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Teachers, students and staff required to wear a face mask for upcoming school year



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When school starts up in less than two weeks, every school employee and student will be required to wear a face mask.

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The City of Salem has six public schools and serves approximately 3,800 students annually. When school starts on August 30, school employees and students will be required to wear face masks while riding buses or indoors. Exceptions will be made when people are exercising, eating or outdoors.

Present in each public school will be sanitizer dispensers and handwashing stations. Every school will also recognize a physical distancing requirement of three feet.

Some parents don't believe masks should be required for stu-

dents. A plurality of them, however, feel that masks are the best strategy to reduce the spread of the delta variant, the virus that causes COVID-19, and keep everyone safe. Six Salem parents - James Richardson, Daniel Sopp, Debbie Sams, Kelly Bryant, Robin Rose and Tamryn Stephenson - spoke at the school board meeting on August 10, and only one was in favor of the mask mandate.

Said Assistant Superintendent Curtis Hicks, "We are all profoundly disappointed that we're still sitting here today talking about this. Not a single one of us wants our kids to deal with this. Before state and CDC changed, we were prepared to say that vacci-

nated students would in some cases have the option."

Since last week's school board meeting, Governor Ralph Northam issued a Public Health Emergency Order requiring universal masking in all indoor settings in Virginia's K-12 schools. Whenever possible, teachers are encouraged to increase instruction time spent outside.

"We all share the same goal of keeping our schools open and our students safe," he said. "That's why the General Assembly passed this law with overwhelming bipartisan support. This Public Health Order makes it very clear that masks are required in all indoor K-12 set-

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

On August 26, 1961, Loren and Barbara Walker were married in Roanoke. Since 1976, the couple has resided in Salem.



Salem residents and former educators Fredric and Carolyn Eichelman celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on August 6.

Salem couples celebrate six decades of marriage

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Congratulations are in store for Salem residents Fredric and Carolyn Eichelman as well as Loren and Barbara Walker, as both couples are celebrating their wedding anniversary this month.

When Loren and Barbara got married in 1961, it was in Roanoke City. For the last 45 years, they have called Salem home. While Barbara is known for her homemade sweet pickles, unique quilts and sense of humor, Loren still enjoys home improvement and outdoor activities such as biking. Active members of Salem Presbyterian Church, the Walkers have three daughters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"I live near Atlanta while my siblings live near Chicago and San Diego, respectively. Given COVID-19, their health, age and distance, we all collectively decided to not do a gathering this year," said their daughter Linda. "Our entire family is forever grateful for Loren and Barbara's legacy of love, stability and faithfulness."

After six decades together, Fred says that he and his wife are still making memories. "Both of us have had many shared interests covering a range of things, from education, working in projects to improve the media to be more faith and family friendly, community involvement to being active

in our church and animal rescue. Above everything, we are friends and teammates and treat each other accordingly," he said.

Both Fred and Carolyn, 86, worked as educators for over 40 years. After starting her career teaching pre-school at Total Action Against Poverty (TAP), Carolyn retired as a Salem teacher. Fred taught in schools in Vinton, Cave Spring, North County and Salem.

Occasionally, they will run into a former student. "It usually happens when we are getting into our car," Carolyn said. "I've taught countless students over the years, and it does my heart well to see them all grown up with families of their own."

Life today is vastly different from what it was when Fred and Carolyn got married. In 1960, the U.S. population was approximately 180 million. Today, that number is around 329 million. Sixty-one years ago, gas was \$0.31 per gallon. That number today is roughly \$2.97 per gallon. The average price of a home back then was \$11,900 compared to \$325,000 in 2021.

The two understand how blessed they are to have survived the COVID-19 pandemic together. "We took various precautions to be extra safe," Fred said. "There were many couples who did the same. However, they were not as fortunate. We

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Ken Haley, well-known Salem resident and businessman, dies at 70

While Dennis Haley was the most celebrated football player in his family, having been on three NFL rosters, he's quick to mention the achievements of his dad. Salem resident Ken Haley, a football star when he was at then-Addison High School in Roanoke, died Saturday while playing golf.

"He grew up in Roanoke City and played at Addison High School," Dennis Haley said. "My wife put together a sports book of all his newspaper clippings at Addison, and later at Bluefield State." Roanoke World News writer

John Black referred to Ken Haley as "Haley's Comet" after he ran for four touchdowns and tossed two touchdown passes against Campbell County

"He played basketball and football and then, later in life, when I was growing up, he took up tennis," Dennis Haley said. "He was a heck of a tennis player. He played in all the local leagues. I heard that he played basketball and football, but I grew up watching him play tennis."

Not surprisingly, Ken Haley later took up golf and was on

the golf course Saturday at Great Oaks when he suffered a heart attack from which he was unable to survive. He would have turned 71 in December.

"I picked up golf early on because I grew up in Salem with a bunch of my buddies," Dennis said. "And then I passed it on to him. We played together a lot."

Ken Haley had played four times last week, walking on occasion.

"This was totally unexpected," said Dennis, a standout linebacker when he played for the University of Virginia and a member of state football and basketball championship teams at Salem High. "If he wasn't feeling well, he wouldn't have been out there."

Dennis Haley discounted an old newspaper tale that, at his father's urging, he would take piano lessons on the Saturday morning after Friday night football games.

Ken Haley is survived by his wife, Andrea, and an older son, Darren, who will be 53 this fall. Dennis, who lives in Christiansburg, will be 40.

"My dad owned his own business as a general contractor and was one of the first black business owners in the Roanoke Valley," Dennis Haley said. "Nobody in our family wanted for anything,"

-Submitted by contributing writer Doug Dougherty



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Dennis Haley and his beloved father, Ken

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Grammy award-winning artist plays benefit concert for Feeding Southwest Virginia



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On the first Tuesday of the month, 3rd Street Coffeehouse hosted a virtual session of the “Tuesday Tunes benefitting Southwest Virginia.” Since May, the event helped raise over \$21,000.

On August 3, Feeding Southwest Virginia was in attendance at the final virtual session of the “Tuesday Tunes benefitting Feeding Southwest Virginia” at local venue, 3rd Street Coffeehouse. Tuesday was the culminating event of a fundraising campaign that helped to raise over \$21,000 for Feeding Southwest Virginia since May of 2020.

The event featured local artist Greg Trafidlo and Friends, and included a headline surprise performance by Grammy Award-winning folk artist, Tom Paxton, who made the trip to Ro-

anoke for the occasion. The concert was broadcast live on Facebook, but also in attendance were many of the over 60 artists who donated their talents to the Tuesday Tunes concert series over the past 16 months.

“Tuesday Tunes is the amazing response of the Southwest Virginia music community and fans to the unprecedented hunger crisis precipitated by COVID-19, which resulted in plant closings, work force reductions, limited job opportunities and constraints to job re-training opportunities,” Bob Schmucker, 3rd Street Coffeehouse

spokesperson, said.

