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Some Salem families are ready to discard masks after Gov. Youngkin's announcement, others stoutly disagree

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Days after being inaugurated, Governor Glenn Youngkin signed an executive order banning mask mandates. Six months ago, Democrat Ralph Northam, Youngkin's predecessor, issued a public health emergency order mandating masks in schools.

Seven school boards – Alexandria City, Arlington County, Richmond City, Fairfax County, Falls Church City, Hampton City and Prince William County – recently filed a lawsuit with the Circuit Court for the County of Arlington to challenge the constitutionality of Youngkin's executive order.

Explained the groups in a joint statement, "Without

this action, school boards are placed in a legally untenable position – faced with an executive order that is in conflict with the constitution and state law. This not politically motivated. School divisions would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the governor to ensure the safety and welfare of all students. This lawsuit is not brought out of choice, but out of necessity."

Throughout his campaign, Youngkin heavily focused on the rights of schoolchildren's parents, said Roanoke County native Steve Marshall, who added, I don't understand why people thought he would get into office and govern to the contrary.

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On January 21, Superintendent Curtis Hicks sent out a letter to students, families and staff. In part, it read, "The Salem City School Division respects the new governor as well as the rights of parents. However, the community is currently experiencing the highest transmission levels since the pandemic began in March of 2020. If we transition to a mask-optional or mask opt-out approach, anyone within six feet of an infected individual for at least 15 minutes in 24 hours would be required to quarantine."

Council approves pilot scooter program

Meg Hibbert

Contributing writer

After studying the ins and outs of rental "shared mobility systems," Salem City Council on Jan. 24 unanimously approved a pilot project for Lime scooters that will likely start in the spring.

The ordinance approved on first reading amends the city code regarding "Dockless Mobility Operations."

Council discussed what was necessary to have scooters at the first meeting in January.

Salem City Attorney Jim Guynn explained the state previously mandated all Virginia localities must allow scooters. He added if the pilot project goes well, the city will expand the program.

Scooters will be for rent in a roughly triangular area from Main Street to Fourth to Thompson Memorial Drive. Scooters would be programmed to cut off when they reach the boundaries, Councilmembers learned.

Guynn said if scooters are not parked in designated corrals, they will be confiscated by city employees and stored. The Lime company will be responsible for paying a storage fee.

In other matters, Council:

- Discussed future marijuana retail sales in the work session preceding the regular meeting. Specifics are still being worked out in the Virginia General Assembly, Salem Zoning Administrator Mary Ellen Wines said. Retail sales of marijuana products would be strictly governed under state law, so that stores would be similar to Alcoholic Beverage Control stores, she said. Only 400 licenses would be granted in the state, Wines added, so it is unlikely that Salem would get more than one store.

- Marijuana stores could not be located within 300 feet of a church, school or day care center, and there could be no signs or neons with images of marijuana.

Council held public hearings and unanimously approved, on first reading, zoning ordinance changes that included:

- Rezoning property of Scott A. Boggs at 407 E. Burwell St. from Residential Business District to Transitional Business District, in order to allow a 20-square-foot sign instead of the current six-square-foot sign advertising a fly fishing business at that location;

- Rezoning 630 Union St. from Heavy Manufacturing to Highway Business District, to construct Union Plaza, two commercial build-

ings. The vacant property has been filled and raised more than six-feet above street level to prevent flooding. Community Development Director Chuck VanAllman said two commercial buildings are planned;

Council denied a special exemption permit requested by Sunshine Spa to allow a massage parlor at 2936 W. Main St. VanAllman explained the business was operating as an acupuncture facility, but when a special city investigator went in, they found that the business was providing full-body massages and some illegal activities. Salem Planning Commission had recommended denial of the permit.

Council also postponed decisions and public hearings on two amendments to city code pertaining to review of subdivision site plans and plats and site plan review. The items will be taken up on Feb. 28.

During the Citizen Comments portion at the beginning of the regular session, two citizens spoke. Cynthia Munley asked for more citizen input in city decisions. Her seven-year-old granddaughter, Tessa Warner, asked Council to encourage the planting of more trees.

All five Council members were present at the hour-long Jan. 24 meeting, which adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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Former Salem basketball standout Kenneth Belton brings a wealth of experience to his new position.

Virginia Western's newest Board Director is a Salem native, RC graduate

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Kenneth Belton recently joined the Board of Directors of the Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation. Belton, the owner of Your Church Partner, LLC., is a Roanoke College alumnus and notable figure in the school's illustrious basketball program. He and his teammates led RC to the NCAA Division I Tournament in the early 1980s.

The Educational Foundation Board of Directors regularly looks to invite new members who have demonstrated an interest in supporting higher education with a strong record of community engagement. Heywood Fralin, the Nominating Committee Chair, became acquainted with Belton and thought he would be a wonderful addition to the Board, based on his longtime service in the community.

"All of my fellow Board members essentially become ambassadors for Virginia Western and

can speak about the impact we make in the lives of our students," Fralin said. "We offer ideas, based on their significant life experience, about how to connect with students and ensure that we are meeting the needs of employers."

Virginia Western is often cited throughout the Roanoke Valley as an asset by economic development leaders who are trying to recruit new companies.

"That's because we see our role as training the workforce and quickly adapting to what employers need. We can shift and refocus an academic degree program or start up a new short-term certification program, with a relatively quick turnaround," Belton said.

Part of the Virginia Community College System, Va. Western was established in 1966. In addition to offering 23 associate degree programs, the school also has approximately 70 different specified programs that fall under

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Women's Pro-Cycling Team relocates to Virginia's Blue Ridge



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left to right, Roanoke College graduates Sam Rasoul and Shelley Olds and college president Michael Maxey attended the press conference announcing the relocating of the women's pro cycling team to the Roanoke Valley at a Saturday press conference at the Hotel Roanoke. Rasoul is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from the 11th district and Olds was a member of the United States Olympic Cycling team at the 2012 games in London.

Last Saturday at the Hotel Roanoke, leaders of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge and the Virginia Tourism Corporation announced that Team TWENTY24, a diverse team of female professional and junior cyclists, will officially relocate their base of operations from Idaho to Virginia's Blue Ridge. The team's name will now be Virginia's Blue Ridge TWENTY24 (VBR TWENTY24).

For more than 17 years, America's premier women's cycling team has been responsible for developing and managing many of the most successful American female cyclists, establishing a consistent pipeline for talented road, gravel, and Zwift eSports athletes. The team has earned 14 Olympic and Paralympic medals, 17 world

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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.

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.

•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.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY

Glenvar Rotary Club meets 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. for lunch in Richfield Living's Town Center Anser Dining Room. Guests welcome.

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 sending an email to 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, JANUARY 29

The Teacher Recruiting Job Fair will be held at the Salem Civic Center. Twenty-two School Divisions will have their recruiters speaking to interested parties and interviewing for potential roles in their school divisions. There will also be a VDOE

representative to answer licensure questions. If you are looking for a teaching job and are qualified with a license, or if you will have a license by the end of this school year, or if you are in the Career Switcher program and are looking for a position - this is the job fair for you. Bring resumes.

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FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

SECOND MONDAY

Paint Bank Ladies

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Fort Lewis Chapter presents Community Service Award to Salem Museum



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The Fort Lewis Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented the Community Service Award to the Salem Museum and Historical Society for their valuable work on December 11, 2021.

Many individuals have relayed stories about living in a town for years and never visiting any of the local sites. Local and area residents who have not toured the Salem Museum are missing out on a true jewel. Even though the museum will be closed for maintenance through February 22, many already have their calendars marked for the reopening.

On December 11,

2021, the Fort Lewis Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented the Community Service Award to the Salem Museum and Historical Society for their valuable work, especially during the pandemic.

Recipients of this award must have "contributed to the community in an outstanding manner through cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors."

The service must be recent and be documented by media articles or letters of recommendation.

The DAR continues, "Award recipients reflect the needs of our communities."

Just as many Community Service Awards last year honored healthcare and es-

sential workers in response to the pandemic, this award recognizes the Salem Museum's creative ways in which they continue to perform their mission even while closed to the public.

"While penguins roamed the [otherwise closed] halls of the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum in Kansas City, the Salem Museum, also closed to the public, was offering monthly programs on ZOOM and short twice-weekly videos on Museum artifacts and local historical sites," wrote Susan Kirby, President of the Salem Museum and Historical Society, in her nomination letter.

The weekly videos were called "White Glove Wednesday," describing items in the museum, and "Around Town," focusing on local historical sites.

One of the "Around Town" videos featured the unveiling of an Historical Highway Marker funded by the Fort Lewis Chapter at the location of Fort Lewis.

Also, "in what might be described as a symbiotic relationship," Kirby said, "the Museum and the Fort Lewis DAR Chapter support and enrich each other, helping to advance their particular missions of community service."

Many of the Fort Lewis Chapter members volunteer at the library. Some serve as docents, while others, using software purchased through the chapter's grant request, work on preserving historical documents, photos, cemetery information, year-books and family genealogy.

This allows the general public to search for items located in the Logan Library, a research library, located on the 3rd floor of the Museum. Visitors often use the library's resources for genealogical research, also an important endeavor for the DAR. This relationship between the DAR and the Museum has provided members to both the museum and the chapter.

