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General Assembly honors Roanoke College President



President Michael Maxey, Terri Maxey and Nicole Riley look down from the visitor's gallery at General Assembly.

Virginia State Delegate Sam Rasoul and staff from the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) pulled off a big surprise for President Michael Maxey on February 17. Maxey was recognized just after noon with an introduction to the House of Delegates by Rasoul. Maxey traveled to Richmond to help with lobbying efforts of the CICV and to meet with Nicole Riley '95, Virginia's new Deputy Secretary of Labor. Riley was recently appointed to the position by Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

CICV lobbies for increased funding for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant, a program that this year helps nearly

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Brian Blevins

SUBMITTED PHOTO

VDOT names Blevins as new Salem resident engineer

Brian Blevins, P.E., has accepted the position of resident engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Salem Residency office.

Blevins will serve as VDOT's top transportation official for Roanoke, Botetourt and Craig counties by overseeing road main-

tenance and operations, land development programs, budgets and business operations. He also will be the primary human resources manager for approximately 130 VDOT employees.

"I look forward to continuing to work with our citizens in my new role to address their transportation needs

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2020 Salem shooting lands man 26 years behind bars



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Charged with malicious wounding, felony murder, three counts of child neglect and reckless handling of a firearm, Zane Christian of Christiansburg will spend the next 312 months of his life in prison.

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A Christiansburg man who fatally shot Bedford resident Rico Turner in November 2020 inside the Lakeside Plaza Kroger parking lot was recently sentenced to 26 years in prison.

Fifteen months ago, at approximately 2 p.m. on November 9, police dispatch received a call concerning a man being shot at the Salem shopping center. Turner, 27, was with his fiancé Emily Christian and children at the time when Zane Christian, the estranged husband, struck him with gunfire. Immediately transported to a hospital with life-threatening injuries, Turner later died that night.

Minutes before the shooting,

some people in the parking lot mentioned they heard some commotion. Said one woman who asked for anonymity, "I didn't see the whole ordeal, but it was clear that the two men were arguing. Everything happened so fast. My heart breaks for his fiancé and their children. What a completely senseless act of violence."

As a consequence of Turner's death, Christian was charged by the Salem Police Department with malicious wounding, felony murder, three counts of child neglect and reckless handling of a firearm.

The Salem Police Department worked with the Blacksburg Police Department due to a connection between Christian and a Blacks-

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Andrew Lewis Middle School students participate in All District Band competition



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Three talented Salem middle school students – Jolena Hylton, Calvin Hughes and Cait Abi-Saab – were chosen to participate in the Virginia Band & Orchestra Directors Association District 6 Band Competition on February 18 and 19 at Martinsville High School. Highly competitive, the audition process drew hundreds of students throughout the state. Hylton, Hughes and Abi-Saab all represented Salem City Public Schools with integrity and pride.

"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.

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West Main Street motorcycle crash leads to fatality



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On Monday, February 21, a Suzuki motorcycle driven by Zachary Duncan was traveling westbound on W. Main St. in Roanoke County. The motorcycle was traveling at a high rate of speed when it struck a Toyota Tundra pickup truck driven by David Henderson. Duncan was wearing a helmet but was thrown from the bike and died at the scene. Henderson was not injured. Drugs and alcohol were not a factor in this crash and the investigation is ongoing. No charges are pending.

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Engineer

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in their communities," said Brian.

Blevins began his career with VDOT in 2005 and has held several positions, including transportation engineer in the Location and Design Division and land development engineer and area land use engineer in the Salem Residency office. Since 2016, Blevins has served as an assistant resident engineer in the Salem Residency office.

Before working at VDOT, Blevins was a

consulting engineer for six years and served as a lead designer and project manager for Pen-tree Inc. in Princeton, West Virginia. Blevins worked on several sections of the Coalfields Expressway and one section of the King Coal Highway in West Virginia.

Blevins received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering technology from Bluefield State College. He is a licensed professional engineer in Virginia and West Vir-

ginia.

"Brian is an accomplished engineer and thoughtful leader, and his previous experience in working with local governments and in different roles at VDOT have positioned him well to take on this new role," said Salem District Engineer Ken King.

Submitted by Jason Bond, Communications Manager

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New members appointed to President's Advisory Board



Amy Geddes

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Carrie McConnell



Erin Burcham



Karen Winslow

Four Roanoke College alumnae have joined the College's President's Advisory Board. They are Michelle R. Austin '93, Amy Hansen Geddes '92, Carrie Taylor McConnell '99 and Karen Rymers Winslow '02. In another appointment, Erin Burcham was appointed to the College's Community Advisory Group.

Michelle R. Austin '93 is the Executive Vice President - Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer for Bank of Botetourt. Austin holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Roanoke College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Troy University. Austin is a graduate of the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at UVA where she is also now on the faculty. She is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Austin serves on the Virginia Bankers Association Benefits Board of Directors. Austin is a member of the GO Virginia Region 2 Council, an initiative to drive private-sector growth, create higher-paying jobs, and foster regional collaboration in every region of the Commonwealth. From 2017-2021, Austin represented the Buchanan District on the Botetourt County School Board, serving two years as Chair.

Amy Geddes '92 has practiced law in Virginia since 1995 and concentrates her practice in the area of disability law involving both public and private benefits. She represents claimants at all levels of the administrative process and in federal court. Geddes was an English and history double major at Roanoke College and earned a law degree from Valparaiso University. She is a member

of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives, the Virginia Women Attorneys Association (VWAA), Ted Dalton Inn of Court, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (VTLA), Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association, and the Roanoke Bar Association. She serves on the board of the Roanoke Bar Association. Geddes is an active member of College Lutheran Church.

Carrie McConnell '99 is the president of Ridge View Bank in Roanoke. McConnell has over 20 years of banking experience with extensive experience as a commercial lender. McConnell served as senior vice president of commercial lending at HomeTown Bank. Prior to that, she was instrumental in the development of a new bank that grew to over \$550 million in assets before it was acquired.

McConnell, who earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Roanoke College, is very active in her community, serving most recently on the board for the Better Business Bureau Serving Western Virginia Board and the Salem Family YMCA Board.

Dr. Karen Rymers Winslow '02 is a pharmacist and works for the Virginia Pharmacists Association. Winslow also is the recent past chair of the Richmond Alumni Chapter for Roanoke College, a position she held for 14 years. Winslow majored in biology at Roanoke College and earned a Doctor of Pharmacy at the Medical College of Virginia. She previously worked as a pharmacist for CVS, Target Corporation and for the Pfizer Pharmaceutical Group.

Erin Burcham was named to Roanoke College's Com-

munity Advisory Group. Burcham is the president of Verge and executive director of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council. Verge is the regional technology alliance that includes affiliates of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council, Valley Innovation Council and RAMP (the Regional Acceleration and Mentoring Program), a Roanoke-based business accelerator. Burcham spearheads initiatives for technology, innovation, and talent development in the region including multiple GO Virginia projects. She holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree in leadership with a focus on economic development from Virginia Tech.

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Roanoke College News

Farm bankruptcies decline 50 percent nationwide, trending downward in Va.

For the first time in the last decade, every region in the U.S. had fewer farm bankruptcies in 2021 than the year before.

With dramatic decreases in Chapter 12 farm bankruptcy filings, mid-Atlantic states, including Virginia, are keeping a slower pace, with an eight percent drop in filings in 2021.

Chapter 12 bankruptcy allows family farms to avoid liquidation or foreclosure. According to data from the United States Courts, Chapter 12 bankruptcy filings nationwide were down a staggering 50 percent last year.

"What a difference a year can make," said American Farm Bureau Federation senior economist Veronica Nigh in an AFBF Market Intel report. "The number of Chapter 12 filings in 2021 is the lowest in the last decade, and this is the first time in at least 10 years that there were fewer than 300 filings. The decrease in bankruptcy filings is a noteworthy shift given the significant increases in the number of bankruptcies over the previous three years."

Five farm bankruptcies were recorded in Virginia in 2021, the same as in 2020. The mid-

Atlantic had 15 fewer Chapter 12 bankruptcies than in 2020.

A snapshot of previous years reveals a positive trend in Virginia. While farm bankruptcies in 2019 increased nearly 20 percent nationwide, there was no significant increase in the number of Chapter 12 filings in Virginia. Six Chapter 12 farm bankruptcies were listed for Virginia in both 2018 and 2019.

Industry specialists hope this slow-but-steady trend continues for Virginia and surrounding states.

MidAtlantic Farm Credit regional lending manager

Matt Ritenour, who is based in Winchester, said the report is cause for optimism.

"Each farming operation is truly unique, but despite the many challenges 2021 brought us, overall Virginia's agriculture community had a positive year," he said. "Our members and the industry have proven resilient and continue to successfully provide food, fuel and fiber for our country."

Economists agree the decline is worthy of celebration; however, they don't lose sight of the fact that 276 Chapter 12 bankruptcies were filed in 2021.

"Returns to farm operators have been incredibly volatile over the last decade," Nigh said. "So, while the last year has brought higher commodity prices for some, it has most certainly brought higher input costs for all. How the latter compares to the former will dictate whether the trend of fewer bankruptcies will continue be 'in' or 'out' in 2022. For once, this is a trend we hope has some staying power."