“It takes a community to feed a community, said Pamela Irvine, CEO and President of Feeding Southwest Virginia. The Food Bank is so thankful for the support from 3rd Street Coffeehouse and all of their amazing artists - and we are so excited to help them celebrate their success in helping us provide over 100,000 meals to our neighbors through the Tuesday Tunes virtual concert series.”

-Submitted by Lisa Uhl, Marketing and Communications Coordinator



Dozens of attendees packed the venue to see the musicians perform.



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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.

•Acclaimed Bluegrass star Junior Sisk will headline Salem's Pickin' in the Park Bluegrass show on Saturday at the Longwood Park Amphitheater at 5:30 pm. The event also will feature local bluegrass groups Wound Tight and Gate 10 and admission is absolutely free.

Sisk was raised in Virginia's Blue Ridge region and has risen to the top of the bluegrass music industry by sticking to his genre's roots and never getting above his raisin'. Currently, Sisk is nominated for top male vocalist, best album and song of the year in the 2021 International Bluegrass Music Association awards, that will be announced in September.

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged August 3-9. Arrest indicates an accusation, and defendants are presumed innocent unless found guilty in court. Police do not re-

lease the names of persons under the age of 18.

Those arrested and their charges were listed as:

August 3 – Timothy R. Neil, 44, attempt to defeat drug and alcohol screening; and Dwaine

C. Hinton Sr., 62, shoplifting.

August 4 – Kimberly A. Parks, 34, domestic assault and battery

August 5 – Paul A. Stricklin Jr., 30, vehicle theft; Joshua S. Macey, 34, violation of protective order; Jacklyn R. Manspile,

33, obstructing justice; Jermaine A. English, 45, failure to appear; and Michael D. Mathena, 58,

violation of probation.

August 7 – Steven D. Knisley, 26, public intoxication; and Kelly M. Eichenberg, 22, shop-

lifting.

August 8 – Chasity L. Hosea, 29, shoplifting; and Quincy J. Hill, 33, threatening-brandishing.

August 9 – Jarrod L. Monk, 36, violation of probation

Roanoke County recognized for model programs

The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) has awarded Roanoke County two Achievement Awards, which recognize excellence in local government programs. Of the 100 submissions received from across the state, only 30 were selected. Winning entries focused on

addressing inclusion, belonging and reconciliation.

Roanoke County earned an award for the role of its Public Libraries in civic engagement and providing continual services to citizens amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff transitioned to new ser-

vice delivery models, such as increasing electronic resources and virtual programs, instituting curbside services, utilizing 3D printers to make face shields for first responders, and adapting their drive-through windows for use by the Treasurer's office

Roanoke County also earned an Achievement Award for the successful revitalization project, in conjunction with the Town of Vinton, of preserving and redeveloping underutilized historic properties, creating new jobs, and revitalizing the Town's central business district.

The revitalization project consists of five redeveloped properties with a total investment of \$21.7 million in taxable new investment and the creation of nearly 130 jobs.

-Submitted by Amy Whittaker, Public Information Officer

Sixty-four tourism initiatives receive funding to expedite recovery and economic growth

More than \$860,000 in matching grants awarded through Recovery Marketing Leverage Program

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced \$861,080 in matching grants were awarded to 64 local tourism initiatives as part of the Virginia Tourism Corporation's (VTC) Recovery Marketing Leverage Program. VTC revised its traditional Marketing Leverage Program to create this recovery program in an effort to support tourism initiatives as they respond to, and recover from, the COVID-19 pandemic.

spent \$27 billion in 2019 - a 3.4 percent increase from 2018 - supporting 237,000 work opportunities and contributing \$1.8 billion in state and local taxes. In 2020, however, there was a major decline in tourism revenues. 2021 forecasts project similar revenue declines. Funding opportunities, like the Recovery Marketing Leverage Program, are crucial to helping industries in need recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We want to equip Virginia destinations with the tools they need to support

and promote the diverse communities that travelers love to visit," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. "Many people are eager to go on vacations again, and these grants will help towns and cities across our Commonwealth position themselves for success as visitors get back on the road."

The Virginia Tourism Corporation offered these grants as a way to stimulate re-entry into the marketplace. It will lead to increased economic activity and promote travel across the Commonwealth. The

Recovery Marketing Leverage Program is designed to increase visitor spending through new tourism marketing partnerships and by expand-

ing the "Virginia is for Lovers" brand. Past and present awardees include destination marketing organizations, museums, cultural events, founda-

tions, and private sector businesses.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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OPINION

Give Light - Poems and Trains -

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

People who live on the backside of Brushy Mountain, off Wildwood Road that bounds Salem on the north, are familiar with the animals, birds and vegetation that were there long before suburban residents.

For instance, my colleague and veteran weekly newspaper writer and editor Meg Hibbert, was recently visited by a bear. Deer of all ages are no novelty either as well as a variety of smaller things.

Another well-known resident is the Rev. Richard F. Bansemmer, a retired bishop of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He and his musician wife, the former Mary Ann Troutman, have owned a wooded tract high on the mountainside for more than 30 years. Recently, he

was visited by three bears. Bansemmer served as pastor of several congregations in Colorado and Western Virginia before being elected bishop in 1987. He held the administrative office for 12 years, but took an early retirement to do the things he has always enjoyed, namely woodworking and writing devotional prayers.

His latest volume is "Meadow and Woodlands Prayer Poems" which, like several other creative works, are inspired by his frequent walks through his land on the mountain side.

I learned of Bansemmer's latest creation from the Virginia Synod's newsletter in an article by veteran Lutheran historian and news writer George Kegley. The news took me back to seven years ago when I spent two absorbing summer hours with the Bansemers at the mountain retreat. The interview is one of the many unforgettable encounters of my own long news writing career.

The retired bishop also worked with Aaron Garber

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

who directs music at First United Methodist Church in Salem. Bansemmer provided the libretto for three scripturally-based oratorios which were presented in Roanoke earlier in this century. They were based on stories of the Old Testament character Job as well as Mary the mother of Jesus and the Savior.

From my small home in East Salem, I can see about a mile away - as the crow flies - the railroad that crosses Virginia from the sea into our mountains. I am glad it is there, for distant railroads have long been part of my past. In my childhood, they were the major means of long-distance travel for my mother

and me, for in our Piedmont Virginia small town we had no car.

My widowed mother had never learned to drive one and sometimes said she couldn't afford wheels. Close-by neighbors occasionally gave us a ride, but mostly we walked to school, church, the two grocery stores and to friends in the residential neighborhoods.

In Orange, as in many towns, the Southern train tracks bisect Main Street, so traffic was often held up by a slow-moving freight on its way north to Washington or to Richmond and other cities to the south.

From our house in my early childhood, one could see the tracks of the Virginia Central Railway which ran to Fredericksburg to the east. The engine with two cars for passengers and freight came up from Fredericksburg at 10 a.m. and returned at 2, and we could tell time by its little horn.

The Virginia Central had played a part in the Civil War

fighting of the 1863-64 battles but had long ceased usefulness. The Great Depression finished its life.

My Salem railroads used to haul coal to be exported through the port of Norfolk, but now I can distantly see mostly general freight cars. The tracks of what used to be the Virginian and the Norfolk & Western follow the Roanoke River dividing our small city as the consolidated Norfolk Southern still does.

