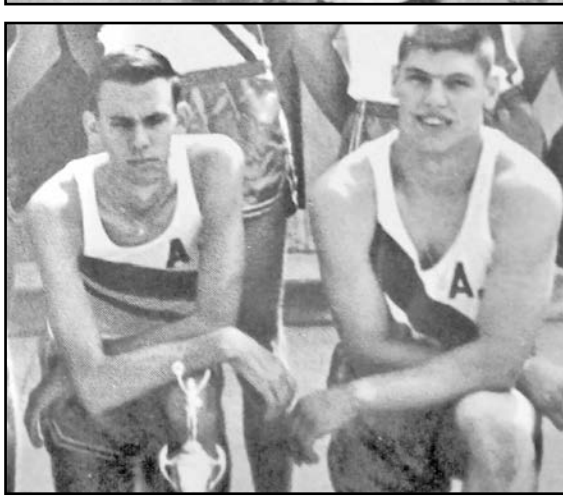
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Above, Andrew Lewis High team captain Wayne Taliaferro receives the trophy after the Wolverines won the Virginia State Indoor Track Championship in 1959. Watching the presentation are numerous Andrew Lewis cheerleaders and legendary coach Ray Bussard. In the left photo Wayne Taliaferro is on the left and Alwod Williams is on the right. Photos are compliments of Richard Browder, taken from the Andrew Lewis High yearbook.

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Legendary track coach Ray Bussard was the coach at Andrew Lewis during that era, and he

went on to national fame coaching swimming at the University of Tennessee and in the Olympics.

Bussard, who the track at

Andrew Lewis Middle School is named for, died in 2010.

"Wayne's best events were the high jump and the high hurdles," said Browder. "He also excelled in the long jump, low hurdles, and sprint relays. He was the indoor and outdoor team captain in 1959. In the 1958 State Indoor Championship meet, Wayne won the high jump with a new state record of 6 feet, 1 1/2 inches.

"In the 1959 State Outdoor Championship meet, competing with a severely sprained and very painful back, Wayne managed to finish second to Alwood in the high hurdles, and he also placed in the high jump, long jump and low hurdles. The points scored by Wayne were critical and essential to secure the team victory and the only outdoor Boys' State Track and Field Championship won by Andrew Lewis High School."

Wayne's son, Curtis Wayne Taliaferro, Jr., was a standout football and basketball player for Salem High in the early '80s who went on to play football at Virginia Tech.

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# Wilkes will run at Furman

Carly Wilkes' favorite color is purple, and she'll be wearing a lot of it in the coming years as she's accepted a full athletic scholarship to run track and cross country for Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina.

While purple is Carly's favorite color, and the track at Furman is purple, that's not why she decided to pick the Paladins over schools like Virginia Tech, Virginia, Wake Forest, Duke, Syracuse and others who desired her talents. Furman is one of the top distance running schools in the nation.

"It's one of the top 10 distance running schools in the nation," said Wilkes. "They have a big travel budget and go to big meets. They've had runners in the Olympics."

Wilkes noted that Furman has already signed the top runners from New Jersey and Pennsylvania to go with a strong group that is already on campus.

"I wasn't expecting to commit this early, but it's the right choice for me," she said. "Glenvar isn't a big school and Furman isn't super big, so it shouldn't be much of an adjustment. And the campus is beautiful."

A rising senior at Glenvar, Wilkes has an amazing resume. In her sophomore year she won the indoor

1,600 and 3,200 state Class 2 titles and was on the winning 4x800 relay team. The outdoor meet was cancelled that year due to the coronavirus.

This past school year Carly won the state cross country championship, the indoor 1,600 and 1,000, the outdoor 1,600 and 800 and was on winning 4x400 relay teams in both the indoor and outdoor meets. Glenvar won the team state championship in both.

That doesn't even count state championships she won in swimming in relays and as a member of two state championship Glenvar swim teams. She'll only be swimming for fun at Furman, but she'll stay plenty busy running on the indoor, outdoor and cross country teams.

The Furman distance teams are coached by Robert Gray and his wife, Rita. Robert is a two-time Olympian with a long list of coaching honors and Rita has coached 40 NCAA All-Americans. The Paladins have four coaches dedicated to distance running, and that was another thing that impressed Carly.

"The coaches are really nice," said Wilkes. "I had a super experience when I visited and we're going for our official campus tour at the end of the month. I just knew this was the right place for me."



Carly Wilkes is on her way to the state Class 2 cross country championship in the spring.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Rafael Ceddanne of the Red Sox makes a spectacular leaping catch in a recent game at Haley Toyota Field.

PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

## Sox pull into tie for 2nd playoff spot, host Hillcats for six games this week

The Salem Red Sox won four of six games at Kannapolis last week to pull into a tie for the second and final playoff spot in the Low-A East baseball play-offs. Salem is back home this week for a big six game series with Lynchburg.

The North Division leading Sox went into last week's series trailing Central Division leader Carolina by two games for the second and final playoff spot in the Low-A East League. Charleston, the South Division leader, is running away with the top spot with a 54-23 record.

