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Harveycutter recognized for shining a positive light

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Long-time Salem “cheerleader” Carey Harveycutter added one more award to his collection this week, when Salem City Council presented him with a diamond-shaped award for Meritorious Service.

Harveycutter recently received a Meritorious Service Award from the NCAA Division III Commissioner’s Association, and he was selected for induction into the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame.

He will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on April 24 in Charlottesville. Mayor Renee Turk read a prola-

mation noting that the lifelong Salem resident began his sports promotion career by wiping down seats and Kiwanis Field and sweeping floors at the Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center.

He eventually worked his way to the top by overseeing the main building on the hill along, Turk said, with Salem Memorial Ballpark and Salem Stadium. He director of Civic Facilities from 1980-2014.

Harveycutter was instrumental in the city’s decision to play ball with the NCAA, the mayor said. In 1993, the first Stagg Bowl was played in Salem and since that game, he has been




PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM

Salem Director of Tourism Carey Harveycutter, second from left was recognized Monday night by Salem City Council for shining a positive light on Salem. With him from left are Councilmember Randy Foley, Vice Mayor Jim Wallace, Mayor Renee Turk and Councilmembers John Saunders and Bill Jones

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Nationwide search leads to hiring of Tommy Miller as new Director of Economic Development

Tommy Miller has been named Director of Economic Development for the City of Salem, effective April 18. Miller was selected after a nationwide search identified him as a top candidate for the vacant post.

“We are excited to attract a candidate of Tommy’s caliber to Salem,” said Jay Taliaferro, Salem City Manager. “He has a great skill set and work-related experiences on many different levels. Plus, he has the enthusiasm needed to enhance Salem’s business and industry-friendly reputation.”

Miller comes to Salem after spending the past five years as a Senior Business Investment Manager for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. In this position, he was able to manage and lead various projects while cultivating relationships with individuals in state agencies, educational settings, existing businesses,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

In less than 35 days, Tommy Miller will begin his new role.

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PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Scott Souther explaining to Andrew Lewis Middle School students the proper techniques when trying to land a fish.

ALMS students learn stream etiquette from Big Lick Fly Fishing staff

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As the age-old adage goes, “give a person a fish, they’ll eat tomorrow, teach a person how to fish, you’ll feed them for a lifetime.”

On March 10, Andrew Lewis Middle School (ALMS) students got an opportunity to learn how to tie fly lures, handle differ-

ent types of fish and better understand stream etiquette from the staff at the Big Lick Fly Fishing Store in Salem.

Fittingly, several ALMS students asked questions to instructors Christian Miles and Scott Souther. After one teen broached the topic of which bait should they use, another asked about the proper stance technique.

“When you hold the lip at an angle and it’s pulling their jaws down, that can actually rip their muscles. They won’t die from that but if they can’t feed, they will eventually die,” Miles told them. “When you catch a bass, it’s okay to hook them, but only a certain way. I don’t ever like to

See [Fly Fishing](#), page 7

Salem native opens storefront in downtown Roanoke’s Crafteria

Toni Smith
Contributing writer

Sierra Sallah, the owner of Southwest Native, opened the doors to her storefront on March 10. The Maker’s Market welcomed the shop to the Crafteria with a large crowd of excited customers. The public was invited to

celebrate the ribbon cutting with cupcakes while browsing the large range of handmade jewelry, clothing and classic accessories with a modern flare.

The store features pieces from Sallah and many other talented artisans.

“Southwest Native was founded with the help of 12 experi-

enced and incredibly talented designers,” she said. “Nine of our 12 designers are trustworthy women-owned businesses; seven designers solely craft handmade pieces; and over half of our designers are well-established and resourceful in pledging to social causes for the better good of every one of us. As we grow, we will

expand our design partners.”

Southwest Native also organizes a Cause + Effect campaign where each month the store has a special piece that is selected for exclusive purchase. For each exclusive purchase, \$10 will be donated to a local organization. Past campaigns included Blue Ridge Literacy and Angels of As-

sisi. This month, Southwest Native is partnering with the Blue Ridge Women’s Center.

Southwest Native is located at 16 West Church Avenue SW Roanoke, Virginia 24011. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



PHOTOS BY DANA MABRY

Sierra Sallah and her daughter, Ana, cut the ribbon to her storefront, Southwest Native.



The store welcomed a large crowd of customers to its grand opening.



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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, of seasonal greens and more.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 17

The Annual Business Awards Breakfast at the Salem Civic Center is the Chamber's most celebrated event. They honor our local heroes, community members, and winners of our small and large business, regional business, and non-profit organizations of the year. A full breakfast will be served. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, grab a coffee or mimosa from the beverage bar, and connect with other Chamber members from 8 to 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Platinum-selling and award-winning artist Travis Tritt is bringing his classic country sound back to the Salem Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Tritt is certainly no stranger to Salem and the region's country music fans. He played the arena in 2015 and a year earlier, he performed in front of more than 11,000 fans at the 2014 Blue Ridge Music Festival at Salem Stadium.

The Georgia native has won four CMA awards, two Grammys and sold over 30 million records in his illustrious career. Since 1989, Tritt has put 39 of the 40 singles he's released on the country charts. Five of those hits, including "Help Me Hold On" and "Can I Trust You with My Heart" landed at number one, while 15 others charted in the top ten.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

The Roanoke Rampage is a Police and Fire Football Team exists to raise money for local charities. The Roanoke Rampage has chosen "The West End Center" as their main charity of choice. Monies raised go to directly support these local organizations. Additionally, the players feed kids who live in the inner city of Roanoke. The players also are active in other local charities and organizations and help yearly with the Christmas party for MHP Special Families of the Roanoke Valley. Playing football is fun, but the heartbeat of the organization is to raise money for local charities. The action begins at 3 pm at the Salem Stadium.

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged Feb. 22-March 7. 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:

Feb. 22 – Julia C. Lovelace, 53, unauthorized use of vehicle; Frederick L. Haibon, 40, public intoxication; Alyson M. Hicks, 29, possession of controlled substance; John A. Wagner, 31, obstructing justice; and Tyler

A. Crandall, 29, possession of controlled substance.

Feb. 23 – John G. Wiley, 30, possession of controlled substance; Jacob P. Lindamood, 25, contempt of court; Tara F. James, 42, violation of probation; and Kristi L. Gonzales, 52, domestic assault and battery.

Feb. 25 – Holly C. Raines, 37, contempt of court; Timothy D. Harman, 40, DUI; and Saintmelus Gesnol Jr., 33, failure to appear.

Feb. 26 – Matthew M. Malenick, 35, public intoxication; Eric R. Hickman, 50, possession of controlled

substance; and Bradley M. Smith, 23, failure to appear.

