

OurValley.org Roanoke County School Board votes to lift mask mandate

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On January 27, dozens of local and area residents packed into the Roanoke County Public Schools Central Office to voice their perspective on whether or not students should have to wear facemasks.

Those who aren't in favor of the mask mandate pointed to family choice, arguing that parents and guardians should be the ones making the decisions for what is best for them and their children. Individuals opposed to that perspective cite the risk of transmission and safety of others, among numerous other factors.

"I have three children and they are all teenagers. My husband and I have always encouraged our kids to always listen to the science and data rather than the opinions of people who don't know what they are talking about," Sydney Robinson said.

Expressed Stephanie Clark, "You can't live life in fear. I regularly have conversations about mask wearing with my son and daughter who are both in middle school. They don't think that it is necessary, and I wholeheartedly agree."

All five School Board members - David M. Linden, Hollins District, Chairman; Brent Hudson, Catawba District, Vice-Chairman; Cheryl Facciani, Windsor Hills District; Tim Greenway, Vinton District; and Mike Wray, Cave Spring District – were present at last Thursday's public meeting which started at 6 p.m. and lasted for nearly five hours. Ultimately, the Board voted 4-1 to make masks optional



When it comes to whether or not RCPS students should have to wear a facemask, there are strong advocates on both sides. For several months, including last Thursday on Jan. 27, Roanoke Valley residents have attended School Board meetings to voice their viewpoint.

East Salem Elementary celebrates 60th anniversary

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East Salem Elementary recently celebrated an important milestone, commemorating its 60th anniversary last Friday.

Today, the school has an enrollment of approximately 450 students and employs nearly 80 staff members. When the school first opened its doors in January 1962, there weren't nearly as many pupils and staff personnel.

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Few instructional assistants existed six decades ago. Today, Kelsey Habeeb, Leslie Giorna, Jeannie Gallagher, Amelia English-Brown, Gina Deese, Hope Crawford, Lynn Buckles, Christine Clark, Jessica Bowers and Lakisha Bolden serve in that capacity.

East Salem's current principal and assistant principal are Hunter Routt and Wes Thomas, respectively.

School counselor Mary Gregory once attended East Salem. "The students get a kick out of seeing my elementary picture in the yearbook from the early 1980s. There are a few other current teachers that attended this school as well," she said. "I most vividly remember starting kindergarten. I loved listening to and singing along with the fun songs that helped me learn new things. I still remember some of these songs."

Most days are the same for East Salem students: after arriving around 7:20 a.m., school begins at 7:40 a.m. and at 2:15 p.m., classes let out for the day.

East Salem annually partners with parents, local organizations and churches for the benefit of students and the community. Throughout February, the school will be celebrating Black History Month, participating in Spirit Week and partaking in

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East Salem Elementary School, which opened its doors in January 1962, currently employs approximately 80 staff members.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Salem author pens children's book to inspire others



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Debra Cassell says there aren't enough words to describe just how much she loves her son Sam, a preemie baby who was born at 26 weeks.

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Local author Debra Cassell wrote a children's book last year. Titled Sammie the Salmon, the 32-page book offers a perspective of inspiration for families that experience premature birth.

Sammie, her son, is a preemie baby who was born at 26 weeks, weighing one pound and 13 ounces. For three months, Sam stayed in the newborn intensive care unit. Allison, Sam's twin sister, tragically passed from necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), a serious disease that impacts the intestines of premature infants, 11 days after birth.

Cassell and her ex-husband started trying to conceive a few years after getting married. While they didn't have any difficulty getting pregnant, each one, unfortunately, resulted in a miscarriage.

"After this continued to happen, we started seeing doctors. There were conflicting opinions as to why this was happening," Cassell said. "When we started going to UVA to get more extensive tests, they discovered that I had a low egg supply."

To ensure he was safe and well, Cassell stayed home for the first two years of Sam's life. "It was scary having a child weigh so little and have developmental delays at home. While at the hospital, there were trained professionals to help us. After you go home, there's none. We were very nervous and cautious. Sam wore a head shaping helmet for two years," she said.

When people look at her book, the first thing they notice is the artwork. Cassell says that is not a coincidence. People enjoy illustrations and she wanted to make the cover art bright and alluring.

Amazon gave the following description of the book: "Sammie the Salmon is an adorable story about a salmon that was born very early and goes through all the same experiences as babies born prematurely. It's a tale of love and letting go of fears associated with having a premature child. Sammie begins his life as a tiny little fish, but quickly grows into the 'biggest salmon anyone had ever seen!"

Born in Fairfax, Virginia, Cassell's dad was a police chief who retired when she was seven. It was at the University of Alabama where Cassell completed her two bachelor's degrees. For the last 20 years – 18 in public schools and two as the owner of a preschool – Cassell has worked as a special education teacher.

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<u>Community calendar</u>

The City of Salem been monitoring has potential spread the COVID-19, of 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.

•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, cagepasture-raised chicken, homemade rolls, pieces of artisan bread, muffins, seasonal greens and more.

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Avenue in Roanoke.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The "Band of Oz" was enshrined in the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame with fellow honorees The Avett Brothers, Kelly Pickler and The Carolina Chocolate Drops in 2016. The "Band of Oz" has been playing beach music at packed venues throughout the south since 1967. Doors will open at 6 p.m. No coolers or outside food or drinks are permitted inside the arena. For additional ticket information, please contact the Salem Parks and Recreation Department at 375-3057

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The Teacher Recruiting Job Fair will be held at the Salem Civic Center. Twentytwo 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 questions. licensure 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.

OLICE REPORT

he Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged Jan 4-24. Arrest indicates an accusation, and defendants are presumed innocent unless found guilty in court. Police do not release the names of persons under the age of 18.

Those arrested and their charges were listed as:

January 4 – Roy L. Mason II, 49, evading police; and Franklin W. Davis, 38, violation of probation. January 5 – Karl C. Depas, 32, failure to appear; Malcolm A. Firebaugh, 20, contempt of court; Heather M. Spence, 32, violation of probation; and Christopher L. Childress, 27, public intoxication.

January 7 – Joshua L. O'Conner, 32, domestic assault and battery; Timothy J. Habeck, 38, identity theft; and Malcolm A. Firebaugh, 20, obstructing court order, contempt of court.

January 9 - Keyur K. Patel,

34, public intoxication; and Jennifer L. Stafford, 47, assault and battery.

January 10 – Holly C. Raines, 36, vehicle burglary, damage property

January 11 – Eric J. Beasley, 43, violation of probation

January 12 – Seth M. Arnold, 27, unauthorized use of vehicle, DUI

January 13 – Samantha L. Ciafardini, 37, domestic assault

and battery January 16 – Erin K. Hale, 40, assault on police officer; and Aaron A. Hastings, 31, domestic assault and battery.

January 17 – Ryan D. Ayers, 22, neglect

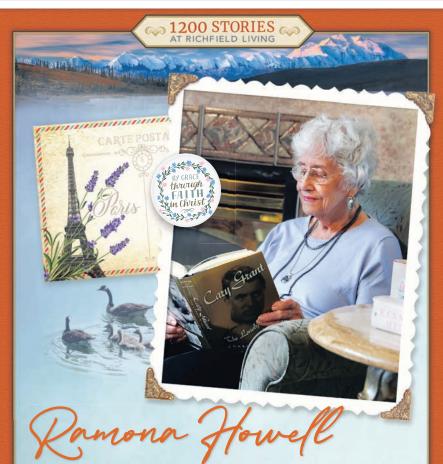
January 18 – Randolph W. Hargrave, 57, attempted homicide, shooting into occupied dwelling, discharging firearm, use of firearm in commission of felony; and Wesley A. Scott, 27, domestic assault and battery.