Last week, while Salem was going 4-2, Carolina was dropping four of six at Lynchburg, and at the end of the week both teams were 46-32 with 42 games remaining on the schedule. Also battling for the second spot are Delmarva and Down East, both just two and a half games behind Salem and Carolina with 43-34 records.

Salem lost the first game of the series at Kannapolis last week, 8-7, but bounced back to win the next three by scored of 6-4, 11-4 and 8-2. Salem lost on Saturday night, 7-3, but took the getaway game Sunday, 6-2. Salem pulled away with three runs in the top of the ninth on a three-run homer by Antoni Flores to break open a close game.

The Sox opened the six game series with Lynchburg on Tuesday. This week's promotions include Beach Night on Thursday and a Xander Bogaerts Bobblehead giveaway to the first 1,000 fans on Saturday evening.



The future of the Salem High football team was on display on the practice fields behind the high school last week as Salem coach Don Holter, along with his assistants and Salem High players, conducted the annual youth clinic, sponsored by the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation. Above, coaches and players gather for a group photo. Below left, players battle on the line. Middle, Cade Traynham practices passing and, right, Bryson Ellia makes a catch as Spartan quarterback DaRon Wilson looks on. The recreation department handed out equipment for youth football last week and it looks like a normal season will be had after missing the 2020 season due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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## AND THEY'RE OFF!!

Football practice officially opened for the Salem and Glenvar High School teams last week during one of the hottest weeks of the summer. Above, Spartans do wind sprints on the first day of practice and, left, new assistant coach Daniel Dyer instructs the Spartans on line play. Below left, Highlanders stay low to hit the bag on the turf at Highlander Stadium and, below right, Glenvar hopefuls go through agility drills. The pads go on this week as Salem prepares for home scrimmages with Brookville on August 13 and Magna Vista on August 20. Glenvar will host William Byrd for a scrimmage on August 13, then host a three team jamboree with Blacksburg and Abingdon on August 20. Opening night is August 27 with Salem hosting Martinsburg of West Virginia and Glenvar playing at home against Galax.

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*Brian Hoffman*



they committed to the University of Louisiana-Monroe, but decided to de-commit and stay home after an offer from the Hokies.

"We are extremely excited about the marketability of both athletes and expect the fan base to take to them quickly," said Powell.

The Virginia Tech fall preseason camp is scheduled to begin today.

### LOSING A COUPLE LEGENDS

Salem lost a couple of greats recently with the passing of Sid Witt, Sr. and C. Wayne Taliaferro. Witt passed on Tuesday, July 27, and Taliaferro died on March 10.

Witt died from complications from a stroke he suffered shortly before his death. He was a great friend to the kids in Salem and the Roanoke Valley as a sandlot coach for almost 50 years. He won four state championships and numerous divisional, regional and district titles, including a third place finish in the national Little League girls' softball World Series in 1978.

While Sid was a great youth baseball and softball coach, he was an even better person. He's probably best known for his work with the Little League "Challenger" program. In 1989 he helped found the local group for kids with issues that kept them from competing in the regular baseball and softball leagues. He started out with one team and expanded to as many as six over the years. He was beloved by the players and parents in the Challenger program,

which he participated in right up until the time of his death along with son, Sid, II. He was a nice man who loved kids and brought a lot of joy to many.

Sid was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame in 2005. He was 83.

Taliaferro's passing slipped by me at the time but, thanks to long time area track and cross country coach Richard Browder I was made aware of his accomplishments in track & field as a student at Andrew Lewis High School in the late '50s. Wayne was 81 when he died, just three months before his former track teammate, Alwood Williams.

"We lost two of the greatest track and field athletes to ever compete for Andrew Lewis High School," said Browder of Taliaferro and Williams. "With the help of their teammates, these two athletes led Andrew Lewis to three state track and field championships, indoors in 1958 and 1959 and outdoors in 1959."

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### McDonalds sign with Haley's group

Salem High graduates Jayden and Jorden McDonald, both freshman football players at Virginia Tech, signed three-year exclusive marketing representation agreements with Profuse Agency last week. Profuse Agency is a recent agency start-up by founder and CEO and President - J.T. Powell, and Chief of Strategy and Operations Dennis Haley, who is also a Salem High graduate and former Spartan football standout.

The agency will assist both athletes, who are twins, in maximizing their earnings potential while they remain student-athletes at Virginia Tech University.

"Specifically, we will assist in their brand development and utilize a variety of marketing strategies to help Jayden and Jorden find endorsement and sponsorship opportunities," said Powell. "In addition, we will provide merchandise opportunities for both athletes through the Appalachia Prep Combine website."

Haley went on to play football at the University of Virginia and also played professionally in the National Football League and the Canadian Football League.

"Dennis and myself have been able to create a relationship with the family of Jayden and Jorden through successful promotion of both athletes at the Appalachia Prep Combine," said Powell. "Both were top performers at the 2020 event hosted at Mitchell Stadium in Bluefield, WV."

The twins accumulated nine Division I offers within a two week period following the combine. Initially,



Sid Witt, Sr.(center) was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame in 2005. Here he accepts his plaque from the late Posey Oyler(left), who was President of the Hall, and banquet MC Kelvin Bowles.

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