I love to hear the horn as a train approaches one of the several grade crossings. That happens, I suppose, when the locomotive engineer does not know that years ago, objections to the sound caused an ordinance to be passed in Salem, as in many communities, to silence horns where many live. In fact, a recent news report revealed that in the suburban county of Amherst north of Lynchburg citizens were complaining that trains were too loud.

It's all a matter of taste, I guess.

Public health order requires universal masking in K-12 schools

Recently, Governor Ralph Northam announced a Public Health Emergency Order requiring universal masking in all indoor settings in Virginia's K-12 schools. This order reinforces current state law, which requires Virginia schools adhere

to mitigation strategies outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As of July 28, CDC guidelines include universal masking for all students, teachers, and staff. SB 1303 was passed by an overwhelming bipartisan

majority of the General Assembly earlier this year. "We all share the same goal of keeping our schools open and keeping our students safe," said Governor Northam. "That's why the General Assembly passed this law with overwhelming bipartisan support. This Public Health Order makes it very clear that masks are required in all indoor K-12 settings, and Virginia expects all schools to comply. I'm grateful to the work of the General Assembly and the Health Department, and I look forward to a safe start to the school year."

Seventy three percent of all adults in Virginia have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. As of August 10, 40.3 percent of 12-15 year-olds in Virginia and 51.7 percent of 16-17 year olds in Virginia are fully vaccinated against

COVID-19. Children under 12 are not yet eligible to receive any available vaccination, which is one reason CDC updated its guidance to recommend universal masking in all K-12 schools. Masks are a proven tool to reduce in-school transmission, even in communities with high levels of spread.

"We know that masking is an effective tool to prevent the spread of COVID-19, particularly among children who are not yet eligible for vaccination," said Virginia Health Commissioner Dr. Norm Oliver. "As cases rise in our communities, universal masking and other mitigation measures will ensure our schools continue to be the safest place for Virginia's children."

"The vast majority of school districts have chosen to follow the CDC and keep their school

communities safe," said State Superintendent Dr. James Lane. "Universal masking has worked in school settings across Virginia for the past year and a half, and it remains a critical part of our safety protocols. I'm grateful to Governor Northam and Dr. Oliver for this order, which will ensure uniformity across all school districts and keep students safely in their classrooms - no matter where they live in Virginia."

In addition to this Public Health Order, Governor Northam has dedicated significant resources to improve the safety of K-12 schools. Earlier this week, Governor Northam signed House Bill 7001, which provides a total of \$500 million to improve ventilation and air quality in public schools. Ventilation systems clean and disperse

air, decreasing the risk of various airborne illnesses including COVID-19.

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 ESSER II funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2021. Additionally, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (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

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| 7. Japanese honorific | 32. Well acquainted with | 3. Cover the crown of a tooth | 27. Spanish stew: __ podrida |
| 8. Czech name for Prague | 39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid | 4. A major division of geological time | 28. Viet Cong offensive |
| 10. Ochocinco's first name | 41. Basics | 5. Urban center | 29. Large body of water |
| 12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian) | 42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton | 6. Crook | 31. Beginning military rank |
| 13. Scots word for "home" | 43. Snake-like fish | 8. Parts per billion (abbr.) | 32. Dissimilar |
| 14. Upper class young woman (abbr.) | 44. Tall deciduous tree | 9. Questions | 33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.) |
| 16. Monetary unit of Albania | 45. Russian river | 11. A pack of 52 playing cards | 34. Shows who you are |
| 17. Raise | 46. Long Balkans river | 14. Recording of sound | 35. Chinese dynasty |
| 19. Drain of resources | 48. Ancient Greek coin | 15. Pithy saying | 36. Type of verse |
| 20. Uncultured, clumsy persons | 49. Senegal's capital | 18. Atomic #22 | 37. African nation |
| 21. Hikers use them | 50. Unwell | 19. Soviet Socialist Republic | 38. Quite |
| 25. Retrospective analysis (military) | 51. Snout | 20. Plant with ridged seedpods | 39. Former Bucks star Michael |
| 26. Tibetan form of chanting | 52. Low bank or reef of corals | | 40. Showed again |
| 27. Influential European statesman | | | 44. Body part |
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Face masks from page 1



SUBMITTED PHOTO

East Salem Elementary teacher Venicia Thompson is excited to work with a new patch of students this year.



Students at Andrew Lewis Middle School wearing a face mask last year.

tings, and Virginia expects all schools to comply.”

The delta variant has caused pediatric cases of the coronavirus to increase. Most COVID-19 cases impacting children are a byproduct of the delta variant. Instantaneous protection is provided by wearing a

mask. While they do not completely prevent infection, face masks do protect against serious illness or death.

Samira Ragland’s understanding of the delta variant, as she’s done more and more research, has grown significantly in recent weeks. At the start of

the month, she had an honest conversation with her three children, all of whom are in elementary school. “I take my cues from the CDC and other health professionals. I understand that some people have skepticism, but at this point, with the evidence being so

overwhelming, it’s hard to fathom how someone could argue against the facts,” she said.

Any child under the age of 12 is still not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Regardless of vaccination status, the CDC recommends that everyone in school wear masks. For the

most up-to-date information about Salem schools, visit www.salem.k12.va.us.

“Right now, everybody needs to wear a mask in school. We’re going to do our best to keep kids safe, and hopefully things will get better. Masking is critical,” Hicks said.

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Baruch's Message

Read Jeremiah 44:1 through 46:28

Baruch was Jeremiah's faithful assistant. When Jeremiah was persecuted, Baruch was persecuted alongside him. He recorded Jeremiah's prophetic words and often read them to the people in spite of great danger.

Not only did Baruch share Jeremiah's persecution, but he also shared the prophet's inner turmoil at the judgments God announced. Jeremiah is the "weeping prophet," so Baruch could be called be the "weeping assistant."

"You said, 'Woe to me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am worn out with groaning and find no rest'" (Jeremiah 45:3).

Sometimes it feels like God

adds sorrow to pain. But just as God gave Baruch a word of comfort, we can be sure that God's heart is to comfort us when we find ourselves in sorrow and pain.

In verse 5, God promised Baruch that He would personally protect him. Even though trouble seemed to follow him through life, the presence of the Lord would protect him wherever he went. This same promise of protection is also for us in our times of grief.

Thought for Today: God will comfort us.

Quicklook: Jeremiah 45:1-5

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Three years ago, Fred and Carolyn Eichelman joined CommUNITY Church in Salem. Not long after having a lip sync challenge revealing how Christians can have fun, they were encouraged to wear Tuxedo Cat hats.



It has been 60 years since Loren and Barbara Walker got married, but the two still enjoy making memories together.

are incredibly grateful to live through the pandemic.”
The Eichelmans have two children, five grandchildren and just welcomed their first great-grandchild. Carol Webster, their oldest child, is a drama teacher and director at William Byrd High and Burton Center for Performing Arts.