January 21 – Nicholas L. Falgiano, 31, possession of controlled substance January 22 – Sheree N. Alexander, 39, assault and battery; Ann M. Whitenack, 64, DUI; Scott D. Bratcher, 29, assault and battery, damage property, disorderly conduct; Matthew D. Lyness, 27, DUI.

January 23 – Isaac D. Wolf, 22, assault and battery, public intoxication; and Efrain Garcia-Luna, 30, assault and battery, identity theft, public intoxication, criminal trespass.

January 24 – Zeb. A. Henson, 45, contempt of court

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Ramona H. has lived in Joseph C. Thomas Assisted Living for about three years after a stay in Short Term Rehab following emergency surgery. She liked the care, playing games, socializing, and watching the geese and rabbits outside.

She wanted to become a hot shot secretary so she studied those skills in college. But she met a young man who joined the Air Force and got orders to go to Alaska. Ramona and Clell were married in one day by a pastor they found in the phonebook. They had four children, Richard, Rita, Frank, and Raymond. The family was living in France when Clell had a cerebral aneurism while driving. Although they were both injured, her husband was transferred to Germany for a long convalescence. He had large memory loss so they returned to Virginia. Ramona kept children to support the family. They were married 54 years before he passed in 2008.



I have been through a lot, my church and Christian women helped me. The Lord is there, so I do not need to be anxious.

Ramona Howell

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Salem Museum Speaker Series

"Inexhaustible Amusement" The Phonograph and Our Modern Entertainment

Before Thomas Edison invented the lightbulb, he developed another technology that we still use today: recorded sound! Celebrate Thomas Edison's 175th birthday with the Salem Museum on Thursday, February 10 at 7 p.m. Join Garrett Channell, the Museum's director of education and archives, as he explores the development of the phonograph and different early methods of recorded sound. This presentation will be on Zoom only. The link will be available on the Museum's website, salemmuseum.org, on the morning of the event.

In 1877, Edison was experimenting with ways to record telephone conversations and realized this method could have a multitude of uses. Learn about the Edison Phonograph Company, the Columbia Phonograph Company, and the Victor Talking Machine Company, and how

they shaped the way we consume music and other media today. The talk will trace the roots of modern technologies and ideas that can be found back in the "phonograph era" that Edison ushered in.

Garrett Channell is a new staff member at the Salem Museum. A 2020 graduate of Roanoke College, he studied history with a focus in public history. During his time at Roanoke, he volunteered extensively at the Museum in the archives and at events. He now works at the Museum to develop field trips, kid-centered exhibits, and programs for all ages.

The Salem Museum is currently closed for maintenance. The Museum anticipates reopening to the public on February 22, 2022.

> Submitted by Fran Ferguson, Salem Museum Executive Director



A 2020 Roanoke College graduate, Garrett Channell is the Salem Museum's newest staff member.

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Read Across America Day, among other things.

Michelle Johnson, born in 1982, attended East Salem for a few years before she and her family relocated to North Carolina. "We moved because my mother wanted to be closer to family. I still have fond memories about my time at East Salem," Johnson said. "I made a lot of friends and experienced some awesome memories. Anytime I'm asked about East Salem, I have nothing but positive things to say."

What makes East Salem such a special place, Gregory noted, is that we are family. Elaborating, she continued, "This is my community. I attended this school and now I am employed here. We have a wonderful leader in Principal Routt, and a new Superintendent, Dr. Curtis Hicks, that has hit the ground running and is doing a wonderful job. Our school board has a great mix of members and have our best interest at

heart. The teachers truly care about each other and the students. Our teachers do the absolute best that they can for our school and community."

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starting Feb. 14, with Wray being the only Board member to vote against his colleagues.

Several parents in attendance, and many more subsequently, were disappointed in the Board's decision. While some went to social media to convey their despondency, others lauded the move.

Wrote Cathy Wilkinson, "Great??? If leaving decisions such as testing, quarantines and contract tracing between doctor and student or parent - did I miss seeing the word 'teachers?' The people who will be working with the child seven hours of the day."

Noted Nelson Smith, "Mask-wearing, aside from vaccination, remains the most vital line of defense against the spread of COVID. At this point, people are either going to accept the truth or ignore facts."

Expressed Heather Hartsook, "Federal law does not require teachers to mask. The only reason we masked in school was because Northam told every school board he would sue. Busses are different because it's public transportation, but schools and

local school boards will have the authority to change policies once Governor Youngkin removes the executive orders. Truthfully, it's very hard to teach language and words in a mask. Children need to be able to understand and be understood. Keep distanced. Keep sanitizing. Let's ditch the masks. They are pretty gross!"

Among Roanoke County's 28 public schools are Fort Lewis Elementary, Burton Center of Technology and Arts and Glenvar Elementary, Middle and High School.

In conjunction with federal mandates, masks are still required by all staff and students when riding the school bus. For more information, visit rcps.us.

SCC encourages Virginians to protect homes, vehicles and other property against severe winter weather

wood stoves and electric notes and repair-related on your vehicle, which wind and falling objects.

Winter weather can wreak havoc with your home, business, vehicles and other property, causing billions of dollars in insured and uninsured losses nationwide each year. Think burst pipes, slippery sidewalks, roof cave-ins and vehicle damage due to fallen tree limbs and slick roads.

With several recent winter weather events in Virginia already and the possibility for others during this winter season, the time to prepare is now. The State Cor-Commission's poration (SCC) Bureau of Insurance (Bureau) encourages Virginians to review their insurance coverage and prepare their homes and vehicles before harsh winter conditions return. It is important to know the extent of your insurance coverage, as well as any deductibles you may have to pay in the event of a claim.

Accumulation of too much snow or ice can result in tree limbs breaking and falling on homes, vehicles and power lines. Falling limbs also can result in collapsed roofs and other damage to homes, structures and vehicles. Melting snow and ice can cause flooding of property and interior damage to structures even after a winter storm ends. Subfreezing temperatures can lead to broken pipes both inside and outside your home.

"Plan ahead for seasonal and other hazards," said Virginia Insurance Commissioner Scott A. White. "Homeowners, renters and commercial property policies can protect

you against many types of winter weather threats, heaters work properly. but there are exceptions. Additionally, keep com-Contact your insurance bustible items away from agent or company or the heat sources. SCC's Bureau of Insurance to learn more.'

of damage to your home policies provide coverage and property this winter, for damage to property the Bureau suggests the caused by wind, snow, following:

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your gutters to help pre- National Flood Insurance vent ice dams and allow Program at floodsmart. melting water to drain gov and may be available freely away from your through your insurance home.

·Inspect your attic insulation and ventilation erty suffers damage as a to ensure warm air stays result of severe winter in the living areas of your weather, contact your inhome and out of the attic. surance agent or company Keeping attic air cold can as soon as possible. Make help minimize the freeze/ thaw cycle that causes ice dams, which may cause interior water damage to your home. Proper insula- damage to your property tion of your home has the and include photographs, added advantage of helping save energy and may reduce your heating costs.

·Protect your pipes from freezing. Detach garden hoses from your home before the temperature drops below freezing and properly winterize pipes and irrigation systems around your home. To protect interior pipes, leave your faucet running slightly to allow water to trickle through the pipes, reducing the chance that standing water will freeze. Opening the cabinet doors under your sink allows warm air to circulate around your pipes and to help keep them from freezing.