Feb. 27 – Sean C. Stump, 52, uttering, failure to appear, obtain goods by false pretense

Feb. 28 – Victoria L. Kessler, 28, public intoxication; and Joshua B. Graham, 26, failure to appear, violation of probation.



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Taxi owner asks for Council’s help in state law changes

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

The owner of a Salem-area cab company that was the first to have a driver ticketed for using what a new law considers a “personal communication device” asked for help from Salem City Councilmembers in getting the attention of state legislators to change the law.

Bennett E. Early Jr., operating manager of B. Early, was granted a renewal of his 12-month license to provide service in Salem, during Monday night’s Council meeting.

First, though, he asked for assistance in getting to state lawmakers to consider a change in the

new law that cripples his drivers, Early said.

The cell phones used for dispatching and pick-up calls by the company under Zello are not personal ones, he pointed out, but under the new law are considered the same as individuals’ cell phones.

The owner of the other taxi service operating in Salem, Daniel S. Reid of Reid Taxi, was not present at the public hearing but his license was also approved for another year.

Said he had not been able to reach his House of Delegates’ member or the state attorney general.

After Early pleaded his case, Mayor Renee Turk explained local

governments do not have any say-so over state legislators or laws.

Councilman John Saunders told Early he would personally contact House of Delegates’ member Joe McNamara and Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares.

Early had told Council his company was the first in the state to have a driver ticketed for using his communication device. The case was heard in General District Court and is being appealed, Early said.

“It’s a state-wide problem,” he added.

“My drivers are not keen on coming to Salem because they are afraid they will get a ticket,” Early said.

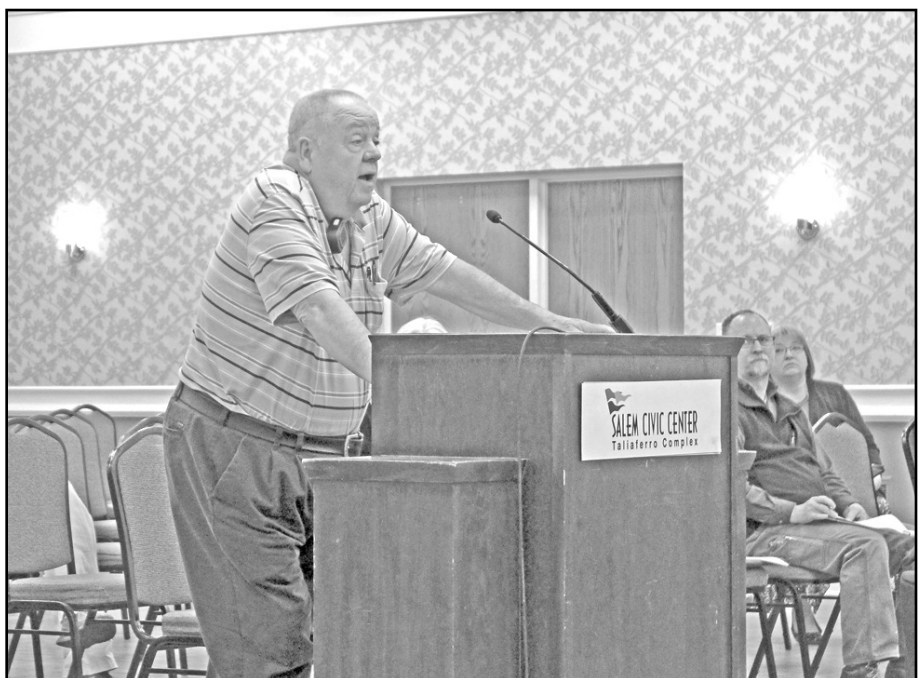


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Bennett E. Early, owner of B. Early Cab Service, was granted another 12-month license to operate in Salem.

Commonwealth’s unemployment rate held steady at 3.3 percent in January

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently announced that Virginia’s unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.3 percent in January, while total nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 4,900 jobs. The Commonwealth’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.3 percent is 1.5 percentage points below the rate from a year ago. The labor force increased by 16,461 to 4,277,757, as the number of unemployed residents decreased by 1,892 to 139,261. The number of employed residents rose by 18,353 to 4,138,496. Virginia’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate, which rose from 3.9 to 4.0 percent in January.

The Commonwealth’s labor force participation rate

increased slightly by 0.3 percentage points to 62.9 percent in January. The labor force participation rate measures the proportion of the civilian population age 16 and older that is employed or actively looking for work.

“My administration is committed to boosting economic growth, creating jobs, attracting businesses, and lowering the cost of living for all Virginians,” said Governor Youngkin. “One of our top priorities is ensuring that Virginia’s economy serves and benefits Virginia’s workers, businesses, and families alike.”

“The economic growth that we have seen in recent months slowed slightly in January, but that’s no cause for worry,” said Secretary of Commerce and

Trade Caren Merrick. “Our unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate, and our labor force participation rate rose to 62.9 percent last month. We’re confident that our business and worker friendly policies will continue to spur economic growth throughout the Commonwealth in the months ahead.”

“We see plenty of good signs for Virginia’s economy,” said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater. “In recent months we have seen employers across the Commonwealth, and the nation, struggle to find and retain quality workers. We must work together with our workforce development partners to ensure that workers in Virginia have access to training and resources necessary to fill these positions.”

From January 2021 to January 2022, the VEC estimates that establishments in Virginia gained 89,800 jobs, an increase of 2.3 percent. In January, the private sector recorded an over-the-year gain of 83,400 jobs, while employment in the public sector gained 6,400 jobs. Compared to a year ago, on a seasonally adjusted basis, eight of eleven major industry divisions experienced employment increases while three saw employment decrease. The largest over-the-year job gain occurred in leisure and hospitality, up 46,200 jobs (+13.7 percent). The next largest over-the-year job gain occurred in professional and business services, up 17,700 jobs (+2.3 percent). Other job gains occurred in trade and transportation

(+10,700 jobs), education and health services (+7,800 jobs), and government (+6,400 jobs). Within government, only local government saw an increase in employment (+11,100 jobs) while state (-4,500 jobs) and federal government (-200 jobs) both lost jobs over the year. The largest job decreases over the year occurred in manufacturing which lost 2,800 jobs (-1.2 percent). Other employment losses occurred in construction (-1,700 jobs) and finance (-1,600 jobs).

For more details, visit the Virginia Employment Commission’s website at vec.virginia.gov

Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor

February 2022 general fund revenue collections support revised forecast

Governor Youngkin recently announced that February revenue collections support the revised general fund forecast issued last month. Total general fund revenues fell 1.2 percent in February compared to last year’s unusually large number, as more refunds were issued this February due to last year’s delayed opening to the refund-processing season. February is not considered a significant month for revenue collections. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, total revenue collections rose 13.6 per-

cent, ahead of the annual forecast of 9.2 percent growth.

