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## Ray Byrd Sr., beloved Salem resident, dies at 93

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Ray Byrd Sr., a staple in the Salem community, died on January 30 at the age of 93.

Those who knew him say he was the type of individual who went above and beyond to get the job done and relished genuine friendships and relationships. Said Vicky Walker, "I remember going to his pharmacy as a kid with my parents and always seeing Mr. Byrd with a smile on his face. He was so nice and always asked how I was doing."

Among the organizations Byrd was affiliated with, many as the President, consist of the Roanoke Valley Pharmaceutical, Salem Sports Foundation, Salem Museum and Salem Chamber of Commerce, among many others.

In 1968, Byrd was appointed to the City of Salem's first School Board, eventually serving as Chairman for five years. He also served on the boards of First

National Bank, Richfield Retirement Community and Farmer's National Bank. At Salem Baptist Church, in which he was a long-time member, Byrd served on practically every committee.

Born on September 1, 1928, to Daniel Edward and Virgie Holt Byrd, Ray played football for the Martinsville High School and graduated in 1946. In addition to Most Optimistic, he was also voted Best Dressed by his peers.

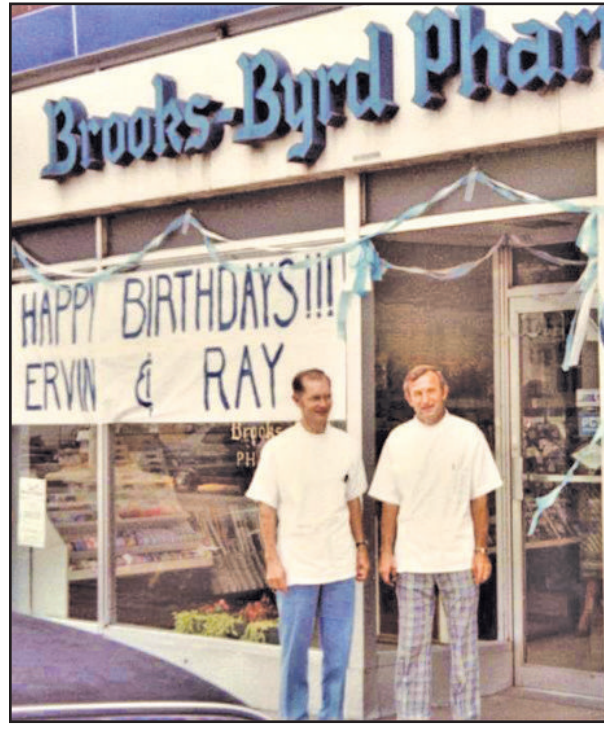
While attending Randolph Macon College, he pledged the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He finished his education at the Medical College of Virginia, earning a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. During his two years as a United States Marine, Byrd attained the rank of Captain.

Needing a date to a dance, Byrd was fixed up with Nina Landolina and the two ended up dancing the night away. On July 26, 1952, the two lovebirds exchanged their vows and were married for the next 69 years.

At the urging of his future business partner and childhood friend, Ervin Pollard Brooks, Ray and Nina moved to the Salem area in July 1954 and never left. Five years later, Ray and Ervin purchased Webber's Pharmacy, eventually changing the name to Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy. For decades, the longtime pals not only filled people's prescriptions, but they also got a chance to watch an entire generation of Salem residents grow up and have families of their own.

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

A celebration of his life, officiated by the Rev. Everett Kier, was held on February 5 at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem.



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Ray Byrd Sr. and Ervin Pollard Brooks in front of their Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy drugstore when they both turned 50. The two met in the seventh grade and instantly became friends.

## Apprenticeship program opens doors for local students

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The myth that a college degree is necessary to secure a fulfilling career has long been debunked. More than ever, high school graduates are entering the labor force rather than taking out massive loans to further their education.

Thousands of juniors and seniors attend high school throughout the Roanoke Valley. Several of them attended the 2022 Student Registered Apprenticeship Showcase at the Roanoke Civic Center on February 1 in which Salem, Roanoke City and Roanoke County Public Schools partnered with local businesses to provide opportunities for the students.

Rob Leonard, the Director of Safety & Education for F&S Building Innovations, previously told the Salem Times Register, "The students can see which industry programs may be

of interest to them and the various companies can see which of the students may be a good fit for their respective apprenticeship programs."

When asked to explain the difference between an internship and apprenticeship, Leonard added, "An internship is typically an element or complimentary piece of a college program where the individual may spend a summer or part of a semester shadowing a business or series of businesses to get a firsthand look at day-to-day operations in the individuals' area of study. Apprenticeship programs can start anytime from when the individual enters the 11th grade to after high school."

Fifty years ago, most high school graduates who didn't go to college entered either the food service, military or retail business. Today, a plurality of them, are accepting more and more internships and apprentice-

ships.

Two things that every employer looks for in an employee, said Supervisor of Career and Technical Education for Roanoke County Public Schools Mark Jones, are accountability and the ability to complete assignments on time.

"Events like this are important to connect students with potential employers to showcase the wide variety of opportunities and career pathways available in the Roanoke Valley," Jones said at the last apprenticeship showcase. "Often, students and parents are unaware of the many high paying careers available in the Roanoke Valley, so they move away after graduation. This event helps to highlight the opportunities students have here in the Roanoke Valley in the hopes of retaining some of our best talent."

Said Mary Williams who has two high school teenagers, "The best way to



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Students from Salem City, Roanoke City and Roanoke County Public Schools attended the 2022 Student Registered Apprenticeship Showcase.

develop teens for life after high school is to prepare them for the real world at an early age. Not everyone is made for college and that is perfectly okay. What's not okay, in my opinion, is graduating from high school without a skill, trade or passion. I'm happy

events like this exist because they help students prepare for the next chapter of their lives."

Whenever a high school student tells entrepreneur James Shipp, 44, what they want to do in life, he almost always follows up with a question, "So, what is your

plan to make that happen?"

"Benjamin Franklin once said, 'If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.' It's really that simple. Never before has more resources been available to high school students. It's up to them to take advantage of them," Shipp said.

## Interactive energy experience helps expand knowledge of Glow Healing Arts



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Among the many things Glow Healing Arts is known for is tarot card reading.

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Generally speaking, an expo is an organized display and presentation of varied items that provides vital information to people in the community. Such an occasion occurred last Sunday at Glow Healing Arts on West Main Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Home to a Holistic Wellness Center, Glow Healing Arts currently employs several holistic practitioners: Meredith Novak, owner; Tabitha Cain, energy healer practitioner; Nicole Prillaman, licensed massage therapist; Theresa Huber, occupational, massage and aroma therapist; Evelyn Mann, crystal healer; Emilee Hall, yoga instructor; Angie Dobbins, li-

censed massage therapist; and Rob Arana, Reiki Practitioner.

Many of the practitioners were present to meet some of the individuals who attended Sunday's event. Vendors and other artists also participated, focusing on healing education and encouraging individuals to become more active in their lifestyle and health.

"We wanted people to come in to explore and find out what the Holistic World is all about. Not everyone is aware of what we do and the resources that we provide," Cain said.

Common misconceptions that people have about us, Cain added, are things like worshipping the devil or punching holes. Continuing, she said,

there is some of that, but for the majority of Holistic workers, that is certainly not the case. We have trained ourselves to be conduits to bring energy through our bodies for you to do the healing that you need for yourself.

Richard Wallace attended the event because he wanted to see for himself what his friends and family were talking about. "I'd been meaning to stop by for a few weeks, but my schedule was just too hectic," he said. "I had some free time on Sunday, so I drove up Main Street with a few questions already in mind. Everyone was kind and made you feel welcomed. I was even able to get some cool gifts for my girlfriend."

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"I wouldn't bank anywhere else."



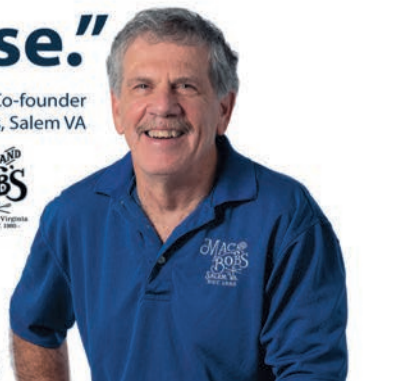
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The City of Salem has been monitoring the potential spread of COVID-19, and like you, we have been processing a great deal of information. The safety of citizens, school children and visitors is always the number one priority from the Salem Civic Center to City Hall. Emergency Management team members are in constant contact with the Virginia Department of Health, the Roanoke-Alleghany Health Department and area health professionals at our local hospitals. During this time of uncertainty, people are encouraged to monitor the website (salemva.gov) for official city details on closings or cancellations. This site will be updated daily whenever there is new information.

### FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

Civic Center.

### SECOND MONDAY

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

### EACH TUESDAY

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

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

•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, FEBRUARY 12

The 2022 Policeman's Ball is a semi-formal event featuring music by Mended Fences and DJ Neil! This event takes place in the Salem Civic Center Arena with the fun getting started at 8pm. The public is welcome - this is not just a police department event, but open for everyone to enjoy! Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased as the Salem Police Department: \$40 per couple (two people) and \$25 for single people. If you need table reservations or have questions please contact Lt. Slusser at 540-375-3083 or saslusser@salemva.gov.

# POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged Jan 25-31. 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 25 – Jermeka D. Petty, 44, strangulation of another, assault and battery; and Randall

W. York, 40, conceal merchandise.

January 28 – Charles G. Phillips, 55, DUI; Christian L. Eubank, 41, contempt of court; Daniel R. Sink Jr., 58, damage property, disorderly conduct,

criminal trespass; Theresa C. Guy, 47, contempt of court; and Robert L. White, 43, criminal trespass, contempt of court.

January 29 – Christopher L. Hall, 52, failure to appear; and Michael R. Traylor, 42, public

intoxication.

January 30 – Jonathan M. Dolente, 39, shoplifting, false name to police; Joshua B. Graham, 25, DUI; and Scott F. Williams, 31, public intoxication.

# Promotions announced at Bank of Botetourt



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Ashley Austin, Credit Analyst Officer



Lisa Pledge, Vice President of Loan Documentation



Marcus Wade, Assistant Vice President & Business Relationship Officer



Sheila Petty, Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager

Ashley M. Austin has been promoted to Credit Analyst Office. Ashley is based out of the Bank's Loan Servicing Center in Troutville. She has over

twelve years of experience in banking with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in Accounting and Finance from Radford University.

Ashley graduated from the Virginia Bankers Association Management Development Program in 2021. She is a native of Botetourt County and a current resident of the Blue Ridge area.

Seth T. Moore has been promoted to Assistant Vice President & Business Relationship Officer. Seth is based out of our Bonsack Office currently but will soon work from the Bank's newest location in the Town of Vinton. Seth has over eight years of experience in banking and an associate degree from Dabney S. Lancaster Community College (DSLCC) and a bachelor's degree from Strayer University along with his master's from Liberty University. He also graduated from the Virginia Bankers Association Management Development Program in 2018 and is a current member of the DSLCC Business Advisory Board. Seth is from Buena Vista, where he currently resides.