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If your home or propany necessary emergency repairs and take reasonable steps to prevent further damage. Record all receipts.

Homeowners insurance also may cover certain incidents where someone slips and falls on slick sidewalks or other surfaces on your property. You can check for this coverage under the liability and medical payments portions of your homeowners' insurance policy.

If you are involved in an auto accident between two or more vehicles attributed to snowy and slippery road conditions, or if your vehicle crashes into an object affixed along a roadway (such as a streetlight) due to those conditions, collision coverage is available under standard auto insurance policies. Also check to see whether your auto insurance covers damage to your vehicle caused by ice, snow and falling tree limbs. These types of damages usually are covered by other-than-collision (or comprehensive) coverage

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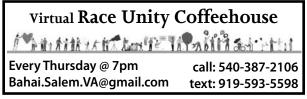
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UPINION

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

It was raining that morning of February 1, 1953, when my (now late) husband Charlie Stebbins and I left Petersburg, Virginia, for the next chapter in our lives. A truck bearing our furniture, inherited from the mother I had buried five years earlier, followed us.

We were headed three hours west to the bigger city of Roanoke which had just been named an All-America City; that was a major civic honor and solidified our decision to move up in the world.

We had gotten jobs on the reporting staff of the Roanoke World-News, the afternoon newspaper, which a large part of the urban population took. There was also a morning/Sunday paper that went to more readers in outlying areas of Western Virginia, as far away as Martinsville on the South, Lexington on the North, suburban Lynchburg on the East and the far reaches of the Southwest Virginia mountain empire. A long, long time ago.

This is not the first time I've commemorated those mid-20th Century days. I just went back and re-read several earlier columns about how we at the ages of 24 for me and 30 for him, carried our Virginia heritage from east to west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We were to stay here. He until 2008 and I still to a limited degree on the job doing what I love most - observing, reflecting and writing.

Charlie and I had met the fall of 1948 in the Journalism Department of Richmond Professional Institute (RPI). When I had been accepted at the fouryear institution, I had learned from the brochure that I would be working on the college weekly newspaper known as "The Proscript.'

The whole Journalism Department was new; in the years before and during World War II, it had been part of the English Department with no truly training. But in 1946 when I started, RPI's founder, dean and man

Frances **Stebbins** Correspondent

Give Light ~ 69 years later ~

in charge, Dr. Henry Horace Hibbs, had hired a real newsman from up North. Roland B. Smith was to teach me the principles of journalism the two years he was with us.

Two years later, we got another professor, Richard E. Allen, a freelance writer from Massachusetts whom I adored as he was more interested in the fiction that I was trying to write than in true news work. Like Smith, his tenure in Richmond lasted only long enough to find a wife.

That was the year though that WWII Navy veteran Charlie Stebbins arrived after learning of RPI through a story he loved to tell. Aspiring to free college under the G.I. Bill, he was working for an uncle. Getting water for lunch in a warehouse, he spied a discarded Richmond newspaper

in the trash. It carried a story my journalism class had published in the daily paper; thus, he learned of RPI and my presence.

With some experience already, the veteran worked with me, the "Proscript" editor, and our romance developed that fateful year for me. By the next summer we became engaged, Charlie got a part-time, low-level job at the Richmond daily, and by 1951 we were married.

In nearby, historic Petersburg he was employed as a full-time reporter on the city's daily. I, a young woman with only college experience, walked into a news editor job on the regional weekly. We had planned to remain two years, but for many reasons we were more than ready to move up after 18 months.

And here I pick up the saga of our more than half-century of news writing in the Roanoke Valley. On that February day in 1953, the early rain stopped by Lynchburg, a cold wave blew in as we placed our furniture in three rooms in the declining West End and reported for work the next day a mile downtown to the impressive building at Second Street and Campbell Avenue now in different hands.

I was assigned to write about churches, and soon was immersed in the activities of the Roanoke Ministers Conference, an all-Protestant, all-White, all-Male body. Charlie liked writing about local government and many civic groups.

Within six months of our arrival, we had bought a small house off Peters Creek Road; we stayed there six years. It was outgrown by 1959 with a daughter, a son and several cats. We learned to garden, and we had come back to the denomination of our Virginia faith roots and become active in a new Williamson Road area parish.

The Managing Editor of the evening daily let me work at home using telephone, and manual typewriter and depending on others for my occasional needs in driving to an event. That, as I said in a later column, was how I got "to have my cake and eat it too."

It's time to stop, but I trust you as a reader will get the point!

Va. farmers share standpoints on ag issues with lawmakers

Advocating for Virginia's farming future is the core mission of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, and vocal support from the state's farmers is key in accomplishing that objec-

VFBF representatives used their unified voice to discuss concerns about legislation affecting agriculture during meetings with state senators and delegates at the organization's Legislative Day on

Jan. 24.

The event also helped farmers build personal relationships with their legislators.

Representatives of Chesapeake and Nansemond County Farm Bureaus met with Del. Clinton Jenkins, D-Suffolk, to advocate for legislation involving additional analysis of solar facilities, funding for agricultural best management practices and crop protectant availabil-

ity. "We grow food and fiber - that's what feeds this country," said David Bosselman, a Suffolk grain and peanut farmer.

There are so many people who depend on what we do as farmers, so we're just looking for your support in backing us up a little bit," Bosselman shared with Jenkins. "If you ever need to know

bills pertaining to agriculture, please give us a call."

Jenkins was receptive to his constituents' concerns, and shared stories about growing up and spending summers in the fields of his grandparents' tobacco farm.

He noted bills involving agriculture—legislation that would provide full funding for BMPs, support for producers to properly protect their crops and other pressing issues-should be considered with farmers' best interests in mind.

"Farmers need all the support they can get," Jenkins told the delegation. "Folks just don't realize how important your trade is for providing a good livelihood and a good source of food for people. I will not support legislation that is going to make it harder for farmers."

Virginia farmers met jointly with Sen. Travis Hackworth, R-Richlands; Sen. Todd Pillion, R-Abingdon; Del. Terry Kilgore, R-Gate City; and Del. Israel O'Quinn, R-Bristol; to discuss other important issues outlined by VFBF.

These included the increased need for dairy assistance, the establishment of a strategic plan to increase meat processing in Virginia, the usage of Farm Use placards and wildlife damage management.

Some Farm Bureau members visited with urban legislators for their meetings on Legislative Day. In 2021, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation AgPAC hosted four separate roundtable events in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia to establish better working reers from urban localities.

VFBF Young Farmers Committee chair and Lunenburg County beef cattle and hay producer Lindy Fimon met with Del. Paul Krizek, D-Alexandria, to discuss crop protectants and BMP funding.

"It's incredibly important for us as farmers to continue to talk about the issues that directly impact our work," Fimon said. "Whether those conversations are with our local delegates or those who represent a city in a different area of the state, these conversations matter and make a difference.

"That's what makes Legislative Day such a great event. You get the chance to build those relationships."

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"For the majority of my career, I have taught children between the ages of two and six. I've mostly taught in an inclusive environment, with typical and atypical children. The children's special abilities range from down's syndrome, autism, sensory needs, behavioral needs and developmental delays," she said. "My job is to love each and every child because we are all unique and special. It also involves developing appropriate lesson plans and yearly IEP's."

In January 2011, after Cassell and her then-mother-in-law flew to Seoul, South Korea, to meet Emily Kellam, they brought her home. Almost three years separate Kellam from her brother Sam.