“This revenue report supports the mid-session forecast, and reinforces the need for us to cut costs on families and strengthen Virginia,” said Governor Youngkin. “We have strong revenue forecasts that can fund tax cuts. With the highest gas prices on record and the highest inflation rates in decades, we have to provide relief for Virginians and we have the revenues to do it now.”

“This month provided no surprises since we an-

nounced the mid-session forecast last month. The key to the general fund revenue forecast remains the 4th quarter when individual income tax final payments are due on May 1,” said Secretary Cummings. “I am closely watching nonwithholding collections given its connection to a volatile stock market. However, I am confident that the revised revenue estimate provides sufficient cushion to meet the forecast.”

Collections of payroll withholding taxes decreased 1.3 percent in Feb-

ruary. Collections of sales and use taxes, reflecting January sales, rose 7.9 percent in February. February receipts include January post-holiday sales and gift card purchases, completing the holiday shopping season, however the severe winter weather could have delayed some purchases. The main tax return filing season began in February; the Department of Taxation issued \$280.1 million in refunds compared with \$217.0 million in February of last year. Through February, 595,000 refunds were processed compared

with 486,000 last year.

On a year-to-date basis, collections of payroll withholding taxes – 56 percent of General Fund revenues – increased 9.7 percent ahead of the annual forecast of 9.0 percent growth. Sales tax collections – 17 percent of General Fund revenues – increased 14.8 percent through February, ahead of the annual forecast calling for an 11.4

percent increase. Recordation taxes advanced 0.5 percent on a fiscal-year-basis, ahead of the 4.3 percent decline in the annual forecast. Total revenues rose 13.6 percent through February, ahead of the annual forecast of 9.2 percent growth.

Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor

Harveycutter

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the game manager for 75 NCAA D-III championships.

In addition, Virginia’s Championship City is known as one of the VHSL’s go-to venues for state championships in basketball, football, volleyball, wrestling, and the Spring Jubilee, the mayor noted.

Harveycutter and his staffs have hosted and assisted with over 30 VHSL district and regional championships over the years, she said.

He acknowledged the award was not just his, saying “I have been upheld by so many people,” and particularly focused on all the athletes who played here over the years.

In other matters March 14, Council:

Passed an amendment to the City Code regarding the way site plans are reviewed. A public hearing was held Jan. 22, and the item continued.

Passed a change to the subdivision code regarding the way those are reviewed. It was a 4-0-1 vote, with Vice Mayor Jim Wallace abstaining. He explained he had reservations about the change, mentioning that the “Perception of citizens may have that the change would benefit one subdivision.”

Heard citizen comments from two: John Breen and Cynthia Munley. Breen’s topic was “Whatever happened to 12-13-21?” He asked, “Why doesn’t Council put items brought up by citizens on an agenda, and vote them up or down?”

That would allow citizens to know the status of what is brought to Council.”

Munley asked Council

to respond “appropriately and meaningfully to citizens concerns brought to leaders.”

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Sad Tales ~

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

Cleaning out recently some books I once loved but will not read again, I came upon three for reflection. When I have occasionally done a review in these columns of some favorite novels of the past, readers have responded that they too remembered.

These three, "This Above All," "The Cruel Sea" and "The Confessions of Nat Turner," have the common theme of endings, sad but realistic for their times. Being Lent, a time of penitence and reflection observed in some denominations, it may be appropriate to learn of these tales of a somber mood.

Their settings of World War II in England and on the high seas and in pre-Civil War Southside Virginia draw them into our own times of fears about a possible war in Europe and a reminder of a frightening event from the days when slavery was a way of life in the settled parts of the United States south of the

Potomac River and east of the Mississippi. I first read them in three eras of my own life: early teens in Orange, Virginia; early married life in Petersburg, Virginia, and late mid-life in Salem, Virginia.

Here's a bit about the three. In my childhood in the Piedmont, the sole means for my single mother and me to learn of world happenings was the daily newspaper. An early edition of "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" arrived in our RFD mailbox each weekday morning. It often contained a serialized popular book of the times.

There, I first read a contemporary novel, "This Above All" by a British writer, Eric Knight. Later, I bought the book with a 1941 copyright date. It was one of my first adult novels; the sex scenes were largely lost on me at the time, but later the power of the story returns even today.

It covers about four months of the spring of 1940 when London was under the blitz of Nazi Germany, and Adolph Hitler sought to break the will of the British people never conquered for more than 1,000 years. The

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

scene is set with people living on the English Channel coast hearing the guns in France some 30-miles away.

The reader then meets a young English woman, Prudence Cathaway, who is newly enrolled as a female soldier. She's the daughter of a famous London surgeon and accustomed to her place in the upper-middle class.

Near London she meets Clive Briggs, a deserter from the British Expeditionary Force, which has been conveyed home across the Channel after the defeat at Dunkirk. Drawn together in the dark, the inevitable takes place; Prue tells her new lover that she has a week's leave, and they decide to take it at a Channel hotel.

During the days and nights they spend there, Clive tells Prue at length of his experiences as the British Army retreated to escape

at Dunkirk. He also reveals his working-class childhood to her as they make love.

Back in London by telephone, Prue informs Clive that she's pregnant; he tells her he's going back to the Army. Before this can happen, Clive is seriously hurt as a bombing raid causes a wall to collapse on him. Prue's father cannot save him.

To complete this tragedy, the author Knight was himself killed in the war.

The second book, "The Cruel Sea," I gave to new husband Charlie when we were in our first year of marriage in a Petersburg apartment. He had served more than two years in the North Atlantic and had told me of his love of the sea even in the fearful storms that often ravaged the area near Iceland when he handled torpedoes in the U.S. Navy.

This book by British author Nicholas Monsarrat is about a group of seamen on the H.M.S. Compass Rose and their years of fighting the Atlantic and the Germans. It draws well the characters of young seamen and toughened officers and has its own love story with the focus on

Lockhart; he's gone to sea after a fading marriage. The promise of a new life with Julie Hallam is lost when at war's end, he returns home to find that she has died.

And finally, in "The Confessions of Nat Turner," Newport News writer William Styron offers a fictionalized account of a frightening historical event that took place in 1831. An educated slave, Nat Turner, maintained that he received a message from God to lead an effort to free his people.

Turner and his band of brothers succeeded in stabbing and axing to death dozens of Southampton County white slave owners; after raping and then murdering a young white woman in a cornfield, he and other leaders were captured and hanged. Styron's limited records reveal that Turner's body was mutilated for souvenirs.