Salem City's Mayor, Renee Turk, added her voice to the nomination by including a letter. She stated, "The City of Salem understands and greatly appreciates the value of community service, and our Salem Museum is a perfect example of providing extensive services for our local communities."

Ricki McKinney, Regent of the Fort Lewis Chapter, stated, "It is with gratitude that the Fort Lewis Chapter presents the Community Service Award to the Salem Museum."

Submitted by Susan Kirby & Cynthia "Ricki" McKinney

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Agricultural policy set at national convention

After a virtual event last year, the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention returned in-person Jan. 7-12. The convention in Atlanta drew 5,000 farmers and industry advocates from across the U.S., including eight voting delegates representing Virginia farmers.

The Virginia Farm Bureau Federation delegates were among 345 farmer representatives who deliberated and approved policies that set AFBF's 2022 legislative agenda. The delegation included VFBF President Wayne F. Pryor; Vice President Scott Sink; Caroline County Farm Bureau President Lynwood Broaddus; Lunenburg County Farm Bureau Vice President William Coffee; Floyd County Farm Bureau President Grey Lineberry; Chesapeake Farm Bureau President Byron Stonecypher;

Louisa County Farm Bureau President C.T. Thiemann; and Franklin County Farm Bureau President Tanya Young.

Coffee, a grain farmer in Southside Virginia, has served as a delegate at several AFBF conventions.

"I enjoyed the trade show and workshops, and meeting people from all over the country," he said. "And the policy discussion in the voting session was really interesting."

Delegates voted on proposed policy related to key topics, from milk pricing and beef market transparency to urban agriculture. They discussed issues related to labor and broadband expansion, and voted to update policy on biofuels, including renewable diesel. Delegates also elected members to serve on the AFBF board of directors and national program

committees.

The convention also featured speakers, educational workshops and award presentations. VFBF earned a State Award of Excellence for implementing outstanding member programs and for membership achievement in 2021.

Virginia young farmers competed for AFBF Young Farmer & Rancher awards. Roger and Amanda Scott of Madison County placed third in the Achievement Award competition. Northampton County farmer Kyle Sturgis was a Top 10 finalist for the Excellence in Agriculture Award, and Jonathan Grimes, a Wythe County farmer, participated in the national Discussion Meet competition.

Four Virginia Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee members and four women

delegates participated in workshops, regional caucus events and special presentations.

AFBF President Zippy Duvall spoke at the women's general session.

"He emphasized we should never underestimate the power of our influence and voice in agriculture," noted VFBF Women's Leadership Committee Chair Faye Hundley of Essex County. "He encouraged women delegates to continue to be strong and engaged to reach our maximum potential."

Duvall also opened the convention by discussing the organization's successes in 2021 and priorities for 2022.

"Through even the greatest challenges, we never waver in growing the safest, most sustainable food, fuel and fiber in the world," he said. "And Farm Bureau remains true to our

purpose - to be that one, united voice of agriculture. I believe with all my heart that there is reason to be optimistic."

National leaders also addressed the group, including President Joe Biden in a video message, and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

Biden expressed his appreciation for farmers and highlighted the administration's priorities related to the Packers and Stockyards Act, infrastructure improvements and promoting fair competition in agricultural markets. Vilsack discussed broadband deployment, trade negotiations, investments in livestock processing capabilities and the prospect of climate-smart commodities.

Submitted by Nicole Zema, VFBF Communications

Farm Bureau looking forward to working with new FSA director

Virginia native Dr. Ronald Howell has been named the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency state executive director for Virginia.

The FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster and farm marketing programs in each state. Its mission is to equitably serve all farmers, ranchers and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans. State executive directors

ensure that the needs of local constituents are met and USDA resources are distributed equitably.

Howell served as the director of operations and management in the College of Agriculture at Virginia State University since 2018. In that capacity, he oversaw the day-to-day operations of the university's Randolph Farm. He also taught courses in agriculture education and mechanization there.

"Virginia Farm Bureau Federation congratulates Ronald Howell on his appointment as FSA state executive director for Virginia," said Wayne F.

Pryor, VFBF president. "Dr. Howell comes to this position with an agricultural education from both of Virginia's land grant universities and a breadth of experience in both state and federal government. Virginia Farm Bureau stands ready to work closely with Dr. Howell, knowing his success as FSA state executive director correlates directly with Virginia's farmers having the support they need to succeed."

Prior to Howell's tenure at VSU, he served as the special assistant and advisor for strategic partnerships and initiatives to

the secretary of agriculture and forestry under former governors Terry McAuliffe and Ralph Northam.

In that role, he worked to strengthen outreach efforts and minority farmers' participation in USDA and state-based agricultural and conservation programs. Howell also provided recommendations for the Virginia Farm Business Development Program and the Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Program.

"I am thankful to have the opportunity to return to USDA to serve as FSA

state executive director in Virginia," Howell noted. "Agriculture is Virginia's No. 1 industry, and I am committed to advancing the agency's mission at the state level and ensuring the voice of every customer who depends on programs and services provided by FSA is heard."

"There are tremendous opportunities ahead to open doors of access and to build partnerships with Virginia Farm Bureau and other ag-based organizations to advocate for the wonderful men and women responsible for providing the food, fuel, feed and fiber supply

for our great nation and globally."

Howell earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture business and economics from VSU in 2009 and a master's degree from Virginia Tech in agricultural and life sciences in 2012. In 2021, he received his doctorate in education and community leadership with a focus on agriculture education from Murray State University in Kentucky.

Submitted by Pam Wiley, VFBF Vice President of Communications

Youngkin

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Masks have altered the trajectory of COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages all staff, students and school visitors to wear one while indoors, regardless of vaccine status. Individuals vaccinated from COVID-19 are four times less likely to be hospitalized than those who are not, according to the CDC.

Stores in Salem like Walmart and Sheetz offer free surgical masks.

Employees at businesses that directly serve the community, such as retail stores and restaurants, are required to wear masks. As the omicron variant began to spread, more cities and counties started to adopt indoor mandates.

Across the commonwealth, there are approximately 1.5 million schoolchildren, including nearly 4,000 within the six Salem City Public Schools. Last Friday, Super-

intendent Curtis Hicks sent out a letter to students, families and staff. In part, it read, "The Salem City School Division respects the new governor as well as the rights of parents, and we look forward to providing families with the opportunity to transition to a mask-optional or a mask opt-out approach as soon as conditions allow us to do so. However, the Salem Community is currently experiencing the highest transmission levels since the pandemic began in March of 2020."

Hicks added, "While transmission levels are a concern, the greater concern for our schools is the risk to in-person instruction from contact tracing and quarantining. Currently, because of universal masking in schools, students are considered a close contact and are required to quarantine if they are within three feet of someone who has tested positive for at least 15 minutes in 24

hours. We believe that transitioning to a mask-optional or mask opt-out policy while our schools and the community are experiencing extremely high case counts jeopardizes in-person instruction for all students."

Amy Wallace has two children that attend East Salem Elementary School. As someone who has contracted COVID-19, Wallace feels that she is more than qualified to discuss the topic because he knows what she speaks. "I appreciate Governor Youngkin prioritizing testing guidelines to mitigate supply-chain shortages. That is awesome. This should not be a partisan issue though. I understand that not everyone likes them, but facts are facts. The evidence is so overwhelming at this point. I've had COVID and trust me, it is not fun. I'm glad our Salem officials have taken this stance."

Board Director

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the categories of Associate of Science, Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science and Career Studies. Many of the degrees are used as stepping-stones to numerous four-year universities across the Commonwealth.

"From its founding, Virginia Western was about equity and providing a college-level education for all. We

hold that mission close today. Equity remains a pillar of our strategic plan. We are proud to point to our graduates, who help propel the Roanoke Region's growth. This is especially important in health care and manufacturing, which are the top employers of our students," Coordinator of Development Carole Tarrant said. "Our cur-

rent students come from a wide variety of backgrounds, but Virginia Western's strength is serving them all and helping them achieve their dreams of meaningful employment."

Belton says he's looking forward to spreading Virginia Western's message throughout the Roanoke Valley community and beyond.

Toddler enjoys the snow around her house



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When young Sophia woke up and saw all of the snow outside, she couldn't contain her enthusiasm. Her giggles were contagious, and she played in the piles of snow for over an hour.

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Volume Library ~

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

Before Wikipedia, there was "The Volume Library."

A one-volume encyclopedia holding more than 1,200 thin paper pages, it was where I turned in childhood when I had "a composition" to write for my elderly teacher in the tiny school I attended for five years.

It still occupies a space on the office bookshelves my son-in-law made for me 30 years ago, but it hasn't gotten any lighter. It's bound in a brick-red ordinary cotton and on the inside cover, it bears an inscription in my fifth-grader hand:

Frank Stringfellow III
August 2, 1939, Orange, Virginia

That inscription says a great deal about the Great Depression -1929 through 1941 - and about my childhood life.

First, the inscription. It was what I liked to be called from around seven to ten years old, for I wished I was a boy and then the name would have fit-

ted me. It was my father and grandfather's name. My parents had named me "Frances" as the feminine form of "Frank" when I was rather untimely born late in their marriage.

I say "untimely," for my father was terminally ill with tuberculosis; he died six months later leaving my mother at 40 to raise me alone. She did so as a small farmer of poultry. A Higher Power spared her to do this until I was 19, in college, and nearing the age of independence.