When asked what advice she would give others who experience premature birth, Cassell replied, "I would tell them to never be afraid to ask for help. The fight does not end when you bring your child home. Because of the prematurity, they will often have some type of special ability. And that's ok. Learning how to help and perhaps overcome is key. Don't be hard on yourself or think it is your fault. I did that for a while, and it is a horrible feeling! Love yourselves and your beautiful miracle. Everything else will come together."

Emily Kellam and her brother Sam during their first Christmas together.



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Partnership agreement signed with colleges and universities to establish K-12 lab schools

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently signed a partnership agreement with colleges and universities from across the Commonwealth to establish K-12 lab schools.

"Education is the gateway to opportunity. An educated Virginian has a limitless future. And we are about creating future opportunities for every young Virginian. Reestablishing expectations of excellence, funding in the largest education budget, investing in teachers, special education, and localities to invest in facilities," said Governor Glenn Youngkin.

"Thank you to all the university presidents, legislators, and school board members, you all play a vital role in the partnership and alignment between K-12 and higher education in order to meet our goal of being the number one education state in the nation," said Secretary Aimee Guidera. "It is important that all Virginians have access and the opportunity to quality education and outcomes-especially those who have been consistently left out of an excellent education."

"Education lifted my father out of poverty when he came to America with only \$1.75 from Jamaica," said Lieutenant Governor Earle-Sears. "Education lifted me out of poverty as well because I have to find my own way in this world, and education lifts all of us."

"Nothing is more important to us in the HBCU world, higher education world, the Commonwealth than the edu-

cation of our students and the opportunities that provides," said Jauvane Adams-Gaston, President of Norfolk State University. "If we do not continue to create success for those who are coming behind then our Commonwealth will not be able to be both successful and a leader in terms of tomorrow."

"We join our sister institutions in the Virginia Community College system in welcoming the opportunity to partner with school divisions to develop and deliver even more innovative high school programs that address the workforce needs of the Commonwealth specially for students in underserved communities," said Dr. Paul Pando, President of Reynolds Community College. "We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute our ideas, insight, and yes the passion we bring to this work. This work that is most certainly work worth doing."

> Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Governor Youngkin receives a hug from an elementary school student.



Some of the individuals Gov. Younkin worked with to get the partnership agreement signed.







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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES Read 1 Samuel 21:1 through 24:22

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He [David] said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord" (1 Samuel 24:6).

King Saul mercilessly pursued David intending to murder him, although David had done nothing against the king. Yet David would not retaliate despite the insistence of his men. Even when God permitted him to catch Saul at a vulnerable time, David refused to take the life of the Lord's anointed.

Why would he do that? Because David revered God.

Instead of slaying the man who was out to murder him, David put his trust in the Lord, seeking God's protection and justice.

While the worldly pummel each other with everything from words to bombs, an honorable faith like David's is the hallmark of those who walk in step with Christ. Jesus said to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45).

Challenge for Today: Trust God to handle your enemies while you choose love over revenge.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 24:1–12

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Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office.

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RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST-703 Hemlock RoadN.W. Roanoke, 342-6492. Roy E. Kanode, Pastor.Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Awanas 5:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30p.m.; Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m.; Praiz Kidz 6:00p.m.; Family Night Activities 6:30 p.m. website:www.ridgewoodbaptist.com.

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BITUARIES

Byrd, Sr., I. Ray

I. Ray Byrd, Sr., 93, of Salem, entered into eternal peace in the early morning of January 30, 2022. Ray was born in Martinsville, VA, on September 1, 1928, to Daniel Edward and Virgie Holt Byrd.

He played football for the Martinsville High School Bulldogs, graduating in 1946 where he was voted Most Optimistic and Best Dressed. He at-

tended Randolph Macon College where he pledged the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, finishing his education at the Medical College of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. He spent two years as a United States Marine attaining the rank of Captain.

In need of a date to a dance, he was fixed up with Nina Landolina, a Westhampton woman from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and they ended up dancing all night. They were married on July 26, 1952, and continued to jitterbug together for the next 69 years.

In July of 1954, Ray and Nina moved to Salem at the urging of his dear friend and future business partner, Ervin Pollard Brooks. Ray and Ervin bought Webber's Pharmacy in 1959 changing the name to Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy where they filled people's prescriptions and served orangeades and limeades with hand shaved ice. In later years, he served as a pharmacist at Richfield Pharmacy, the Bradley Free Clinic and the VA Hospital.

He actively served his community through many organizations, often serving as president, including the Salem Kiwanis Club, Salem Chamber of Commerce, Salem Museum, Salem Sports Foundation, the Salem Industrial Authority, the Roanoke Valley Pharmaceutical and the Virginia Pharmaceutical Associations.

Ray was appointed to the City of Salem's first School Board in 1968 and served as Chairman of the Board for five years. In addition, he served on the boards of Farmer's National Bank, First Virginia Bank and Richfield Retirement Commu-

He was a longtime member and trustee of Salem Baptist Church where he served



on almost every committee, except refreshments.

He loved playing golf and tennis at Hidden Valley Country Club, racing his neighbors to grow the first tomato of the season, and sitting on the dock at Smith Mountain Lake watching the sunset with a whiskey sour in hand after finishing a little water skiing.

Ray believed in serving God, his family, and his community. He charmed young and old with a twinkle in his eye, a firm handshake, and a good story. He was a good and faithful servant.

He is survived by his wife, Nina L. Byrd, and children Dr. Carol Byrd (Mark Barr), I. Ray Byrd, Jr. (Susan), Mary Catherine Ruskan, and Laura Byrd Earle (Dave). Grandchildren: Bradley Barr, Dr. Ann Cameron Barr (Matt Standley), Dr. Andrew Barr (Elisabeth), Nicholas Byrd (Kate), Alison Byrd Walker (Nathan), Caroline Byrd Heflin (Kyle), Matthew Ruskan, Catherine Ruskan, Nina Earle, Samuel Earle, and Hank Earle. And greatgrandchildren: Alicia Byrd, Cecilia Byrd, Smith Barr, Ellis Barr, and Sophia Walker.

A funeral service to celebrate his life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem with Rev. Everett Kier officiating. The interment will be held privately with his family at the East Hill Cemetery in Salem.

Friends may visit with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 4, at the funeral home.

You are kindly asked to wear a face mask and practice safe social distancing while attending services for Mr. Byrd.

The family would like to extend gratitude to all of the caregivers at Salem Terrace, Friendship Home Care and Carilion Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to encourage friends to share their time and resources with the Bradley Free Clinic: bradleyfreeclinic.com/donation/ or the Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry: https://salemfoodpantry.org/

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.johnmoakey.com.

Nowlin, Virginia "Ginny" Clayton

Virginia (Ginny) Clayton Nowlin, 82, of Salem went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 24. Ginny was skilled in crafts and enjoyed scrapbooking with her daughter and friends in her later years. Prior to her retirement, Ginny traveled the states with her husband Don for over 20 years in their Freightliner or Mack semi-tractor-trailer, always telling Don where to go. She passed away at home from natural causes and Dad got his navigator back.