Amanda B. Peay has been promoted to Vice President, Real Estate

Lending Officer & Supervisor. Peay manages the in-house loan process for the Bank and is based out of the Loan Administration Center in Troutville. Amanda is a Business Administration graduate from Columbia College in Columbia, South Carolina and has more than fifteen years of experience in the mortgage industry. She is the current Youth Director and Lay Leader for Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church. A resident of Buchanan, Amanda and her husband Jeff have three children Virginia – a graduate of Liberty University (LU) residing in NC, Luke – attending LU, and Annabelle, who attends James River High School.

Sheila M. Petty has been promoted to Assistant Vice President & Branch Manager at its Daleville Town Center Office. Sheila has more than twenty-six years of industry experience and has been with the Bank since 2017. A lifelong resident of Fincastle, Sheila has deep roots and a strong sense of community, hav-

ing served as a member of the Fincastle Volunteer Fire Department and the Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club. After attending Virginia Western Community College, she began her banking career in 1995. Sheila resides in Fincastle with her husband Don and their son Donnie.

Stilissa "Lisa" D. Pledge has been promoted to Vice President, Loan Documentation & Compliance Manager & CRA Officer. Lisa is located at the Bank's Troutville Loan Services Center, where she manages the loan documentation department and continues to be an instrumental part of the Bank's compliance team. Lisa has more than twenty-five years of experience in the industry, fifteen of them being with Bank of Botetourt. She is a graduate of the Virginia Bankers Association School of Bank Management at the UVA Darden School of Business. Lisa is a lifelong resident of Roanoke and resides in the city with her husband George.

Marcus T. Wade has

been promoted to Assistant Vice President & Business Relationship Officer at the Bank's Salem Office. Marcus has been in banking for over seventeen years, all of which have been with Bank of Botetourt. Prior to banking, he worked in sales and in retail as a shift supervisor. Marcus attended Bluefield College where he earned his bachelor's degree in Organizational Management and Development. He is active in his community, serving as a board member for Star City Rec Club and Virginia Warriors AAU. A Deacon and Chairman of Youth Ministry with High Street Baptist Church. He is a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for the Virginia Bankers Association and Bank of Botetourt and is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Salem. Marcus resides in Roanoke and has two children, Kennady and Kaiden.

Submitted by Mary Ann Miller, VP Business Banking and Community Relations

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# Roanoke County bring back Restaurant Week in 2022

*- Roanoke County Economic Development encourages residents to patronize local restaurants this winter season -*

Roanoke County Economic Development is rolling out the 2022 Roanoke County Restaurant Week(s) program following success from its first installment last year. In 2021, Roanoke County Restaurant Week(s) recruited 24 local restaurants from across the Roanoke Valley. The program aims to drive customers to local restaurants in the Roanoke Valley during a slow season. The winter months tend to be more difficult for restaurants compared to the rest of the year, and the COVID-19 pandemic

has contributed to the challenge restaurants are currently facing. The Roanoke County Economic Development office has partnered with the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, Town of Vinton, the Greater Williamson Road Area Business Association, and Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge to extend the reach and effectiveness of this event.

"We want to recognize and thank the organizations and individuals it takes to plan and launch initiatives like Restaurant Week in Roanoke County. This initiative will help restaurants continue to build exposure and relationships with the community," said Kat Purgal, Owner of FarmBurgues in Roanoke County.

Roanoke County Restaurant Weeks(s) 2022 will run for two weeks from February 15 - March 1 with participating restaurants offering lunch and dinner specials in at least one of four tiers: \$10 and under, \$20 and under, \$30 and under, and Restaurant's Choice - a category for family meal deals, experimental dishes, and other menu items that don't fit into the other tiers. All restaurants operating within Roanoke County, the Town of Vinton and City of Salem areas can access the Specials menu template on YesRoanoke.com and can submit their menu offerings to Marshall Stanley, Economic Development Specialist at mstanley@roanokecountyva.gov to be included in the Restaurant Week program. Restaurants that participate will receive a complete marketing package to help promote Restaurant Week(s). Anyone who takes part in a Restaurant Week(s) special is encouraged to post his or her dish on social media and tag the post with #ROCOeats so other community members can know what is being served throughout the event.

"Following its success in 2021, we wanted to bring Restaurant Week(s) back in 2022 to show support for our local restaurants during a traditionally slow season, especially with the pandemic very much still here. We hope to help connect residents to the local restaurants they love and to new local restaurants they've yet to discover. Mainly, we want a program that is fun and beneficial for everyone," said Marshall Stanley, Economic Development Specialist.

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*- Submitted by Marshall Stanley, Roanoke County Economic Development Specialist*

# Goodwill Industries of the Valleys welcomes additional IT leadership

Goodwill Industries® of the Valleys recently appointed Hunter French as Vice President of Information Technology Security. In this role, French will be responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring a strategic, comprehensive enterprise cybersecurity and IT risk management program. Hunter reports to Brenda Moore, Chief Information Officer.

French joins Goodwill's Executive Leadership Team and will lead the Information Technology department along with Moore and Chris Conner, Vice President of Information Technology.

French had most recently been with BDO USA, LLP. He was formerly at Medical Facilities of America as a Director of Technical Services and Support and worked for two school districts in Pennsylvania. In his roles, he has 20

years of experience directing the development of strategic technology vision and executing against the product and technology roadmap. He has been recognized for years of thought leadership around resource, technology, and budget allocation.

French holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management from Wake Forest University. He also holds a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"Hunter is a seasoned IT security professional with vast experience," said Moore. "His knowledge of cybersecurity operations and the threats cyber professionals face on a regular basis positions Hunter as the expert Goodwill needs to protect the systems and data for our organization as well as our employees and clients."

French will provide the vision and leadership necessary to manage IT risk for the organization and will ensure business alignment, effective governance, system and product availability, integrity, and confidentiality. Hunter and the IT leadership will contribute to Goodwill's overall operations and strategy development, bringing current knowledge and future vision to leverage information and technology in business model design, operational improvements, and support for the organization's mission of empowering individuals, strengthening families, and inspiring communities.

*Submitted by Chelsea Moran, Marketing and Public Relations Manager*



Hunter French

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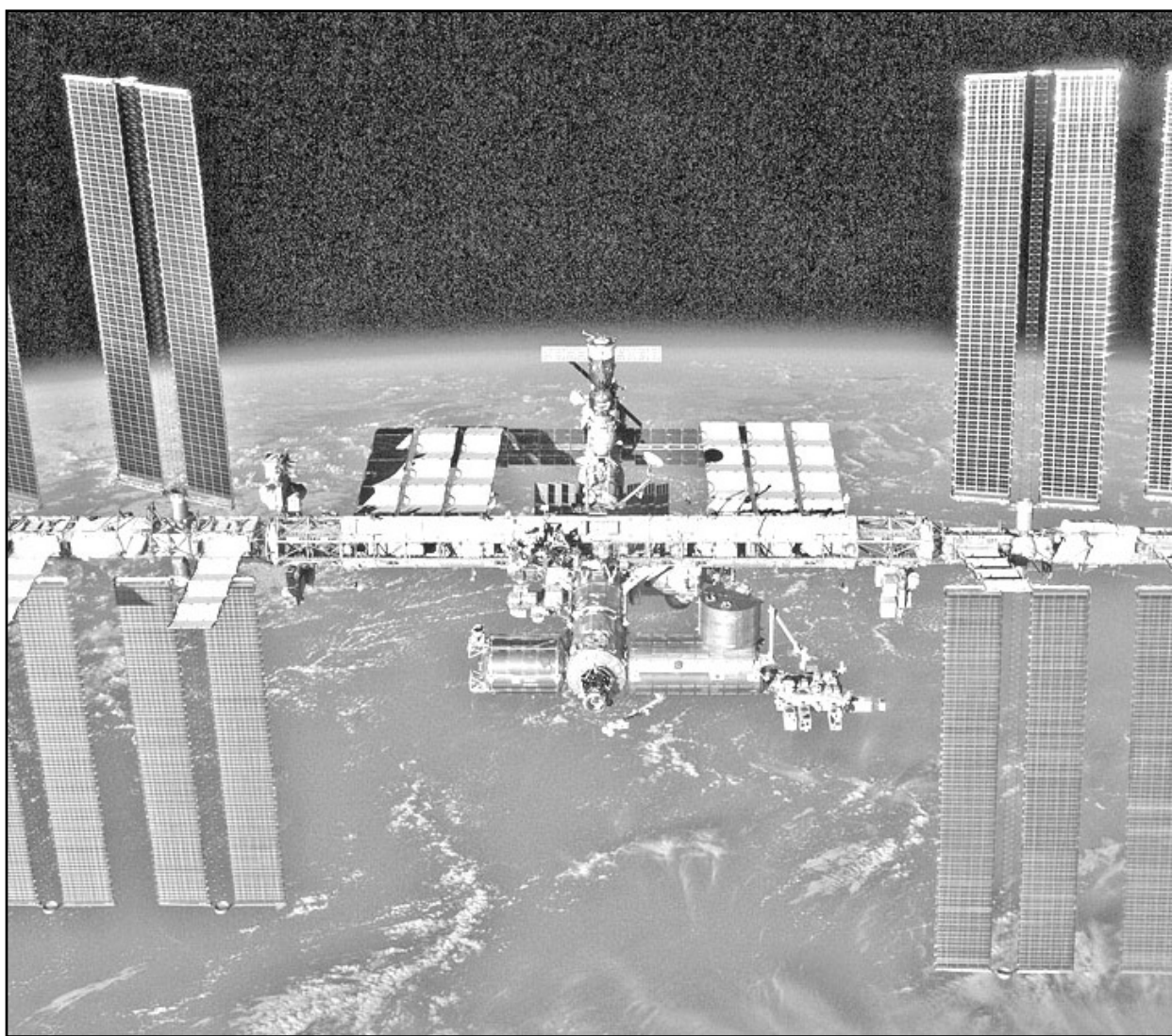
# Virginia Western Community College students to connect with NASA astronauts on space station

*February 10 event will include live Q&A via Earth-to-space question and answer session*



Mark Vande's spacesuit

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NASA International Space Station

Virginia Western Community College has been awarded an In-Flight Education Downlink from NASA, providing a unique experience connecting students with astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

During the downlink event on February 10, students will gather with College and community leaders for a Q&A session with the astronauts via an Earth-to-space question and answer session. Questions submitted and pre-recorded by College and local high school students will be answered live by the astronauts.

"Cultivating a culture of curiosity is a cornerstone of our STEM curriculum, and this opportunity puts that into practice," said Dr. Mallory White, a Virginia Western

biology professor and the downlink coordinator. "We are honored to be selected and be able to provide this authentic and unique learning opportunity to our community."

The event will take place at the Whitman Theater Auditorium beginning at 11 a.m. ET. Invited speakers include U.S. Rep. Ben Cline; Brett Malone, President and CEO of Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center; John Goss, President of the Roanoke Valley Astronomical Society; and Ray Bradley, Solar System Ambassador for NASA. Robin Reed, anchor at WDBJ7, will emcee the event.

The in-person event is open to Virginia Western students, staff and the media. The public is encouraged to join the downlink at 1 p.m. ET

February 10 via <https://www.nasa.gov/nasalive>.

Virginia Western is the only school in the Southeastern U.S. to be participating in a downlink with NASA this spring.

The downlink event is part of a series of STEM (science, technology, education, and math) learning opportunities offered at Virginia Western under the theme Q.U.E.S.T. -- Questioning, Understanding, Exploring and Solving Together. Other activities include astro-photography workshops, field trips to observatories and hosting STEM nights at local elementary and middle schools.