So, I never knew my father, but I idolized his memory and wished I had his name. That all gradually passed as I grew into adolescence and my own identity. I fell in love at 19 and had a rewarding marriage for nearly 57 years.

Back to "The Volume Library."

Perusing the aging book, I see that it was published by something called Educators Association in New York with the latest edition copyrighted in 1936 following others going back to 1911.

The publishers in a lengthy Preface, explain that although

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

there are several compilations of knowledge available, it seems something was needed that was concise and usable both by growing children for their schoolwork and adults just wishing to advance their knowledge.

Once in a while I still drag it off the shelf to get a brief biography of a classical composer; my view of my favorite George Frederick Handel wearing his 18th Century wig, comes from "The Volume..."

There are 15 major chapters in this encyclopedia. Each contains a number of articles by scholars whose credentials are cited. For example, the first chapter, Education, covers Pages 3-62. It includes aims in education, the psychology of children, well-known educators, subjects expected to be taught in certain grades and descriptions of all sorts of jobs and how much

training is needed for them.

{Here, if one had time to delve into the way "education" was viewed more than 80 years ago, a lot could be gleaned. It was the era that "progressive education" rather than a lot of memory drills were favored. Now such controversies as how to teach about slavery have taken over. There's nothing though that can cause bitter divisions more than what one's children are to be taught. As a mother of two sons with Attention Deficit Disorder, I speak from years of frustration.}

The other 14 Chapters are: Language and Grammar, Literature, History, Geography, Trade and Industry, The Atlas, (Detailed maps of every state and the nations of the time), Multiplex Dictionary, Biography, Mathematics, Science, Hygiene, Government and Law, Fine Arts and Useful Miscellany.

Each is treated in the detail I described in the opening chapter on Education.

Throughout my life I have consulted the volume, especially for my interests that included all but mathematics, science and government and law.

The History Chapter has a summary with small pictures of the Presidents of the United States from George Washington to Franklin D. Roosevelt and the dates of their administrations. The pictures illustrate major events in their times in office. Needless to say, a lot has happened since 1936.

The chapter on Hygiene I read avidly in my late childhood when I wanted to do something medical in adulthood.

I have no idea what my mother paid for "The Volume Library," but I remember that it was sold to her by a young man who drove out to our home on the edge of our small town. In those days, it might well have cost no more than a few dollars.

Too, it came with a big wall map which my mother hung in the room our stove heated best in winter. One side of the map showed clearly every state with its larger communities. The other was the world as it existed in the years between the two major world wars.

I learned a lot from that big book and its accompanying map. Now falling apart, it was worth every cent!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Our state and federal governments demonstrate a lack of clarity on a number of issues - global warming action, corruption and federal

agencies as just a few examples. Science tells us one thing and contrived political fictions spread by various media tell something else.

Solid ground is science-based like taking caution for children's vaccines - especially for under age five. Governor Youngkin has thrown caution to the wind by removing mask mandates after we agree that children are safest and learn best in school. Many children are not yet vaccinated.

Removing masks endangers children's right to safely learn with minimal disruption to the curriculum and prevents burdening teachers with increased COVID spread, excess student absences, make-up homework assignments and following new, complicated precautions needed for teaching with unmasked children.

Many school systems

are bucking Youngkin. Some in NOVA are suing. Salem schools are following science and keeping children masked.

Many school children have already lost two years of in-school learning - exacerbating this generation's inequality depending on whether their parents sufficiently substitute for highly-trained teachers.

Fasten your seatbelts for our new Trump-substitute Virginia Governor Youngkin who has given us a preview of his agenda to move Virginia backward. The next four years will be a struggle to hold the line by the Virginia Senate.

Removing the food tax is long overdue, but Virginia's current budget surplus is likely to be

plundered for purposes that do not maximize helping average Virginians. Be aware, informed and push back against increasing inequality, endangering public safety and health, and failing to maximize the value of our current exceptional Virginia state surplus.

Stick with science which tests before advising action. When you ignore science as did Governor Northam on permitting and constructing MVP, our mountains become the victim of a destructive fast-tracked and redundant scheme that fails to benefit Southwest.

You can see this yet unpermitted but fast-tracked MVP from various high Salem vantage points proving that ignoring science will cre-

ate billions in stranded fossil investment assets, including many people's pension savings Newsflash - the Federal court just remanded MVP's permit to cross Jefferson National Forest back to the USFS. Many of our federal courts still operate on the basis of justice and science.

Let's not let similar science-less chaos be unleashed on our children in this pandemic. Eventually, everyone may get COVID, but let's not let our schools become the super-spreader means of doing that all at once by allowing unmasked students to endanger everyone's health - especially during the current rapid spread of Omicron.

-Cynthia Munley

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'Timely rainfall' contributes to improved Va. crop yields in 2021

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National

Agricultural Statistics Service released its annual crop production report for Virginia, revealing the state's farmers reaped bountiful yields despite adverse growing conditions.

The Jan. 12 report indicated in 2021 Virginia corn, cotton, flue-cured tobacco, peanut and soybean production all increased by at least 15 percent from 2020.

Soybean production was estimated at 27.1 million bushels, up 15 percent from 2020. The acreage harvested was estimated at 590,000, up 5.3 percent from the year before, and the estimated yield of 46 bushels per acre is a state record.

Corn production also improved despite harvested acreage being down by 13.5 percent compared to 2020. Virginia farmers increased production by 16 percent to 59.2 million bushels, and the yield of 160 bushels per acre was a 38-bushel improvement.

The positive year-end report comes after recent NASS statistics showed most Virginia farmers operated in drought or severe-drought conditions throughout fall and winter in 2021. "All in all, the majority of Virginia counties

got needed and timely rainfall in June, July and August, and that really helped corn and soybean production," said Robert Harper, grain division manager for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

"I think (the increased production) came down to the timeliness of getting the crops planted in April and May, and the timeliness of the rain coming. Our members know how to set themselves up for success, so when the rain comes, it's off to the races."

While small grains were produced in record numbers, row crops also excelled in 2021.

Virginia cotton soared to 190,000 bales—a 50 percent increase—and yields were estimated at 1,232 pounds per acre, up 460 pounds from 2020. Peanut production improved by 26 percent to 141 million pounds in 2021, and the estimated yield per acre increased to 4,700 pounds from 4,150 the previous year.

Shelley Barlow, who planted cotton and peanuts in 2021 at Cotton Plains Farm in Suffolk, also credited timely rain for generating what she called an "above-average" crop year. "We got rain when we needed it, which was

unusual," Barlow said. "We had really even moisture throughout the whole growing season, and then we had a dry harvest season, which was great for getting the crops in."

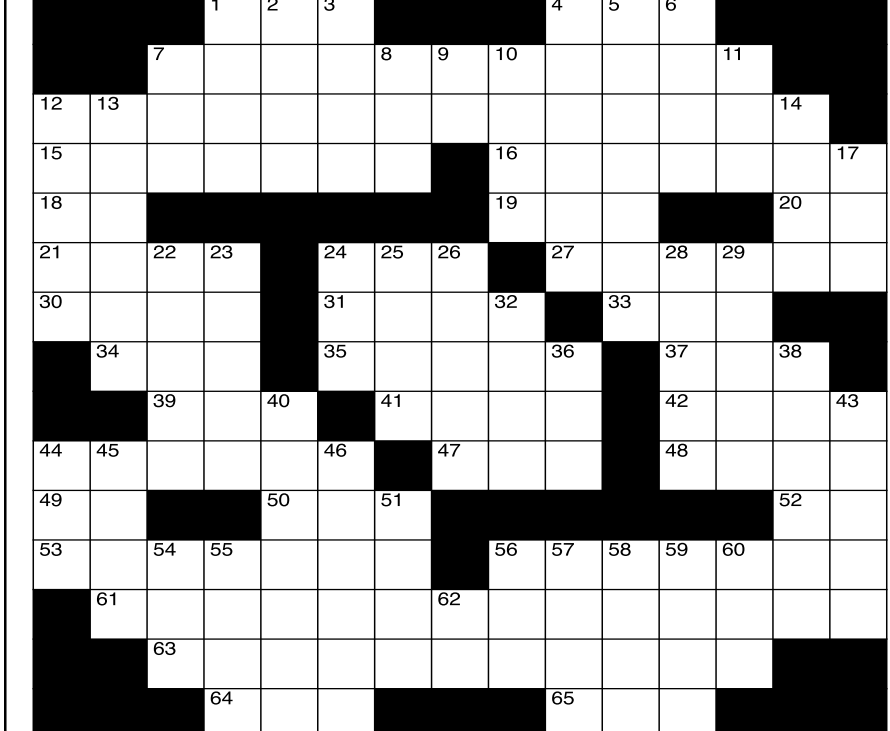
Flue-cured tobacco production also increased to 33.4 million pounds in 2021, up 43 percent from 2020. The yield per acre was estimated at 2,300 pounds, up 300 pounds.

Tobacco farmer Richard Hite noted the large uptick in tobacco production was influenced by Chinese trade, but the high quality of the crop was due to favorable weather.

"A lot of farmers were worried if we would have a crop at all," Hite said, noting a hot, dry May complicated the early stages of tobacco growth in Lunenburg and surrounding counties. "But once June came around it started raining, and it rained continuously on and off," he added. "That really allowed the roots to take up the fertilizer and fill the body of the plants out to produce a high-quality tobacco crop."