Born in Canton, Missouri, on March 6, 1939, to the late Levy Carl and Ethel Adora Brower Clayton, she was the oldest of four siblings. She lived in Chicago, Illinois, until she met and married the love of her life, Donald Minor Nowlin of Salem who preceded her in death. Also preceding her is her son, Alan Nowlin and brothers, Harry Clayton and Allen Clayton.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Joann (J.D.) Sprouse; sons, Melvin (Martha) Nowlin and Gary (Maryellen) Nowlin; grandchildren, Sara (Greg) Hall, Theresa (Michael) Peregoff, Kimberly (Lacy) Burnette, James Sprouse and Liam Nowlin; brother, Carl Clayton of Fort Worth, Texas; sister-in-law, Carolyn Ferst of Florence, New Jersey, as well as our newest addition to the family that she was overjoyed to meet on Sunday, her great-granddaughter Elizabeth.

A graveside service was held at Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem on Friday, January 28, at 2 p.m. and officiated by Pastor Roy Kanode.

The family would like to extend special thanks to her neighbors, Jo Wiggins, who was like a sister to her over the years, Dickie and Judith Arnold, Dan and Renee Dutton, and to Dr. Ezekiel Jones, Jr. for his compassionate and tender care.

The family was served by John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

Tuttle, Plura Opal Mays

Plura Opal Mays Tuttle, 97, died on Sunday, January 23, in Williamstown, NJ, where she was residing with her daughter and sonin-law.

Opal and her husband Tilman Thomas (Tom) Tuttle (deceased) lived in Salem for 40 years and owned a home remodeling/construction business. Opal and Tom were active members of the West-

hampton Christian Church in Roanoke. After closing the business, they moved to Palatka, Florida, where they continued to be involved in church activities at the St James United Methodist Church.

Opal is survived by her daughter Tanya (Tuttle), son-in-law Richard Barbarics of Williamstown, NJ, grandson Aaron and wife Farrah Barbarics of Blackwood, NJ,



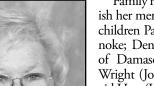
grandson Ryan Barbarics of Williamstown, NJ, son Thomas Larry Tuttle and Constance Vargo of Sebastian, Florida, granddaughter Britney (Tuttle) and husband Steve Trivette and great-grandsons Caedon and Parker Trivette of Randleman, NC, granddaughter Tommy Lynn (Tuttle) and husband Ronald Williams and grandchildren Amelia and Lukas

Williams of Millington, TN, son Curtis A. Tuttle, of Salem, grandson Samuel (Sam) L. Tuttle and great-grandchild Silas of Fincastle, VA, and granddaughter Veronica Tuttle of Roanoke.

A private memorial will be held at a later date at which time Opal will be with her beloved husband, Tom at Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem.

Hart, Glenna Room "Mamaw"

Glenna Roop Hart, "Mamaw", 86, of Salem, walked into the open arms of her Lord with loved ones waiting, Tuesday, January 25, 2022.



Family remaining to cherish her memory includes her children Patsy Fout, of Roanoke; Dennis Hart (Terry), of Damascus, Va., Mary Wright (Joe), of Salem, David Hart (Lou), of New Castle., Deborah Raybourne (John), of Panama City, Fla., Neal Hart (Angela), of Kannapolis, N.C.; siblings, Evelyn Siebert (Frank), of Deale, Md., Doc Roop (Darlene), of Roanoke, Betty Richardson, of Meadowview, Va., Virginia Roop, of White Top, Va., and Ada Needham (DC), of Kannapolis, N.C.; grandchildren, Donnie Francisco (Irma), of Salem, Wyatt Fout (Laura), of Charlotte, N.C, Wendi Basham (Jim), of Roanoke, Nathan Wright, of Salem, Grace Orellana (Jose), of Panama City, Fla., Paul Raybourne, of Panama City, Fla., and Jacob Hart, of Kannapolis, N.C.; along with eight great-grandchildren.

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Glenna was born on March 3, 1935, in White Top, Virginia., daughter of the late Howard and Grace Blevins Roop. Glenna was a very kind soul, and very special lady. A heart as pure as hers drew people to her

loving nature. She accepted everyone and judged no one. She was the peacemaker in the family and was even referred to as "The General" for keeping everyone in line. She loved to garden and made the best chicken & dumplings and chocolate gravy.

Glenna's strength and will was above the standard. She was a homemaker for most of her life caring for nine children with nine different personalities and still managed to keep up the house, along with her little warriors. She absolutely loved her family and taught them life values and how to respect others. Her love and memory will be carried out through her kids and everyone she touched.

Glenna loved the Lord and was a member of Mason's Cove Church of the Brethren. She believed in serving the Lord and did so belonging to the Ladies Aid making quilts for the Roanoke Rescue Mission and to sell at the Fall Fest and other celebrations. This special group of ladies were some of Glenna's closest friends and were treasured as such.

In addition to her parents, Glenna was preceded in death by three daughters, Edith Francisco, Linda Hart, and Delores Sligh; and three sisters, Blanche Powers, Peggy Hamm and Opal Thomas.



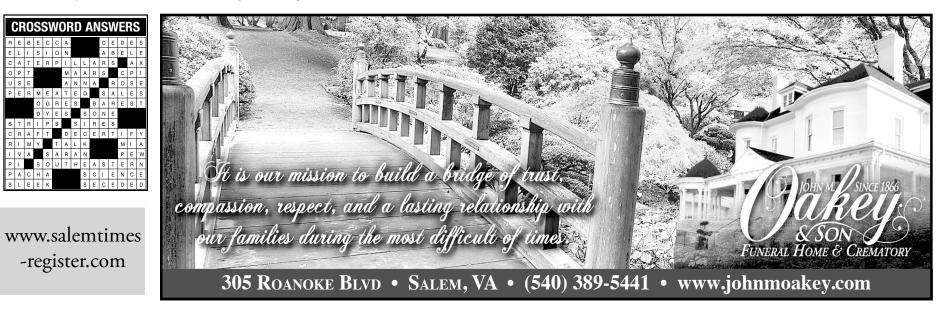
A Celebration of Glenna's life will be held at Mason's Cove Church of the Brethren, 3630 Bradshaw Road in Salem on Saturday, February 5, at 2:00 p.m. with visitation from 1:00 to 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations are made in Glenna's honor to the Masons Cove Church of the Brethren, P.O. Box 1017, Salem, Va. 24153.

The family would like to extend thanks to Amy, Jenny, and Shawn, Glenna's special nurses from Amedisys Hospice, who lovingly took care of her during a time it was most needed. They would also like to thank everyone, friends and extended family alike, for the cards, and support given during this most difficult time.

Expressions of sympathy may be expressed to the Hart family by visiting www. johnmoakey.com.

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

TO: CITY OF SALEM REAL ESTATE OWNERS

The Board of Equalization for Real Estate Assessments in the City of Salem will meet on Monday, April 11th, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center located at 1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, Virginia.

The Board will continue its meeting from time to time thereafter, by adjournments, at and for such time or times, at the same place or such other place or places, as may be designed and deemed necessary by the

PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE §§ 1-211 1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL21001989 Montgomery County Circuit Court 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073

> v. Commonwealth of Virginia Mark B. Frith

Estate Of Ernestine B. Frith

Commonwealth of Virginia The object of this suit is to: Sale of Ernestine Burton Frith's Real Property It is ORDERED that Dennis L. Frith appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before March 14, 2022.

January 13, 2022 Judge K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.