Both have the same advice for a lasting and successful marriage. “It sounds cliché, but remembering your commitment to each other, communicating respectfully, being willing to learn while keeping God first are the ingredients to a fulfilling marriage,” Fred said with his wife right by his side. “It’s really that simple.”

SBA announces plan to open supplemental grants for shuttered venue operators grant applicants

- Encourages all potential SVOG applicants to apply -

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently announced a call to all eligible Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) applicants seeking economic aid for live entertainment small businesses, nonprofits, and venues. New applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. PT on Friday, August 20. The SVOG program has so far awarded \$8.4 billion in grants to more than 10,800 businesses to assist in getting the nation’s cultural institutions, which are critical to the economy and were among the first to shutter, back on track.

While the application portal will close to new applicants, the SBA will continue delivering economic aid to help venues recover by providing critical relief through the supplemental awards program. Later this month the SBA will open the program for supplemental SVOGs for 50 percent of the original award amount, capped at a total of \$10 million (initial and supplemental combined). Details will be announced at a later date. Additionally, to ensure no eligible venue is left behind, the SBA is currently accepting, by invitation, applications for reconsideration of award amounts and appeals.

This rare opportunity gives applicants a chance to prove their eligibility and reverse a prior decision. SBA is committed to delivering relief to entertainment venues through these various options. Should the need arise, the SBA may reopen the portal or make other adjustments to its plan to best meet the needs of small businesses.

“After making much-needed improvements to this vital program, we’ve made swift progress getting more than \$8 billion in funds into the hands of more than 10,800 performing arts venues and other

related businesses – two-thirds of which employ less than 10 employees. These small businesses suffered disproportionate impacts from the pandemic and were often left out of early rounds of relief,” SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman said. “However, we also know so many small businesses continue to struggle. That’s why, as this program nears the finish line, we’re providing additional funding options for our hardest-hit venues through our supplemental awards program, which will provide another critical lifeline to ensure businesses can reopen and stay open.”

“Simply stated, the Shuttered Venues Operator Grant was our lifeline. The grant has allowed us to return to full operation, including staffing and programming,” stated President and CEO of The Palace, a theater in Stamford, CT, Michael Moran. “In early 2020, we planned for closing just three or four weeks. As the pandemic continued to worsen, so did our fears of never reopening. The Palace closed for 15 months, with expenses continuing to accumulate against bleak revenue prospects. The SVOG grant through the SBA saved us and can be credited with not only our recovery but that of Stamford’s entire theater district.”

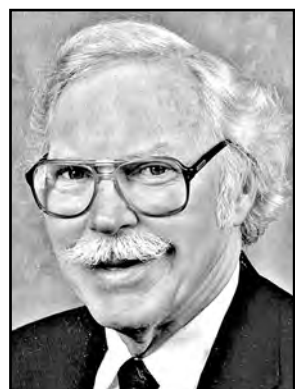
Moran continued, “Our theatrical community is so appreciative of the exceptional support of the SBA. The program and funds ensure the preservation of our community, allowing artists and audiences the unique experience of joy and enrichment through the arts.”

- Submitted by Martin Short, Lead Economic Development Specialist & Public Information Officer

OBITUARIES

Green Jr., Woodford “Mac” McKee

Woodford McKee (Mac) Green, Jr., passed away on Friday, July 9, at his home in Salem due to complications from a long, happy and adventurous life. He was 95 years old and had been in declining health for several months. He leaves behind his wife of 31 years, Anne Marie Green, his children, Michael Green of Eugene, Oregon, Mark Green of Eugene, Oregon, Michele Green and her husband Robert Walker of Salem, Emily Green of Roanoke and Adrian Green and his fiancée Kelsey Johnson of Salem, and two grandchildren, Michael Green, Jr. of Buffalo, New York and Angus Green of Eugene, Oregon.



He was born in Connersville, Indiana, on October 31, 1925, to Woodford McKee Green and Ruth Maria Cloud Green. He had a younger sister, Beverly Ann, and a younger brother, John Carroll, both of whom predeceased him. The family came to Roanoke when his father obtained employment as a structural steel engineer. Due to the effects of the Great Depression, the family lived at many addresses in the Roanoke Valley, Blacksburg, and Newport News before settling on Market Street in Salem in 1938. Mac graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1942 at the age of 16. He attended Roanoke College and V12 Officer Candidate School at Hampden Sydney before deliberately flunking out so he could go off to war as a Quartermaster 3rd Class in the United States Navy. He was stationed in the Pacific on three different troop carriers, including two LSTs, and was honorably discharged in 1946.

Upon returning to Salem, he entered the retail business, working at Brown Hardware and Norris’s Men’s Store. He joined the newly opened H.R. Johnson Hardware, and worked there for 53 years, becoming an owner and partner in 1960 and retiring in 1999. He was also active in the com-

munity, acting as civil defense coordinator for the Town of Salem in the 1950s, as a charter member of the Salem Jaycees, a member of the Salem Lions Club, and serving 65 years in American Legion Salem Post 19, including 63 years as an officer. He donated 128 pints (16 gallons) of his rare AB- blood, seeking out every bloodmobile location in Salem. Mac participated in the Centennial Celebrations for both Roanoke County (1938) and the Town of Salem (1952). He influenced many children in Salem, serving as an assistant scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troops 54 and 51, and teaching Sunday School at First United Methodist Church. He was named Father of the Year for Family Life by the Credit Marketing and Management Association of Southwest Virginia in 1992.

He served 20 years, from 1974-1994, as Vice Mayor of the City of Salem, running unopposed in two of the five elections. He chaired the Council Audit Committee and served on the Virginia Municipal League’s Transportation Committee. It was through his position on Council that, in 1986, he met his wife, Anne Marie. They married in 1990, and together they started a family and renovation of “the pink house.” They traveled to the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, Canada, Peru and throughout the United States.

Mac will be greatly missed, but he is in a far better place. He was most proud of his service during World War II, his children, whom he loved dearly, and his time on the Salem City Council. A graveside service will take place at Sherwood Cemetery on Friday, August 20, at 11:00 am, followed by a reception. Mac requested that there be no flowers and that this be a simple occasion, celebrating the joy that he saw in everyday life.

Online condolences can be made by visiting the funeral home’s website, www.johnmoakey.com.

Houston, John William

John William Houston was called home from labor to reward to be with the Lord and received his crown on August 13 around 7:00 am. He was born in Cleveland, NC, as the tenth of 12 children of the late Eugene Nathaniel and Ella Chambers Houston.