*Submitted by Carole Tarrant, Coordinator of Development*

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Day for Love ~

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

Maybe you never heard the legendary origin of Valentine's Day we'll observe on Monday, February 14.

I consulted my old 1939 one-volume encyclopedia, "The Volume Library," about which I recently wrote. There I found that the day associated with lovers, hearts and flowers dates in some respects to ancient Rome.

It seems that a man named Valentinus (the Latin form of the name) did live in the early years of Christianity in the Roman world. He was a convert to the teachings of Jesus and a zealous evangelist; his warmth of personality and sincerity of his faith made him especially effective for the pagan Romans who enjoyed the myths and legends associated with their gods and

goddesses.

Bishop Valentinus angered the government authorities, and it is recorded that on February 14, 270, A.D.-C.E. to scholars who refer to "the Common Era" - he was martyred.

Nothing about love in that sad tale. My source speculated that the day that honors the Christian bishop occurs at the same time as a Roman holiday known as Lupercalia which is where the human romance part enters the picture.

As those who followed the Way of the Jewish prophet Jesus often did at this time in history, the day honoring the beloved bishop was promoted to counteract the pagan holiday with its emphasis on erotic and romantic human love.

{The Romans could glorify sexual activity in many forms. In the college library, I read some by Catullus which make that abundantly clear.}

So, a loving Christian bishop

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

gets mingled in the imperfect records of nearly 2000 years ago with secular love. Much later yet in Medieval Europe, the stories of romance between knights and their ladies are added

And now we have valentine cards for children to pass to friends in school as well as those costing several dollars. And delicious candies in heart-shaped boxes taste good and add calories.

Over at Fincastle United Methodist Church - from which I receive their good parish newsletter each month - the day of lovers is given a religious interpretation. Tricia Brown of the staff writes of "Seven Great

Ways to Share God's Love This Valentine's Day."

The idea came from United Methodist Communications.

She points out that Valentine's Day can be a less than happy time for men and women who have lost a beloved spouse and for whom death has taken most friends and relatives. I can testify to that and, in fact, wrote of it in a February 2019 column, "Love and Loss."

Among the suggestions for showing spiritual love to others as a gift from St. Valentine are these:

•Help the elderly connect. Younger people more skilled in the use of technological communication than those of us in the later decades of life can use it to send greetings or can help their elders learn to use it. The miserable COVID-19 pandemic has permitted some connections to old friends and the making of new ones.

•In churches that have a

Sunday School class especially for older folk, younger people could take someone to lunch. It may be fun for children to make valentines for those confined to retirement or nursing homes.

•It's also an appropriate time to do something in appreciation for those who serve in medical or safety vocations such as rescue and fire personnel.

•Collegians or other young adults newly away from home can be remembered with a message of friendship from their fellow church members. So can anyone known to be struggling with serious illness, unemployment, recent bereavement or any number of other events that bring on anxiety.

•And finally, the suggestions include making visiting strangers feel welcome. Many people will join a congregation if they are given a sincere display of interest, but in times of so much illness and death, it is especially needed.

Development deal to bring Lowe's Distribution Project to Roanoke County

Lowe's expected to bring 70 jobs and support economic development in the Roanoke Valley

Roanoke-based Cherney Development recently

announced the completion of an \$11 million

development deal that will bring a new distribution operation for Lowe's Companies, Inc. to Roanoke County. The new warehouse and distribution center is expected to generate 70 new jobs and contribute to the economic vitality of the county and the region.

Cherney Development, in partnership with Samet Corporation, a leading contractor and development firm for the Southeast, will develop the site and construct the 60,000-square-foot distribution warehouse in Roanoke County's Valley TechPark located on Technology Drive in West Roanoke County near Dixie Caverns. The Roanoke office of Cushman & Wakefield I Thalheimer handled the brokerage.

The new warehouse and distribution site will

position Lowe's to more quickly and efficiently deliver products to consumers in the region as the 5G revolution takes hold and revolutionizes online commerce and delivery logistics. Lowe's expects to fill 70 jobs at the site from delivery drivers to warehouse staff.

"We're on the cusp of great leaps in logistics and the delivery of consumer goods enabled by the roll-out of 5G and IOT technology," says Jim Cherney, Founder and CEO of Cherney Development. "To realize the full benefits this provides, we need physical infrastructure in place and I'm proud to work with Samet Corporation and Roanoke County Economic Development who helped pave the way to make that possible right here in the Roanoke Valley."

"We are excited to be a part of the site development and construction of this facility," says Ken Grube, Regional Vice President for Samet. "We've been constructing projects like this one for over 60 years and understand the importance in creating a trusted partnership with all the key stakeholders to deliver both an exceptional project and experience for everyone involved."

Construction is expected to begin in the coming months and be completed within about a year. The project is being financed by First Community Bank.

"I'm thrilled to see this project come to life," says Jill Loope, Director of Economic Development for Roanoke County. "There has been a lot of interest in logistics projects over the past year and Cherney's partnership

with Samet has paved the way for the Lowe's project, bringing new jobs and investment to the County. I hope to see more innovative partnerships like this in the future as we work together to achieve successful economic outcomes."

Cherney purchased the 8.45-acre plot of land in the TechPark in January 2021 as a site for warehouse and distribution development and has since been working to bring a national brand to Roanoke County. In addition to Lowe's, he also has plans to construct several new 1,500 sq. foot industrial warehouses that will further contribute to the vitality of the local economy.

Submitted by Jill Loope, Roanoke County Economic Development Director

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OBITUARY

Hart, Glenna Roop "Mamaw"

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

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.



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 Richard-

son, 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.

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.

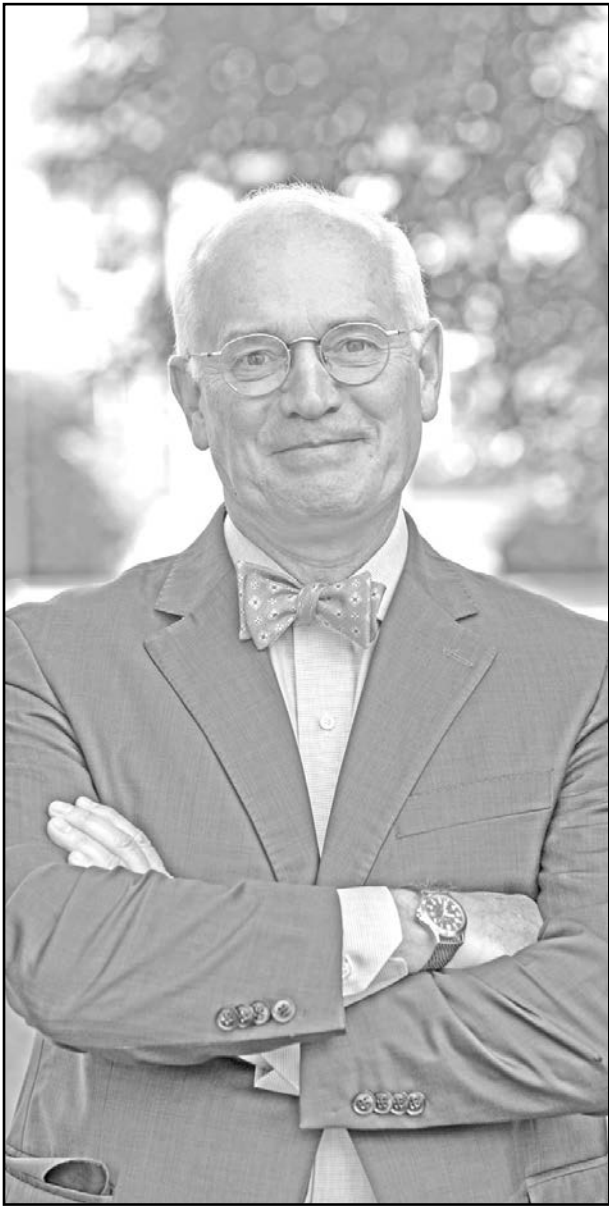
The family would like to extend thanks to Amy, Jenny, and Shawn, Glenna's special nurses from Amedisys Hospice, who lovingly took care of her during a time it was most needed. They would also like to thank everyone, friends and extended family alike, for the cards, and support given during this most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

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

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1. Jam into
5. Egypt's capital
10. Disfigure
13. Biblical Hamath
14. Viper's berus
15. The three wise men
16. "The foaming cleanser"
17. Earthquake
18. Breezed through
19. South Pacific island
21. Legal possessors
23. List of dishes served
25. Jai \_\_\_
26. Superhigh frequency
29. Farm fanbatic
34. Double agents
36. No (Scottish)
37. Peninsula off Manchuria
38. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
39. Apulian city 70121
40. Talk show host Philbin
42. USA's favorite uncle
45. More coherent
46. PBS drama series
49. Retirement plan
50. Be obedient to
51. French river
53. \_\_\_ fatale, seductive woman
56. Made a surprise attack
60. Winglike structures
61. Bellittle oneself
65. Department of Troyes France
66. Mains
67. Shoe ties
68. A carefree adventure
69. Mariner or sailor
70. Modern chair designer
71. \_\_\_ Gin Fizz cocktail
3. A Far East wet nurse
4. Axiom
5. The frame around a door
6. Fruit drink
7. Ugandan Pres. Amin
8. Real Estate Services
9. Brass that looks like gold
10. Nutmeg seed covering spice
11. River in Austria
12. Eliminates
15. Canadian province
20. Green, Earl Grey and iced
22. Four ball advancement
24. Vaselike receptacle
25. Highest card
26. Uncion
27. 1st of the books of the Minor Prophets
28. Symbols of allegiance
30. Farm state
31. A citizen of Iran
32. More dried-up
33. Alt. spelling for tayra
35. Perfect examples
41. One point E of SE
42. Secretly watch
43. Three toed sloth
44. \_\_\_ student, learns healing
45. Liquid body substances
47. Act of selling again
48. Stroke
52. Selector switches
53. Speed, not slow
54. City founded by Xenophanes
55. Picasso's mistress Dora
57. Having two units or parts
58. 2nd largest Spanish river
59. Delta Kappa Epsilon nickname
62. The cry made by sheep
63. Air Chief Marshall
64. Perceive with the eyes

# Roanoke College President Michael C. Maxey elected Chair of Council of Independent Colleges Board of Directors

*-Maxey assumes board leadership after serving as Vice Chair for Programs-*



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Roanoke College President Michael Maxey

Michael C. Maxey, president of Roanoke College, has been elected chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of Independent Colleges.

The Council of Independent Colleges, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is an association of 760 non-profit independent colleges and universities, state-based councils of independent colleges, and other higher education affiliates. The CIC works to support independent college and university leadership, advance institutional excellence, and enhance public understanding of independent higher education's contributions to society.

Elections were held during a meeting of the Board of Directors at CIC's annual Presidents Institute in Marco Island, Florida, on Jan. 4, 2022.

Maxey joined the CIC Board in January 2018, and was named vice chair for programs in 2021. As board chair, he will preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and of the CIC, represent the organization, and appoint committees and commissions with the advice of the board.

Among the responsibilities of the CIC directors are providing fiduciary oversight for the allocation of CIC's assets and approving operating budgets, participating in the development and approval of long-range plans, and advising on the direction of the association's programs and services.