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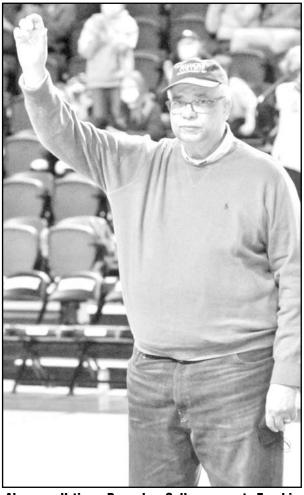
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Above, all-time Roanoke College great Frankie Allen waves to the crowd after being recognized at halftime of the Maroons game with Randolph College last Saturday afternoon. Allen was the first African American full-time student at RC and a basketball star for the Maroons. Graduating in 1971, he still holds the RC records for points and rebounds in both a season and a career 51 years later. Allen went on to coach at several colleges, including a stint as head coach at Virginia Tech after serving as an assistant under Charlie Moir with the Hokies. Moir recruited Allen to come to RC out of Charlottesville High School in 1968. Right, Justin Kuthan(#12) scores for the in 1968. night, Justin Maroons in the win over Randolph. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Maroons defeat Marlins for 6th straight victory

RC is at 17-1 Randolph-Macon Sat.

The Roanoke College men won their sixth basketball game in a row Monday night when the Maroons beat Virginia Wesleyan in Virginia Beach, 69-46. With the win RC improved to 15-4 overall and 7-3 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and took possession of third place in the conference standings.

The Maroons held a slight lead at the break, 29-27, before asserting themselves on the defensive end during the second 20-minutes. The Marlins managed just 19 second half points as Roanoke cruised to the win.

RC's Kasey Draper finished with a career high 34 points, besting his 32 against Shenandoah in Roanoke's last road game. Justin Kuthan added 12 and Tripp Greene scored 10. Kuthan and Ethan Rohan each grabbed a game high eight rebounds while Nick Price handed out six assists.

The win followed a 79-51 win over Randolph College at the RC Cregger Center last Saturday. Efosa U-Edosomwan led the Maroons with 18 points while Draper had a dozen and Greene had 10. Rohan had seven rebounds.

The Maroons were scheduled to play at Eastern Mennonite on Wednesday of this week, and on Saturday they have a big game against Randolph-Macon in Ashland. The Yellowjackets lead the ODAC with a 9-0 conference record and are 17-1 overall.

Roanoke's next home game is Wednesday, February 9, when the Maroons host Shenandoah at 5 pm.

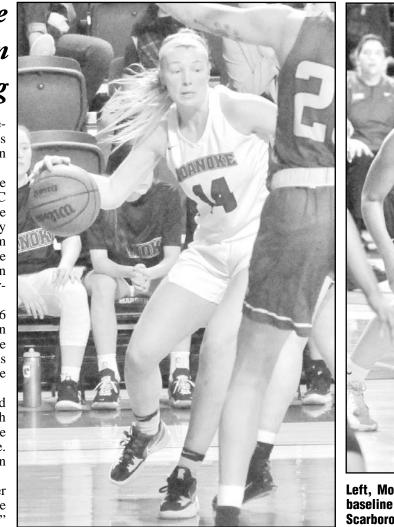
RC, W&L women have first place showdown in Salem Monday evening

The Roanoke College women remained undefeated in Old Dominion Athletic Conference games when the Maroons defeated Randolph College in Lynchburg Monday, 65-47.

The win was the seventh in a row for the Maroons, who improved to 10-0 in the ODAC and 15-2 overall. Washington & Lee is 11-0 in the conference and will play RC in Salem next Monday night, February 7, at the Cregger Center in Salem at 7 pm. Randolph-Macon is 9-1 in the conference and will host RC Friday in Ashland at 5:30 pm in another big game as the Maroons begin an important part of their schedule.

Monday in Lynchburg the Maroons held a 34-26 lead at the break. Randolph would get to within four but a late run in the third period pushed the Roanoke lead into double-digits. The Maroons would pull away in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Five Maroons scored in double figures, led by Rose Sande with 16. Ayanna Scarborough and Morgan Micallef each scored 12 with Renee Alquiza and Kristina Harrel adding 10 apiece. Sayre Brandstatter grabbed a team high seven rebounds with Harrel handing out seven assists. Last Saturday in Salem the visiting Bridgewater Eagles threw a scare into the Maroons before RC escaped with a 59-56 win on "Alumni Day." Alquiza led Roanoke with 18 points and Micallef had 11. Mid-way through the final stanza Bridgewater still held a 54-49 lead. The Maroons would allow just two more BC points the rest of the way as they mounted a late rally. An Alquiza threeball and Scarborough layup knotted the game at 54-54. Whitney Hopson scored in transition to give





Roanoke their first lead of the second half with 2:00 left to play.

An offensive board by Scarborough led to an Alquiza jump shot. Harrel picked up a steal and a pair of offensive rebounds extended the possession for the Maroons as the game entered the closing minute. Bridgewater had a chance in the closing seconds but a

Left, Morgan Micallef of Roanoke College drives the baseline against Bridgewater Saturday. Above, Ayanna Scarborough handles the rock. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

turnover with :09 would seal their fate. A Harrel free throw would gave RC the final tally of 59-56.

The Maroons were at Shenandoah on Wednesday before the makeup game with Randolph-Macon Friday. Roanoke is at Virginia Wesleyan Saturday at 2 pm for their fourth straight road game, returning home for the big game with W&L Monday.

At 184 Mahlic Sallah also went 6-1 and finished third.

Two Maroons place at Wheaton wrestling Invt.

RC Soccer players named to All-Region women's team

The United Soccer Coaches have announced their NCAA DIII Women's Soccer All Region awards and a pair of Maroons earned a spot on one of the three teams. Sophomore forward Morgan O'Neill was honored as a member of the second team while junior defender Mia Clary claimed a spot on the third team.

O'Neill, the 2020 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Rookie of the Year, was a second team All ODAC selection this season. She led Roanoke in scoring and, with 10 goals, ranked 4th in the conference while her 20 total points ranked in the top 5. O'Neill scored her 10 goals with just 20 shots on goal while three of her scores going down as game winning goals.

Clary earned All ODAC honors,

The Roanoke College wrestling team made a trip to Wheaton, Illinois to compete in the two-day Pete Wilson Wheaton Invite last weekend, hosted by Wheaton College. The Maroons claimed 17th spot in the 30-team field and individually had a pair of third-place finishes.

At 125 Mac Cafurello won six of seven matches to take third. Cafurello lost an 8-6 decision in his first match and went to the consolation bracket. After a bye, Mac would register five consecutive decisions to earn a spot in the 3rd place match. In the consolation finals, Cafurello won a 2-1 decision over Nolan Mckittrick of Wisconsin-Platteville to take home third-place honors.



MORGAN O'NEILL

3rd team, this season for the first the Maroons and helped the defense in allowing just time. The defender played in and 24 goals for the season. The Maroon's defense allowed started all 17 games this season for just 1.39 goals per game during the 2021 campaign.

Sallah picked up a fall and then won by decision to earn a spot in the quarterfinals. After suffering his first defeat, a 3-1 decision to Antonio McCloud of Mount St. Joseph, Sallah won a pair of decisions. One match away from the 3rd-place match, Sallah recorded a fall over his opponent from Cortland State. In the consolation finals, Mahlic won a sudden victory win over Maguire Pecci of the University of Chicago.

The Maroons are back home today, February 3rd, for a home match at the Cregger Center against Southern Virginia, beginning at 7 pm.

Koepfinger of Roanoke College is ODAC Track & Field Athlete of the Week

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference their weekly indoor track & field awards on Tuesday afternoon and Roanoke college senior Hannah Koepfinger was named the ODAC Women's Field Athlete of the Week.