John, affectionately known as Johnny, was preceded in death by his parents; ten of his brothers and sisters: Alexander, Harold, Theodore, Lethia, Joseph, Helen, Cleona, Faye, Alice, and Hilyoud; aunts and uncles and many other family members.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 70 years, Charlotte Elizabeth Fisher Houston; children, Gregory Scott Houston of Atlanta, GA, John Allen Houston (Charlotte) of San Diego, CA, Sharon Elizabeth Houston London (Tommy) of Salem, Rita Doreen Houston of Atlanta, and Vera Laverne Houston Glover, of Raleigh, NC; his grandchildren, Michelle Dawnielle London of Denver, CO, John Allen Clark Houston (Mignon) of Oceanside, CA, Justin Scott London of Wilmington, NC, Folana Loren Houston of Atlanta, Alexandria Courtney Houston of Atlanta, Olivia Elizabeth Glover, and Lauren Jouse Glover of Raleigh, NC; two great-grandchildren, Nora Lee Anderson of Wilmington, NC and Atlas John Oliver Houston of Oceanside, CA;

his 101 year-old sister, Dorothy Houston Torrence of Newport News, VA, and a host of wonderful and loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He was blessed with and grateful for his loving and faithful caregivers: Alhajie Turay, Michelle Gilliam, Ashley Cunningham, Angel VanDyke, and Shenika Cunningham who became an integral part of the family.

A Celebration of Life Praise Service – 96 years, A Life Well Lived, will be held on Thursday, August 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home & Crematory in Roanoke. The Reverend Sean Burch, Officiating Clergy, Reverend Patricia Smith - Worship Leader and area soloists will minister in song. Due to the rise in COVID cases, in love, the family requests all attendees be vaccinated and face masks required for the safety of everyone, especially our dear Mother. On Thursday, live streaming will be available for unvaccinated friends and family and those who are not able to attend from the Hamlar-Curtis website. Click “View Live Streaming Here” at the top of the screen.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Spirit of Unity Baptist Church, 193 Updike, Lane, Roanoke, VA 24019 or Trinity A.M.E. Church at 631 East Florida Street, Greensboro, NC 27406.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY

400 Quail Ridge Road, Fincastle, VA 24090
Tax Map No. 72(8)28, Parcel No. 23467
In execution of an Amended and Restated Credit Line Deed of Trust dated October 6, 2014, in the principal amount of \$1,086,105.42, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 140003493, Woods Rogers PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Botetourt County Circuit Court, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, on August 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land designated as TM #72(8)28 and containing 17.614 acres, more or less, all as shown on that certain "Boundary Line Adjustment & Family Subdivision, Plat of the Property of Kendall W. & Ann P. Austin", dated August 11, 2011, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc., of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 52, page 44.

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PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from the

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Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of industrial wastewater and stormwater into a waterbody in Botetourt County, Virginia PERMIT NO.: VA0072397
NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Roanoke Cement Company LLC, 6071 Catawba Road, Troutville, Virginia 24175
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The full public notice is available at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/virginia-pollution-discharge-elimination-system-vpdes>

Legals - City of Radford

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD

THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL21-6456** Plaintiff, v. **COLE-PHILLIPS BUILDING CO.,** and **MICHAEL H. COLE** and **PARTIES UNKNOWN**, any heirs, devisees, and successors in title, including Successors in interest of Cole Phillips Building Co., A General Partnership collectively made Defendants, Defendant(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to order abatement of nuisance or allow for razing of a structure owned by Cole Phillips Building Co., and located at 103 Polk Street in the City of Radford, Virginia, and enforce a lien for the costs of the same. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named partnership, made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before September 24, 2021, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered: 7/22/2021
Melissa White
Circuit Court Clerk/Judge
City of Radford, Virginia

I Ask For This:
Michael R. Bedsaul, Esq.
(WSB # 41273)

Legals - City of Radford

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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
305 E. MAIN ST SALEM, VA 24153
ALTIZER, ZANDER LEE v. MCGUIRE, CONNER LEE
The object of this suit is to: **NAME CHANGE OF MINOR**
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Enter 7/16/21
Judge Dorsey

Pursuant to the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the

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provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on August 26, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Matthew and Kathryn Cookston, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 436 Westland Street, Tax Map # 171-2-13. The petitioners are requesting a variance of 8.2 feet of side-yard setback and 25 feet of rear-yard setback to allow an addition. Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that a side-yard setback of ten percent (8.2 feet) and a 25 feet rear-yard setback is required.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM
BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM
Zoning Administrator

AT&T Mobility, LLC

is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on a building located at 220 East Main Street, Salem, Roanoke County, VA. The modifications will consist of the addition of remote radio units at approximately 70 feet above ground level on the 61.7-foot building. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6121005335- MAB EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or via telephone at (617) 909-9035.

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Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201
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LEWIS OPENS TODAY

The Andrew Lewis Middle School football team will open today when the Wolverines take on William Fleming in a 5 pm game in Roanoke. Lewis hosted a four team middle school jamboree last Thursday at Salem Stadium as William Byrd, Patrick Henry and William Fleming teams came to Salem for scrimmages. Left, Salem's Trey Dawyot catches a touchdown pass from Coen Logan in the scrimmage against Fleming.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



A Glenvar defender strips the ball from a William Byrd ballcarrier in last Friday's scrimmage at Highlander Stadium.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem golfers 3rd at HVCC

The Salem High golfers will be at Blue Hills today for a three team non-district match against Bassett and host William Byrd. Tee time is 2:40 pm.

The Spartans played a River Ridge District match on Tuesday at the Hidden Valley Country Club. The match was scheduled for 18 holes but just nine holes were played due to the weather.

Blacksburg won Tuesday's round with a score of 144, one stroke better than Hidden Valley. Salem was third at 151 and Patrick Henry shot 153.

Trey Joyce led the Spartans with a 36, followed by Macy Johnson at 37 and Alex Rea at 38. Hunter King and Andrew Rea tied for the fourth Salem scoring spot with 40 each.

Glenvar was scheduled to play at the Great Oaks course at Floyd on Monday but that match was postponed and rescheduled for September 1. The Highlanders won't tee it up again until a week from today at Hanging Rock.

Salem has a River Ridge District match at the Roanoke Country Club on Monday.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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extend our drives. We got in our own way a few teams, but again it's nothing we can't fix."

Glenvar scrimmaged William Byrd at Highlander Stadium last Friday. Like Salem, the scrimmage was delayed for about an hour and half before the two county teams were able to get on the field. Glenvar scored once and Byrd did not score.

"I thought our kids really competed," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "They scored once and we kept them from scoring, so that was pretty successful. And everyone got to play."

The Highlanders will have a three-team jamboree this Friday, beginning with Glenvar against Abingdon at 5 pm. Blacksburg will play Abingdon after that, and the night will conclude with Glenvar against Blacksburg.

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

Look for a special section, TOUCHDOWN XLV, in next week's edition, previewing the Salem and Glenvar High School teams.

Sox in Lynchburg for 6

The Salem Red Sox will continue their 12 game road trip this week when they play six games in Lynchburg. The Sox played six in Fredricksburg last week and went just two of six games against the Nationals, who have the second worst record in the 12 team Low-A East League.

Despite dropping four of six in Fredricksburg the Sox held on to their lead in the North Division of Low-A East, leading by four games over second place Delmarva. As of Monday they remained a game behind Carolina in the overall standings as they try to catch the Mudcats for second in Low-A East and earn a spot in the post-season playoffs.

Carolina lost four of six to Down East last week, so Salem missed out on an opportunity to pass the Mudcats. This week Carolina will host Augusta, the last place team in the South Division.