- Submitted by Katie Ward,
MidAtlantic Farm Credit
Communications Specialist

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Delegate Sam Rasoul '02 speaks on the floor of the Virginia House of Delegates.

a 1,000 Roanoke College students in their pursuit of higher education. After a full morning of meetings, Rasoul introduced the president and Roanoke College First Lady Terri Maxey, and spoke about them from the floor of the Virginia House of Delegates.

"Mike is known for his connection with students and his knack for getting to know the name of every student," Rasoul said, "including myself. He was my dean at that point. I remember going on rafting trips. He has served the Roanoke Valley well."

Rasoul introduced House Joint Resolution 228, which he said was the Virginia General Assembly's way of "showing deep thanks to Maxey's four decades of service

to the Commonwealth." The resolution passed unanimously.

The Maxeys were joined in the gallery by Robert Lambeth, president of the CICV, and Riley, who previously served as the Virginia State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). She began her new role as the Youngkin administration took office in Richmond last month.

"President Maxey has been a tremendous supporter of CICV's efforts over his career at Roanoke and we appreciate his many contributions," Lambeth said. "It was very special that the House of Delegates chose to honor him in this way and we were happy to be there to celebrate with

him and Terri."

Maxey said he was genuinely surprised by the recognition. "I was deeply touched by this

unexpected honor," he said.

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Pets and Trees ~

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

For the first time in more than 60 years, I am living in a home without a cat to keep me company.

Moreover, I've prayerfully decided, that getting well into my tenth decade, my brown tabby Dumplet, whose life ended late last year, will be my last.

He was about 15-years-old, having been taken in by a kindly woman once regularly going to the Salem church I attend. She lived at that time in an apartment on East Main Street with several other rescued animals, including a neutered male cat who did not take kindly to this big fellow who was let in out of the cold in the big pre-Christmas snowstorm that hit our area a decade ago.

He was offered to me, a widow living not far away; she had named him Maximus, and later he became Leo. I told her I'd take him over the holidays, though I already owned Gloria and Joy, neutered females with stories of their own.

And so, the big boy en-

tered my life with his cat voice and affectionate manners. He never purred in contentment because he was too busy being social. In all the cats I have loved since my earliest childhood, he was unique. He was friendly to the two females, but calico Manx Gloria feared him, and when I moved to a smaller home around the corner three years later, she took refuge in a "cat house" four feet off the floor and on top of a small bookcase. With her own food station and even a litter box also elevated, Gloria remained safely there for the rest of her long life.

I don't know how the brown kitty's name became "Dumplet," but that happened before with my cats; it stuck until his death from what appears to be a common illness in elderly cats, an over-active thyroid gland. Before his necessary euthanasia at North Roanoke Veterinary Hospital on December 3, he had become "skin and bones" despite a healthy appetite. He survived beautiful Gloria by four months. I've told her story previously.

So, it's sadly quiet around my small home. My three cat-loving neighbors have received my dry food and treats. There

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

will never be another Dumplet. I learned from him how responsive to people a cat can be.

A lot could be said about how important cats - and dogs, of course also, if you are a "dog person" - are, especially to older folk who live alone. The need to have them "put to sleep" is heartbreaking, but necessary for with the practice of neutering and vaccinating that responsible owners make routine, pets occasionally live 20 years or more.

Consequently, my cats in the past three decades have lived well into their "teens" and generally were euthanized because of cancer or other degenerative ailments.

In my girlhood in rural Virginia, I cried at the loss of relatively young cats in epidemics of respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases that killed them by 10 years. In the Great Depression days, only farm ani-

mals got veterinary care.

Seeing a Sunday feature in the daily newspaper a few weeks ago about White Oak trees reminded me that the forest giants with their light gray bark are among the many leafy beauties of my Virginia life.

The story revealed that the commercially valuable oaks are dying out for many reasons mostly related to poor cutting practices that can be remedied.

In my childhood home on the edge of Orange in the Piedmont, four Black Locusts were planted in a semi-circle in the front yard. They varied in size having been planted, I suppose, at different times; they could be seen as the old, the middle-aged and a child. The oldest on the north side of the yard had a good strong limb for a swing which our obliging neighbor hung for me.

My next real encounter with trees started in 1959 when late husband Charlie and I bought our unusual "Roanoke Ranch" style house in the Hollins area. {That's a house, common in our hilly valley, that is basically a one-story at its entrance level, but

has a basement high enough on one side to admit direct sunlight through large windows that make for comfortable living space.

It was there on our three wooded steep acres that magnificent white oaks grew. Being protected from the north winds, two had survived for a century or more. The most handsome in a glade below the house provided a bit of level ground and shade for our three children's sandbox and swing set.

The other two had religious significance for me. Far down the steep hill on the bank of Carvin's Creek an oak grew with a large trunk that eight feet above the water divided into three limbs each as huge as many trees. It came to remind me of the Holy Trinity with God as Creator, Son and Holy Spirit ascending far upward.

The top of the third Oak, nearest the house, had been seriously damaged by lightning; eventually, we had it reduced to a high stump. It was under this stump on an autumn afternoon nearly 60 years ago that I count my religious conversion. I felt that, through the Holy Spirit, God lived within me.

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burg carjacking that same day. Less than 24 hours later, with assistance from

the U.S. Marshalls Task Force, Christian was arrested in Ravenswood,

West Virginia, without incident.

On October 13, 2021, Christian appeared in Salem Circuit Court and entered pleas of no contest to two counts of shooting into an occupied vehicle, second-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Four months later, in that same circuit court,

Christian was sentenced to 26 years of a possible 43, in addition to ten years of probation.

The following charges explain why he will spend the next 312 months in prison:

- One felony count of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony (first offense): Sentenced to three
- One felony count of second-degree murder: Sentenced to 30 years with nine years suspended, for a total of 21 years
- Two felony counts of shooting into an occupied vehicle: Sentenced to five years with four years suspended for each count, for a total of two years

years

Many people, such as Alex Anderson, want Christian to spend the of his life behind bars. "He not only changed his life forever; but he did the same for his children too. Arguments happen every single day, but there is no reason to end another person's life over a disagreement. This tragedy could have been prevented."

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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 borrower 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.

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

Revenue forecast: With billions in coffers, Governor Youngkin looks to tax relief for Virginians

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently sent a letter to Delegate Barry D. Knight and Senator Janet D. Howell to inform them of a revised revenue forecast that estimates the Commonwealth will collect \$1.25 billion more in the current fiscal year, on top of the additional \$3.3 billion added to the original forecast added last December.

"This is a staggering number, the largest mid-session reforecast in anyone's memory. The stunning amount of money being collected from taxpayers is the direct re-

sult of over taxation. Put simply, without significant tax relief, the Commonwealth's general fund collections will grow by over 40 percent between 2018 and 2024. In the next few weeks, as we put together a bipartisan budget agreement before the March 12th deadline to adjourn, it is clear that we must return money to taxpayers to relieve the pressures of inflation and economic uncertainty felt by families and businesses," wrote Governor Glenn Youngkin. "Of the roughly \$13.4 billion in unanticipated revenue the

state will collect in this budget cycle, I am asking the General Assembly to return \$4.5 billion to taxpayers. That leaves nearly \$9 billion in new revenue to invest in schools and teachers, law enforcement, behavioral health, and the other important priorities of the General Assembly. I am confident that we can provide tax relief for Virginia families and invest in our shared priorities."

Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor

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- CLUES DOWN
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- Humanistic discipline
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- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- Wood residue
- It cools your home

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Governor Youngkin and Congressman Griffith announce a fifth round of funding for abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization Grant Program

Governor Glenn Youngkin and Congressman Morgan Griffith recently announced that grant dollars are now available to assist those looking to make an economic impact in southwest Virginia. The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) received a fifth round of funding for the Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) program. The agency is now taking applications for proposals.

“Economic revitalization and development is critical for southwest Virginia and I’m excited for the positive economic benefits this project will bring,” said Governor Youngkin. “My administration will

always prioritize job creation, economic development, and lowering the cost of living in the Southwest and across the Commonwealth.”

“The AMLER program supports communities seeking to reclaim and redevelop properties with a mining heritage. It has become a great asset for economic development in southwest Virginia and boosted numerous innovative projects promoting renewal and opportunity,” said Congressman Griffith. “I urge eligible entities to consider applying for support from AMLER to aid their revitalization projects.”

Virginia Energy oversees the grant which comes from

the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement (OSMRE). The OSMRE has final approval over recommended projects. Proposed projects should have the greatest potential to achieve economic development goals in southwest Virginia’s coalfields and be proposed on land that includes features associated with coal mining that occurred before 1977.

Virginia Energy will receive applications through April 15, 2022. Applications and information can be found via the Virginia Energy website and should be submitted electronically to Tarah Kesterson at Tarah.Kesterson@energy.virginia.gov.

“We are already seeing the

job creation associated with 31 projects announced with these grant dollars over the last four years,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. “There is new business and growing opportunities in the industrial, agriculture, energy sectors as well as a boost in community development due to this AMLER program.”

“We are enabling land, once thought unusable, for new purpose and community enhancement,” said Virginia Energy Director John Warren. “This includes eliminating environmental risks as these projects also remediate negative legacy effects of historic coal mining.”

Virginia Energy received the

initial \$10 million in 2017 and has continued to receive that amount every year since. Those looking for places to propose projects can find an AML inventory on the Virginia Energy website that lists locations and features for each site. Virginia was one of six states chosen to receive \$10 million to develop Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites. This grant was part of the federal Omnibus Funding Bill. Projects completed with the funds will not only be designed to boost the economy of southwest Virginia’s coalfields but will also improve the environment.

Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor

USDA implements new labeling for genetically modified foods

Consumers will soon see new symbols and QR codes identifying genetically modified and bioengineered foods as the U.S. Department of Agriculture implements new labeling rules.

Food manufacturers, importers and certain retailers must now comply with the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard, which requires labeling foods that have been genetically modified. It also replaces the term genetically modified organism, or GMO, with bioengineered foods. These are defined as foods

that contain detectable genetic material that has been modified in a lab and cannot be found in nature or created through conventional breeding.

“The rule is a victory for both farmers and consumers who want transparency in food marketing,” said Ben Rowe, national affairs coordinator for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. “It provides clarity to the marketplace so consumers can make informed decisions on the issues that matter to them, and protects the innovation that is critical to the sus-

tainability and future of agriculture.”

Consumers will see text, symbols, QR codes, phone numbers and website addresses on foods that are bioengineered or contain bioengineered ingredients. They can visit the website, scan the QR code or make a phone call to learn more about the food and its ingredients.

Additionally, the standard establishes a national disclosure model that avoids a complicated assortment of state laws for bioengineered foods that impede movement of products, confuse

consumers and increase production costs, Rowe explained.

Bioengineered crops and foods are a vital part of today’s food system.

“Because of population growth, we need to use every tool in the toolbox to get higher yields,” said Lynwood Broaddus, a member of the VFBF Soybean & Feed Grains Advisory Committee. “Genetically modified crops are very important in that.”

Broaddus explained that both producers and consumers benefit significantly from bioen-

gineered foods, as they allow farmers to grow crops more efficiently and reduce the amount of inputs like insecticides and herbicides.

In addition, “when it comes to nutrition, there’s no difference” between bioengineered and non-bioengineered foods, Broaddus explained.

Only 13 crops and foods are available in bioengineered form, and more than 70 percent of harvested bioengineered crops are fed to food-producing animals.

“Billions of animals and millions of people

Submitted by Lynwood Broaddus

Up to \$1,500 in hiring bonuses announced

-Roanoke County Public Schools needs more than a dozen school bus drivers-



School bus drivers are needed for Roanoke County Public Schools. SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Roanoke County School Board has approved an incentive package for up to \$1,500 in bonuses for newly hired school bus drivers this school year. Currently, Roanoke County Public Schools needs to hire more than a dozen school bus drivers. The district also is looking to hire bus aides and substitute bus drivers.

Any new driver who is hired and holds a current Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) will receive a \$1,500 bonus after driving

for 90 days. New drivers who are hired and do not have a CDL will receive a \$1,000 bonus after completing their CDL training and driving for 90 days. New bus aides will receive a \$500 bonus. Drivers work a minimum of five hours each school day with a starting hourly rate of \$16.96 and are eligible for health benefits.

“No experience is necessary to become a school bus driver. We will provide all the training and help new drivers earn their

CDL,” said Kathy King, supervisor of transportation.

“School bus drivers are a critical part of our operation, and we are looking for some great people to join our transportation family,” said Dr. Ken Nicely, superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools.

- Submitted by Chuck Lionberger, Director of Community Relations for Roanoke County Public Schools

Lyons named Administrative Officer for Grants Administration at Virginia Western Community College



Shelley Lyons SUBMITTED PHOTO

Shelley Lyons recently joined Virginia Western Community College’s Office of Institutional Advancement as the Administrative Officer for Grants Administration. Lyons most recently was Grant Writer for Children’s Trust.

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Quicklook: Numbers 18:1-7

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OBITUARIES

Spruhan, The Reverend

John Halsey

The Reverend John Halsey Spruhan went to be with the Lord on February 5, 2022, at the age of 71 due to heart disease and complications of COVID-19. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, to John Galey Spruhan and Beatrice Teresa Halsey Spruhan on September 13, 1950. He attended school in Detroit and later graduated from Plymouth High School, just outside of Detroit.

It was there that he met his future wife Judy Bennett, and they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this May. John received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, and his Master's of Divinity from North Park Seminary in Chicago. He also attended Seabury-Western Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, for one year of Anglican studies.

After ordination as an Episcopal Priest, Father John served in churches in Chicago until 1997. In 1997, he and his wife Judy (also a priest) were called to the Rosebud Episcopal Mission in Rosebud, South Dakota, spending the best years of their lives among the Lakota people of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (Sicangu Lakota). They retired to Salem, Virginia, in 2010.

John was well-known in the Salem and Roanoke communities due to his many interests and his leadership roles in several community organizations. He served as the President of the Friends of the Salem Library (FOSL). He was



awarded the FOSL's Volunteer of the Year Award for the many hours he spent sorting and manning the tables during the library's annual book sales, usually in the religion and philosophy sections.

In January 2002, he received the Astronomical League Outreach Award for introducing the hobby of astronomy to others. He was also active at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, serving as the head of the Outreach Committee for several years, volunteering for Social Club and Family Promise. Until the COVID pandemic began, he volunteered regularly at Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet. He also led weekly religious services at the Virginia Veterans Care Center.

Father John was predeceased by his parents and a friend he loved as a sister, Nancy Smith Huffman. He is survived by his wife Judy, daughter Lydia, son Paul and his wife Bidtah, grandchildren Bahe and Tazbah Spruhan, and his two rapsallion cats, Catseiopeia and Connemara.

A private committal service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on February 11, 2022. Due to concerns regarding COVID-19, a service to celebrate the life of Father John will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Friends of the Salem Library, c/o the Salem Library, or to St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Committee.

Bowels, Walter Kelvin

Walter Kelvin Bowles, 82, of Smith Mountain Lake, passed away peacefully at home following a lengthy illness on Sunday, February 20. Kelvin was born in the Snow Creek area of Franklin County and attended Franklin County High School. After graduating, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force, including time in Tripoli, Libya.



It was while based at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey that he met his future wife, Jane. After returning home from service, Kelvin led a very accomplished life. He began a career in the cable television industry, founding Atlantic Metrovision Corp. and later Eastern Communications Associates. He built and operated more than 15 cable systems in various towns and counties throughout Virginia, and was, at one time, the largest independent cable television franchise holder in the state.

While running his company, he also found time for his passion in life, baseball. He began a successful side career as a professional baseball scout, where he worked for the Major League Baseball Scouting Bureau, Pittsburgh Pirates, Montreal Expos, Florida Marlins, and Boston Red Sox. He scouted for over 30 years, the highlight of which being in 1997 when the Marlins won the World Series. His World Series ring and trophy were among his most prized possessions. He was highly recognized for his ability to evaluate talent and he regularly operated clinics for young players in several states and coached minor league players at spring training for the Pirates.

In 1985, he purchased the Salem Professional Baseball Club, today known as the Salem Red Sox, which was then known as the Redbirds and later the Avalanche. He operated it for 21 years, during which time he served as Vice-President of the Carolina League and on the Minor League Baseball

Board of Trustees for eight years.

In 2001, he was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame for his contributions to the sport in the Roanoke Valley. Kelvin also served as a founding member of the board of directors of Franklin Community Bank for 13 years and on the Franklin County Economic and Development Commission. In 1996, he

was appointed by Virginia Governor George Allen to serve as chairman of the State Business and Education Commission.

In later years, he was also part of the ownership group of Conner-Bowman Funeral Home. Outside of baseball and business, one of Kelvin's hobbies in his younger years was flying; he earned an instrument-rated license and racked up over 2,000 hours of flight time. He also enjoyed spending free time on his farm in the Snow Creek area of Franklin County with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter J. and Nora G. Bowles; siblings Wilma, Thomas, Vance, Billy, Zella, Virginia, Pete, Evelyn, Leonard, Marie, and Judy; and several nieces nephews.

He is survived by his loving wife Jane; son Brian (Michelle) and grandsons that he cherished, Corey and Logan; and nieces and nephews Edward, LaVerne, Donna, Ray, Wayne, Dana, Nelson, Jeff, Rhonda, Roger, Randy, Renee, and Walter. The family would like to thank Cathy Foley for her help in caring for Kelvin during his illness.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. this Saturday from Conner-Bowman Funeral Home (Rt.220 Chapel) with Rev. Rick Wood officiating. Interment will follow in Mountain View Memorial Park. His family will be receiving friends Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Conner-Bowman Funeral Home, Rt. 220, 62 Virginia Market Place Dr., Rocky Mount, VA 24151.

McClure, Jewell Janney

Jewell Janney McClure, 90, of Salem, went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 18, surrounded by her loving family. Born May 20, 1931, in Roanoke to the late Theodore and Effie Lawrence Janney, she was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Malcolm Laurie McClure, Jr., as well as her sister, Myrtle Janney Beach.

Jewell was truly a jewel and adored by her family. Her creative spirit was reflected in her love of art and painting. She greatly enjoyed traveling, especially if it involved a sandy beach getaway. Christmas was always a special time during which she looked forward to having her whole family, and her sister's family, gathered together.

Above all, she adored her family and the time spent with them. She was es-



pecially proud of her first great-grandson - he is pure joy! Those left to treasure her memory are her son, Spencer L. McClure; daughter, Amber L. McClure; her only grandson, James G. Spradlin (of whom she was especially proud and who was to her, perfect in every way) and his wife, Camaryon; great-grandson, Malcolm Joseph Spradlin, as well as

nephews, Nestor Beach, Damon Beach, Jason Beach, and their families.