Submitted by Shelley Barlow

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Brew
4. NY ballplayer
7. Rigid external covering in some animals
12. Promotional materials
15. More high-pitched
16. Widely cultivated cereal
18. Dormitory employee
19. Bad act
20. One's mother
21. Scored perfectly
24. Space station
27. Exchange for money
30. Edible seaweed
31. Iranian city
33. Lakers' crosstown rivals
34. Nothing
35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
37. ___ student, learns healing
39. Military official (abbr.)
41. Matchstick games
42. Gasteyer and De Armas are two
44. Distant planet
47. A type of residue
48. Punk art icon Jimmy De
49. Millinery
50. Canadian media firm
52. Type of withdrawal
53. Spicy
56. Dish of minced meat or fish
61. Noted previously
63. Happily
64. "Partridge" actress Susan
65. Not present
CLUES DOWN
1. In a way, brought to an end
2. Scandalized actress
Loughlin
3. This (Spanish)
4. Essay
5. Continuing indefinitely
6. Tool for lifting food
7. Partner to Adam
8. Dry white wine drink
9. Spanish be
10. Smaller quantity
11. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
12. (Scottish) island
13. Church officer
14. Large wrestler
17. Polite address for women
22. Famed Susan Lucci character "___ Kane"
23. Mason ___ Line
24. Disfigure
25. Asian nation
26. Rage (Span.)
28. Khoikhoi peoples
29. Opera solo
32. Database management system
36. Similar
38. Move up and down playfully
40. Alfalfa
43. Satisfied
44. Baseball official
45. Large, flightless bird of S. America
46. Money given in support
51. Flower cluster
54. Beginning military rank
55. Russian weight measurement
56. Explosive
57. An individual unit
58. Midskirt
59. Weapon featuring balls
60. Used of a number or amount not specified
62. Unit of measurement

Governor Glenn Youngkin appoints Chief Diversity, Opportunity and Inclusion Officer

Virginia's 74th Governor recently chose Angela Sailor to be Virginia's Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Governor Youngkin also issued Executive Order #10, designating Sailor as a member of his cabinet as the Commonwealth Chief Diversity, Opportunity and Inclusion Officer with a stronger and more focused role on promoting ideas, policies, and economic opportunities for disadvantaged Virginians, including Virginians living with disabilities and bringing Virginians of different faiths together.

"The people of Virginia elected the most diverse leadership in the Commonwealth's history. Virginia is big enough for the hopes and dreams of a diverse people. Angela Sailor's experience in government, nonprofits and the private sector will guide us as we ensure that the government is working for all Virginians across our diverse Commonwealth, especially when it comes to economic opportunity for all Virginians. In addition, I will introduce and support legislation to change the name of the office to the Diversity, Opportunity and Inclusion Office," said Governor Glenn Youngkin.

Angela Sailor, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer

Angela Sailor is an ex-

ecutive with 20 plus years of experience delivering measurable achievements in both in-house and advisory roles working with government (White House, Congress, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Education), corporate, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and non-profit organizations (NPOs). Her most recent positions include, Vice President of The Feulner Institute at The Heritage Foundation, Chief of Staff to Heritage's President Kay Coles James and public member of the Senior Foreign Service Selection Board for the United States Department of State.

Sailor has also worked to promote policy through public sector leadership positions at the federal, state and local levels. Serving in The White House Office of Public Liaison, Sailor successfully formed coalitions to support Presidential policy initiatives while driving stakeholder support and advancing strategic communication to traditional and niche markets. Her portfolio included domestic policy directly impacting the African-American and Senior Citizen communities. She served as a champion for Presidential policies supporting Education, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Faith-based initiatives, Health Care, Hous-

ing, Small Business, Social Security and Welfare policy. As a White House surrogate, Angela hosted White House briefings, East Room and Rose Garden events with the President, as well as, regional and local town hall meetings with cabinet and senior Administration officials.

She served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the United States Department of Education, Office of Secretary Rod Paige. In this role, Sailor worked closely with the White House on a wide variety of policy matters coming before the Secretary and represented the Secretary to internal and external stakeholders. She had oversight of White House Initiatives on Educational Excellence and Higher Education to include Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as well as the Office for Faith-Based Initiatives. Special Projects included No Child Left Behind War Room, 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board Education and the Title IX Commission on Opportunities in Athletics. She worked for the United States Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration for former U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham. Also, her roles at the state and local level include work in Michigan's Legal Office for longtime Republican Governor John Engler, for the State of Mich-

igan Appeals Court, Detroit, Michigan and for Detroit Michigan Wayne County Commission.

Sailor has been on the front lines working for the election of conservative leaders to federal and state offices. As National Coalitions Director, Department Head and Senior Advisor at the Republican National Committee, Sailor held budget management and oversight of three departments - Coalitions and Strategic Communications (internal/external), Constituent Services, and the RNC Internship Program. In this capacity, Angela was charged with building a new department, leading program design, planning, logistics, fundraising, cross-cultural messaging, cultural training, alliances, online engagement, roundtable discussions, promotion, and engagement. A signature project included creating and directing operations for a national bus tour covering 14,000 miles, 48 states, and 100+ cities, for which Angela oversaw 200 staff and volunteers and managed the operation at 45 percent under projected budget.

Sailor also served as Director of African-American Affairs, for George W. Bush's Victory 2000 Presidential Campaign. In this capacity, she served as liaison to Congressional, state, and local



Angela Sailor

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African-American Republican candidates. Sailor built stronger alliances with urban-centered businesses, community, education and religious leaders across America, and she managed coalition field staff and volunteers across the country.

Sailor's corporate experiences include serving as a Partner for Watts Consulting Group where Sailor managed government and legislative advocacy, crisis management, crisis communications, political, cultural analysis and thought leadership for clients such as John Deere, NASCAR, Strong American Schools, and Wells Fargo. She also built private/public partnerships among Universities, Congressional Offices, non-profit organizations (NPOs) and trade associations.

Her early career includes Manager of the Detroit Re-

gional Chamber of Commerce; Communications, Sales and Marketing Strategist for Black Entertainment Television; and Sales and Marketing for Procter and Gamble. Media experiences include serving as a radio host with WGTZ 93 Dayton, Ohio, WCSU-FM 88.9, and as a freelance producer with Fox Morning News, Washington, D.C.

Sailor holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law and a Master's Degree in Broadcast Journalism and Public Affairs from the American University. She attended Spelman College and graduated from Central State University. She is married with two children.

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Read Ezekiel 40:1 through 42:20

How do you handle the pain of loss or tragedy? Our natural tendency is to hold on to past pain and keep track of hurtful events. "Fifteen years ago today, my wife asked for a divorce." "Four years ago this week, our son drowned." "It's been twenty years, but I vividly remember the day dad died of cancer."

Remembering tragedy is not wrong, but God wants us to see our pain in light of what He can do to bring healing to our lives.

In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the fall of the city—on that very day the hand of the Lord was on me and he took me there. (Ezekiel 40:1).

Ezekiel and the exiles of Israel would always remember the painful years, but God was at work even during this dark season of their history. In our own lives, we can expect "that very day the hand of the Lord" will become evident in our circumstances.

Thought for Today: Are you measuring the days since your last heartache, or looking to the day of God's provision?

Quicklook: Ezekiel 40:1-4

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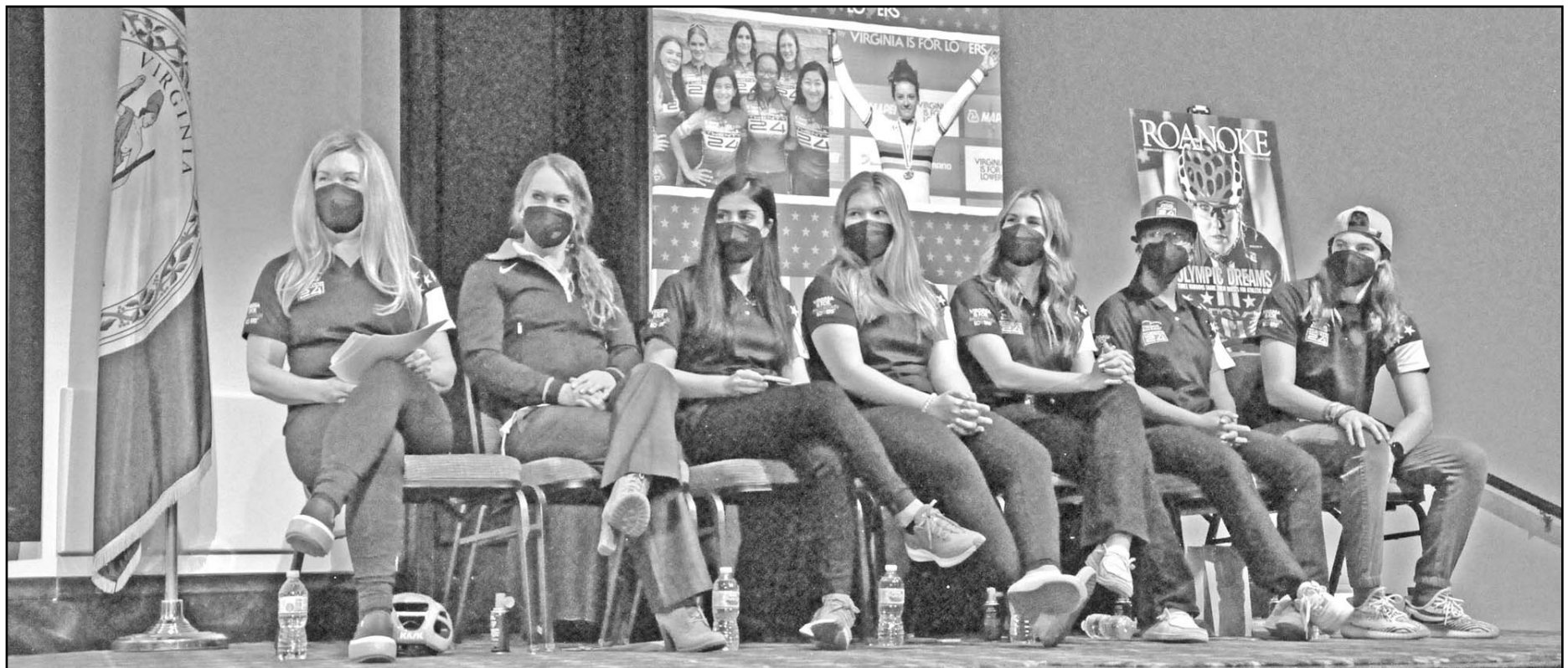
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Pro-Cycling