This horrifying tale dates from 1966. In a preface, Styron explains that he drew heavily on Nat Turner's own account of why and how the rebellion came about. As Turner predicted, the event inspired terror of whites for Blacks.

Column correction

In last week's Give Light column, Mrs. Frances wrote about the Spruhans' daughter suffering from a chronic mental illness. While certainly no malice was intended, this negatively impacted her loved ones and some in the community. More

due diligence should have been applied when dealing with such a sensitive issue and will be moving forward. The Salem Time Register sincerely apologizes to anyone who was impacted by the words in last week's column.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Citizens for Peace in Ukraine (CPU) - an offshoot of Plowshare Peace members - invites concerned citizens who want to see a cessation of hostilities in Ukraine to a series of roundtable discussions. These "Peace Talks!" roundtables are at the Salem Library with U.S. foreign policy experts. Learn a more honest narrative about the origins of this war that align with history and facts - not "unprovoked" - a White House talking point that the U.S. Press is endlessly repeating that fails to enlighten the public. Bring your insights and questions to this informative meeting this

Thursday, Saint Patty's Day at 5:00 p.m., with the rest of the evening to celebrate the Irish afterward.

We do not need another endless war that only benefits the U.S. militarily industrial complex (first warned about by President Dwight Eisenhower) currently using Ukrainians as the collateral damage to serve the U.S. geopolitical goal of trying to extend its post-World War power and leadership beyond the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The U.S. military record and the current hot war in Ukraine demonstrate that the U.S. should forfeit a world leadership role that is creating insecurity for all with the entire world now in the bullseye of a

potential nuclear confrontation.

This out-of-control and deliberately provoked Ukraine War only demonstrates that the U.S. policymakers fail to recognize the current need to unite in fighting the existential global warming threat now sidelined by this war along with Biden's domestic goals when the only point of view we get from our press is the unsupported which clouds the U.S. provocation.

Please attend to learn more and hold our U.S. elected leaders accountable.

- Cynthia Munley, Organizer for Peace Talks!

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New Administration in Virginia, Youngkin approval at 50 percent, Partisan divide remains among Virginians

Roanoke College Poll

Conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College interviewed 605 adult residents of Virginia between Feb. 7 and Feb. 16, 2022, in a survey addressing topics such as the recent executive actions

by Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin, feelings about personal freedom versus health and safety, COVID vaccination, and general feelings about current and former elected officials. The survey has a margin of error of 4.8 percent.

Approvals, Favorable/Unfavorable, Direction of VA, Country

Almost two months into his term as governor of Virginia, Glenn Youngkin registers a 50 percent approval rating while 41 percent disapprove. While the percentage of Virginians that disapprove of the way he is handling his job is larger than disapprovals for former Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (38 percent disapprove in August 2021), Youngkin's approval rating hovers near Northam's approval ratings for 2021 (52 percent in August, 47 percent in May, 49 percent in February).

Approval of President Joe Biden's job is at a low, 41 percent with 53 percent disapproving, since he took office, according to the Roanoke College Poll. Disapproval of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job remains high, at 72 percent with only 21 percent approving. That for the Virginia General Assembly is 44 percent approving, with 37 percent disapproving, similar to results when last asked in August of 2021.

About 46 percent of Virginians have a favorable view of Gov. Youngkin, with 42 percent having an unfavorable view. Lt. Gov. Winsome Sears holds a 30 percent favorable and 33 percent unfavorable rating, with 35 percent of respondents not knowing enough about her to have formed an opinion. Attorney General Jason Miyares has a 24 percent

favorable and 34 percent unfavorable rating, with 41 percent of respondents not being able to form an opinion at the current time. Former Gov. Northam holds a 41 percent/44 percent favorable/unfavorable rating (down from 54 percent/39 percent in September) while President Biden's ratings are 43 percent favorable and 52 percent unfavorable. This marks the first time in the Roanoke College Poll where a majority of Virginians have an unfavorable view of Biden. Former President Donald Trump has a 37 percent favorable and 56 percent unfavorable rating among Virginians, virtually unchanged since October.

When asked about the country, 29 percent of Virginians say that things are going in the right direction while 67 percent say that things have gotten off on the wrong track, which compares similarly to Virginians' viewpoint in November. Regarding the Commonwealth itself, Virginians are split, with 47 percent saying things are going in the right direction and 47 percent saying things have gotten off on the wrong track.

Masks, Vaccination Requirements, Personal Freedom, Executive Orders On the day of his inauguration, Gov. Youngkin's second executive order aimed to place the decision about mask-wearing in schools in the hands of students' parents. Roanoke College Poll found that 46 percent of Virginians strongly or somewhat agree with this executive order while 52 percent disagree. Approval is high (82 percent) among Republicans but lower among Democrats (21 percent) and Independents (41 percent).

We asked respondents whether school districts or the Commonwealth should be setting mask mandates. About 56 percent of Virginians say that "local school districts should set mask requirements for themselves" as opposed to 37 percent saying "Gov. Youngkin and the state government should set mask requirements for local school districts." Preference for local school districts setting mandates was among the lowest partisan divide in our poll, with 45 percent of Republicans and 61 percent of Democrats preferring school district choice.

The governor's second executive directive, also issued on Inauguration Day, removed the vaccine mandate for all state employees. Virginians were divided on the issue, with 51 percent strongly or somewhat agreeing and 46 percent strongly or somewhat disagreeing. Among Republicans, 84 percent had some degree of agreement, while just 23 percent of Democrats did. Overall, just over half (51 percent) of Virginians approve of Gov. Youngkin's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic while 44 percent disapprove.

We asked respondents to place themselves on a scale with personal freedom on one side and health and safety on the other. About 38 percent of respondents expressed some degree of balance toward personal freedom while 37 percent balanced more toward health and safety. Roughly 22 percent placed themselves "solidly in the middle" between the two sides. The balance toward personal freedom is higher (62 percent) among