A service to honor and celebrate Jewell's life was held on Feb. 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home, in Salem, with Chaplain Roy Kanode officiating. Jewell will be privately laid to rest with her husband in Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke, Virginia.

Hostetter, Lena Mae Beckner

Lena Mae Beckner Hostetter, age 93, of Buchanan, Virginia, went to be with her Lord on Friday, February 11.

A native of Buchanan, she was the daughter of the late Leonard T. Beckner and Lucille Virginia Cash Beckner Taylor.

Lena had a passion for cooking and loved cooking for her friends. She worked at the Southern Inn Restaurant for over 40 years. Lena also loved singing and listening to music. You could often find her singing some of her favorite Country or Gospel music. During WWII, Lena was proud of her job making bullets and became a supervisor.

Surviving family members include loving daughter, Vida McCracken (Bob); sister, Dorothy Morris (Fred); grandchild-

dren, Shawn Taylor (Shelly), Stephanie Greenside (Ted); step-grandson, Matthew McCracken (Molly); great-grandchildren, Malachi and Cohen Taylor, Tesa, Trevor, and Sydney Greenside, Robert and Russel McCracken; special friends, Lorraine White and Irish Roessel; Many wonderful nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Tuesday, February 15, at John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home, 305 Roanoke Boulevard Salem, Virginia. The visitation period was from 11 a.m. to noon. The Celebration of Life began at 12 p.m. followed by a burial at Fairview Cemetery in Buchanan.

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

Critical employment claims backlog reduced by nearly 89 percent

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently announced a nearly 89 percent decrease in the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) backlog. This is the first step in the governor's day one game plan commitment to fix the VEC and put government to work for Virginians.

On day one, Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater, Chief Transformation Officer Eric Moeller, and VEC Commissioner Carrie Roth, launched Governor Youngkin's transformation initiatives at the VEC. The VEC's Executive

Team and agency staff focused on eliminating remaining backlogs and improving service and communications at the agency. As of January 15th, the backlog of employment separation reports have been reduced by nearly 89 percent from 246,273 to 27,728 and unpaid pending claims have been reduced from 24,887 to 15,846.

"Virginians deserve an unemployment insurance system that is responsive, efficient and customer focused," said Governor Glenn Youngkin. "On day one, my

administration launched the VEC transformation effort with an initial focus on reducing the backlog and we are starting to see encouraging initial results. We have a lot more work to do, but I want Virginians to know we are serious about making the VEC, along with all other state agencies, work for them."

"There is a tremendous amount of work to be done to refocus on our customers, the individuals and employers, and get them the resources they need. As an initial step,

our team is hyper-focused on tackling the remaining backlogs, doubling down on training and building a world-class employment services agency. This focus is already starting to pay off," said Virginia Employment Commissioner Carrie Roth.

"Eliminating backlogs is job number one," said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater. "We will spare no resource to get this work completed for Virginians who deserve an answer about their unemployment claim. I am proud of our team and their resolve

to see this through."

"Reducing backlogs is the critical first step as we fix VEC processes to help struggling Virginians that have been affected during the pandemic," said Chief Transformation Officer Eric Moeller. "We have started the process of transforming the Commission and begun delivering results for the Commonwealth."

Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor

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

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

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

Accumulation of too much snow or ice can result in tree limbs breaking and falling on homes, vehicles and power lines. Falling limbs also can result in collapsed roofs and other damage to homes, structures and vehicles. Melting snow and ice can cause flooding

of property and interior damage to structures even after a winter storm ends. Sub-freezing temperatures can lead to broken pipes both inside and outside your home.

"Plan ahead for seasonal and other hazards," said Virginia Insurance Commissioner Scott A. White. "Homeowners, renters and commercial property policies can protect you against many types of winter weather threats, but there are exceptions. Contact your insurance agent or company or the SCC's Bureau of Insurance to learn more."

To help reduce the risk of damage to your home and property this winter, the Bureau suggests the following:

- Remove dead, dying, diseased or broken tree limbs near your home and property.
- Remove debris from your gutters to help prevent ice dams and allow melting water to drain freely away from your home.
- Inspect your attic insulation and ventilation to ensure warm air stays in the living areas of your home and out of the attic. Keeping attic air cold can help minimize the freeze/

thaw cycle that causes ice dams, which may cause interior water damage to your home. Proper insulation of your home has the added advantage of helping save energy and may reduce your heating costs.

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

• Make sure fireplaces, wood stoves and electric heaters work properly. Additionally, keep combustible items away from heat sources.

Standard homeowners, renters and commercial property insurance policies provide coverage for damage to property caused by wind, snow, severe cold and freezing rain. Property damage caused by flooding typically is



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Legals - City of Radford

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF
VIRGINIA
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1;
8.01-316,-317, 20-104
Case No. CL21006521-00
Radford Circuit Court
619 SECOND STREET,
24141
KESSINGER, JOSEPH L.
v.
KESSINGER, PATRICIA G.
The object of this suit is to:
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FROM THE BOND OF
MATRIMONY
It is ORDERED that
PATRICIA G. KESSINGER
appear at the above-named
court and protect his/her
interests on or before
APRIL 5, 2022.

February 8, 2022
Angel Turpin
Deputy Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School
Board will hold a public
hearing for comment on
the FY 2022-2023 budget
on **Tuesday, March 8,
2022**. The hearing will begin
at 7:00 PM at the School
Administrative Office, 510
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Any citizen of Salem who
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Monday, March 7, in order
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Amie Blankenship
Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE

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SUCH CERTIFICATES
SHALL BE ISSUED.

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SALEM,
VIRGINIA:

Pursuant to the provisions
of Section 98-94 of The
Code of the City of Salem,
Virginia, the Council of the
City of Salem hereby gives
notice that at the regular
meeting of said Council to
be held on March 14, 2022,
at 6:30 p.m., in the
Community Room, Salem
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for the purpose of
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THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SALEM,
VIRGINIA

BY
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Legals - Montgomery County

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
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will be able to do so in a
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rights and responsibilities to
the child named in the
petition.
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Salem's Lewis win 55 dash, anchors winning relay team

The Salem boys were eighth and the girls were 10th at the Region 4D indoor track meet at Roanoke College Saturday. Western Albemarle's boys and girls swept the team titles at the Kerr-Creger indoor fieldhouse in Salem.

The Spartans won several championships. Peyton Lewis took first in the 55 dash in 6.47, a new personal record while posting the top time in the state in Class 4 this season and fourth in the nation among sophomores. Joshia Persinger, a freshman, was sixth in 6.69 which is tops in Virginia in Class 4 for freshmen and eighth in the nation for that age group. Eryn Hughes was 12th in a personal best time of 6.88.

Lewis, Persinger, Hughes and Dominic Wright combined to win the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:33.73, a personal best and the eighth best time in Class 4 this season.

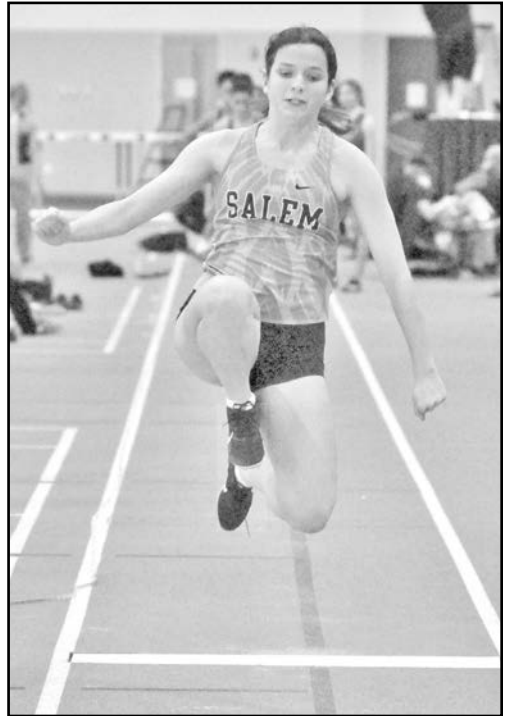
Jonathan Vernon took fifth in the 300 meters and joined Mitchell Taylor, Carter Black and Christopher Cole to take eighth in the 4x400 relay. Cole was seventh and Taylor was ninth in the 55 Hurdles while Black took 11th in the 500 meters at 1:16.75, the 10th best time this season in Class 4.

In the mile Tommy Henzey was 13th and Ty Hicklin took 17th. Henzey, Lance Toapanta, Francisco Banuelos-Alvarez and West Conner took seventh in the 4x800. Conner was 13th in the 1,000 meters and Toapanta was 15th.

In the field events Wright was sixth in the triple jump and 12th in the long jump. Dontay Davis took



Left, Salem's Eryn Hughes hands off to Peyton Lewis for the anchor leg of the 4x200 relay at last Saturday's Region 4D track meet at Salem. The Spartans won the race. Right, Marie Snyder triple jumps in the girls' meet.



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11th in the shot put with a toss of 37'9", the second best in Class 4 by a freshman. Nathan Bonds was 15th.

In the girls' meet Salem had several season best performances, Marie Snyder in both the 55 and 300 meter dash, Melissa Vinot in the 55 and 300 meter dash and Amanda Rothkopf in the 1000

meter run.

The girls' 4x800 relay team of Brooke Bowers, Blair Bowers, Lyndsy Rothkopf and Amanda Rothkopf qualified for the Group 4 State meet with a third place finish at the regional meet.