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Members of Team TWENTY24 listen to a variety of speakers at Saturday's press conference.

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championships, and countless national championships.

The 2022 roster consists of six professional athletes racing road and gravel, five Zwift eSports athletes, and 27 junior athletes (ages 9-17 yrs). The team is led by Tokyo Olympic gold and bronze medalist Jennifer Valente (USA), a 10-year member of the team. Valente will be joined by 2-time Olympian and current Pan American Time Trial Champion Marlies Mejias (CUB) who will establish Roanoke, VA as her home base while competing in the United States.

Rukhsar Habibzai, former Afghan national team captain and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, now calls Virginia her home and will compete in the United States with her eyes set on the Paris Olympic Games. The full VBR TWENTY24 roster and schedule of events will be announced in the coming weeks.

The multi-discipline team includes 2021 number one ranked Zwift eSports female rider Kristen Kulchinsky (USA) and 3-time Olympic gold medalist Kristin Armstrong (USA), who continues to bring her high-performance guidance and coaching expertise to the team through a newly launched partner platform, KX3 Lifestyle and Coaching. The KX3 coaching philosophy centers around helping athletes at any level take a holistic approach to their goals and to pursuing their own personal gold.

Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge (Visit VBR), the region's destination marketing organization, including the cities of Roanoke and Salem as well as the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Franklin, is excited to embrace the diversity of female athletes, inspire youth in the community and welcome the economic development opportunities presented as Team TWEN-

TY24's title sponsor for the next three years.

"On behalf of the Visit VBR Board, we are invested in Virginia's Blue Ridge TWENTY24 underscoring the diversity, equity and inclusion these athletes represent and the inspiration they will share with our community," said Landon Howard, President of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge. "In addition to increasing the visibility of the VBR brand nationally and internationally, this will prompt many new stories about VBR as an outdoor destination playground."

With the support of platinum level sponsor Virginia Tourism Corporation, the partnership with the team became a reality.

"We are fortunate to become part of the road to Paris as we welcome some of the world's top cyclists to Virginia to train and prepare for the 2024 Olympic Games," said Rita McClenny,

President and CEO of Virginia Tourism Corporation. "This program supports female athletes at the highest level while spotlighting Virginia's Blue Ridge as an ideal destination for outdoor recreation. This relocation is the latest in a series of outstanding cycling news for the region and represents a major opportunity for economic impact. We look forward to showing Virginia's Blue Ridge TWENTY24 why Virginia is for Mountain Lovers."

Virginia's Blue Ridge has been gaining momentum as a preferred cycling destination since earning a Silver-Level Ride Center designation from the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) in 2018 and hosting the inaugural Carilion Clinic IRONMAN 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge triathlon in 2021, including a highly competitive 56-mile bike route along one of the most scenic byways in the country, the Blue

Ridge Parkway. Mountain biking and cycling are huge parts of the culture in Virginia's Blue Ridge. Go to BikeVBR.com to learn more about cycling in the region and for additional information on this initiative go to VBRTWENTY24.com.

VBR TWENTY24 plans to embrace the outdoor landscape of the Virginia Mountains Region.

"The vibrant cycling culture in Virginia's Blue Ridge (VBR) makes it a natural fit for Team TWENTY24," said Nicola Cranmer, Founder and General Manager of Virginia's Blue Ridge TWENTY24. "The rich mix of outdoor gravel and road assets solidifies VBR as a premier cycling destination for our athletes. Our first year in Virginia will have a strong focus on connecting with the community, developing our new athletes through training camps on the beautiful and challenging roads of the region."



Shelley Olds is a Roanoke College graduate and Olympic cyclist who addressed the group.



Cycling coach Nicola Cranmer (at the podium) introduces Rukhsar Habibzai, who fled Afghanistan and will now ride for the United States.

LewisGale Medical Center expands cardiac services with renovated state-of-the-art Cardiovascular Catheterization Lab

LewisGale Medical Center recently announced the opening of its newly renovated, state-of-the-art Cardiovascular Catheterization Lab. The new cardiac lab is part of an ongoing investment the hospital has made in enhancing the delivery of cardiovascular services.

The new equipment and renovated lab provides advanced treatments that enhance patient care, make complex procedures safer and simpler, and provide physicians with leading edge technologies, including a laser-steered platform, to perform a comprehensive range of

diagnostic and interventional procedures.

"The renovation of our Cardiovascular Catheterization Lab reflects our commitment to providing the highest-level cardiac care in southwest Virginia," said Michele Gillespie, vice president of cardiovascular services. "This updated facility brings next-level precision of care to our patients. Coupled with

our exceptional team of experts, we are proud to bring innovation, quality care and service to our community."

Richard Konstance, MD, medical director of interventional cardiology, recently performed the first procedure in the new lab. The upgrades reassure patients that their providers have the best possible tools at their fingertips to perform life-saving proce-

dures.

"This new lab is state-of-the-art, not only in imaging, but in air flow for infection prevention, ergonomics, and comfort for our patients," said Dr. Konstance. "This investment reinforces that LewisGale Medical Center is invested in this community."

LewisGale Medical Center serves the cardiovascular needs of patients from across

the Roanoke Valley and beyond. Led by Drs. Richard Konstance and Andrew Maiolo, the diversified cardiology team comprised of expert cardiologists, interventionalists, and surgeons, perform a wide variety of elective and emergent therapies ranging from open surgery and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI), to the latest approaches in

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Submitted by Christopher Finley, Public Relations Marketing Director

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Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, the 14th day of February, 2022, the Council of the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of the City in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$2,350,000 for the purposes of financing the City's share of the costs to renovate the existing anaerobic digestion facilities at the Western Virginia Water Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, together with related expenses, and paying the associated financing and issuance costs. Such bonds will be secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit and taxing power of the City. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be conducted during the regular meeting of the City Council which is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. at Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia 24153. Interested persons may appear at such time and place and present their views.

Rosemarie Jordan
 Director of Finance
 City of Salem, Virginia

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA 201 Berkley Rd.NE. Roanoke VA 24012 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sell will take place at the website Storage Treasures.com on 02/15/2022 at 9:00 am. The sale will be conducted on Storage Treasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on the behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on Storage Treasures.com. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15% buyer's premium will be charged as well as a \$100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted.
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3426 MOUNT ZION ROAD, BLACKSBURG, VA 24060.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 11, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$177,800.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2005002842. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on February 24, 2022, at 1:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING AT A POINT, A ROD SET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MT. ZION ROAD (VA. RTE. 655), CORNER TO PROPERTY OF RALPH L. AND THERESA P. RUPERT; THENCE LEAVING MT. ZION ROAD AND WITH THE RUPERT LINE, N. 00° 24' 13" E. 284.49 FEET TO A POINT, AN EXISTING ROD FOUND AND CORNER TO THE PROPERTY OF GLEN E. AND DENISE G. PRICE; THENCE LEAVING RUPERT AND WITH THE PRICE LINE, S. 88° 21' 17" E. 76.84 FEET TO A ROD FOUND AT AN ANGLE POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH PRICE, S. 01° 31' 00" E. 191.00 FEET TO A ROD SET AT AN ANGLE POINT; THENCE STILL CONTINUING WITH PRICE, S. 64° 26' 19" E. 33.48 FEET TO A POINT, A ROD SET CORNER TO THE PROPERTY OF ROY B. MILLER, JR. AND DONNA C. MILLER; THENCE LEAVING PRICE AND WITH THE MILLER LINE, S. 15° 23' 00" W. 108.00 FEET TO A POINT, A ROD SET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MT. ZION ROAD (VA. RTE. 655); THENCE LEAVING MILLER AND WITH MT. ZION ROAD, N. 72° 15' 48" W. 79.15 FEET TO A ROD FOUND ON SAME; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAID ROAD, N. 72° 45' 29" W. 10.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-353027-1.