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of footwear

5. Studies a lot all at once

10. Adventure story

14. Hundred thousand

15. Former U.S. Vice President

16. Ruler

17. Indian city

18. Similar

19. Ship as cargo

20. Volcanic craters

22. Boxing's "GOAT"

23. Bullfighting maneuvers

24. London soccer team

27. Score perfectly

30. No (Scottish)

31. SoCal hoops team (abbr.)

32. Woman (French)

35. Unwanted attic "decor"

37. Peter Griffin's daughter

38. Broad, shallow crater

39. Large instruments

40. Low bank or reef

41. _____ and Venzetti

42. Oil group

43. Father

44. Aggressive men

45. Pairs well with green

46. Travelers need it

47. Digital audiotape

48. Midway between northeast and east

49. Chemistry descriptor

52. S. China seaport

55. Sound unit

56. Heavy cavalry sword

60. Thick piece of something

61. Spa town in Austria

63. Boyfriend

64. Norse personification of old age

65. Type of box

66. Tie together

67. Fiber from the coconut

68. Chicago mayor

69. Old English letters

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of sauce

2. Pattern of notes

3. Plant with long seedpods

4. Map out

5. Numbers cruncher

6. Make a mental connection

7. Italian tenor

8. N. America's highest mountain peak

9. Witness

10. Arabic given name

11. Music awards

12. "The Immoralist" author

13. Area units

21. Units of loudness

23. Political action committee

25. Bar bill

26. Witch

27. A theatrical performer

28. 2-door car

29. _____ and flowed

32. Papier-____, art medium

33. City in Georgia

34. Irregular

36. College sports conference

37. Angry

38. Partner to cheese

40. S. American mammal

41. Self-immolation by fire rituals

43. Split pulses

44. Disfigure

46. Cow noise

47. Erase

49. Chadic language

50. Reward for doing well

51. Paid TV

52. Millisecond

53. Other

54. Colombian city

57. Necklace part

58. Every one of two or more people

59. Regrets

61. They come after "A"

62. Horse noise

Poll

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Republicans when compared to Democrats (26 percent) and Independents (32 percent).

COVID Vaccination

The percentage of adult Virginians fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or awaiting their second dose remains near 77 percent, while just three percent say they plan to start vaccination soon, according to The Roanoke College Poll. These numbers remain unchanged from similar results in September (78 percent fully or partially vaccinated and two percent planning to start soon) when both polls' margins of error are considered. The percentage of adults who state they do not plan to get vaccinated (18 percent now, 13 percent in November, and 11 percent in September) increased slightly.

Among those adults fully vaccinated, 61 percent have received a third dose or booster shot (an increase from 24 percent in November), another 23 percent plan to get another shot soon, and 16 percent do not plan to receive another dose (down from 22 percent in November).

Results regarding being fully vaccinated continue to differ greatly when political party is considered. Democrats report full or partial vaccination at 89 percent

with just five percent not planning to get a shot; for Republicans, those numbers are 67 percent and 28 percent. Regarding booster shots, 89 percent of Democrats have or plan to get an additional dose of vaccine with only ten percent not planning to do so. Republicans have a slightly lower rate of booster dose interest (82 percent) and slightly increased rate of reporting no plans to receive an additional shot (18 percent). Unlike in November (interest 67 percent, no plans 37 percent), vaccinated Republicans now show similar interest to vaccinated Democrats in booster shots.

Analysis

"It is not a surprise at all that many issues and opinions across the Commonwealth continue to be affected by partisanship and that mask wearing, vaccination, and other topics divide along party lines," says Dr. David Taylor, director of IPOR. "Opinions regarding elected officials are also not a surprise, as a drop in President Biden's job approval and favorability rating mirrors ratings at the national level, and relative newcomers to statewide prominence, Lt. Gov. Sears and Attorney General Miyares, have yet to reach a good proportion of

Virginians."

"There is some worry among Virginians about the direction of the Commonwealth, as fewer residents feel that our state is heading in the right direction," Taylor said. "While Youngkin maintains a 50 percent job approval rating and 51 percent approval of his pandemic handling, a slight majority disapproves of his executive actions that removed mask mandates in schools. By an almost 20-point margin, Virginians believe the authority to set mask mandates should be left with the school districts themselves and not with the Governor's office or state. In most cases, opinions of Virginians are more extreme when combined with a respondent's political party, but even almost a majority (45 percent) of Republicans favor local school districts setting policy."

"The story about vaccination for COVID-19 remains mostly unchanged since we last reported in November," Taylor said. "In the area of good news for the Virginia Department of Health and efforts to reach Virginians about booster shots, about 61 percent of fully vaccinated residents have already gotten or have scheduled their additional dose, while another

23 percent are planning to do so, results that are relatively similar even when controlling for political party."

"Personal freedom versus health and safety is something that we all think about more these days, and Virginians appear almost equally split in terms of those who prefer personal freedom and those who prefer health and safety, with a healthy 22 percent of respondents saying they're 'solidly in the middle.'"

Methodology

Interviewing for The Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, between Feb. 7 and Feb. 16, 2022. A total of 605 residents of Virginia, 18 or older, were included in this study. Telephone interviews, conducted in English, comprised 403 of the respondents, and 202 responses were drawn from a proprietary online panel of Virginians. The landline sample consisted of random-digit numbers generated in proportion to the Virginia population so that all residential telephone numbers, including unlisted numbers, had a known chance of inclusion. Cellphone samples were purchased from Marketing Systems Group and

comprised 55 percent of the completed telephone interviews. Lucid, LLC, facilitated the online panel.

Questions answered by the entire sample of 605 respondents are subject to an error margin of plus or minus approximately 4.8 percent at the 95 percent level of confidence. This means that in 95 out of 100 samples such as the one used here, the results obtained should be no more than 4.8 percentage points above or below the figure that would be obtained by interviewing all Virginia adults who have a home telephone or a cellphone. Where the results of subgroups are reported, the margin of error is higher.

Quotas were used to ensure that different regions of the Commonwealth were proportionately represented. The data were statistically weighted for gender, race, and age, and done to match Virginia census data. The design effect was 1.464; the reported margin of error above reflects this design effect.

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New Director

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and local communities.

"I have a strong appreciation for the presence of manufacturers in the City of Salem and the resilient work ethic of the community," said Miller. "I am very aware of the growing and evolving high tech and service sectors in the region, and I am continually impressed with the thriving vibrancy throughout Salem and the Roanoke Valley."

"Tommy has been a key economic development ally to the Roanoke Region in his roles with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and I am excited to have him join the

team of local economic developers in our region," said John Hull, Executive Director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership. "Tommy has a commanding knowledge in the field of economic development and a familiarity with the region that will be a tremendous asset in his service to the City of Salem."

Before joining VDEP in the summer of 2017, Miller served as the Economic Development Director in Orange County. During that time, he managed 10 existing and new business development projects that resulted in nearly 600 jobs

and over \$37 million in new capital investment in Orange County.

"I've intentionally guided my career for new experiences related to all levels of economic development ranging from rural to suburban, local to state, existing business outreach to business attraction," said Miller. "All of these experiences have helped open my network and expand my knowledge of how to provide the best resources and services."

Miller earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University.

His undergraduate degree is in Real Estate and Urban Land Development while his advanced degree is in Urban and Regional Planning. He also has his Certified Economic Development credential. He has worked as both a Marketing Analyst and Existing Business Manager in Hanover County and he spent three years developing new business in the Franklin Southampton County area.