The Class 4 state meet is at Liberty University on February 28 and March 1.



Glenvar's Sydney Loder is up and over the bar in last Friday's Region 2C track meet at Roanoke College. Sydney won this event and two others.

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GHS girls 3rd, boys 4th

The Glenvar indoor track team played host to the Region 1C and 2C meets last Friday night at the Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse at Roanoke College. Appomattox swept both team titles while the Glenvar girls took third and the boys were fourth in Region 2C.

Sydney Loder won three events in the girls' meet, winning the 55 hurdles, the 300 meters and the high jump. Carly Wilkes won the 1,600 and the girls 4x400 relay team of Adrianna Hall, Delaney Eller, Wilkes and Loder took first despite all but Loder having swam in the state meet a day prior.

Taking seconds for the girls were Eller in the 500 and Joanna Killeen in the 1,000. Molly McCroskey took third in the 1,000 and fifth in the 1,600. Killeen was fourth in the 1,600.

For the boys, Daniel Zearfoss won the 3,200 and took second in the 1,600. Jackson Swanson won the 55 dash.

Zach Curfiss took third in both the 300 and 500 and teams with Nate Linkous, Colby Thompson and Connor Wilkes to take third in the 4x400 relay. Charlie Horrell, Wilkes, Aiden Woodie and Davis Norman were third in the 4x800.

Norman also took a sixth in the 1,000 and Thompson placed fourth in the 500 and sixth in both the 300 and triple jump.

"One of the things I love most about coaching track and field is the heart of each and every athlete," said coach Bekka Loder. "It's not easy to go out there and push your body hard every time you compete, but they do, even if they don't move on or medal. The reward is greater. It's the bonds you form, the smiles and sometimes the tears of putting it all on the track. This past week was no different, our Athletes worked hard and they pushed themselves like they have continued to do all season."

The next stop is the state meet at Liberty University on March 2nd and third.

RC women are 3rd seed in ODAC

The Roanoke College women are the third seed in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference basketball tournament, which will be held at the Salem Civic Center this week.

The quarterfinal round of the tournament will be held on Friday and the Maroons have the last game, taking on sixth seeded Lynchburg at 8 pm. The semifinals are at 6 and 8 pm Saturday and the final will be 3:30 pm Sunday in the second game of a doubleheader with the men's championship.

Washington & Lee is the top seed, but the Maroons are on a roll with four straight wins heading into the tournament, including an 84-66 win over the Generals in Lexington last week. Roanoke ended the regular season with a 20-5 overall record and a 15-3 ODAC record after pulling out a 66-63 win over Randolph College at the Cregger Center in Salem last Saturday.

The WildCats led throughout much of this game and were up six with four-minutes left to play. A steal and layup with just under 10-seconds to play by Whitney Hopson put the Maroons in front, 63-62. Randolph then hit one of two from the stripe and the game was tied with just seconds on the clock.

On the ensuing possession with three seconds on the clock Hopson drove the lane, drew the defense, and found Lauren Keel for the game winning bucket with .3 seconds remaining. Keel was also fouled and hit her free throw for the three point final margin.

Hopson was named the ODAC Player of the Week after scoring 28 points in the win over W&L and providing the late game heroics against Randolph, sealing the number three seed for the Maroons.

ODAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

First Round | Tuesday, February 22 | at #7 and #8 Seeds
 Game 1: #9 Guilford at #8 Hollins | 7:00 p.m. ET
 Game 2: #10 Ferrum at #7 Bridgewater | 7:00 p.m. ET
 Quarterfinals | Friday, February 25 | at Salem Civic Center
 Game 3: #1 Washington and Lee vs. Winner Game 1 | 1:00 p.m. ET
 Game 4: #4 Shenandoah vs. #5 Randolph | 3:00 p.m. ET
 Game 5: #2 Randolph-Macon vs. Winner Game 2 | 6:00 p.m. ET
 Game 6: #3 Roanoke vs. #6 Lynchburg | 8:00 p.m. ET
 Semifinals | Saturday, February 26 | at Salem Civic Center
 Game 7: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 | 6:00 p.m. ET
 Game 8: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 | 8:00 p.m. ET
 Championship | Sunday, February 27 | at Salem Civic Center
 Game 9: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 | 3:30 p.m. ET



Kasey Draper of Roanoke College scores in last week's game with Guilford.

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and the ODAC championship game is at 1 pm Sunday.

At Bridgewater Saturday the Eagles led by as many as eight in the first half, but the Maroons closed with a 17-9 run to go into the break tied, 33-33. Roanoke trailed 41-40 with 15-minutes left to play but would use a 15-3 surge over the next five-minutes of play to take control.

RC junior Kasey Draper came into the game needing eight points to become the most recent member of the Roanoke College 1,000-point club and finished with a game high 20 while Efoza U-Edosomwan recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Tripp Greene finished with 12 points.

The win gave the Maroons a final regular season record of 17-8 and an ODAC record of 9-7.

ODAC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

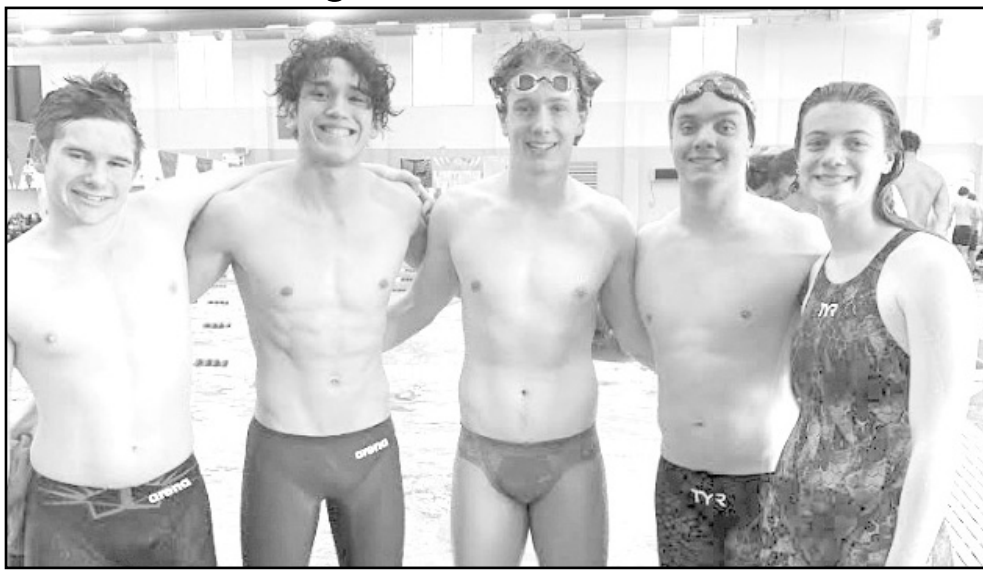
Quarterfinals | Thursday, February 24 | at Salem Civic Center
 Game 3: #1 Randolph-Macon vs. #9 Bridgewater | 1:00 p.m. ET
 Game 4: #4 Washington and Lee vs. #5 Roanoke | 3:00 p.m. ET
 Game 5: #2 Guilford vs. Hampden-Sydney | 6:00 p.m. ET
 Game 6: #3 Virginia Wesleyan vs. #6 Lynchburg | 8:00 p.m. ET
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Renee Alquiza of Roanoke College drives the baseline to score in Saturday's win over Randolph College.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem boys finish seventh in state Class 4 swim meet



Salem High state swim finalists, left to right; Zach Easter, Joren Poush, Hunter King, Boone Fleenor and Eliza Fleenor.

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Four Salem High boys scored 123 points to lead the Spartans to a seventh place finish in the Class 4 state championship at the Swim RVA pool in Richmond last week.

Hunter King finished fourth in the 50 Free and seventh in the 100 Free. He also set a new team record in the 50 Free, beating Logan DeWalt's time of 21.53 by going 21.43.

Boone Fleenor finished third in the 200 Free and eighth in the 500 Free while Zach Easter finished 14th in the 100 Back and 100 Fly. Joren Poush finished 11th in the 100 Free and the combined group of four took fourth in the 200 Free Relay and fifth in the 400 Free Relay.

Cole Bowen, John Atkins and Walker Peterson were also on the state swim team and they swam the 200 Medley Relay, placing 19th overall.

Eliza Fleenor was our only girl swimmer this year who went to state. She was 18th in the 200 IM and fifth in the 100 Breast, breaking the Salem High School Record from her sister by 1 second. Emma LaFountain was 6th overall in her diving competition.

Together the girls scored 26 points and were 21st out of 28 teams.

Western Albemarle High School won the boys VHSL Class 4 Championship meet with 409 points, which was 196 points ahead of 2nd place Blacksburg High School with 213 points. On the girls' side, Monacan High School had 316 points, compared to Jamestown High School with 278 points.

Records fall as Glenvar girls take 5th in state Class 2 meet

The Glenvar High girls swim team finished fifth in the VHSL Class 2 state meet at the Swim RVA facility in Richmond last week as Bruton High took the state title.

Glenvar won three events on the girls' side and also took a runner-up while setting a new school and state record. The Highlanders also had a new school record on the boys' side.

"We had a great state championship meet," said coach Shannon Hall.

The Swimming Highlanders took a team of 10 to the meet. Glenvar had qualified eight individuals and all three relay teams. After the morning preliminary session all had qualified for the evening finals.