"The Council is pleased to have Michael Maxey as chair of the board," said CIC President Marjorie Hass. "CIC is in the midst of implementing many exciting new projects, and needs a strong chair and board to oversee their planning and execution. I am certain that President Maxey will serve the Council admirably, and look forward to working with him."

Maxey has served as president of Roanoke College in Virginia since 2007, having previously served Roanoke for 22 years in many capacities, including vice president for college relations, and dean of admissions and financial aid. Earlier, he held positions at the University of New Hampshire, Wake Forest University and Averett University. Maxey has served on the Southern

Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges board and is past chair of the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities and the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America.

"One of the most important elements of my work is collaborating with other college leaders, and I am grateful to the Council of Independent Colleges for strengthening those connections and helping elevate the importance of independent higher education," Maxey said. "Roanoke College's affiliation with the CIC has been instrumental in informing me as leader of Roanoke College over the past 15 years."

"I thank the Board of Directors for entrusting me as chair and look forward to working with President Marjorie Hass and all CIC members and its Board," he said. "We have a lot of challenges ahead as we work to provide the best outcomes for students at our institutions, and I am ready to tackle those challenges together with all members of the CIC as Chair."

CIC staff members include Emilee O'Dell,

a 2021 graduate of Roanoke College who joined the CIC as projects coordinator in October 2021. O'Dell handles administrative responsibilities for CIC's Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education, Visiting Fellows program, and Presidential Vocation and Institution Mission seminar. She holds a B.A. in religious studies from Roanoke.

Founded in 1956, The Council of Independent Colleges is the major national organization that focuses on services to leaders of independent colleges and universities and state-based councils. CIC offers conferences, seminars, publications, and other programs and services that help institutions improve educational quality, administrative and financial performance, student outcomes, and institutional visibility. It conducts the largest annual conferences of college and university presidents and of chief academic officers in the United States.

Submitted by Roanoke College News

# Roanoke County announces personnel changes

Roanoke County Administrator Richard L. Caywood, P.E. recently announced the appointment of Rebecca E. Owens as Deputy County Administrator and Doug M. Blount as Assistant County Administrator.

"Rebecca and Doug each bring unique skill sets to our organization and share a commitment to serving our community," said Caywood. "Their experience and strong leadership skills will further guide the strategic direction of our organization. I look forward to their contributions as we look to the future."

In her new role as Deputy County Administrator, Owens will have overall responsibility for the County's financial operations. Her management responsibilities will include Police; Fire & Rescue; Social Services; Finance & Management Services; Communications & Information Technology; Real Estate Valuation; and Internal Audit. Additionally, she will serve as the liaison to the Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer, Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney and Clerk of the Circuit Court.

"I am happy about this opportunity to further serve Roanoke County," said Owens. "Through continued collaboration with our experienced team, I believe we will build upon what we have accomplished for our citizens."

Owens was appointed Assistant County Administrator in 2019. She previously served as Roanoke County's Director of Finance since 2003 where she was responsible for oversight of Accounting, Purchasing, Payroll, Risk Management, Debt Management, Grant Management, and Financial Systems. Prior to coming to Roanoke County in 2000, Owens worked for the City of Salem in the Finance Department.

Owens holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Roanoke College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Averett University. She

is professionally active as a member of the Government Finance Officers' Association, Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association, Virginia Local Government Management Association, and International City/County Management Association. Owens has more than 29 years of experience in local government. She resides in Roanoke County.

Blount began his service with Roanoke County in 2011. He has served as the County's Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism and General Services departments. In his new role as Assistant County Administrator, Blount will have overall responsibility for the County's capital program delivery. His management responsibilities will include Economic Development; Parks, Recreation & Tourism; General Services; Development Services; Libraries; and Planning. Additionally, he will serve as the liaison for the Elections Office.

"I am delighted to bring my experience to the executive team," said Blount. "I have a passion for the region and improving its livability. I look forward to working with departments on the County's initiatives to benefit our citizens, visitors and businesses."

Blount is a native of Roanoke County and has more than 26 years of experience in local



Rebecca Owens SUBMITTED PHOTOS

government. Prior to joining Roanoke County, he worked for 15 years at the Prince William County Park Authority in various leadership roles.

Blount holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from East Tennessee State University. He and his wife Melissa have been married for 26 years and reside in Roanoke County. They have a daughter at Virginia Tech and a son at Glenvar High School.

Submitted by Amy Whittaker, Public Information Director



Doug Blount

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Justin grinned, "Thanks, man. I sure could use it!"

But my mouth would encourage you; comfort from my lips would bring you relief (Job 16:5).

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Quicklook: Job 16:4-6

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# SCC cautions Virginians regarding top investor threats for 2022

Investment scams involving cryptocurrencies, promissory notes, online investment offers and schemes involving Self-Directed Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) may be among the top investor threats Americans face during 2022, according to a recent survey of securities regulators.

The State Corporation Commission's (SCC) Division of Securities and Retail Franchising (Division) encourages Virginians to do their homework any time they plan to invest. Understanding the benefits and risks of any investment is important.

"Let caution be your guide, especially when investing in cryptocurrency and digital assets, which can be volatile and headline the list of investor threats for the new year," said Director Ron Thomas. "Don't be lured by thoughts of easy money or stories of 'crypto millionaires,' and never invest more than you can afford to lose."

The list Thomas references is a list of the top 2022 investor threats, as determined by a survey of state and provincial securities regulators conducted by the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), of which the SCC is a member. The annual sur-

vey is designed to identify the products, practices or schemes that may present challenges or risks for investors.

Thomas offers the following tips to identify and avoid scams:

Independently verify who is offering an investment and details of an offer. Scammers often spoof websites and rely on fake social media accounts to obscure their identities. To spot fake accounts, look closely at their content, dates of inception and quality of engagement. Pay careful attention to domain names and learn more about how to protect your online accounts.

Beware of fake client reviews. Scammers often reference or publish positive, yet bogus, testimonials purportedly drafted by satisfied customers. These testimonials create the appearance the promoter is legitimate and has demonstrated solid performance in the past, but they are sometimes drafted by the scammer, not a satisfied customer. Learn how to protect yourself with NASAA's Informed Investor Advisory on social media, online trading and investing.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Don't be enticed by promises of safe, lucrative, guaranteed returns

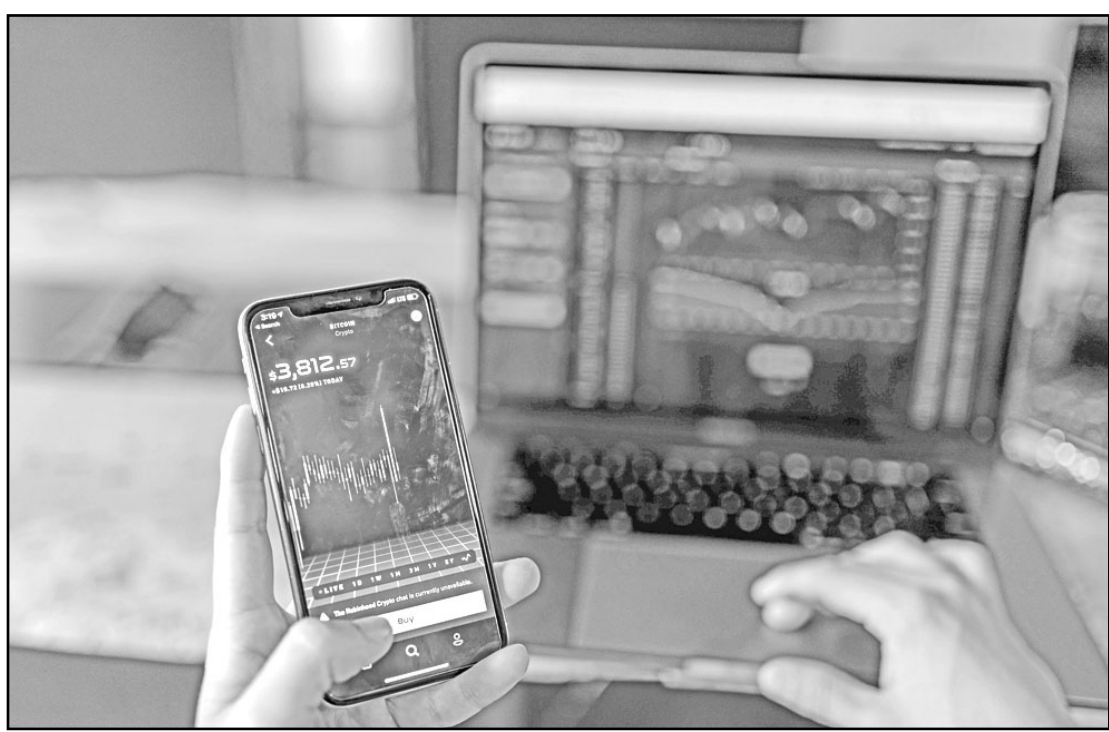


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with little or no risk and over relatively short terms – sometimes measured in hours or days instead of months or years. These representations are often a red flag for fraud, since all investments carry some degree of risk.

Individuals offering investments are obligated to truthfully disclose all material facts, and they must disclose the risks associated with each product. On the other hand, bad actors

will often minimize or conceal risks and, instead, tout profits and payouts.

Thomas encourages Virginians to understand any investment before turning over their hard-earned money. To learn more about whether investments and the people offering them are properly registered, Virginians can contact the Division at 804-371-9051 or toll-free at 1-800-552-7945 or email [SRF\\_General@scs.virginia.gov](mailto:SRF_General@scs.virginia.gov). They can also search the federal Securities and Exchange Commission's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website or visit the BrokerCheck platform offered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority or FINRA.

For more information, visit the Division's website at [scs.virginia.gov/pages/Consumer-Investments](http://scs.virginia.gov/pages/Consumer-Investments) or the NASAA website at [nasaa.org](http://nasaa.org).

# Poultry hobbyists, waterfowl hunters urged to take precautions to prevent avian influenza

A strain of highly pathogenic avian influenza has been detected in North America for the first time since 2016. The U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed HPAI in wild waterfowl in Virginia on Jan. 26, following detection in the Carolinas.

While Virginia's commercial poultry growers routinely implement high levels of biosecurity, smaller-scale poultry producers and hobbyists are urged to step up their biosecurity practices as well.

While the virus poses little risk to humans, it is easily transmitted from wild birds to domestic poultry if flock owners don't take action to keep their birds safe.

A recent biosecurity alert from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services said that confirmed cases of avian flu were found in two hunter-harvested wild migratory waterfowl. While the detection of HPAI in migrating waterfowl is not unexpected, outbreaks can be disastrous to Virginia's largest agricultural

sector, resulting in total flock depopulations.

Wild birds like ducks or geese can be infected with HPAI without appearing sick. Just a small amount of fecal material carried on a human's boot can harm poultry in large-scale commercial operations and small backyard flocks.

Keeping your flock safe and preventing HPAI's spread comes down to good common sense, said Virginia resident Robert Mills, who raises chickens for Perdue and chairs the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Poultry Advisory Committee.

Mills said it's wise to limit guests from any area where poultry live, including backyard chicken coops.

"Hang out in the cabin, come to the shop, but don't go near the poultry house," he advised. "And stay away from any type of waterfowl."