Salem lost the opener in Fredricksburg, 7-6. The Sox bounced back to win the second game, 9-4, but the Nationals won Thursday, 5-1, and Friday's game was rained out. After splitting a doubleheader Saturday the Sox dropped Sunday's series finale, 4-0. Salem was also shut out in the opening game of Saturday's doubleheader, 12-0.

Salem is now in Lynchburg through Sunday before returning home next Tuesday, August 24, to host Delmarva for a six game series.



Alex Erro has his bat split in two in Salem's last homestand.

PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit for a Commercial Auto Garage at 1250 Roanoke Street for Tax Parcel Nos. 498 - ((7)) - 16A, 498 - ((7)) - 17A, and 498 - ((A)) - 113C by Glenwood Martin on behalf of Twin Oaks Properties LLC. The property is designated Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/you tube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publ ichearings.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Southern Towers BTS, LP proposes to extend an existing 85-foot-tall Monopole Communications Tower to an overall height of 108

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feet. Lighting application is not required. The Site location is 1911 Walnut Spring Road, Blacksburg, Montgomery County, VA 24060, Lat: 37-13-3.30 Long: 80-28-15.24. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1198569.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/application) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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High School volleyball season opens next week

The Glenvar and Salem volleyball teams scrimmaged each other on Tuesday as they prepare for the coming season. The Highlanders will open next Monday at home against Auburn and Salem will host Roanoke Catholic on Wednesday, August 25.

Glenvar is coming off a strong season under coach Mark Rohrback, who rejoined the team for his third stint as head coach. The Highlanders were undefeated before being upset by Giles in the Region 2C semifinals last season, played in the spring after the fall season was postponed due to COVID. Glenvar graduated three seniors from that team.

The Highlanders have a 10 player varsity this year with six juniors returning from the spring season, middle hitters Sydney Loder and Rhyan Harris, outside hitters Hannah Hylton and Claire Griffith and defensive specialists Faren Wilson and Cara Butler. Also returning to the team after taking the spring season off are senior outside hitter Bailey Conner and sophomore setter Audrey Conner.

Natalie McMahon has moved up from setting and hitting outside for the jayvee team last year as a freshman to this year's Varsity team. Sophomore middle hitter Daisy Ann Dawyot has transferred in from Salem.

"I expect all 10 players to be outstanding players and contribute to the success of the team," said Rohrback.

Salem will scrimmage in the Rockbridge Jamboree on Saturday at Rockbridge County High School. The event will include over 20 teams.

Spartan coach Beth Denton returns two seniors, Emma Johnson and Kennedy Scales. Also returning are juniors Kai Bowen, Ella Walker and Reese Redford along with sophomore setter Anne Hayden Hall.

The Spartans will play a majority of their home games at Andrew Lewis Middle School this year due to construction at Salem High and repairs to the gym floor. One game, on September 2nd, will be played at South Salem Elementary School.

Above, Salem's Ella Walker(#3) and Kai Bowen(#13) go high to attempt to block a spike by Glenvar's Sydney Loder in Tuesday night's scrimmage at Glenvar. Right, Rhyan Harris of Glenvar puts one down against the Spartans.



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Highlanders play in "Last Inning" game

The second annual "The Last Inning" baseball game was held at Salem Memorial Ballpark last Saturday. Two games for graduated senior players were played around the presentation of the annual Ray Bellamy Award in an event presented by the Salem Red Sox and the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame.

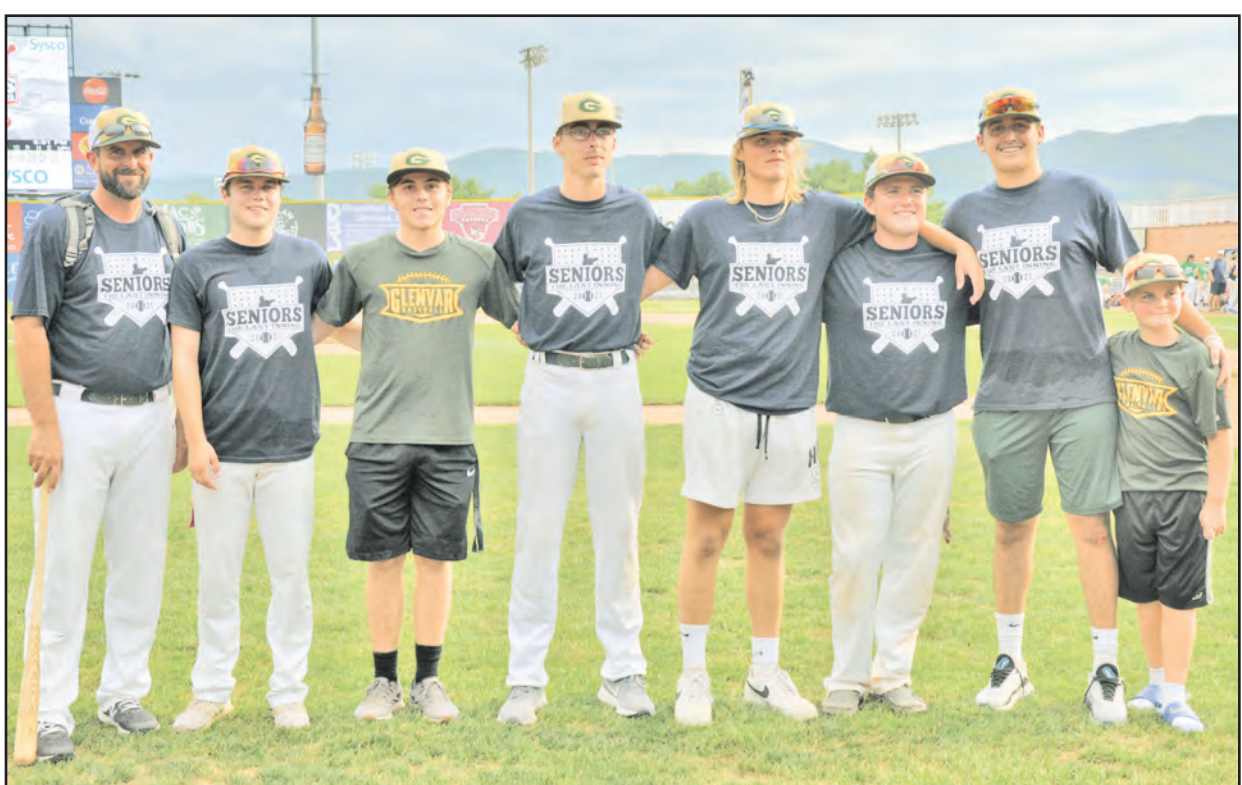
The first game was between teams wearing Navy and Red shirts. The Navy team consisted of players from Glenvar, Lord Botetourt and William Byrd, and they took on the Red team with players from Hidden Valley, James River, North Cross and Eastern Montgomery. The Red team took a 7-1 win in the game. Glenvar was represented by Jacob Mays, Nathan Richardson, Cam Wiley, Ryan Butler and Carson Osburn.