Proposed Tower Replacement

New River Valley Emergency Communications Regional Authority is proposing to replace the telecommunications tower and equipment at 2080 Oilwell Road, Blacksburg, Virginia. Please submit comments regarding potential effects on historic properties to: Mr. Lucas Powell, F&R, 3015 Dumbarton Road, Richmond, VA 23228. Telephone: 804-264-2701

Public Notice Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Montgomery County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 19, 2022 to February 18, 2022

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit – wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: NRV Regional Water Authority, 3515 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford, VA 24141; VA0052850

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: NRV Regional Water Authority WTP; 3515 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford, VA 24141

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: NRV Regional Water Authority has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public NRV Regional Water Authority WTP. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewater at a rate of 0.125 million gallons per day (MGD) into a water body. The facility proposes to release the treated industrial wastewater into an unnamed tributary of Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County in the New River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical parameters, solids, chlorine, and toxicity.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) the reason why a public hearing is requested 2) a brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit 3) specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Kevin A. Harlow, DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Dr, Salem, VA 24153; Phone: (540) 562-6700; E-mail: Kevin.Harlow@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (804) 698-7148. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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 VA CODE §§ 1-211 1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
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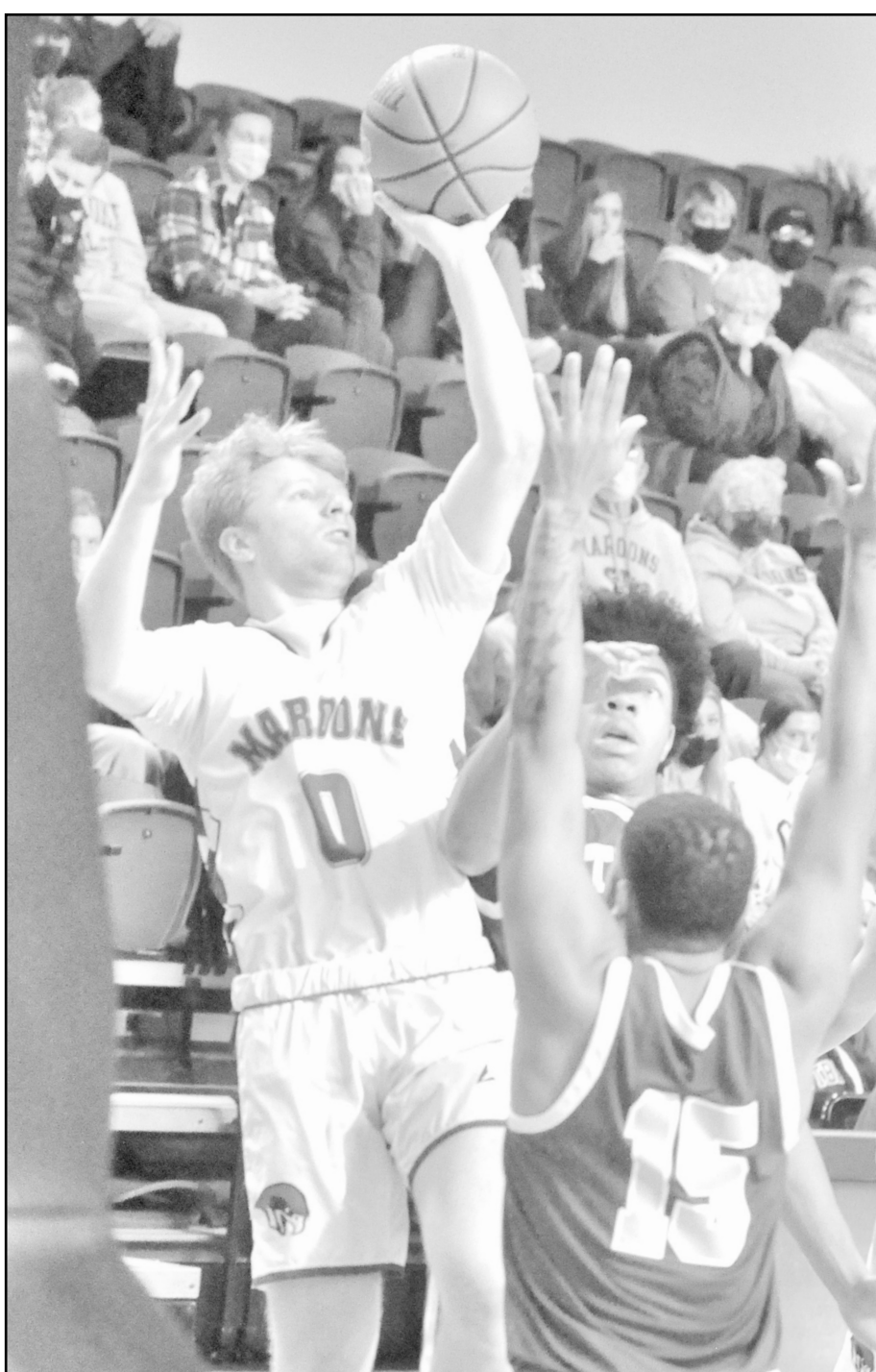
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Zach Rosenthal of Roanoke College drives the baseline and scores during Saturday's win over Hampden-Sydney. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Maroons tame the Tigers

The Roanoke College men rebounded from a disappointing home loss to Washington & Lee on January 15 with three Old Dominion Athletic Conference wins last week, including a 70-64 win over Hampden-Sydney at Salem's Cregger Center Saturday.

The Maroons bounced back from the loss to W&L with a convincing 84-60 win over Ferrum last Tuesday. Then they traveled to Lynchburg for a game with the University of Lynchburg on Thursday of last week and won 71-54 behind 21 points by Kasey Draper and 20 by Efosa U-Edosomwan.

On Saturday the Maroons welcomed a 9-4 Hampden-Sydney team to town for the renewal of a longstanding rivalry and RC pulled out a 70-64 win in front of the largest home crowd of the season.

The first half would be played close as Hampden-Sydney led early before Roanoke came back and enjoyed as much as a six-point advantage, but a late Tiger rally would tie the game at the break, 32-32.

Coming out of the half U-Edosomwan scored a three-point play and then assisted on a Nick Price triple to force a quick timeout by the visitors. As the clock went under the 14-minute mark, a long-range jumper by Tripp

Greene would give Roanoke a double-digit lead for the first time, 49-38. The Tigers would not go away as they scored six of the next seven to set up the final 10-minutes of play with RC holding a 50-44 edge.

Greene scored five in a row to push the lead back to 11 with 7:42 left to play. A three-point play by the Tigers would make it 60-53 with just over three-minutes left to play. The lead stayed at seven until the 1:25 mark when the Tigers hit one of two from the stripe. The visitors scored on their next three possessions, but Roanoke held on to a 3-point advantage, 65-62, by hitting five of six from the free throw line. Trent Dawson made a free throw to make it a two-possession game and after a Price blocked shot, Dawson was fouled and went to the line to ice the game as Roanoke held on for the win.

Draper led RC with 24 points while Greene had 14. Draper also led the team with nine rebounds and Price had four steals.

The three game streak gave RC a 12-4 record for the season and put them back over .400 in the ODAC at 4-3. The Maroons were scheduled to play at Shenandoah on Wednesday, and Saturday they return home for a 4:30 pm game against Randolph College.

Roanoke women 7-0 in ODAC

The Roanoke College women remained undefeated in Old Dominion Athletic Conference basketball with a 70-48 win over Bridgewater College in Bridgewater Monday evening. The Maroons are now 7-0 in conference play and 12-2 overall.

Roanoke scored the first 10 points of the night on their way to building a 30-17 edge at the break Monday. The second half would see the Maroons push their advantage to 30 before closing out their hosts.

Ayanna Scarborough scored 14 of RC's 35 bench points to lead the team while Rose Sande added 13 points and six rebounds. Sayre Brandstatter scored five to go with 10 rebounds and three assists.

The win was the third in a row for the Maroons after having three games postponed due to COVID related issues. Last Saturday at RC the Maroons defeated Virginia Wesleyan, 82-52. Renee Alquiza led all scorers with 22 points while Morgan Micallef added 15 and Sande netted 12. Sande and Lauren Keel combined for 14 of Roanoke's 39 rebounds and Whitney Hopson handed out six assists and picked up three steals.

The RC women were scheduled to play at Ferrum on Wednesday, then return home for a 2 pm game with

Bridgewater this Saturday afternoon. Next Monday, January 31, the RC women are at Randolph College in Lynchburg.



RC's Whitney Hopson goes to the hoop against Virginia Wesleyan Saturday. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC men's volleyball team joins CVC

The new Roanoke College men's volleyball team will become the 10th member of the Continental Volleyball Conference (CVC) beginning in the 2022-23 academic year.

"I am pleased by the addition of Roanoke College to the CVC membership," explained CVC Commissioner J.J. Nekoloff. "It is an exciting time for Division III men's volleyball, with the sport continuing to grow in general and expand into new areas of the country. Roanoke is the latest example of that. The Maroons' strong athletic tradition and leadership will quickly help their new program develop and add to the already great competition we experience every day in the CVC."

Roanoke College athletic director Scott Allison announced in July 2021 that the department would be adding men's volleyball as a school-sponsored sport, bringing their total athletic programs to 23. Matt Reinsel was named the program's first-ever head coach. Roanoke is a full-time member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, joining current CVC member schools Eastern Mennonite University and Randolph-Macon College.