Waterfowl droppings can be tracked from any area where game birds congregate, like ponds, golf courses and parking lots. Those who

hunt or encounter waterfowl should avoid poultry areas if possible. If going near a flock, they should clean and disinfect equipment, clothing and shoes to remove feces, feathers and litter. Disease agents can survive for months inside those organic materials.

"One little problem can become a big problem real quick," Mills said.

Tony Banks, VFBF senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation, said once avian flu is identified in poultry, quarantines, additional disease monitoring and heightened sanitation go into effect. In some cases, growers will avoid public encounters with others in the industry altogether.

He recalled a different, low pathogenic avian influenza that caused significant losses for Virginia poultry owners in 2002, affecting over 140 farms before disease spread could be controlled.

"Virginia's poultry industry lost millions of dollars in sales and were shut out of export markets," Banks said. "This



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outbreak led to increased emphasis among the USDA and states to conduct avian influenza surveillance and monitoring, which continues today."

Virginia poultry owners should report unusual poul-

try illnesses or deaths to the state veterinarian's office at 804-692-0601 or [vastatevet@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:vastatevet@vdacs.virginia.gov), or through the USDA's toll-free number, 866-536-7593

Submitted by Tony Banks

## OBITUARIES

### Aliff, David Lee

David Lee Aliff, age 53, of Salem went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 1. A native of Salem, he was the son of Johnny D. Aliff and Linda Reynolds Aliff. He was a Jack of all trades and a master of none. When not tinkering with his tools, he loved adventures on his scooter and hanging out with his loved pets, Maxx, Yankee and Bama.



He was preceded in death by Pierce Reynolds, Sophia Reynolds, Tom Aliff, and Nellie Aliff; uncle, Jimmy Moore; aunts, Dotti Nemi, and Peggy Viers.

Left to cherish his memory include his parents, Linda Reynolds Aliff, and

Johnny D. Aliff; son, David Lee Aliff, Jr.; sister, Carolyn Elting (Timmy); granddaughter, Ashlynn Aliff; aunt, Pat Conner (Sonny), Phyllis Moore; nephew, Craig Dowdy (Kim).

A service to celebrate his life was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, at Covenant Community Church, 955 Bird Ln., Salem, VA 24153, with Scott Hudson officiating.

Friends visited with the family from 1 p.m. until the service hour at the church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

### Mollette, Ruth Lorene "Farris"

Ruth Lorene "Farris" Mollette was a caring mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She left this world suddenly on January 30, 2022, at the age of 76. Ruth was born in Salem and even though she moved from time to time, she came back to her hometown that she loved and never left. Ruth will be dearly missed and always remembered.



Ruth is survived by her son, Tommy Mollette, and his wife, Angela; grandchildren, James, and Will; also by her sister,

Linda Shelor; brother-in-law, JR Shelor; and her stepbrother, Anthony Farris; along with many other loving friends and family members.

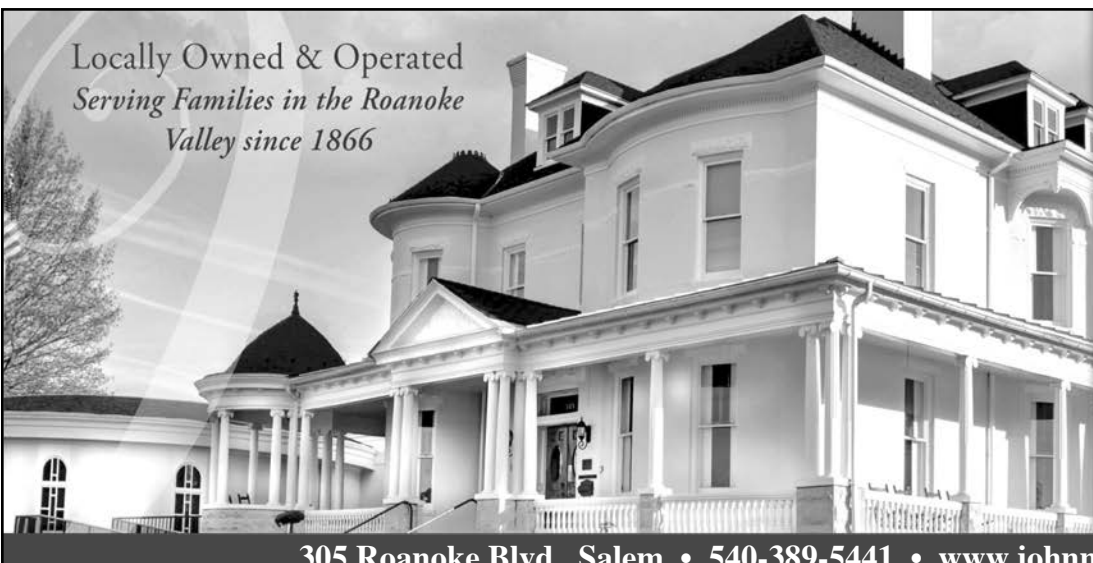
Per her wishes, Ruth was cremated. There will be a memorial service in the near future, when the service information is made available a notice will be made. Thank you for all of your prayers and condolences. The family truly appreciates them.

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# SBA celebrates Black History Month

Black-owned businesses represent 26 percent of small businesses in Virginia according to the SBA's Office of Advocacy. Black Americans have contributed greatly to America's economy through innovation, creativity, and sacrifice. Every February, the SBA celebrates and recognizes Black History Month offering an array of business development and recognition events.

Starting and building a successful business is a great way to create wealth in the Black

community. The SBA offers a myriad of resources, programs, and services to help Black business owners start, grow, expand, and recover from a disaster like COVID-19. We have heard from members of the Black community express the challenge of funding. The SBA understands and is here to the support Black community with Lender Match.

Lender Match is an online platform designed for users to connect with potential lenders in their communities. A bor-

rower visits the platform and enters their information; it is then forwarded to participating SBA lenders in their area. Interested lenders will respond directly back to the borrower. This match-making tool saves time and provides a streamlined way to access capital.

Even with this useful tool, borrowers need to know and understand what their capital needs are. Make sure you have all the relevant information handy that will need to be entered into the

fields. Lender Match also provides a checklist to prepare borrowers before talking to a lender. This checklist includes any collateral, business plan, credit history, and financial projections. Keep in mind that not all lenders loan to all projects. Many of them have a preferred portfolio of financing projects. It is a good idea to learn more about this as you journey through the process.

The pandemic we are living offers a ripe opportunity for starting and growing a business.

In addition, the pandemic crisis has given us an opportunity for small businesses to pivot and change. With that said, the SBA Virginia-Richmond District Office is offering virtual workshops targeting Black Americans along with all small business owners.

For more information, visit [www.sba.gov/va](http://www.sba.gov/va).

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

## Glow Healing Arts

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In addition to massages, Glow Healing Arts also offers access Bars, pain relief solutions, reiki and reflex-

ology, among other things. A variety of classes to help people achieve balance in their body, mind and spirit

are hosted every month. In February alone, yoga classes on Mondays will be led by Hall and free sacred

sound circle gatherings will be offered on Tuesdays. This Saturday, from 1 to 6 p.m., there will be a Glow

Valentine's Spa Experience for both couples and individuals who are single. Gift shop hours are

Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [glowhealingarts.com](http://glowhealingarts.com).



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**ORDER OF 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  
Estate Of Ernestine B. Frith v.  
Commonwealth of Virginia Mark B. Frith v.  
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.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ018698-15**  
Montgomery County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court MCDSS /v.  
Charles E. Barkley, Jr.  
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Charles E. Barkley, Jr. legal parent of James Barkley a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that Charles E. Barkley, Jr. appear at the above-named Court and protect her interests on or before March 14, 2022.

2-1-22  
Amie Blankenship Clerk

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY**

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA,  
a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia,  
**Case No. CL21001849-00**  
Complainant,  
v.  
FRANK WEDDLE, ET AL.,  
Respondent(s).

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows:  
Tax Map No. 076- A 82  
Account No. 020519

All that certain tract or parcel of land, together with the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the Auburn Magisterial District, Montgomery County, Virginia, near the Village of Walton, bounded and described as follows:  
  
Beginning near a bridge

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over the creek, at the corner of land, now or formerly owned by Robert Poff and J. E. Adkins; thence, running in an easterly direction, 112 feet to a post a few feet south of an oak tree in the corner of the land, now or formerly owned by Nannie Hall; thence, N 125 feet to two cedars, corner in the Nannie Hall land; thence, westward 45 feet to a cedar in the line of an old road in the land, now or formerly owned by Harry Adkins; thence, with the Harry Adkins land, crossing the old road, southwestward 79 feet to a spring near the said bridge, where the Harry Adkins and Robert Poff land corners; thence, southward 67 feet to the point of the beginning, containing 1/4 acre, more or less.

And being the property conveyed to Frank Weddle and Margaret McGuire Weddle, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship as at Common Law, from Harry McGuire and Lottie Mae McGuire, husband and wife by Deed dated April 16, 1955 and recorded May 20, 1955 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 193, Page 299.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

Tax Map No. 076- A 96  
Account No. 012321

All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, described as follows:

Beginning at a stake corner to the Walton Road and (now or formerly) Arch Lytton land, and running westward with the said Arch Lytton line, a distance of 128 feet to another stake in the line of the private road; thence southward a distance of 128 feet to a stake in the line of said Walton Road; thence along with said Walton Road a distance of 110 feet in the westward direction, back to the point of beginning, containing one-half acre, more or less.

And being the property conveyed to Frank Weddle from Teresa Sharon McGuire Defibaugh and Richard E. Defibaugh, wife and husband, by Deed dated November 2, 1989 and recorded November 14, 1989 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 663, Page 106.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Frank Weddle, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 1123 Walton Road, Christiansburg,

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Virginia 24073; Margaret Cathleen McGuire aka Margaret McGuire Weddle, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kenny Stacy, whose last known address is unknown; Judy Carol Thompson, whose last known address is 4460 Boyd Road, Draper, Virginia 24324; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before March 7, 2022 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 545-2500 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No.: 647162

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY**  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA,  
a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia,  
**Case No. CL21001960-00**  
Complainant,  
v.  
JAMES W. DEAN AND BETTY DEAN FAMILY TRUST,  
Respondent(s).

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows:  
Tax Map No. 287- A 87  
Account No. 004809

All that certain lot or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Blacksburg, Montgomery County, Virginia, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin the west side of Water Street Extended, at the northeast corner of the Lot, now or formerly owned by, Pauline Bowles Dillon; thence, with the line of said lot S. 49 degrees 20'E. 80 feet to an alley, a corner; thence, with said alley N. 49 degrees E. 200 feet to Water Street, Extended, a corner; thence, with said Water Street Extension, N. 38 degrees 20'W. 80 feet to the point of beginning.

And being the property conveyed to James W. Dean and Betty Jane Dean Family Trust, from James W. Dean and Betty Y. Dean (Also known as Betty Jane Dean), husband and wife, by Deed dated September 1, 1994 and recorded September 30, 1994 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 853, Page 634.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Plat Book 71 at Page 234.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: James W. Dean and Betty Jane Dean Family Trust, whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs,

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devises, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before March 7, 2022 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

Robert M. D. Turk Judge

I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 545-2500 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No.: 742177

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**Legals - Town of Vinton**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the **Planning Commission** of the Town of Vinton, Virginia hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on **Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. The Planning Commission will also hold a dinner on February 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., immediately followed by a work session at 6:30 p.m., prior to the public hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:

An ordinance repealing in its entirety the Vinton Town Code, Appendix B - Zoning Ordinance as adopted by Ordinance 634, enacted December 19, 1995, with amendments, and adopting by reference the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Vinton, Vinton, Virginia.

Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, (540) 983-0605, between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of February, 2022.

Anita J. McMillan  
Planning and Zoning Director  
Secretary, Vinton Planning Commission

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

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## W&L tops women in showdown

The Roanoke College women fell to 11-3 in Old Dominion Athletic Conference play when they lost to Washington & Lee in the Cregger Center in Salem Monday evening. The visiting Generals took a 72-58 win to hold onto first place in the conference while RC fell to third behind 10-2 Randolph-Macon.

The game was close early but the Generals used an 8-0 run to break open a tie game in the second quarter and took a 34-25 lead into the break. Roanoke would see their deficit grow to as many as 18 before a late rally made it a six-point game with three minutes to play. The Generals hit their free throws and held on for the win.

Renee Alquiza had 10 points for RC while Rose Sande posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds to go with five assists. Peyton Kirchner added seven of Roanoke's 23 bench points.

The loss dropped the Maroons to 16-5 overall with four games to play. Roanoke played host to Lynchburg on Wednesday but results were too late for publication. On Saturday's they'll host Eastern Mennonite and next Wednesday, February 16, they'll get another shot at W&L, this time in Lexington. RC will end the regular season with a home game against Randolph on February 19.



**Ayanna Scarborough of Roanoke College is fouled as she goes to the hoop in Monday's game with Washington & Lee.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## RC falls short at Randy-Mac

The Randolph-Macon basketball team swept the season series with the Roanoke College men last Saturday, holding on to their number one ranking in the nation in NCAA Division III men's basketball. The Yellow Jackets took a 72-67 win in Ashland.

It was the second meeting of the season with the Yellow Jackets winning in Salem, 62-50, two months ago. This time Randolph-Macon would break open a close game in the final two-minutes of the first half, closing the half on a 7-2 run to take a 42-36 edge into the break. Roanoke cut a 10-point deficit in half over the final three minutes of action, but the Jackets held on to win.

Efosa U-Edosomwan led Roanoke with 21 points while Kasey Draper added 19 and Ethan Rohan scored eight to go with nine rebounds and a pair of assists. Nick Price finished with five points and four helpers for RC.

With the loss the Maroons dropped to 15-6 overall and 7-5 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. That puts them in fifth place in the ODAC standings, a half game behind 7-4 Lynchburg and a half game ahead of 6-5 Hampden-Sydney and Washington & Lee.

The loss was the second in a row for the Maroons, who were upset by 7-10 Eastern Mennonite in Harrisonburg last Wednesday. Roanoke had a chance to tie the



**Joshua Morse pulls up for a jumper for the Maroons.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

game with a second left but missed the first of two free throws, sealing their fate.

The Maroons were home against Shenandoah on Wednesday of this

week and will travel to Hampden-Sydney for a big ODAC game Saturday, beginning at 2 pm. Guilford is here for the home finale next Wednesday, February 26, at 7 pm

## Region swim meets are in Christiansburg

The Salem and Glenvar swim teams will be competing in region meets this week, both at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

Three big meets are scheduled for Christiansburg this week. The Region 3D meet was Tuesday, the Region 4D meet, including Salem, was scheduled for Wednesday and Glenvar will take the water today in the Region 2C meet. Diving was held on Monday at the Christiansburg pool and Salem's Emma LaFountain took first place in Region 4D.

Both teams finished up the regular season with meets last week. Salem swam against Hidden Valley and Cave Spring at the Gator Center on Friday and the Spartans men picked up two wins, defeating Hidden Valley 110 to 40 and edging the Knight swimmers, 165-154. The girls both lost against strong south county teams, losing by 12 points to Cave Spring and getting thumped by the Titans.

"Hidden Valley has one of the strongest girls' teams in the valley so I am just proud we showed up and swam well," said coach Marianne Fleenor. "We had many best times."

Congrats to the Men who came away with two big wins! Salem men won against Hidden Valley 110 to 40 and they also took down Cave Spring 165 to 154! Way to go!

The Salem boys 200 Relays are proving to be a force here in the valley, as both the 200 Medley and 200 Free took first place with Boone Fleenor, Joren Poush, Zach Easter, Hunter King and Samuel Miles. Fleenor also won the 200 IM, Hunter King won the 100 Free and Joren Poush won the 100 Breast. King also achieved his goal of going under two minutes in the 200 Free, finishing in 1:59.76. Fleenor and Easter achieved state qualifying times in the 100 Fly.

Salem and Glenvar both swam in a meet in Christiansburg last week with Pulaski, Radford, Blacksburg, Giles, Auburn and Christiansburg. Salem's boys beat all but Blacksburg, coming up seven points short, while the SHS girls beat Pulaski, Giles, Auburn and Christiansburg.

Glenvar's girls beat six of their seven opponents, losing only to defending Class 4 state champion Blacksburg in a battle of defending champions, as Glenvar won the Class 2 title last winter. The Glenvar girls finished the regular season with a 19-2 record, with the only other loss coming to a tough Class 3 opponent, Lord Botetourt. The boys picked up two victories and a tie to cap off a very good season even though they had just three swimmers on the team.

Top three finishers for the night for Glenvar were: Claire Griffith with third in the 200 freestyle and second in the 100 freestyle; Connor Wilkes with second in the 50 freestyle, breaking his own school record; Natalie McMahon with second in the 100 backstroke and Carly Wilkes with third in the 100 breaststroke.

The Highlanders also won two relays as Delaney Eller, Adrianna Hall, Carly Wilkes and Griffith won the 200 Free in their best time of the season while the team of Hall, McMahon, Wilkes and Griffith won the 400 Free.

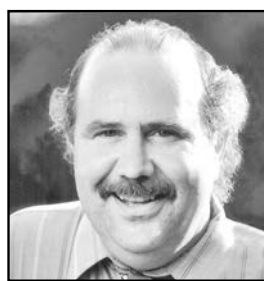
"The girls had a tremendous regular season and hopefully will peek in the coming two weeks as regions and states are upon us," said coach Shannon Hall. "Our three boys swam well and improved all season. Coach Daniel and I are excited to see what they can accomplish in the post season."



**Above, Glenvar's Natalie McMahon takes off in the backstroke event at the Highlanders' meet in Christiansburg last week. Below, Salem's Emma LaFountain competes in the Region 4D diving competition in Christiansburg Monday. Emma took first place.**

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*Brian Hoffman*

## Stuff to talk about while waiting for the Super Bowl

Want to bet on the big game this weekend? Well, you can bet on the game, and there's lots of other stuff you can bet on as well.

As I write this column the Rams are currently four and a half point favorites over the Bengals. If you want to bet the Rams straight up to win you'd have to risk \$200 to win \$100, and if you take the Bengals you're risking \$100 to win \$170. The "over-under" is listed at 49 points.

Those are the normal bets to make, but you can bet on all kinds of other stuff as well. The halftime show is always a big deal for bettors, although no legal betting jurisdiction in the U.S. allows sportsbooks to offer odds on the halftime show. The odds you often see listed are from offshore sportsbooks, which are not governed by the same rules and standards that regulated sportsbooks have to abide by.

I can understand that. One bet often available is how long the singer takes to sing the national anthem. If I'm the singer, I find a place that will take that bet, bet the over, and drag it out to make sure it's longer. Of course you'd have to find someone with an unrecognizable name, like Brian Hoffman, to actually place the bet.

Popular non-football action prop bets for the Super Bowl include the outcome of the opening coin flip, the color of the Gatorade bath that the winning coach will receive, and the length of the pre-game National Anthem performance and halftime show. You can even bet if Snoop Dog will smoke during the show. Again, if you're Snoog Dog they might not want to take that action.

As far as the Gatorade, you might want to decide who you think will win before you place a bet. Orange and Blue are two of the most popular colors for the Gatorade bath, and it's likely Cincinnati would have orange Gatorade and the Rams would have blue since their uniforms are that color. No guarantee, but it does make sense.

Then you have all kinds of other bets, like who scores first and how many yards Joe Burrow will throw for and stuff like that. If you're so inclined, you can lose a lot of money watching this game.

### COMMANDERS ON THE WARPATH

How do you like the new name for the Washington football team?

As I suspected, most of my friends who were longtime Redskins fans hate it. I can understand that, no one likes change. And, I don't have any Native American friends in the Roanoke Valley I can ask who might have a different opinion.

That's sort of sad, since at one time Native Americans were the only people who lived here. Then folks came from Europe and ran them off their land and killed them, but of course we can't talk about that according to our new Governor because it might make us feel guilty. Personally, I don't feel the least bit guilty because I had nothing to do with that, but I still think it's something we should teach in school since it happened and we can't deny it. Whatever, that's a topic for a different day, and I might not want to dip into that at all.

As for the Commanders, I guess it's as good a name as any if you have to change. I thought it was funny that Joe Theismann gave the name away a few days before the official announcement. I watched the TODAY SHOW last Wednesday when the "surprise" announcement was supposed to be made and I was 99 percent sure of what it would be, and I was right.

Of course, former Skins quarterback Doug Williams talked about how he just loved the name, as did current player Jonathan Allen. What else are they going to say on the TODAY SHOW? If they said they hated the name they wouldn't have been sitting there with Craig Melvin to announce it on TV.

The thing is, if the team is good next year the name doesn't really matter. Folks will come around to it.

It's like a women's name. If the woman is beautiful, you can call her any name and it will sound good. If Beyonce was instead named "Beulah," you'd think good thoughts when you heard the name Beulah. Then again, if the woman is ugly she can be "Caitlin" or "Sophia" or whatever, and it won't do her a bit of good getting a date on Saturday night.

Likewise with the Commanders. If they beat the Cowboys a couple times next year people will take to that name, but if they go 4-13 no name out there is going to make a difference.

The good thing is, people seem to like the uniforms, especially the black ones. I guess if you take an ugly woman and dress her up real nice it might help a little.

### PRO BOWL

It's time to get rid of the Pro Bowl. The game is just a joke, as there's no hitting and it hardly resembles regular football.

I know it's a way to get some bonuses for the players, but you can still name a team and just not have the game. That way the standout players from the season would still be recognized but they wouldn't have to go through this sham of a football game.

I couldn't stand to watch it last Sunday, switching to NBA basketball after a brief glimpse. Football is just not a game for all-stars. There's too much chance of someone getting hurt by playing in a game that doesn't count for anything.

There's a precedent for doing away with these kinds of games. Most of you won't remember, but there was a time when the best players coming out of college would play a game against the NFL champion as a preseason game. It was played in Chicago's Soldier Field from 1934 to 1976. After '76 it was decided to can the game because NFL coaches didn't want to see their high draft picks risking injury in a meaningless game.

That's not the case with the Pro Bowl. They don't risk injury, because they don't hit anybody, and is that worth watching at all? I think not.



Highlanders pose for a group shot after winning the Region 2C wrestling championship at Radford High School.