In the second game the Gray team took an 11-2 win over the Green team. The Gray team consisted of players from Cave Spring, Franklin County and Northside while the Green was comprised of players from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Patrick Henry, Staunton River and Liberty. Jake Weaver from Northside hit a three-run home run over the left field wall to lead the Gray.

Between games the five finalists for the Ray Bellamy Award were recognized. The Bellamy Award is presented by the Salem-Roanoke Hall of Fame to the Player-of-the-Year in the area served by the Hall. It's voted upon by the board members of the Hall of Fame and the high school coaches from an area that includes the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties.

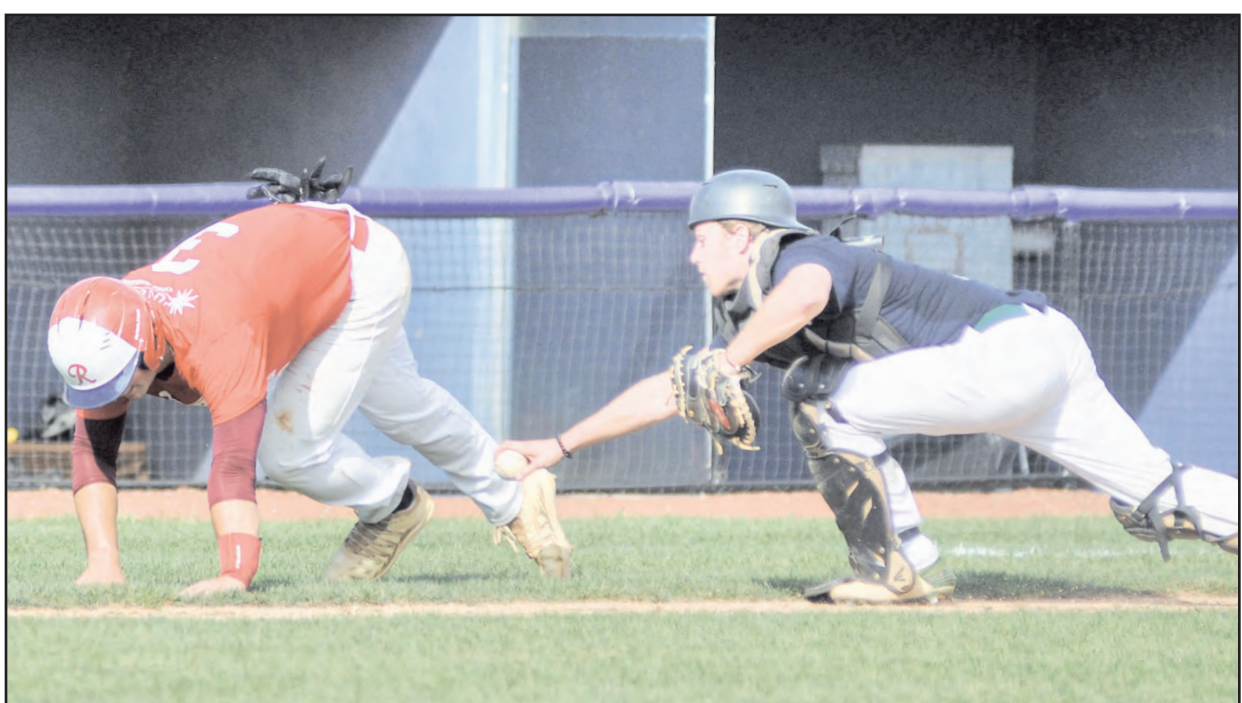
William Byrd's Tyler Dean was chosen as the Bellamy Award winner and other finalists included Isaac Fix of Byrd, Cory Sigmon of Northside, Holden Wilkerson of Cave Spring and Michael Williams of Franklin County. There was also the presentation of the Posey Oyler Scholarship, sponsored by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and awarded to a player who will go on to play in college and has shown a dedication to the game. Davis Yeaman from North Cross was the recipient of that scholarship.

A nice crowd was on hand on a beautiful Virginia day and the Red Sox not only had the concession stands open but provided between inning entertainment like at a Carolina League game. The game is planned to be an annual event.



Above, Glenvar players participating in "The Last Inning" baseball game for graduated high school seniors included, left to right, coach Jeremy Cromer, Cameron Wiley, Josh Howard, Nathan Richardson, Carson Osburn, Jacob Mays, Ryan Butler and batboy Alston Cromer. Below, Howard tags out James River's Gabe Sebastino after a rundown.

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Riley Geddes(left) is the Region 2C Player of the Year and Josh Jones(right) is the Coach of the Year.

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ALL-REGION 2C

The All-Region 2C boys' soccer team was recently released and region champion Glenvar dominated the list. The Highlanders had six players on the first team as well as the Player of the Year and Coach of the Year.

Josh Jones, the first year coach of the GHS boys, was named Region 2C Coach of the Year after guiding the Highlanders to a 13-1 record. Glenvar won Three Rivers District season and tournament championships as well as the Region 2C championship, falling to Graham in overtime in the state semifinal.

Glenvar junior forward Riley Geddes was named the region Player of the Year, adding to the Player of the Year honor bestowed upon him in the Three Rivers District. Five other Highlanders, all underclassmen, were also named to the first team. Included were juniors Maddox Fisher at midfield and Matthew Ross on defense, sophomores Jacson Shepherd at forward and Colin Clapper at midfield and freshman Zach Curfiss on defense.

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Cook's company built Field of Dreams



Left, Murray Cook (left in photo) of Brightview Sports Turf and Budgie Clark take a break at the "Field of Dreams" in Dyersville, Iowa last week. Murray is the president of Brightview and Clark, a Salem High graduate and former Haley Toyota Field groundskeeper, is an employee who helped construct the Major League quality baseball field. Below is the original movie "Field of Dreams" on the left and, to the right, the field built for last week's Yankees and White Sox game.



Murray Cook built it, and they came.

Cook, who started shining shoes in the Salem Pirates clubhouse and worked his way into being one of the top turf experts in the world, was the main architect of the "Field of Dreams" for last week's game between the New York Yankees and the Chicago White Sox. His Brightview Sports Turf company had the task of turning a cornfield into a baseball diamond and all the reviews were "rave" following the wildly successful Major League game on August 12.

"I got so many calls from all over the world," said Cook, who worked on the project for over five years. "I got some messages in Japanese. One thing I'll say is, I learned a lot more about corn than I really wanted to know."

The project began with an idea by the late Denise Stillman, who owned the property where the movie "Field of Dreams" was filmed. If you're one of the few who have not seen it, the 1989 release starring Kevin Costner was about a man who lived on a farm in Iowa and reconnected with his father in a tall tale revolving around baseball. At the climax his dad, along with the 1919 Chicago White Sox, come out of the corn field to play a ballgame. It was a very successful movie and the phrase, "if you build it they will come," was coined in the making of the film.

Unfortunately Stillman died of cancer before her idea came to fruition, but she would have enjoyed seeing how successful the project was. The current White Sox, wearing 1919 period uniforms, won an exciting game over the Yankees, 9-8 on a walk-off home run into the cornfield, in a nationally televised game.