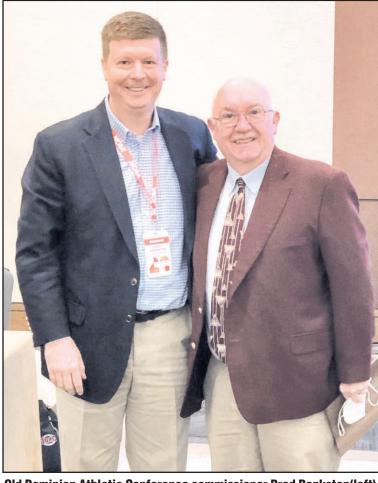
Last weekend, the women's track and field team traveled to Lexington to compete against NCAA I, II, and III teams at the VMI Winter relays. Koepfinger placed 4th in the Pentathlon after recording personal best marks in four of the five events. In the 60m Hurdles, her time of 9.69 came in as the 7th best time of the season in the league. In the Long Jump, Koepfineger posted a final distance of 5.27m (17'3.5") giving her the top mark in the ODAC this season. For the event, the 2021 National Qualifier, scored 2910 points and currently sits just outside the top 20 nationally.

The Maroon Indoor team will be back in the Cregger Center on Saturday when they host the Joe Larocco Invitational.

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 Waver, and must sign up to tryout. For more information, see the athletics page of the Andrew Lewis website.



Old Dominion Athletic Conference commissioner Brad Bankston(left) presented Carey Harveycutter with the Dan Dutcher Meritorious Service Award at the NCAA convention in Indianapolis.

Salem's Harveycutter is recipient of prestigious Division III award

Salem's Carey Harveycutter was presented the Division III Commissioners Association Dan Dutcher Meritorious Service Award at a ceremony at the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana during the three day event the weekend of January 22nd.

The prestigious award goes to an individual who has made significant and substantial contributions to Division III athletics, consistent with the purposes and mission of the Division III Commissioners Association. Harveycutter has been a driving force behind Division III sports in the city of Salem and nationally. The long time Salem Civic Center Director and Tourism Director has had a hand in countless events held in the city as well as making a difference in Division III sports of all kinds.

"Carey Harveycutter's nomination started a number of years ago when Ken Andrews and I were talking about the contribution that the City of Salem has made to Division III championships over the years," said Brad Bankston, commissioner of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. "This story goes back to the early 1990s when my predecessor, Dan Wooldridge, approached the City of Salem to gauge its interest in hosting the Stagg Bowl. The person running point for Salem was the city's Civic Center Director, Carey Harveycutter."

That started a run of championship events hosted by the City of Salem that continues to this day. On every occasion, Harveycutter was front and center making sure everything came off smoothly.

"After doing this for 25 plus years, it's clear the impact Salem's hosting run has made on Division III championships," said Bankston. " From years when contracted hosts were giving championships away to anyone interested in saying yes, to the extensive multi-city bid process for many of the Division III championship weekends, Salem has been a steady partner for the NCAA, fully embracing the Division III story. Carey and Salem might not have had the best weather on occasion, like 19 inches of snow the night prior to the 2009 football championship, but masterful organization, attention to detail and intensive focus on the student-athletes proved there was one partner on which Division III could rely."

Bankston, who presented the award to Harveycutter, went on to say, "this business is about people and I can't think of a better one representing Division III all these years. Division III and its student-athletes are better for having worked with Carey and his masterful staff."

Grundy edges Glenvar in five team Highlander Invt.

Host Glenvar was second and Salem took third in the annual Highlander Invitational wrestling tournament in the Glenvar High gym last Saturday.

Grundy won the tournament, edging the host Highlanders by just eight points in a round-robin format. The tournament was originally an individual double-elimination tourney but when snow and ice were predicted for Friday night 10 of the original 15 teams opted not to attend, leaving Glenvar, Salem, Grundy, Northside and Princeton of West Virginia to duke it out in the adjusted format.

"The Highlander Invitational is always our largest home event of the year," said Glenvar coach Jason Cline. "We really like having the one day event to cap our regular season action. We had 15 teams planning to participate this year and we expected some really good competition across the board, but the weather had other ideas. That made this year's Highlander much smaller than a typical year but, I have to say, even with the smaller field there were some really great wrestlers from Grundy, Salem, Northside, and Princeton on the mat Saturday.'

The Highlanders ended up taking first place with undefeated wrestlers in four weight classes, River Smith at 113, Jake Cline at 132, Ethan Flowers at 152 and Chase Miller at 160. Seconds went to Alan Vu at 106, Mason Hylton at 120, Trey Lawrence at 145 and Wesley Heltzel at 182.

said coach Cline. "We were neck and neck with Grundy in the team score throughout the day. It was literally back and forth match after match."

Salem got some good matches in as well.

"The weather caused havoc on our final tournament of the year, but coach Cline did a great job adjusting the format," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "We ended up getting a lot of great matches."

Salem was coming off three wins in a tri-match at Blacksburg last Wednesday. The Spartans beat Pulaski, 66-14, Cave Spring, 66-18, and Blacksburg, 39-31. The match against Blacksburg went down to the final pin.

"Kyman Kinney walked on to the mat for the final match and we were up 33-31," said Van Liew. "He was wrestling a very good opponent who bumped up from 132, Garrett Henderson. He has been in the finals of every tournament, and won several. Kyman took an early lead and never looked back, pinning him in the final period."

Salem will head to Orange County for the Region 4D tournament this Saturday.

"We are all prepped and ready to head to Orange County High School," said Van Liew. "We're looking to make our push for the state tournament. Glenvar was scheduled to wrestle at James River in a "sub-region" on Tuesday. This Saturday the Region 2C



Above, Glenvar's Wesley Heltzel(on top) had Salem's Sam Miles in a tight spot Saturday. Below, Ethan Flowers of Glenvar is on top of Salem's Matthew McNeil in the Highlander Invitational. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



tournament will be hosted by Radford course of the regular season and we

"As a team we did extremely well,"

High and the Highlanders will be one will now shift to post-season prepaof the favorites. Three wrestlers in each ration," said Cline. "I look forward class advance to the state.

"The team has improved over the Region and States."

to seeing what these kids can do in



Salem teammates Jackson Bryie(on top) and Elvin Ramos went head-to-head in last week's **Glenvar Invitational.** PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Andrew Lewis is second, Glenvar 6th in middle school wrestling tourney

Andrew Lewis was second and Glenvar took sixth among 11 teams at the annual "Norsemen Tournament" for middle school wrestlers on Saturday, January 22nd. Franklin County won the tournament, edging Lewis by 18 points.

"The goal going into the tournament was to win the team title," said Lewis coach Randall Sell. "We were close, but just didn't have enough experience. Our kids wrestled hard and I was super proud of their effort. To look back and see the growth of each of them is unbelievable."

Lewis had two champions, Derek Bush at 98 and Jayden Burton at 144 pounds. Zach Cowell, at 91, and Evan Byers at 120 took seconds. Thirds went to Patrick Patterson at 77, Tolin Schumeyer at 136, Rick Rawlins at 160 and Robert Herndon at 190 while Rocket Cowling was fourth at 152.

For Glenvar, Jacob Campbell and Joey Loder went undefeated for the day to win titles. Jack Yetzer was second and Nick Yetzer, Tyler Curfiss and Cale Vaughan all placed third.