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## Highlanders dethrone River for region crown

The Glenvar wrestling team broke a three year reign of region championships by James River when the Highlanders won the Region 2C title Saturday. Glenvar scored 223 points to finish 42 and a half points ahead of the second place Knights at Radford High School.

The week started with a "sub region" hosted by James River High on Tuesday of last week. This was the first year for the Sub-Region tournament, which was run as a dual format team tournament and the head-to-head results were used for seeding wrestlers in the Region 2C tournament. Glenvar won all four duals, beating Allegheny, 50-30, Appomattox, 54-24, Radford, 54-18, and host James River, 51-22. Glenvar earned seven number one seeds, two seconds and two thirds for Saturday's regional.

"Heading into the Region tournament, it's important for our wrestlers to put themselves in the best possible position to qualify for the State Tournament," said Glenvar coach Jason Cline. "They did just that."

With good seeds secured, the Highlanders felt confident going into the Region 2C tournament. However, they knew it was going to be a battle with James River, a well-coached team and defending champion.

"We knew it would be a tight race," said Cline. "We always talk about every individual putting forth their best effort, and when that happens the team results take care of themselves. Saturday was a great example of that for the Highlanders."

At the completion of the semi-final round Glenvar had eight wrestlers in the finals, all guaranteed a spot in the state with the top three advancing. At that point the Highlanders were leading in the team results, but there was still a lot of wrestling in the wrestle-backs and placement rounds to go.

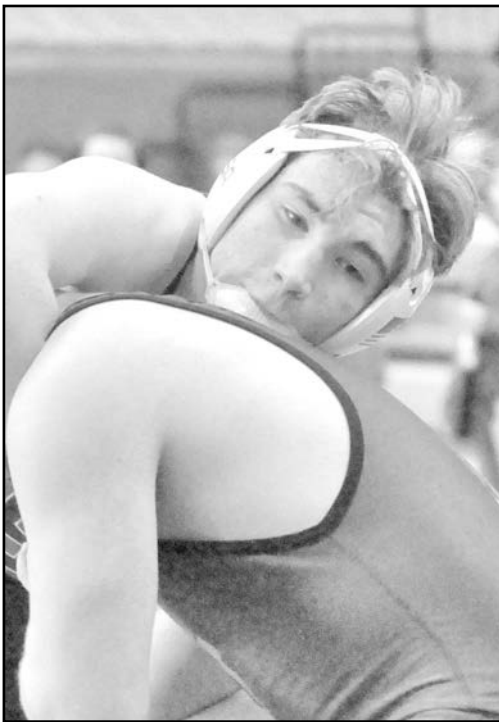
In the finals, Glenvar didn't disappoint. The Highlanders won five of their eight finals matches with region championships going to River Smith at 113, Jake Cline at 132, Trey Lawrence at 145, Ethan Flowers at 152 and Chase Miller at 170.

"The match of the night goes to River Smith, who faced one of the best 113 pound wrestlers in the state from Martinsville," said coach Cline. "River was in control from the first whistle and won by pin early in the first period. It was great to see River wrestle to his potential and leave it all on the mat."

Taking second were Alan Vu at 106, Mason Hylton at 120 and Ryan Kirby at 126. Glenvar also had two fourth place finishers who will be alternates in case one of the top three can't make it, Wesley Heltzel at 182 and Tony Miranda'Angeles at 195.

Next is the Class 2 state tournament at the Salem Civic Center on February 18 and 19. Last year fans weren't allowed to attend due to COVID but this year the gates are open and tickets are available to be purchased on-line beginning next Monday, February 14.

"It's been a great season so far and we want to cap it off with a solid performance at state," said Cline. "These kids have worked so hard all year, I really want to see them up on the podium in Salem in a couple of weeks."



Salem's Linkin Callahan was one of three Spartans who earned Region 4D runnerup honors at Orange County High.

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## Spartans are 2nd on region mats, qualify 11 for state tournament

The Salem High wrestlers finished just three points away from winning a regional wrestling championship last Saturday in Orange, VA. The host Orange County Hornets outscored Salem 202 1/2 to 199 1/2 to win the Region 4D championship.

"We had the best tournament we have ever had," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "Going into the the final round we were in first by 22 points."

Salem had three in the finals, Sam Miles, Linkin Callahan, and Jackson Bryie, but all three finished second. Meanwhile Orange had six in the finals and five pulled out wins, including two over Salem opponents, to pass the Spartans down the stretch.

All three runnerup finishes for Salem came at 182 or heavier. Miles was second at 182, Callahan took second at 195 and Bryie, a freshman, took second at 220.

It was the third year in a row Salem finished as the region runnerup, but 11 Spartans qualified for the state tournament in Virginia Beach the weekend of February 18 and 19. In addition to the three second place wrestlers Salem qualified Braden Armes at 106, David Conklin at 113, Ty Porter at 120, Caden Thomas at 126, Kyman Kinney at 138, Avery Hall at 145, Matthew McNeil at 152 and Reggie Brown at 285.

"We are almost ready," said Van Liew. "We will be ready on the 18th."

## RC takes third in SEWC wrestling

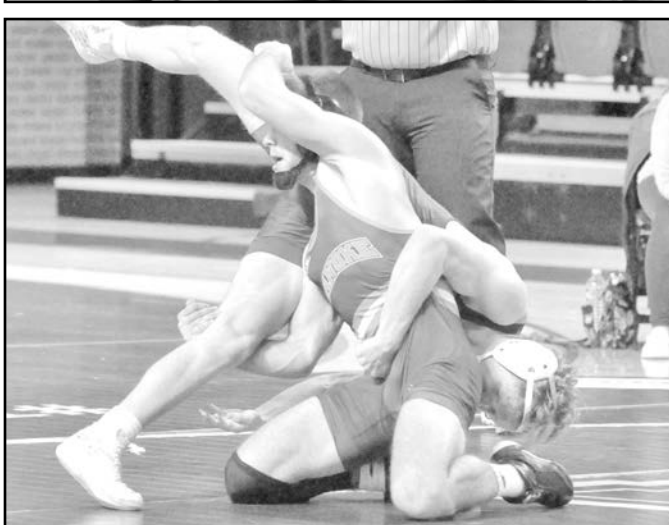
After picking up a win in their final home event of the season last Thursday the first year Roanoke College wrestling team made a trip to Averett University in Danville Saturday to compete in the Southeast Wrestling Conference (SEWC) Championships. The Maroons saw wrestlers finish in the top three in five of the 10 weight divisions, including a class winner at 184.

Roanoke finished third in the eight-team event with 121.5 points. At 184 Mahlic Sallah took on Khalil Mitchell of Averett in the title match and took an 8-3 decision to give RC a champion. Sallah was named the 2022 SEWC Most Outstanding Wrestler Award in the 165-285 pound weight group.

Last Thursday the RC wrestlers competed in the Cregger Center for the final time in their inaugural season when they hosted Southern Virginia. The Maroons would not disappoint the home fans as they picked up a pair of falls, two

technical falls and three decisions on their way to a 34-15 win over the Knights.

This Saturday Roanoke will return to Danville to challenge Averett in a dual match.



Above, Salem's Walker Chambers competes in last week's Roanoke College wrestling win over Southern Virginia. Left, RC 133 pounder Webb Drescher has his opponent upside down on the way to a win.

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# State champion cheer coaches started in Salem



Above, left to right, Katie Lineback, Jen Koll and Terin Mabry show off the Class 3 state championship trophy for competition cheerleading. Right, Mabry when she cheered for Salem, and below Koll(left) and Lineback pose for a shot on picture day during their days cheering for the Spartans.

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The Cave Spring High School cheerleaders have dominated the Class 3 competition cheering in the area and the team has a distinct Salem flavor about it. Head coach Jen (McDaniel) Koll and assistants Katie Lineback and Terin Mabry were all Salem High School cheerleaders.

Last week the Class 3 All-State competition cheer team was announced and the Knights had three members on the first team, including Cheerer of the Year Abby Holbrook. In addition, Koll was named state Class 3 Coach of the Year.

Jen is in her 13th year as cheer coach at Cave Spring while Lineback is in her 12th year and Mabry 11th, with some time at the middle school. All three are Salem High grads who cheered together for the Spartans in high school and are still best friends outside of coaching. They coach the Knights' competition team as well as the jayvee and varsity sideline teams for football and basketball.

Jen's Salem roots go way back. She was a recreation cheerleader for South Salem Elementary School growing up and attended clinics with the Salem High School girls and coaches. She credits the Salem program for much of her love for the sport.

"The sense of community and love for the entire Salem program kept me going in the sport through high school," said Koll. "I had three coaches that were present for the majority of my experience at Salem High School; Laura Bolton Julie Erickson and Blaire Conner. Coach Bolton offered so much of her personal time to help us accomplish our fundraising goals by driving us all over town and was such an established figure in the Salem Cheer program. She was a motherly figure for us and we always knew her door would be open. She taught me that cheer is more than the time in the gym or on the sidelines, that it includes the relationships you form as human beings.

"Coach Erickson brought a bright and fun energy and taught me to see the lighter side in the stressful moments, while Coach Conner taught me the importance of structure and how to set and obtain goals. Her passion was contagious and I knew I wanted to walk in her footsteps as a coach myself. Cheering at Salem taught me leadership skills, the value of hard work and the importance of community involvement. I credit some of my most cherished memories and friendships to my experiences while cheering at Salem."

Jen still feels some of that Spartan spirit when the Knights play her alma mater.

"I love when Cave Spring gets to travel to Salem on a Friday night because even though we may be watching from the opposite side of the field, the environment still puts me in a great mood and takes me back to all of those great times I stood on the Salem sidelines," she said.

Koll ended up at Cave Spring somewhat by accident.

"I was approached by another former Salem cheerleader who was originally sought out for the position but did not have the time," she said. "I began coaching my first year out of college in 2009. I started as an assistant for one season and was named head coach in 2010."

During her time at Cave Spring Koll's cheer program has been somewhat like the Salem football program she used to cheer for in terms of accomplishments. The Knights' Competition Cheerleading program has advanced to the State Championship Competition for the past 12 seasons. They have won the Region Championship for the last eight years and the program has placed top two at the State level for the last nine years with five Runner-Up placements and four Championship placements. The 2021 Competition Cheer team finished this season undefeated with a record of 6-0 and brought home yet another Region and State Championship.

Even with all that success Jen sees coaching the cheerleaders as more than just a job.

"I believe it is important to remember that these kids are more than just our athletes, they are kids that need our love and support inside and outside of the gym," she said. "To form those unique and oftentimes lifelong connections with our kids and their families, that's what keeps us going."

## Salem Red Sox announce front office promotions

The Salem Red Sox have announced four front office promotions as the team prepares for the 2022 season.

Blair Hoke has been promoted to Assistant General Manager and will continue to serve as the Vice President of Ticket Sales & Services. Prior to joining the Salem Red Sox staff in 2019, Hoke served as General Manager of the Pulaski Yankees and was the recipient of the 2017 Appalachian League Executive of the Year award.

"I am both personally and professionally grateful to have been promoted to Assistant General Manager with the Salem Red Sox," said Hoke. "I am eager and excited to serve in this capacity to help continue franchise history success - paved by incredible leadership in Salem. I could not be more proud of our team's recent efforts and am looking forward to another memorable season at Salem Memorial Ballpark while welcoming the best fans in Minor League Baseball."