The foursome of Natalie McMahon, Macy Westland, Delaney Eller and Kaylin Paitsel dropped three seconds off their entry time, swimming their fastest race of the season to finish 11th in the 200 medley relay. McMahon then dove back in the pool swimming the 200 freestyle where she qualified eighth. She swam her lifetime best picking up a spot finishing seventh.

Carly Wilkes became the second Lady Highlander to swim a lifetime best as she cruised to a victory in the consolation final of the 200 individual medley, giving her a 9th place finish and valuable



The Glenvar state swim team. Left to right; Zander Honaker, Kaylin Paitsel, Emily Gard, Adrianna Hall, Macy Westland, Delaney Eller, Claire Griffith, Natalie McMahon, Carly Wilkes and Connor Wilkes.

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points to the team.

In the girls' 50 freestyle Glenvar qualified three swimmers to the final 16. Eller swam her best time of the season, moving from 14th to 12th. Adrianna Hall moved from 10th to 9th, winning the consolation final and also swimming a season's best time.

Claire Griffith qualified second in the morning session but had the swim of the night, winning the state state championship with her lifetime best time of 24.33 and setting a new Class 2 state record held by former Highlander teammate Reese Dunkenberger, who is

swimming collegiately for Tulane University.

"Claire has been working all season on her technique and stroke to find some extra speed," said coach Hall. "The hard work paid off with gold medal around her neck."

Adrianna Hall swam a season's best time in the 100 butterfly, moving from 10th to 9th and again winning the consolation final.

The boys 100 freestyle was next with freshman Connor Wilkes breaking his own school record by 3.99 seconds and finishing runner-up in the event. For the girls, Griffith again qualified

second but, just like in the 50 freestyle, the hard work during the regular season paid off as she won the state title, swimming a lifetime best and pulling away in the final 25 yards.

Carly Wilkes dropped nearly 15 seconds off her qualifying time and finished runner-up in the 500 freestyle, swimming the fastest time of her career. About ten minutes later she and teammates Eller, Hall and Griffith won the state championship in the 200 freestyle relay, swimming their best time of the season while defeating top qualifier Nandua by nearly two seconds.

Connor Wilkes swam a personal record time in the 100 backstroke, finishing fourth in the state. Zander Honaker, in his only event, finished 12th in the 100 breaststroke.

"Our two boys, swimming only three events, finished 18th in the state of 29 teams," said Hall. "The boys worked hard all season and saved their best swims for the end."

The meet concluded with Carly Wilkes, McMahon, Hall and Griffith finishing third in the 400 freestyle relay. Senior Emily Gard swam a personal best split in the final race of her high school career,

helping the highlanders qualify for the race in the morning session.

Glenvar's girls finished with 185 points. Bruton won with 232, followed by Radford at 199, George Wythe at 197 and Nadua at 192. Region C teams won 15 of 24 events and 10 runners-up among boys and girls combined.

"Our boys and girls teams worked hard during the regular season to put themselves in position to be competitive at the region and state level," said Hall. "Given the results, their efforts paid off with another outstanding season of swimming."



Luke Kammerman (white jersey) of Roanoke College scored on this shot despite the efforts of two Catholic University opponents.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Big fourth quarter leads RC to lacrosse win over Catholic

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team finished strong to win their home opener over Catholic University last Saturday, 14-12.

The Maroons trailed 9-8 after three quarters but went on a 4-0 run to take the lead and outscored the Cardinals 6-3 in the final period. George Gilbert started and Luke Kammerman finished the 4-0 RC run as the Maroons were up, 12-9, with less than 10-minutes to go. After the lead was cut to two, Jay Frye scored and Gilbert completed his hat-trick and Roanoke was up four, 14-10, with 6:41 left on the clock.

Gilbert had three goals on seven shots with Luca Docking, Sean Kennedy and Salem's Wyatt Whitlow adding two scores apiece. John Dias caused five turnovers and picked up four ground balls while Matt Jahries was able to pick up eight loose balls. Taylor Lewis evened his record at 1-1 with 12 saves in goal.

Now 1-1, Roanoke travels to Maryland and the USA Lacrosse Hall of Fame to take on Dickinson this Sunday, February 27th.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC Laxwomen open at home today

The Roanoke College women's lacrosse team will open today when the Maroons host Southern Virginia at Kerr Stadium in Salem.

The Maroons return four all conference players from a 2021 season that would see the team post an overall record of 9-4, including 5-1 in ODAC play. Salem's Lilly Blair (50 goals) and Emerson Foster (46 goals) return for their senior season after both placing in the top five in the conference in goals. Fellow senior Claire Eisenhart joined her offense teammates as 1st team All-ODAC performers last year. Another defender, Natalie Mason, returns after earning second team all-conference honors in just her first season in Salem.

The Maroons were picked second in the conference in a poll of ODAC coaches behind only Washington & Lee.

RC baseball, softball home openers are Sat.

The balls will be bouncing in Salem this week as both the Roanoke College baseball and softball teams have their home openers.

The baseball team will play host to Susquehanna for a doubleheader Saturday at Salem Memorial Ballpark with the first game scheduled for noon and the nightcap at 3 pm. On Sunday the Maroons will host Franklin & Marshall at 12:30 pm.

The softball team will host Pitt-Bradford in a Saturday doubleheader, beginning at 1 pm. The Maroons were recently picked third in a preseason poll of Old Dominion Athletic Conference coaches.

Pitcher Jada Karnes will be back in the circle after earning 1st All ODAC, 1st team VaSID All State, and 3rd team All Region in 2021. The junior finished third in the conference with 14 wins and her 1.44 earned run average (ERA) ranked second in the ODAC as did her two saves. Karnes made 21 appearances and recorded 109 strikeouts in her 111 innings of work.

At the plate Roanoke returns a majority of a lineup that was responsible for an average of 5.43 runs per game last spring. Catcher Rachel Sirbaugh and infielder Makayla Ausitn are back after earning All ODAC second team honors last year.

Maroons host ODAC track this weekend

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held in Salem this weekend. Roanoke College will host the event on Saturday and Sunday at the Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse in Salem.

The ODAC announced their men's and women's Indoor track & Field Athletes of the Week on Tuesday afternoon and Roanoke College senior Xavier O'Brien was named Men's Track Athlete of the Week.

The Maroons traveled to Blacksburg to compete at the Virginia Tech Challenge on Friday and Saturday. In the 60m Hurdle Prelims, O'Brien posted the fifth fastest time when he crossed the line in 8.34, setting a new Roanoke College school record and earning a spot in the finals. In the eight-man final, O'Brien repeated his 8.34 effort to finish fifth in a field of seven other NCAA DI hurdlers. His final time was .10 of a second faster than the school record that he set in 2021. This season, O'Brien currently has the 2nd fastest time in the ODAC and ranks 27th nationally.

In the women's meet Hannah Snodgrass of RC set a new school record in the 60m with a time of 8.97 seconds. That time puts her 21st nationally and second in the ODAC.

Brian Hoffman



SALEMITES

Kelvin Bowles, who owned our local Carolina League baseball team for 21 years, passed away Sunday at the age of 82.

Local baseball fans will always appreciate what Kelvin did for baseball in Salem. The team was in



jeopardy of moving when he purchased the club and he gave the team stable leadership until he sold it to the Red Sox organization.

Kelvin loved baseball and it was a big part of his life. He coached Connie Mack and Babe Ruth senior league teams after

returning to Franklin County from playing ball in the Air Force. In 1975 he began his pro baseball scouting career with the Major League Scouting Bureau. He became a scout supervisor for Pittsburgh and Montreal and in 1992 he joined the Florida Marlins as a Master Scout. He was a pro scout for over 30 years and liked to flash his Marlins championship ring.

Bowles was a member of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame Board of Directors since its founding in 1991, and attended meetings regularly until coming down ill in the past year with myeloma. He served as Master of Ceremonies at the Hall of Fame banquet for many years and was a key member of the board. Kelvin was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002 and had one of the more memorable acceptance speeches.

Baseball fans in the area had a great friend in Kelvin and his passing is a big loss to fans of the game.

WILLIAMS CHOOSES BRIDGEWATER

Glenvar senior Dagan Williams has decided to continue his education at Bridgewater College and play football for the Eagles.

Williams was a first team all-state selection at wide receiver in Class 2 during the past season. He was the Highlanders most dangerous receiver. Dagan had six touchdown receptions in Glenvar's three playoff games and during the regular season against Radford he made a spectacular catch on the last play of the game for a stunning win over the Bobcats.



At Bridgewater he'll team up with receivers senior Viante Tucker from Salem and Tyler Gilliam, a junior from GHS rival Appomattox. Former Glenvar teammate Bradey Loder is a rising junior runningback for the Eagles.

A member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, Bridgewater finished 4-6 last year.

TAYLOR IS OFF TO A GREAT START

Lydia Taylor, a freshman softball player at Emory & Henry and a Glenvar High graduate, is off to a great start in her collegiate career.

In Lydia's very first game she was four-for-six with two home runs and seven RBIs in a doubleheader sweep of Mars Hill. After nine games she had six home runs, 17 runs batted in and 10 runs scored while batting .464. She's listed as an infielder but was a standout at several positions during her four years on the Glenvar varsity, including catcher.

Emory & Henry has been a member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference but the Wasps are in the process of moving to Division II. They'll be a member of the South Atlantic Conference beginning in the fall of this year.