"It was the most watched regular season baseball game in 16 years," noted Cook, who watched the game from a gate just past the first base dugout. "You couldn't have asked for a better game. Literally, the baseball Gods shined down on us. We had three days of rain prior to the game but it was a beautiful night and a great game to watch."

The field in the movie was not suitable for a big league game, so Cook and his company plotted a spot nearby to construct a big league ballpark. It wasn't the first rodeo for Murray, who has constructed fields for the Olympics, for a game at Fort Bragg and numerous other locations around the world. He's the official turf consultant for Major League Baseball's fields and stadiums with 35 years of experience. If you want a baseball field built, you call Murray.

The site evaluation began in 2015 but actual construction of the field began in August of 2019. The first order of business was clearing off the corn.

"Getting rid of the corn was easy, you just sit on the tractor and pull it out," said Cook. "The hard part was moving 30,000 cubic yards of soil."

Once the field started taking shape an entire ballpark had to be built. Murray and his workers oversaw the whole deal, from the locker rooms to the bleachers for a crowd of 8,000 fans. An alfalfa field across the street was mowed down and a parking lot was marked that could hold 3,000 cars. Only Iowa people could buy tickets to the first big league game held in the state.

The field is located in Dyersville, an Iowa town of just over 4,000 residents that has become quite a tourist destination for people who loved the movie. You can actually rent the house where Costner's movie family lived, and have a game of catch on the field. Fans come from all over to marvel at the site.

"The best part of the whole thing was watching the faces of people when they entered the field," said Cook. "Players were snapping pictures and running through the corn. Both teams took team pictures in the outfield and ran through the corn maze."

The corn maze was constructed between the original and new ballfields. The Major League Baseball logo was incorporated into the maze.

"There's a company that does that," said Cook. "It only took them about three hours to do it."

The event was so successful there's talk of holding more games there, maybe once a year. For now, however, everything comes down.

"Everything outside the field is temporary," said Cook. "We'll continue to maintain the field itself."

Murray's next project is this Sunday's game between the Angels and Indians at the home of Little League Baseball in Williamsport, PA. It will kick off this year's Little League World Series with a game

at Bowman Stadium, a 2,500 seat ballpark that Cook maintains. He was driving to Pennsylvania from his home in Roanoke on Monday.

Now 61, Cook and his wife have three grown children, a 14 year old and a grandson. Ironically his daughter Kate married a guy from Iowa.

In his years since serving as a teenage groundskeeper at Salem Municipal Stadium, which is now Billy Sample Field at Kiwanis Park, Cook has rubbed elbows with some of the greats of the game as well as national and international celebrities. He enjoyed talking to Costner in Iowa as the movie star returned to the site of the baseball movie to watch the game last week.

"He just looked around in amazement and said, 'is this real?'" noted Cook.

Yes it is, Kevin, thanks to Murray and his crew. He built it, and they came for one of the most memorable baseball games ever.

"Popeye" was popular guy in Salem

I was sad to learn of the passing of Carl "Popeye" Buchanan last week. He worked for the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation for over 20 years, mostly at the James I. Moyer Complex.

"It's a big loss," said Salem Director of Parks and Recreation John Shaner. "Everyone loved Popeye. He would sit by the front gate of the complex and greet every person that came in, and he always had some great one-liners."

Carl was a big Salem High football fan who rarely missed a game, home or away. He was chosen to "top the L" at a game in 2010, and he was thrilled to be recognized. That was a Salem tradition to honor outstanding citizens prior to the home football games, standing atop the "L" as the Spartan band spelled out "Salem."

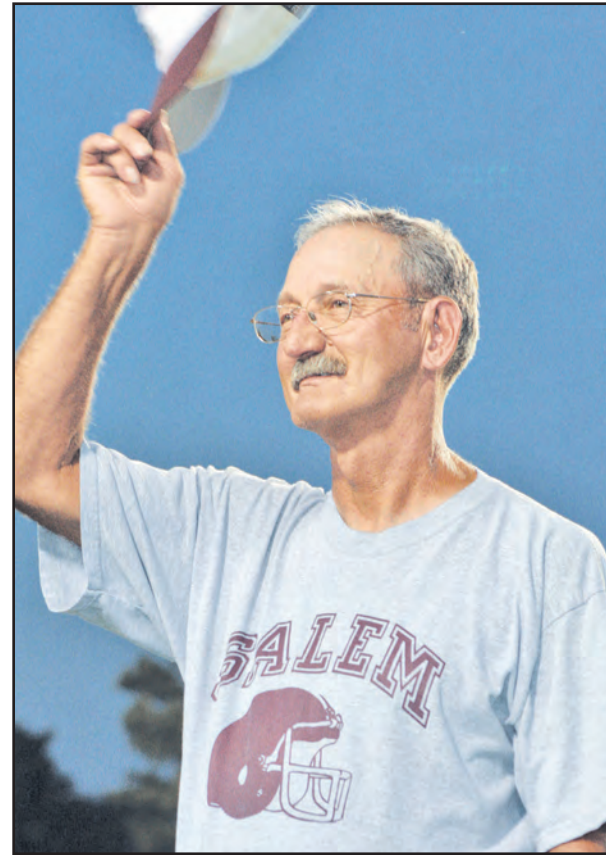
Former Parks and Rec. Director Charlie Hammersley hired Popeye and has fond memories of him. He was a good worker and got along with everyone.

"It didn't take him long to mesh with that crew at Moyer," said Hammersley. "Every year we had a Christmas luncheon for all our employees and Popeye

would come by the office to remind the secretary that if I couldn't make it, make sure somebody brought my credit card to pay for the lunch."

I always enjoyed seeing him at the complex. One time, years ago, I was getting ready to take a picture and when I held the camera up I realized the lens cap was still on. Popeye was standing near me and noticed and had a good laugh. From that time on, every single time he saw me, he would say, "now don't forget to take the lens cap off that camera."

Popeye was the kind of guy that made Salem great and we'll miss him dearly.



Carl "Popeye" Buchanan tips his hat to the crowd after being recognized as a "Super Fan" at Salem Stadium.



Salem defenders bring down a Brookville ballcarrier in last Friday's scrimmage at Salem Stadium.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Spartans, Highlanders have final tune-up for football season Friday

The Salem and Glenvar football teams will have their final tune-ups before the regular season begins as they host home events this Friday. Salem will have a Benefit Game against Magna Vista while Glenvar will host a three team jamboree featuring Blacksburg and Abingdon.

Salem's Benefit Game at Salem Stadium will begin at 7 pm and admission will be charged. A third of the money will go to each school and the final third will go to the Virginia High School League. The contest will be played like a regular game except for special teams play.

The Spartans had their first scrimmage at home last Friday against Brookville. The scrimmage was delayed for about an hour and half due to a thunderstorm but the teams were able to finish.

"I saw some good things," said Salem coach Don Holter. "We gave up a few scores but the only people who keep score in scrimmages are the people who play Salem. It's nothing we can't correct, and the kids were flying around."

"As for the offense, I thought we got after people up front and were able to

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