Lior Bittan has been promoted to Senior Ticket Operations and Analytics Manager. Bittan graduated from the University of Oregon in 2018 where he majored in Sports Business. He began his career with the Salem Red Sox in 2019 as Ticket Operations Assistant and was promoted to Ticket Operations Manager in 2020. Bittan played a piv-

otal role in the execution and adaptation of ticket operations following ballpark restrictions as a result of the pandemic.

Kayla Keegan has been promoted to Merchandise and Special Events Director, formerly Manager. She began her career in the sports industry with the Washington Football Team while obtaining her master's degree in sports management from Texas A&M University. Keegan lead the charge of setting an all-time high in Merchandising revenue in 2021. The 2022 Salem Red Sox season will be Keegan's fourth with the team.

Payton Powell has been promoted to Ticket Sales Manager, previously Ticket Sales and Service Account Executive. 2022 marks Powell's second season with the Red Sox. After graduating from Roanoke College in 2018, she began her career in sports as an Inside Sales Executive with the LA Clippers and transitioned to a sales and service role with the Phoenix Suns. Powell currently oversees the Salem Red Sox Inside Sales Program and has enhanced the sales training program.

"On behalf of the entire Salem Red Sox organization, I couldn't be prouder to announce our recent front office promotions and acknowledge each of their many contributions to our club's

success," said General Manager, Allen Lawrence. "Their experience and hard work will help each of them serve our fans even better through their expanded roles."

Opening Day 2022 for the Salem

Red Sox is set for Friday, April 8th, as the Red Sox host the Lynchburg Hillcats. First pitch is set for 7:05 pm.

For more information on the upcoming season, visit SalemSox.com or call (540) 389-3333.

## Maroons picked 4th in ODAC lacrosse

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference released the 2022 Men's Lacrosse preseason poll this week and Roanoke College received 70 points, trailing only Hampden-Sydney, Washington & Lee and top vote getting Lynchburg.

The 2021 edition of the Roanoke men's lacrosse team completed a Covid shortened season with a 7-4 overall record, including 5-2 in ODAC play. The season ended with a depleted Maroon squad being eliminated in the quarterfinals of the 2021 ODAC Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

Four all conference players return for the 2022 campaign. Luke Kammerman and George Gilbert are back after earning 2nd team All ODAC honors a year ago. Kammerman recorded 15 goals and 25 assists on attack while Gilbert earned United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) Honorable Mention All-American honors after a season that would see the midfielder notch 23 goals. Luca Docking, 3rd team in 2021, returns after scoring 19 goals with 13 assists as does fellow 3rd team member John Dias, a long stick midfielder that helped Roanoke to a Clear Percentage of over 85 percent.

Roanoke will start the season with a trip to Christopher Newport this Saturday, February 12th. After a home date with Catholic on the 19th, Roanoke travels to Baltimore to play at the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame game against Dickinson on February 27th.

## Records fall at Joe LaRocco Invitational

Roanoke College and the Cregger Center Field House played host to the 2022 Joe LaRocco Invitational last weekend, named for the Maroon Hall of Famer who passed away in January of 2021. Multiple school records would fall as Roanoke placed numerous athletes in the top three of multiple events.

In the 60 meter hurdles Xavier O'Brien won the event while posting a Roanoke College record time of 8.40, the second fastest time in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference

(ODAC) this season. O'Brien added a 4th place finish in the 60-meter sprint while Brady Fowler blistered the track in that event in 6.99 to post a new school record. Fowler now owns the second fastest ODAC time this year.

For the women, Mikayla Hefferon posted the only sub-one-minute time in the 400 meters in the ODAC this season when she won the event in a final time of 59.53.

The Maroons will be back at the Cregger Center next Saturday when they host the Roanoke Invitational.



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## Big crowds, great games at Adam Ward Classic

*Event is a great tuneup for district, region tournament games to come*

After a year's hiatus due to COVID the Adam Ward Classic returned last weekend and was a big success. The event featured 11 basketball games in about 30 hours time at Glenvar High School, raising money for the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund and providing area fans with some exciting games.

"This past weekend was such a wonderful experience for everyone involved," said Salem High teacher and VHSL basketball official Grant Smythers of the Adam Ward Classic committee. "First of all, I would like to thank Dr. Corie Franklin (principal at Glenvar High School) and Jason Murray (athletic director at Glenvar High School) for allowing us to host the Adam Ward Classic at Glenvar High School this year. The entire weekend was a huge success, from Friday night's Salem versus Glenvar rivalry games to Saturday's standing room only crowd.

"The Ward Family was overwhelmed by the generosity shown from those who attended the event once again this year. We would like to thank our sponsors who provided both monetary and food donations for our event as well."

The games were held at Glenvar since renovations continuing at Salem High School. The event started on Friday as Salem High and Glenvar met on the court in games for both girls and boys, jayvee and varsity. The Spartans swept the jayvee games, played in the middle school gym, while the two schools split the varsity games, with the Salem girls and Glenvar boys prevailing.



**Members of the Adam Ward Classic Committee pose with a check for \$10,000 to the Salem Education Foundation at Glenvar High Saturday night. Left to right are Jerry Spangler, Drew Barrett, Hank Luton, Jason Murray, Chris Williams, Bryan Monroe and Grant Smythers.**

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The girls opened the show with a 47-42 win over the Highlanders. Glenvar had a 23-21 lead at the half and it was all tied up at 41-41 after three quarters before a strong finish by the Spartan girls.

"A tough win on the road against a good team," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "We didn't shoot it all that well but we were able to get stops in the fourth quarter when we needed them."

Kennedy Scales and Summer Bayne had 15 points each to lead the Spartans while My'la Green had a

dozen. Bayne also grabbed a dozen rebounds.

Glenvar's Ryhan Harris was high for the game with 21 points, including 15 of Glenvar's 17 points in the second half as she kept the Highlanders in the game. Savana Luper had a couple three-pointers and finished with eight while McKenzie Harris had seven points.

In the boys' game the Highlanders got a measure of revenge with an 81-70 win over the Spartans. It was a back and forth game, as Glenvar started strong and led 27-19 after the first quarter as Stephen Barber scored 16 first quarter points. Salem then turned the tables on the Highlanders, winning the second period 27-14 to take a 46-41 halftime lead.

The third period was all Glenvar. The Highlanders outscored Salem 24-7 to take control and held on down the stretch for the win. Stephen Barber finished with 24 points, including the 1,000th of his high school career, while Aiden Alexander had 18 for Glenvar and Christian Housh had a dozen. For Salem, Hunter Bayne had 17, Chase Greer had 14 and Tanner Dallas had 12.

"It's always fun to take part in the Adam Ward Classic and especially to play against Salem," said Glenvar coach Cliff Bordewisch. "Coach (Salem's Kevin) Garst and I spoke before the season about possibly making this a home and home situation each year. It'd be nice to play the cross town team in our own building each year. The weekend was a great atmosphere for basketball."

On Saturday it was more hoops, and all day. The seven game slate started with Page Moir's North Cross team defeating Liberty, coached by former Salem High assistant David Williams, 55-38. Salem resident Nick Owen had 16 for the Raiders.

After that William Fleming beat Liberty Christian Academy in an exciting overtime game, 53-51, followed by the only girls' game of the day, a 59-31 Carroll County win over Spotswood. The Cavaliers improved to 19-1 on the season with the victory.

Next up was the Patrick Henry boys against West Point, with the Patriots prevailing 66-51, followed by Roanoke Catholic over Auburn, 70-49.

The 6:45 pm game was likely the best one of the day as 18-1 Cave Spring took on 14-5 Lord Botetourt. The Cavaliers led for much of the way, but Cave Spring rallied down the stretch to tie the game at 63-63. After a steal the Knights worked the clock down before former Salem Spartan Owyn Dawyot drilled a corner three for the Knights for a 66-63 Cave Spring win before a packed house. All the seats were filled and folks were lined up along the wall under the basket and peeking through the doors from the hallway to catch a glimpse.

The final game of the day had Northside improving to 18-2 with a 73-57 win over Radford, who fell to 11-4. Both teams showed up with white uniforms so Radford borrowed Glenvar's green set for the game, and that found former Highlander Landon Clark, who transferred to Radford a couple seasons ago, back in green again. Clark led Radford with 20 points while wearing the Highlander threads.

The event was a great tuneup for the coming post-season, which is fast upon us. The River Ridge District tournament will begin Friday at the sites of the higher seeds, but only the top four teams are included. Salem's girls should be in it but the boys will not. The region will include eight of the 11 teams in Region 4D with the girls a lock and the Salem boys on the bubble as the regular season concludes.

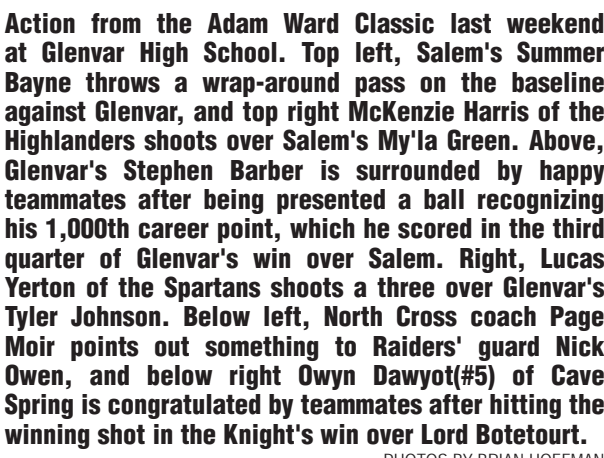
Both Salem teams finish the regular season this week with three games. The girls won a squeaker over Blacksburg in Salem Monday night, 41-39, then dropped an 86-56 game at Pulaski Tuesday. The girls are now 15-6.

Meanwhile, the Salem boys lost at Blacksburg Monday, 55-33, but rallied for a 53-47 win over Pulaski on Senior Night in Salem Tuesday. Hunter Bayne had a season-high 25 points and Dallas had 12 as Salem upped its record to 8-12.

Both Salem teams were scheduled to end the regular season Wednesday against Patrick Henry, with the boys at home and the girls at PH.

The Three Rivers District does not have a district tournament, so Glenvar's teams are headed right to the Region 2C event after finishing up the regular season. The girls are at Radford on Thursday while the Highland boys play at Radford on Friday and at Alleghany next Tuesday, February 15.

Glenvar's boys played at Floyd on Tuesday night and took a 77-68 win behind Barber's 29 points. With the win Glenvar improved to 14-6 and both the Highlander boys and girls will open Region 2C play next Friday, February 18.



**Action from the Adam Ward Classic last weekend at Glenvar High School. Top left, Salem's Summer Bayne throws a wrap-around pass on the baseline against Glenvar, and top right McKenzie Harris of the Highlanders shoots over Salem's My'la Green. Above, Glenvar's Stephen Barber is surrounded by happy teammates after being presented a ball recognizing his 1,000th career point, which he scored in the third quarter of Glenvar's win over Salem. Right, Lucas Yerton of the Spartans shoots a three over Glenvar's Tyler Johnson. Below left, North Cross coach Page Moir points out something to Raiders' guard Nick Owen, and below right Owyn Dawyot(#5) of Cave Spring is congratulated by teammates after hitting the winning shot in the Knight's win over Lord Botetourt.**

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