"I have been given the opportunity to work with firms ranging from one person startups to global Fortune 500 companies and industries ranging from life sciences to automotive," he said. "Now, I really look forward to engaging with

my new team members in Salem to see how we can work together to support the health and livelihood of the community."

Perhaps his most unique business venture was the establishment of the Richmond Brewery Tours. In 2012, he developed a business and marketing plan to highlight Richmond blossoming craft beer industry and spearheaded the venture from 2012-2020.

Any entrepreneurial venture should be both calculated and gut driven," he said. "I certainly have an entrepreneurial gene in my DNA, and I am always interested in seeing what the next best venture is in the market."

Miller and his wife, Julie, have two children. The couple also has family members in Virginia's Blue Ridge and they look forward to enjoying everything this region has to offer.

"I've been visiting friends and family in the area for a number of years, and I am continually impressed with the region's natural resources," said Miller. "My family and I enjoy the outdoors and you can't live in this part of the state without an appreciation of the mountains and streams that are visible throughout the countryside."

Submitted by Mike Stevens, City of Salem Communications Director

OBITUARY

Robinson, Walter Pete

Walter "Pete" Robinson of Salem, formerly of Marion, Va., passed away on Saturday, March 12, at his home.

Walter's parents were Conley T. and Emma Pearl Robinson. Early in his life, Walter knew he wanted to be an educator. He received his BA degree in English from Emory and his Masters in English from Virginia Tech, graduating cum laude. One of the happiest moments of Walter's life was being accepted by Notre Dame for post-graduate work. Walter loved everything associated with ND, especially Irish football.

Walter began his teaching career at Andrew Lewis High School before moving on to Salem High. Walter also taught at Virginia Tech and Virginia Western Community College. Walter loved teaching and completed 37 years in the profession.

Walter was preceded in death by his precious sisters, Eleanor R. Martin, Betty Ann R. Slemple, and Clara Jean R. Hastings; brothers, Richard C., Johnny, and Dimpy Robinson; niece, Linda Hastings of Nashville, Tenn.; nephew, Charlie Robinson of Gastonia, N.C.; sisters-in-law, Margaret Robinson of Harriman, Tenn., Lois S. Robinson of Marion; and brother-in-law Don Martin or Marion.

Survivors include his sister, Thelma Kate Mathena and husband, Don of Marion; brother-in-law, Harold Slemple of Marion; sister-in-law, Nancy L. Robinson of Roanoke; nephews, Chris Slemple of Chatham, David Slemple of Washington, D.C., Steve Hastings and wife, Pam of Marion, Va. and Bobby Hastings of Knoxville; nieces, Susan R. O'Hare and husband Pete of Hixson,



Tenn., Janet M. Holcomb and her son, Mark of Rogersville, Tenn., Amy Slemple-Walker and husband, Toby and children, Thomas, Noah, Jacob and Emma of Lindome, Sweden; special nieces, Robin M. Zombro and husband, Tim, of Staunton, Elaine M. Tucker and husband, Joe of Marion and Janie R. Meggers, of Roanoke; grandniece, Emilee J. Priestley and husband, Alex of Wilmington, N.C.; grandnephew, Tyler J. Zombro and wife, Moriah of Charlotte, N.C.; and very loving grandnieces, Addison and Hannah Tucker of Marion; his "second" family... Godson Jamie Garst and wife Sarah and their precious sons Jackson, Parker, and Finn all of Salem.

Walter loved to tease and laugh and have fun. Laughing with folks made his day. In honor of Walter, have a good laugh and some fun with someone today!

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday on March 16 at 3 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 409 West Main Street, Marion, Va. 24354 with the Reverend Emily Edmonson officiating. Visitation took place from 2 until 3 p.m. Burial in Rose Lawn Cemetery followed the Celebration of Pete's Life.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity or to the Walter R. Robinson Memorial Endowment, c/o Salem Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1461, Salem, Va. 24153.

To share memories of Walter R. "Pete" Robinson, please visit www.seaverbrown.com. Care for Pete's family has been entrusted to Seaver-Brown Funeral Service & Crematory, 237 East Main Street, Marion, Va. 24354.



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"If you are so numerous," Joshua answered, "and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites" (Joshua 17:15).

Joshua reminded the descendants of Joseph that much of their inheritance in the Promised Land remained to be conquered. They needed to step up to that challenge.

Prayer Suggestion: As God shows you what He wants you to do, pray in faith that He will help you overcome the obstacles.

Quicklook: Joshua 17:14-17

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Fly Fishing

grab a fish by their jaw.”

It was ALMS Technology Engineering Teacher Sarah Gerrol and Geography Teacher Judith Painter who co-authored the National Geographic Grant titled “Beyond the Walls.” Afterward, Gerrol went to the Big Lick Fly Fishing Store and asked about opportunities for the students to support the grant.

“The students need to understand that everything they do relates. Every subject they learn relates to each other in the real world,” she said. “In this one trip, the students learned about nature, science, geography, engineering, technology, entrepreneurship, patience and time management, just to name a few.”

Born in Germany but

raised in Salem, growing up Painter and her father used to go fishing every summer. “My dad used to take me fishing up on the Cowpasture River and on lakes when we were traveling,” she said. “I remember hooking a huge rock fish from the top of a houseboat on a TVA lake near Knoxville. Good thing it snapped the line, or it may have pulled me in also.”

She added, “The more opportunities that we can give our students to experience the world, the more involved and active citizens they will be in our community. We can teach technology or geography, but when we have the students experience that same technology and geography in the real world, it has significantly

meaning.”

When the students returned to class from the trip, they were given an assignment of describing their experience in five words. Said Delaney Crotts, “Fun, cool, educational, inspiring and informative.” Expressed Alexander Foster, “Fun, educational, fishing, art and entomology.” Dorothy Myers wrote, “Interactive, informative, cool, enjoyable and unique.”

For many of the students, last week was their first experience with fly fishing. “Most are interested in a second field trip to actually go fishing (regular or fly) later in the spring. I found it fascinating how interested the students were in the types of flies,” Painter said.



Christian Miles, left, and Scott Souther, right, answering a student’s question.

SCC encourages Virginians to prepare for potential extreme spring weather

The arrival of spring can usher in tornadoes, strong winds, hailstorms, flash floods, lightning and other extreme weather. Advance preparation is the key to protecting yourself, your loved ones and your property – both physically and financially.

The State Corporation Commission’s (SCC) Bureau of Insurance (Bureau) encourages Virginians to plan now for potentially extreme spring weather. “Assess your risk and make sure you have the insurance coverage you need if severe weather causes damage to your home, business, vehicles or other property,” said

Virginia Insurance Commissioner Scott A. White. “If you have questions, contact the Bureau of Insurance or your insurance agent or company.”