"We're excited to be adding men's volleyball to our list of intercollegiate athletics offerings. At the high school and club level, boy's/men's volleyball is growing swiftly. In the state of Virginia, there are program hotbeds in both Richmond and the Virginia Beach area," said Allison. "Men's Volleyball thrives in several metropolitan areas all across the East Coast and Midwest and these areas are important to our enrollment efforts."

Roanoke is the first school accepted into the CVC since Elizabethtown College, Immaculata University, and Randolph-Macon joined in 2019. Other members of the league include Eastern Mennonite, Juniata College, Kean University, Marymount University, Rutgers University-Newark, and Southern Virginia University.

INFORMATION FOR A. LEWIS SPRING SPORTS

Tryouts for Andrew Lewis Middle School spring sports, including baseball, softball and boys and girls soccer, will start on Wednesday February 16th. Boys and girls track practice will start on Wednesday, March 2nd.

In order to participate, student-

athletes must have a VHSL physical on file dated after May 1, 2021, a signed COVID Waiver, and must sign up to tryout.

For more information, see the athletics page of the Andrew Lewis website.

RC records fall in Finn Pincus meet

Roanoke College track & field was back in action for the first time in 2022 when the host Maroons competed at the two-day Finn Pincus Invitational at the Cregger Center Field House last weekend. The Maroons had a solid showing as several school records fell.

In the men's competition Samuel Crawford earned a runner-up finish in the 400 M when he posted a final time of 50.61, setting a new school record by besting the 51.24 posted by Zaan Janse in 2010. Crawford returned for a 3rd in the 200M with a time of 22.79.

In the 60M prelims Brady Fowler earned a spot in the finals when he crossed at 7.03, knocking .01 off the previous school record of 7.04 set by Cam Thompson in 2016. In the 200M, Fowler finished 6th.

Eleanor Hinckley finished first in the 200M when she crossed the line in 26.91 in women's competition. Hannah Snodgrass finished .23 behind the winner with her time of 9.40 in the 60M hurdles.

Grace Fowler gave Roanoke another first place finish when she registered a final distance of 44'8.75" in the weight throw. Fowler started a 3-4-5 Maroon finish in the shot put with a mark of 35'11.5", finishing just ahead of Tiera Hudson (35'10.75") and Elisabeth Cullen (34'5.50").

This Friday and Saturday the Maroons travel to Lexington to compete in the VMI Winter Relays.



Left, Grace Fowler of Roanoke College tosses the shot put in last weekend's Finn Pincus Invitational at the Cregger Center. Right, Cammi Winston of the Maroons flies through the air in the triple jump completion. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Left, Glenvar's Chase Miller is on top in his match against a Christiansburg opponent in the Big Blue. Right, Jake Cline of the Highlanders has his chin in the back of Blacksburg's Garrett Henderson on his way to a victory in the 132 pound final.

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Glenvar will host Highlander Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday

Highlanders finish fifth, Salem ninth in last weekend's Big Blue tourney at Christiansburg High School

The Glenvar and Salem wrestling teams will be in the same tournament for the second week in a row when Glenvar hosts the "Highlander Invitational" at the GHS gym this Saturday. Both were in the Big Blue Classic at Christiansburg High School last Saturday.

The Highlander Invitational is set to begin at 9 am Saturday with the finals expected to start in the 5-5:30 pm range. It's an annual event that was not held last year due to COVID concerns.

Last Saturday the Big Blue was also a one day tournament after an early week snowstorm iced out Friday's competition. Instead, the entire tournament was held on Saturday and 18 of 22 teams entered remained in the field, including Salem and Glenvar.

Staunton River High was the winner in Christiansburg, unseating the host team that tied Washington High of West Virginia for second place. Glenvar was fifth overall and Salem took ninth.

"It was a very competitive tournament," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "The top five teams are all ranked in the top five of their respective divisions. We were ninth but with a little luck we easily could have been in the top six."

Glenvar's fifth place finish with 136.5 points was just a half point behind Powhatan at 137.

"Big Blue is always one of the tougher tournaments on our schedule," said Glenvar coach Jason Cline. "They field some of the toughest teams across the Roanoke Valley and several really good teams out of West Virginia. This was by far our best showing as a team at Big Blue. Our last appearance here back in the 2019-2020 season we finished 26th place as a team and had one sixth place finisher and one eighth place finisher."

Last weekend Glenvar had three in the finals and placed seven in the top six, including Jake Cline who won the 132 pound championship. Jake beat Garrett Henderson of Blacksburg in the final, 3-2.

Trey Lawrence made the finals at 145 but lost to Luke Robie of Christiansburg in the championship match, 7-0. Likewise Ethan Flowers made the finals at 152, pinning his way to the featured event. Ethan lost in a razor close final, 3-2, to Brady Barnes of Staunton River.

Two Highlanders finished third, River Smith at 113 and Chase Miller at 170. Wesley Heltzel was fifth at 182 and Mason Hylton took a sixth place at 120.

"We had several kids wrestle well this weekend but we also had a few that were half a step slow with all the snow days and missed practice we had due to weather shutdowns," said coach Cline. "In all, I'm very pleased with the performance and we'll work to correct some of the mental mistakes we had."

Salem took home 12 medals eighth place or better, topped by a second place at 182 by senior Sam Miles. He lost to Chase Crutchley of Washington High, 12-10, in a close championship match.

Seniors Kyman Kinney and Jackson Seto took fourth place each. Salem had three weight classes where two Spartans placed in the top 8.

Salem was scheduled to wrestle at Blacksburg against Pulaski, Cave Spring and host Bruins on Wednesday of this week before wrapping up the regular season at Glenvar Saturday.



Above, Salem High's Jackson Seto puts the finishing touches on a pin in the 152 pound class at the Big Blue tournament in Christiansburg. Left, Keyondre Daniel gives his Grayson County foe a lift in the 160 pound class.

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Glenvar girls win Wythe County Invitational swim meet

The Glenvar girls' swim team won the Wythe County Invitational last Friday night after an eight day hiatus due to inclement weather.

Six girls' teams competed with the Lady Highlanders taking the title. Final scores were Glenvar 103, George Wythe 73, Graham 47, Carroll County 22, Abingdon 12 and Patrick Henry (Glade Spring) 12. Glenvar's two varsity boys scored 17 points and finished 5th among seven teams.

The 200 medley relay opened the meet and the GHS boys' team of Avery Thompson, Landon Cairns, Connor Wilkes and Tucker Henderson finished first but, since two of the boys are eighth graders, their finish didn't count

for points. The girls' team of Natalie McMahon, Macy Westland, Delaney Eller and Kaylin Paitsel finished second.

In the 200 freestyle Natalie McMahon finished second, coming from behind and missing first by only .08 seconds. Adrianna Hall and Delaney Eller were second and third in the 200 individual medley.

Defending State Champion Claire Griffith won the 50 freestyle with Carly Wilkes touching third. Connor Wilkes won the 100 Butterfly for the boys and Delaney Eller was third for the girls. Griffith also won the 100 freestyle and Emily Gard scored a point finishing sixth setting a new personal record. Hall took the victory in the 500 free-

style with teammate Natalie McMahon finishing second.

Avery Thompson, Tucker Henderson, Landon Cairns and Connor Wilkes put up the third best time in the 200 freestyle relay but again they were unable to score points. The girl's team of Carly Wilkes, Delaney Eller, Adrianna Hall and Claire Griffith won the relay by more than ten seconds over second place.

Tucker Henderson picked up a fourth place finish in the 100 backstroke for the boys while Carly Wilkes finished second for the girls. Younger brother Connor Wilkes won the 100 breaststroke with Macy Westland and Brooklyn Woolwine placing second and third for

the girls. Brooklyn dropped nearly four seconds off her personal best time.

The race of the night was the girls 400 freestyle relay. Adrianna Hall led off the race followed by teammates Natalie McMahon, Carly Wilkes and Claire Griffith. Neither team had more than a body length lead the entire 400 yards but Claire touched the George Wythe anchor by .38 seconds to cap off the night with a victory for the Highlanders. The four girls dropped nine seconds off their best time of the season.

"It was good to finally get back in the water and the team performed well considering the long layoff due to weather conditions," said coach Shannon Hall.



These Salem High swimmers were recognized at last week's meet at the Salem YMCA. Left to right; Coach Marianne Fleenor, Boone Fleenor, Hunter King, Samuel Miles, Mary Martha Blackwood, Katelyn Crumpacker, Emma Blevins, Kate Mann, Zoe Prosser, Paige Netting and Coach Brandan Ress.

PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Spartans recognize senior swimmers

The Salem High swim team celebrated "Senior Night" last Friday at the Salem YMCA as the Spartans hosted Radford and Northside and defeated both rivals.

Highlights for the Spartans included the following: Zach Easter and Zoe Prosser won the 200 IM.

Hunter King and Kaylee Shifflet won the 50 Free, and Hunter also won the 100 Free.

Boone Fleenor took first in the 500 Free.

Best swim of the night was by Paige Netting (1st) and Katelyn Crumpacker (2nd) in the 500 Free.

Boys 200 Free Relay of William Marable, Thomas Miles, Davis Griffith and Samuel Miles took 1st place.

Top three winners in the 100 Back went to Eliza Fleenor (1st), Jaedyn Jenkins (2nd), and Zoe Prosser (3rd).