DALLAS IS ALL-RRD

Salem High senior Tanner Dallas has been named to the All-River Ridge District first team in basketball.

Tanner averaged 20.8 points per game for the Spartans in the recently completed season, scoring 437 points in 21 games. That put him fourth among area players in the final regular season stats.

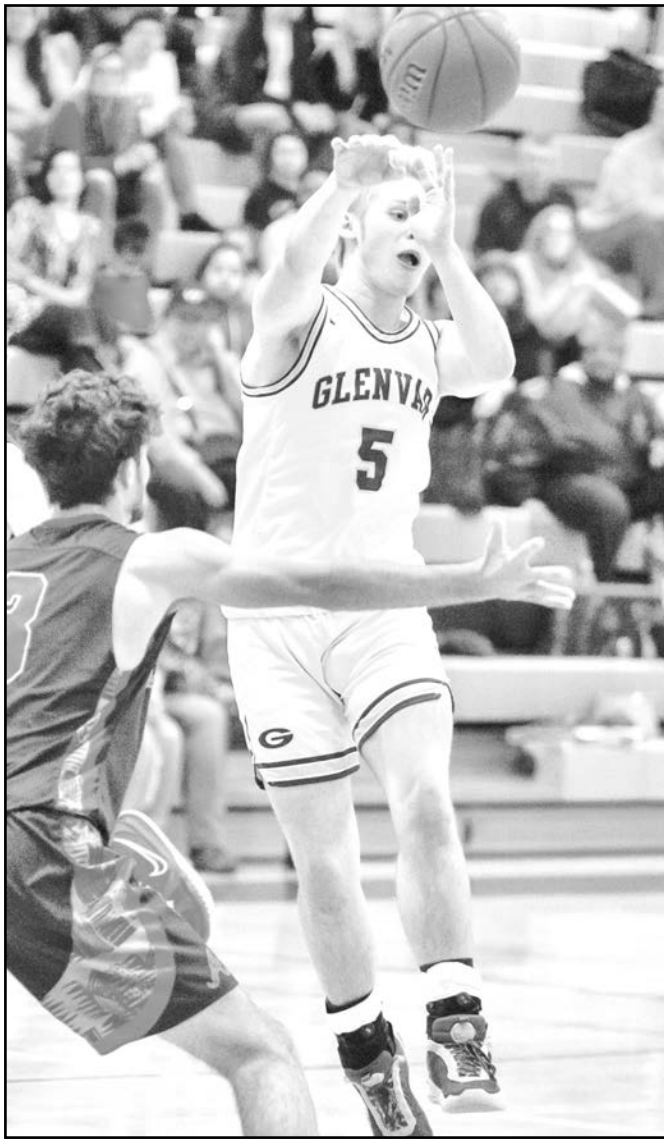
Dallas had the third highest number of votes for first team behind district Player of the Year Stark Jones of Cave Spring and Tyrique Taylor of Christiansburg. Owyn Dawyot, who



played for Salem through his junior year before transferring to Cave Spring, was also a first team selection with the seventh most votes on the eight-player first team.

Jacob Gruse of Cave Spring was named Coach of the Year. The district champion Knights had two players on the first team, two on the second team and two on the third team.

Alleghany upsets Glenvar in Region 2C



Glenvar's Christian Housh dishes the ball to a teammate in last Friday's game with Alleghany. PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

The third time was the charm for the Alleghany basketball team as the underdog Mountaineers come to Glenvar and pulled off an upset in boys' basketball last Friday night. Alleghany took a 72-58 win in the first round of the Region 3D tournament, ending Glenvar's season.

"Friday obviously didn't go the way we thought it would," said Glenvar coach Cliff Bordewisch. "Alleghany came out and played like a team that had nothing to lose. They played loose and were effective on both ends of the floor."

Glenvar trailed by three after the first quarter and 11 at the half, 33-22. The Highlanders got as close as seven points after intermission but couldn't catch up.

"They hit 10 threes against us and it felt like each one in the second half came at a crucial time," said Bordewisch. "We struggled to score for long periods of time against their zone and overall never found any offensive rhythm."

Gabe Ford led the Highlanders with 17 points while Stephen Barber and Aiden Alexander had 12 each and Christian Housh had eight. The loss ended Glenvar's season at 14-8.

"The overall of the season is that it is still kind of shocking that it ended where it did," said Bordewisch. "We didn't see it coming. It's part of the game, but I really feel for the six seniors who have done so much for me. I asked them for total buy in on what I'm trying to build and they never hesitated. This was a close knit group and it's tough knowing that I won't get a chance to coach them again. We will take a break and get back to it later in the spring."

The Region 2C semifinals and finals will be at the Roanoke College Cregger Center this week. Semifinals are set for 6 and 8 pm tonight and the finals are at 8 pm Friday.

GHS girls' season ends in Radford

The Glenvar girls' basketball team saw their season come to an end with a loss at Radford Monday night. The Bobcats beat the Highlanders, 59-42, in a Region 2C quarterfinal game.

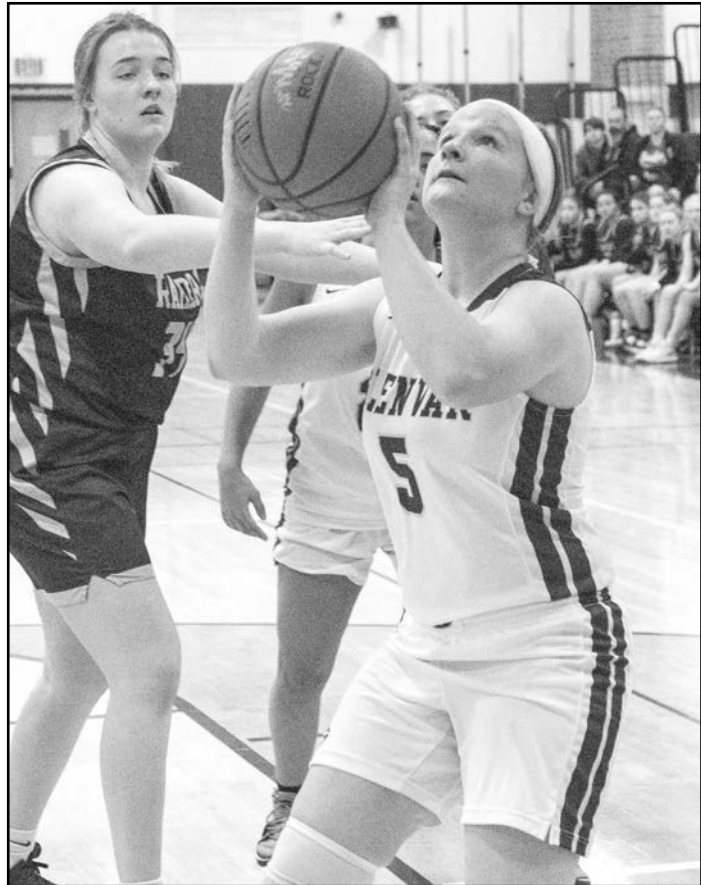
"We had four players out, not for COVID but for other things," said Glenvar coach Jeff Johnson. "We only had six play. I told the girls, 'we started with six and we're ending with six.'"

The Highlanders opened the tournament last Friday at home and fared better, defeating Appomattox County 49-26. Glenvar jumped to an 18-5 lead after the first quarter and was up 32-9 at the half.

Rhyan Harris led the Highlanders with 27 points. For the season Rhyan averaged just under 20 points per game while grabbing 9.7 rebounds and four steals per game. She shot 47 percent from the floor, including 35 percent from behind the three point arch.

Glenvar ended the season with a 10-14 overall record. The Highlanders will graduate four seniors, including starters Savana Luper and Sophie McCulley.

Meanwhile, the Region 2C tournament semifinals and finals will be held at the Roanoke College Cregger Center this week. The semifinals were scheduled for Wednesday and the finals will begin at 6 pm Friday in the first game of a doubleheader with the boys.



Glenvar senior Savana Luper is open for a shot in last Friday's win over Appomattox. PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

SHS girls fall to Comets in region hoops

The Salem High girls traveled to Halifax County to open the Region 4D basketball tournament last Friday night and that turned out to be the end of the line for the Spartans. The host Comets held off a fourth quarter Salem rally to take a 48-45 win.

Salem trailed 39-29 after three quarters but the Spartans put on a charge in the fourth quarter, outscoring Halifax 16-9. It was a valiant effort that came up a little short.

"We knew rebounding would be the key to winning this game and, unfortunately, we didn't hold our own on the boards, especially in the second and third quarters," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "The kids

showed a lot of heart and battled back from a double digit deficit to give ourselves a chance to win, but in the end we just didn't make quite enough plays."

Kennedy Scales scored 16 points for the Spartans and Myla Green had 13. The loss ended Salem's season at 15-9 under first year coach Jester.

"I'm proud of our team and what we accomplished this season," said Jester. "Our three seniors, Kennedy Scales, Brynn Bowen, and Neelah Logan, made significant contributions to help establish a winning culture in our program that we hope will carry forward to the future."



Pry makes good first impression at Rotary Club meeting

New Virginia Tech football coach Brent Pry spoke to the Salem Rotary Club last week and made a great first impression. Several Rotary Club members mentioned how impressive he was, including lifelong West Virginia football fan and WVU graduate Steve Hyer.

"He's a good guy," said Hyer. "They're lucky, he should do well. He said he lived in West Virginia. He's kinda like Frank(Beamer)."