When planning ahead to protect your interests, the Bureau encourages Virginians to consider the following:

- Review your insurance policy and contact your insurance company if you have any questions about your coverage.
- Create a detailed inventory of your belongings. Include photos and receipts of your property if you have them. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners’ (NAIC)

free home inventory app can facilitate this process. You can use the Inventory Checklist as a guide. Store your home inventory checklist and insurance policy information in a secure, waterproof location.

- Most homeowners and renters insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. Talk with your insurance agent about flood insurance or visit the National Flood Insurance Program website. To learn more, contact your insurance agent or the NFIP at 1-888-379-9531 or visit floodsmart.gov.

Automobile other-than-collision insurance coverage, sometimes called “comprehensive” insurance

coverage, helps pay to repair or replace vehicles if they are stolen or damaged by such things as fire, water, wind, hail, vandalism, glass breakage, falling objects or contact with an animal.

In the event that a loss occurs at a later date, the Bureau recommends that Virginians keep several steps in mind:

- Contact your insurance company or agent as soon as possible.
- Take photos of your damaged property once it is safe to do so.
- Save the receipts of any emergency repairs that are needed to prevent your property from

becoming further damaged.

•If you feel you are treated unfairly, contact the Bureau of Insurance Property & Casualty Consumer Services team at 804-371-9185 or file a complaint online.

The Bureau offers free consumer guides for homeowners and commercial property owners with information about what to do when a disaster strikes. These and many other consumer insurance guides are available on the Bureau’s website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Insurance.

- Submitted by Katha Treanor, Communications Specialist

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DRPT launches Transit Recovery Campaign

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) recently launched a new campaign to help rebuild public transportation ridership. Rediscover Your Ride aims to inspire riders to return safely and confidently to the public transportation services used prior to the pandemic.

"As Virginians begin returning to the office, whether full-time or in a hybrid model, the Commonwealth urges individuals to Rediscover Your Ride by choosing public transportation," said Jennifer DeBruhl, Acting Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

"Public transportation agencies across Virginia are ready when you are with enhanced safety protocols, sanitation, and reliable transportation services."

The Transit Recovery Initiative is a statewide plan to reach individuals who stopped using public transportation or are hesitant to use the service because of COVID-19 and its variants. The initiative's goals are to strengthen public confidence in transit service and to increase ridership on public transportation.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded \$247,500 in COVID-19 Research Demonstration funds to DRPT

in early 2021 to rebuild public confidence in transit. This project consisted of two distinct efforts: a statewide campaign coined Rediscover your Ride and an agency-focused comprehensive strategies handbook aimed at supporting transit partners looking to recover ridership and regain operations in a safe and effective manner.

The handbook covers a vast array of topics including: cleaning and sanitation processes, modifying operations, navigating staffing shortages, developing community partnerships, and working towards long term resiliency. The

handbook was developed through a comprehensive research process that consisted of reviewing local, state, and national guidance from industry leaders combined with interviews with Virginia transit agencies.

The process of developing the resources included researching the strengths and status of transit agencies, examining the newfound relationship between riders' evolving perception of safety and their continued mobility needs, and reevaluating transit's commitment to communities throughout Virginia.

This project supports the

implementation of consistent and unified messaging to customers and includes materials applicable to all areas of the state. The toolkit provides the Commonwealth's transit partners with a package of products that can be used to address two primary questions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic: how agencies can safely and efficiently increase service levels to pre-pandemic levels, and how agencies can rebuild consumer confidence in the areas they serve.

- Submitted Haley Glynn,
Department of Rail and Public
Transportation

Budweiser Clydesdales wow crowds

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

It was a worth the two-year wait to see the World Famous Budweiser Clydesdales when they finally were able to appear in the Roanoke Valley last week.

Several hundred people oohed, cheered and applauded as the magnificent team of eight one-ton horses were downloaded from their vans, dressed, received a final grooming and hitched to the red Budweiser wagon at the P.A. Short Distributing facility in Hollins March 10.

The Clydesdales and their handlers, their two drivers in green livery and Dalmation Merri were brought in by the P.A. Short family

of Salem, making good on a promise cut by the start of the pandemic.

"We finally made it," said B.K. Short as she and husband Phillip climbed atop the wagon that played the signature Budweiser music throughout the afternoon.

Watching and waving from the sidelines were son Aden, wife Hanna and children Vivien, six, and Frank, three.

Attendees took thousands of pictures with the Clydesdales.

On Saturday, the Clydesdales were the stars of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Roanoke, where the massive horses with the platter-size, white-feathered hoofs wowed the large crowd that braved temperatures in the 20s and fierce winds.



PHOTO BY ROBYN ZAMORSKI

The World Famous Budweiser Clydesdales were a majestic sight for the at a retail reception sponsored by P.A. Short Distributing at the distributing facility in Hollins on March 10. Riding on top at right are Philip and BK Short of Salem.



PHOTOS BY MEG HIBBERT

Members of the P.A. Short family from Salem at the Clydesdales appearance included Hanna Short and children Vivien and Frank.



The first Clydesdales out of the van gets a spray touchup on his white "feathers."

DRPT Director Jennifer Mitchell steps down, Acting named

Secretary of Transportation W. Sheppard Miller III, recently announced that Jennifer Mitchell, Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will step down from the agency effective March 18, 2022. The Governor, upon recommendation of the Secretary, has selected Jennifer DeBruhl, who has been the department's Chief of Public Transportation for over five years, as the acting director.

"Jennifer Mitchell has served the Commonwealth well over the last eight years, steering it through a number of major initiatives, including dedicated funding to WMATA, extending Amtrak service to Roanoke and the capstone, \$3.7 Billion Transforming Rail in Virginia. Jennifer has been a real credit to Virginia and we wish her well as she moves to this exciting and important position. We look forward to continuing to work with her in the future." Miller said.

In 2020, in recognition of her significant achievements, Mitchell received the Thomas W. Rice award

from the Virginians for High Speed Rail, and was named by COMTO as a "Woman Who Moves the Nation". In 2018, she was named by Railway Age as a Woman of the Year

"It has been a great honor to serve the Commonwealth, and I am proud of what this agency has accomplished to improve our public transportation and rail systems," Mitchell said. "There is still a lot of work to be done, especially as we emerge from the pandemic, and I am pleased that the Governor chose Jennifer DeBruhl to steer this agency forward."