Top three winners in the girls 100 Breast : Kate Mann (1st), Lauren Baba (2nd) and Emma Blevins (3rd).

400 Free Relays both won. The boys consisted of Hunter King, Zach Easter, Joren Poush and Boone Fleenor and the girl had Laci Barnes, Jaedyn Jenkins, Elizabeth Boccock and Kaylee Shifflett. Salem is back in the water Friday at Blacksburg.

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Spartans win at Hidden Valley

The Salem Spartans improved to 6-8 with a 69-64 win over the host Titans at Hidden Valley Tuesday night, opening a busy week of action.

The Spartans' leading scorer, Tanner Dallas drew



Grant Clemens shoots a corner three in last week's game with Christiansburg. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

three early fouls and sat for most of the first half but still ended up with 18 points. Chase Greer had 14, Josiah Moyer had 13 and Tyrell Green had nine, including four big foul shots in the fourth quarter.

"It was their senior night and they were fired up," said Salem coach Kevin Garst of the Titans. "It was a good win for us."

It was also a good way to start the week for the Spartans, who were scheduled to play at Christiansburg Wednesday in the second game of a doubleheader with the girls. On Friday the Spartans go back to the New River Valley when they play at Blacksburg.

Salem split two games last week after being snowed out of a game with Patrick Henry, rescheduled for February 9. On Thursday of last week Christiansburg was here and the Demons scratched out a 66-61 win over the Spartans in overtime.

This one was close throughout. The Demons led 24-20 at the half but Salem cut the lead to 34-33 after three quarters. Salem trailed by two, 53-51, with time running out when Grant Clemens shot a three from the corner that could have won it. The ball rattled out, but Clemens was able to come up with the rebound and put it in at the buzzer to tie the game at 53-53 after regulation. The Demons then outscored Salem in the overtime period, 13-8, to pull out the win.

Dallas had 35 points to lead the Spartans before fouling out. Hunter Bayne had nine points, and he also fouled out.

Two days later the Spartans were back on their home floor to host George Wythe High in a non-district game, and this time the Spartans came out on top, 63-40. Dallas had 21 points and five assists to lead Salem while Clemens was three-for-three from three-point range, finishing with 13 points. Moyer had six assists for the Spartans.



Kennedy Scales(#10) and Summer Bayne trap a Hidden Valley girl in the backcourt in Tuesday's win in Salem. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem girls are 10-5 after defeating the Titans Tues.

The Salem High girls' basketball team returned to action after a week and a half off due to inclement weather with a 75-47 win over Hidden Valley on Tuesday night at Salem High.

The Spartans got 27 points and four assists from Kennedy Scales, as the Titans had no answer for the Salem standout. My'la Green had 14 points, Madison Smith had nine and Neelah Logan pulled five rebounds in a team effort.

"We did a great job of being unselfish on offense and sharing the ball," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "It's always a good sign when 10 players score."

Salem is now 10-5 after Tuesday's win. The Spartans were scheduled to play the first game of a girls-boys doubleheader at Christiansburg on Wednesday, then host Blacksburg at Salem High on Friday.

Highlanders hammer Carroll, Covington

The Glenvar boys' basketball team is at Alleghany Friday night to complete a three-game week. The Highlanders beat Covington Monday and were scheduled to host James River on Wednesday of this week.

The Highlanders had little trouble with Covington, winning 75-28 on the road. Glenvar was missing two players but that hardly slowed them down.

"We continued the theme of no excuses as we were missing two players, both potential starters," said coach Cliff Bordewisch. "We talked about imposing our will and not giving teams hope."

That they did, scoring the first 21 points of the game to take a commanding lead. Glenvar then put it away by outscoring the Cougars 30-6 in the third quarter. Ty Bolling tied his career high with 21 points and he also had seven steals.

The win lifted the Highlanders to 12-3 on the season, setting up Wednesday's big district game with James River. The Knights were 10-3 after beating Botetourt County rival Lord Botetourt last Saturday night. In the first meeting between Glenvar and River the Knights pulled out a win that went down to the final shot.

Last Friday in Hillsville Glenvar took a 68-54 decision over Carroll County. It was Glenvar's first time on the floor in almost a week after a snowstorm closed school.

"Always tough to win on the road, especially with no preparation, but I told our guys after the game that our opponents don't care about excuses," said Bordewisch. "We have to be ready every possession, every game."

Stephen Barber led Glenvar with 22 points and

Aiden Alexander added 18.

Next week the Highlanders will host Radford Monday, host Floyd Wednesday and play in the Adam Ward Classic against Salem High at Glenvar on Friday, February 4.



Glenvar's Rhyann Harris drives the lane to score in Tuesday's win over James River. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

GHS girls down River

The Glenvar girls will be on the road tonight to play Alleghany in basketball in a Three Rivers District game, hoping to pick up some ground in the district standings.

The Highlanders opened the week with a district win over James River on Tuesday night at GHS, 55-29. The victory avenged a prior loss to the Knights in Buchanan.

Glenvar led for just about the entire game, taking a 25-12 lead by the half. The Highlanders held River to just four points in the third quarter and won going away. Savana Luper led the team with 19 points, including a couple threes, while Rhyann Harris and McKenzie Harris had 14 each.

Last Friday the Highlanders traveled to Hillsville to play a once-beaten Carroll County team and came out on the short end of a 68-36 score. Carroll jumped to a 24-7 lead after the first quarter but Glenvar held serve by winning the second period, 13-12. The Cavaliers then dominated the third quarter, 19-4, and went on to win. Rhyann Harris led Glenvar with 17 points, McKenzie Harris had eight and Luper scored six points.

With Tuesday's win the girls are 8-9 on the season.

Sponsorships still available for Adam Ward Classic on February 4 & 5

Sponsorships are still available for the Adam Ward Classic, which includes two days of exciting basketball in memory of Salem High grad Adam Ward. This year the games are being held at Glenvar High due to the continuing renovations to the Salem High gym.

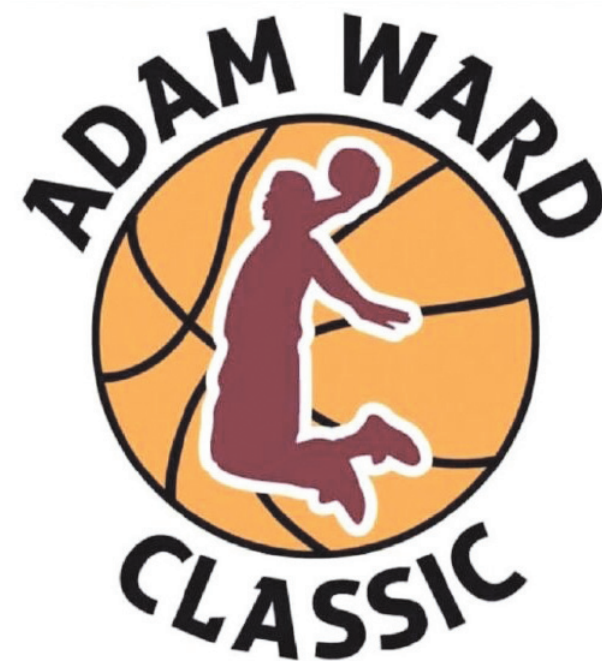
Since 2016, Salem High School, the Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, and the City of Salem have joined forces to honor the memory of Ward by hosting a basketball classic in his honor. Adam was tragically killed on August 26, 2015, while working as a photojournalist for WDBJ7. The 2007 Salem High School alumnus, who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2011, played football at Salem High School and was an avid fan and supporter of all types of athletic events his entire life.

"Adam Ward personified the true meaning of a student-athlete," said Grant Smythers, Salem High School teacher and tournament co-founder. "He was a huge sports fan, who loved high school basketball, and the Adam Ward Basketball Classic will highlight some of the best teams in the state of Virginia each season."

The event is being sponsored by various businesses and organizations throughout the Roanoke Valley. The majority of the proceeds from the event will go to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund that is administered by the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association. To date, the Adam Ward Classic has contributed over \$50,000 dollars to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Adam Ward Classic Committee will be making donations to the

Make a Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics in Adam's honor.

"The money generated from this event will provide scholarship opportunities for high school students who were deemed Adam-like during their high school careers," Smythers said. "Salem High School is honored to host such a worthy event for such a special young man."



The Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, which has a track record for supporting charitable causes, has been instrumental in making the event a success each year.

"This is a great way to honor Adam Ward's memory, as well as all of the others who have been touched and affected by his passing, and I think Adam would be pleased we are doing this through the game of basketball," Commissioner Jerry Spangler said.

To learn more about sponsorship or scholarship opportunities, please contact Grant Smythers gsmothers@salem.k12.va.us, Hank Luton HankLuton@gmail.com, Jerry Spangler jspangler1129@gmail.com, Drew Barrett dbarrett@salem.k12.va.us, or Chris Williams at cjpdubya@gmail.com.

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SATURDAY February 5

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North Cross vs. Liberty 10am

William Fleming vs. LCA 11:45am

Carroll Co. vs Spotswood (G) 1:30pm

Patrick Henry vs. West Point 3:15pm

Roanoke Catholic vs. Auburn 5pm

Cave Spring vs. Lord Botetourt 6:45pm

Radford vs. Northside 8:15pm