Seniors help Glenvar swim past Roanoke Catholic, Alleghany

three seniors at their meet at the Salem YMCA last week, recognizing Carly

The Glenvar swimmers celebrated Wilkes, Delaney Eller and Emily Gard, and all three had a big hand in defeating Roanoke Catholic and Alleghany. Carly



Left to right, Glenvar senior swimmers Emily Gard, Carly Wilkes and Delaney Eller are four year letter winners for the Highlanders. PHOTO BY TONYA WOOLWINE

won the 100 breaststroke, Delaney had second place finishes in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle and Emily set new personal records in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

Among those swimming to first place finishes was the girls' medley relay team of Natalie McMahon, Carly Wilkes, Adrianna Hall and Claire Griffith, winning the event and setting a new season best time.Griffith and Eller went 1-2 in the 50 freestyle while Eller was second in the 100 freestyle and Griffith won the 500 freestyle. The girls 200 freestyle relay team of Carly Wilkes, Hall, Eller and Griffith won that event.

Connor Wilkes won the boys 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Zander Honaker and Carly Wilkes swept the 100 breaststroke.

Landon Cairns, Tucker Henderson, Zander Honaker and Connor Wilkes finished first in the 400 freestyle relay but their exhibition swim was unable to score points with an eighth grader competing. The girls Team of McMahon, Gard, Kaylin Paitsel and Eller won the

event for the girls.

Setting new personal records at the meet were: Macy Westland - 200 individual medley, Avery Thompson - 50 freestyle, Emily Gard - 50 and 100 freestyle, Izzy Shearer - 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, Erin Hamilton -50 and 100 freestyle, Addie Cockram - 50 and 100 freestyle, Landon Cairns - 100 freestyle and Natalie McMahon -100 backstroke.

Final scores for the girls were 103-60 over Roanoke Catholic and 111-33 over Alleghany County. The boys swam well again but lost to both teams.

"The boys and girls teams are continuing to improve and hopefully will peak in a couple weeks as regions and states will be upon us," said coach Shannon Hall.

The Salem team had their meet cancelled last week. The Spartans were scheduled to swim Tuesday in Christiansburg against Radford, Blacksburg, Pulaski and Christiansburg. On Friday the Spartans are at the Gator Center in Roanoke to take on Hidden Valley and Cave Spring.





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Salem-Glenvar matchups highlight exciting hoops weekend



The Salem and Glenvar boys and girls basketball teams will go head-to-head this Friday in the annual Adam Ward Classic at Glenvar High School. The event, normally held at Salem High, has been moved

to Glenvar with continuing renovations to the Salem

High School building. The event was not held last year due to COVID, but a terrific lineup has been assembled by Salem High officials and the Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association. The event raises money for a scholarship in Ward's name. Adam was tragically killed in 2015 while recording an interview at Smith Mountain Lake as a photojournalist for WDBJ-7. The 2007 Salem High School alumnus, who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2011, played football at Salem High School.

"Adam Ward personified the true meaning of a student-athlete," said Grant Smythers, Salem High School teacher, basketball official 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 begins on Friday night with the Salem-Glenvar matchups. The Salem and Glenvar varsity girls will play in the main gym at Glenvar at 5:30 pm while the two jayvee teams play in the middle school gym. Likewise, the boys' varsity teams will play at 7:15 pm with the jayvees in the middle school. Admission is \$7 for the Friday night lineup of games.

"We love playing in the Adam Ward Classic," said Salem boys' coach Kevin Garst. "It's always a great atmosphere, we look forward to it. I know Glenvar has a really good team. That (Stephen) Barber kid is a tough matchup and they have some experienced guards who can shoot it."

On Saturday seven varsity games are scheduled, beginning with North Cross against Liberty at 10 am. The William Fleming boys will play Liberty Christian Academy at 11:45 am, followed by a girls' game between Carroll County and Spotswood at 1:30 pm. The rest of the schedule features the boys, with Patrick Henry against West Point at 3:15





Left, Salem's Josiah Moyer throws a wrap-around pass on the baseline in Tuesday's game with Cave Spring. Right, Tanner Dallas of the Spartans shoots over Cave Spring's Owyn Dawyot.

pm, Roanoke Catholic against Auburn at 5 pm, Cave Spring against Lord Botetourt at 6:45 pm and Radford against Northside in a big finale at 8:15 pm. Cost is \$10 and that will get you into all seven games. Its five dollars for ages five through nine and under five are free.

The Salem boys fell to 6-10 after falling to Cave Spring Tuesday night, 79-56, at Salem High School. The Spartans trailed 48-23 at the half and cut the lead to under 20 in the fourth quarter, but never threatened in the second half. Tanner Dallas had 23 to lead the Spartans while Josiah Moyer had eight. Former Spartan Owyn Dawyot led Cave Spring with 20 points, including 16 in the first half.

The Glenvar boys were 11-5 after dropping two district games to tough opponents. Last Wednesday



Kaelon Thompson has returned after an early season injury to bolster the Glenvar girls team.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN On

at GHS the Highlanders lost to James River, 74-51, despite 27 points by Barber. Next high was Ty Bolling with six.

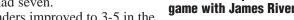
"We weren't good enough on the glass the entire game and allowed them to hurt us in transition in the second half," said Glenvar coach Cliff Bordewisch. "Good teams make you pay for your mistakes and the scoreboard proved that."

On Monday Glenvar played another good team when the Highlanders hosted Radford, and the Bobcats came away with a 43-40 win. Sophomore Landon Clark, who played at Glenvar through middle school before transferring to Radford, knocked down a contested shot at the buzzer to seal the win for the Bobcats.

"Our offense disappeared in the second quarter and we only scored two points," said Bordewisch. "I thought we did a decent job handling the usual Radford pressure, but went through spurts where we made it up on offense."

The Bobcats held Barber to just four points. Gabe Ford led Glenvar with 17 and Tyler Johnson had 15 as Glenvar fell to 3-3 in the Three Rivers District.

The Glenvar girls were 9-10 after splitting two district games in the past week. The Highlanders fell at Alleghany last week, 51-33. Rhyan Harris had 17 points and Savana Luper had seven.



7 Glenvar's Stephen Barber hits a three in last week's game with James River. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

On Tuesday the Highlanders improved to 3-5 in the



Salem's My'la Green(#22 left) and Kennedy Scales double team a Blue Demon in last week's win in Christiansburg. PHOTO BY KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY

district with a 51-41 win over Floyd County at home. Harris had 20 points despite the Buffaloes playing a box-and-one to try and stop her.

"It was a good game for us," said coach Jeff Johnson. "It was Senior Night and everyone scored, and we played good all-around defense."

The Highlanders held Floyd's best player, Destiny Harman, to just eight points. "We weren't going to let one girl beat us," said Johnson.

Salem's girls were 12-5 after defeating Cave Spring on the road Tuesday. My'la Green had 20 points to lead Salem while Summer Bayne had 16 and Kennedy Scales had 13, including the 1,000th point of her career.

The Spartans beat Christiansburg last week, 60-44, behind 23 points by Green. Scales had 14 and Madison Smith had 11 for the Spartans.

"We shared the ball well on offense and were able to create open looks and knock them down," said Salem girls' coach Scott Jester.

Prior to Friday's Adam Ward Classic the Glenvar boys' were scheduled to host Floyd on Wednesday. Tonight, Thursday, the Salem boys are at George Wythe while the girls go to Hidden Valley, and Glenvar's girls will host Radford.

Next Monday, February 7, the Salem boys are at Blacksburg and the girls will host the Bruins. On Tuesday of next week Salem's boys will host Pulaski while the girls go to Dublin, and Glenvar's boys are at Floyd County.

This weekend's Adam Ward Classic 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."