Comparing him to Beamer is high praise, especially from a Mountaineer. Let's hope the results are equally "Beameresque."

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Above left, Glenvar's Chase Miller has Ethan Sneddon of Poquoson in dire straits during the state Class 2 170 pound final, and right Chase celebrates a 1:51 pin. Below, Glenvar's Trey Lawrence(right in photo) tangles with David Burks of Strasburg in the 145 pound championship match.

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Highlanders take fourth place in Class 2 state wrestling tournament

Miller is first GHS wrestler to win a state championship as a freshman

The Glenvar wrestlers finished fourth in the VHSL Class 2 state wrestling tournament at the Salem Civic Center last weekend, boasting one state champion and one runnerup.

Chase Miller, a freshman, won a state title at 170, Glenvar's first ever state championship for a freshman. Chase faced his toughest match of the tournament in the semifinals where he wrestled a senior and returning state place-winner from Union.

"That semifinal match was a big win for Chase and after that we felt very confident going into the finals," said Glenvar coach Jason Cline.

In the finals Chase made short work of his Poquoson opponent, Ethan Sneddon, with a 1:51 pin in the first period.

"As soon as Chase locked up that cradle in the finals, I could see it was over, he wasn't letting go of that one," said Cline. "Chase has put in a tremendous amount of work over the years, so I was really excited to see him get his first state title."

At 145 Trey Lawrence was the Highlanders other finalist. Leading up to the finals Trey had dominated every match of the tournament, but in the finals he faced a talented Strasburg wrestler, David Burks, who was a returning state place-winner. Burks

took a 2-1 win.

"The Strasburg wrestler was so defensive that we just couldn't find a way to score," said Cline. "It was a really close match. It's not very often you see a state finals match where the winner didn't score any points. They gave up one penalty point for locking hands and gave up one intentional escape point to start in neutral position and those were the only points his opponent had in the entire match. They had a really good season overall, and as a junior he's got one more shot at that State Title."

Taking thirds were River Smith at 113, Jake Cline at 132 and Ethan Flowers at 152. All three made it to the semifinal round before losing close matches. Cline came in undefeated and was the defending champion at 132 before losing in overtime in the semifinals. It was his only loss in the past two years.

Flowers also lost a semifinal match in overtime before wrestling back for third.

"Ethan had a very talented returning state finalist from Poquoson," said coach Cline. "The entire match was close but Ethan gave up a takedown at the end of the overtime period."

Smith dropped a close 5-2 decision to a Strasburg wrestler but battled back



to take third in the state for the second year in a row.

Alan Vu(106), Mason Hylton(120) and Ryan Kirby(126) also qualified for the state tournament. All three wrestled tough but came up short, losing two matches on Friday to be eliminated from the tournament.

"These guys were so close to making it to the podium," said Cline. "A point or two in some of those matches and any of these guys could have made it

to the medal rounds."

Glenvar finished the season 13-1 in dual matches and had over 300 individual wins on the season.

"This is a great group of kids. They put a tremendous amount of work into this sport and have grown into great wrestlers and great young men. In a few cases the cards didn't fall our way this weekend, but the good news is that all of these kids will be back next year."

Salem wrestlers are 18th among 50 on state Class 4 mats

The Salem High wrestlers ended up in 18th place out of 50 teams represented at the Virginia High School League Class 4 state tournament last weekend. Great Bridge won

the team championship with Sherando taking second.

Salem's best finish was a third place by Kyman Kinney at 138. After losing his first match to an opponent who ended

up taking second in the state

Kyman ripped off four straight wins in the consolation bracket to take third. He beat two foes who were region champs and two who were region runner-

sup. Kyman had pins in three of the four wins.

Other wrestlers coming up just short of medaling were Linkin Callahan, going 2-2. He beat the Region champ.

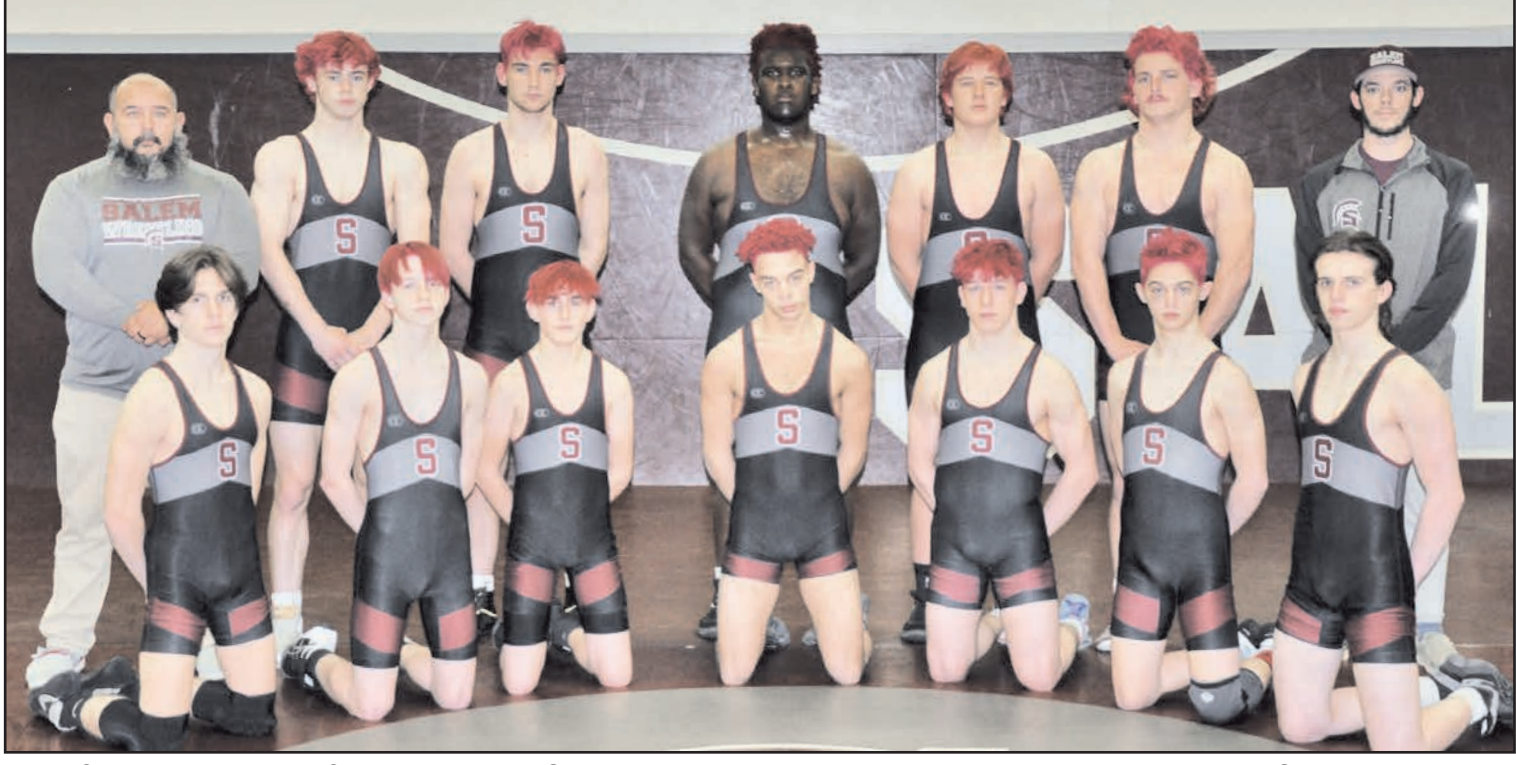
"This was a sweet victory, since that kid beat us two weeks ago, sealing the region title for Orange," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew.

Sam Miles was also one match away from placing, going 2-2. Ty Porter also won a match and was the lone Spartan to win in the first round, beating a kid who was a region runner up by fall.

"If you get a pin at the state tournament, it's a good day," said Van Liew. "He lost his next two, losing to the guy who took third, and then to the guy who took fourth. Both guys placed third and fourth last year as well."

Salem took 11 wrestlers to the tournament, the most in years.

"All of the young men wrestled to the best of where they are right now, I am very pleased," said Van Liew. "We have a lot of work to do in the off season, but these six freshmen saw a whole new level, and will come back prepared for next year."



These Spartans represented Salem at the state Class 4 wrestling tournament last weekend. Front, left to right: Caden Thomas, David Conklin, Braden Armes, Kyman Kinney, Avery Hall, Ty Porter and Haden Smith. Back: Coach Lawrence Van Liew, Matthew McNeil, Linkin Callahan, Reggie Brown, Jackson Bryie, Sam Miles and assistant coach Matthew Duncan.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Maroons open ODAC basketball tournament today against W&L

The quarterfinal round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference men's basketball tournament begins today with four games at the Salem Civic Center. Roanoke College will take on Washington & Lee at 3 pm.

The tournament Monday with two play-in games at home sites. Seventh seeded Hampden-Sydney beat 10th seed Shenandoah, 86-71, and in a mild upset ninth seeded Bridgewater beat eighth seeded Eastern

Mennonite in Harrisonburg, 85-74.

Roanoke comes in as the fifth seed after winning at Bridgewater Saturday, 67-58, in the regular season finale. The Maroons had lost their two prior games to Hampden-Sydney and Guilford but the win over Bridgewater guaranteed them a spot in Thursday's quarterfinals. Semifinals are at 1 and 3 pm Saturday

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