Starting in April, Mitchell will start as the Deputy Administrator at the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). As a part of the United States Department of Transportation, FRA administers rail funding, provides safety oversight, and studies new improvements and innovations. Mitchell will play a significant role in implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

"As excited as I am about Jennifer Mitchell's opportunity, I am equally excited that we have such a talented professional

in Jennifer DeBruhl to step into this role. I have known and worked with her for over 10 years and know that she will do an excellent job," Miller said. DeBruhl, who joined DRPT in 2016 as the Chief of Public Transportation, has over 25 years of public service to the transportation community. She has provided leadership in the evaluation, assistance, and execution of a \$4.2 billion portfolio of public transportation, commuter assistance, and congestion management programs throughout the Commonwealth. Prior to joining DRPT, DeBruhl served at the Virginia Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration.


DeBruhl has an undergraduate degree in Urban Studies, a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, and a Certificate in Public Management, all from Virginia Commonwealth University.

"I look forward to furthering the innovative work happening at DRPT and addressing the Commonwealth's pressing rail and public transportation needs," DeBruhl said. "I'm eager to work with everyone

at the department and our partner agencies to take on the challenge of getting public

transportation back on its feet after the coronavirus pandemic."

Submitted Haley Glynn,
Department of Rail and Public
Transportation



Virginia Department of Transportation

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Limited Access Control Change

Route 419 (Electric Road)

City of Salem

Willingness for Public Comment

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is accepting comments about a proposed change in limited access on the east side of Route 419 (Electric Road) about 450 feet north of East Main Street in Salem. The purpose of this requested change in the limited access line by owner Property Catalyst Group is to allow access for a commercial entrance. This application is supported by the City of Salem. The Commonwealth Transportation Board will consider the proposed limited access change at a future meeting.

Information related to the limited access control change is available for review in-person by appointment only by contacting Brian Blevins at the VDOT Salem Residency Office, 714 South Broad Street, Salem VA 24153, 540-387-5502. Please call ahead for personnel to make arrangements to share more information or answer your questions.

VDOT invites public comments related to the proposed limited access change. Comments must be received in writing by mailing them to Brian Blevins, Virginia Department of Transportation, 714 South Broad Street, Salem, VA 24153 or by email to brian.blevins@VDOT.Virginia.gov on or prior to **March 31, 2022**. Please reference "Route 419 Limited Access Control Change – Salem" in the subject line.

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porcelain enameled
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stirrups, crocks, jugs,
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tools, cobblers bench,
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and lithographs, outdoor
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statuaries, antique oak
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DATE OF POSTING: March 16, 2022

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PROCUREMENT:
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and Outage Management
System (OMS)

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NUMBER:
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Director of Electric Utilities
Radford Electric
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RADFORD, VIRGINIA
24141

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Award of a contract will be
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section on Procurement is
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and requires that the
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Legals - City of Radford

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City of Radford
Electric Utilities
Director/Purchasing Agent

Legals - City of Salem

ORDER OF PURCHASE

COMMONWEALTH OF
VIRGINIA VA. CODE
§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317,
20-104

Case No. CL22000168-00
ROANOKE COUNTY
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VICK, BROOKLYN RAYNE
v.
VAUGHT, BROOKLYN
RAYNE
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FEB 18 2022
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Deputy Clerk

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18-38 Code of City of
Salem, Virginia, on **March 31, 2022, at 3:30pm** in the
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City of Salem, Virginia. The
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hearing shall be to
determine if a certain
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the inhabitants of the City
and whether such structure
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THE BOARD OF BUILDING
APPEALS OF THE CITY
OF SALEM

BY Troy D. Loving

Troy D. Loving,
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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. J0004883-09-00
Floyd County
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Floyd County DSS
v.
Brandi Reed
The object of this suit is to:
Terminate the residual
parental rights of
Brandi Reed, legal parent of
Luna Kelley, 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.
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Reed appear at the above-
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2/22/22
Nikki King
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which may be continued or
adjourned and at which
persons may appear and
present their views on the
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Karnes is ODAC Pitcher of the Week

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) announced its Athletes of Week on Monday and Roanoke College junior Jada Karnes was selected as the ODAC Softball Pitcher of the Week. This is her first career conference weekly honor.

Last week, the nationally 19th-ranked Maroons (12-2) competed at the The Spring Break Games in Orlando, Fla. Roanoke went 4-2 in those outings with two more games cancelled due to weather. Karnes appeared in five of those contests and registered three wins and a save to improve to 7-0 on the year. In each of her three starts, the William Byrd High School graduate went the distance and collected a trio of complete game victories.

Karnes' first outing was a six-inning shutout of Marian University (Wis.), 8-0. She gave up three hits and walked a pair while striking out seven. She came back later that day and closed the door on Marietta College (Ohio) for a save in a 7-6 Maroons win. She allowed a run on two hits with a walk and a strikeout.

The next day, Karnes started and earned a 2-1



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

JADA KARNES

victory over the University of Mount Union (Ohio). She allowed one run on four hits. She did not walk a batter and fanned two in seven innings in the circle.

Karnes pitched twice on the final day. She started and picked up a 6-2 win over Muskingum University (Ohio). She gave up one earned run on five hits. She again did not allow a free pass and struck out a season-best 12 batters in a full seven innings.

Karnes returned to the rubber later that day with 2.1 innings of relief in a 5-3 setback to Otterbein University (Ohio). She allowed two runs on a hit with two walks and three punchouts.

For the season, Karnes is second in the ODAC with seven wins in nine appearances. She leads the league in shutouts (5) and is tied for first in complete games (7). In 53.2 innings in the circle, she has struck out an ODAC-high 83 batters. She owns a 1.70 ERA with the opposition hitting just .178 against her.

The Maroons are back in action today with a doubleheader against Greensboro College at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem, beginning at 2 pm. Saturday they're at Christopher Newport for a pair and Sunday they're back home to host Virginia Wesleyan in an ODAC twinbill at noon at the Moyer Complex.

Dragons give RC lax first home loss

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team ifell to 4-3 with a 15-11 loss to Cortland State at Kerr Stadium in Salem Tuesday.

Roanoke trailed just 7-6 at the half, but the Red Dragons outscored RC 5-2 in the third quarter to open a four goal lead. The Maroons went down 15-8 in the fourth quarter but rallied to score three times before running out of time. Luke Kammerman scored five goals for RC and Wyatt Whitlow had three as the Maroons lost at home for the first time this year.

Last Saturday the Maroons played their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference game and had no trouble with visiting Guilford, beating the Quakers 25-4 at Salem's Kerr Stadium. With the wind howling and the snow blowing the Maroon defense made it tough on their guests all game long, holding the Quakers to just 12 shots on goal.

Taylor Lewis started and played the first half in goal, giving up just a single score while making five saves. George Gilbert scored four times as did Luke Kammerman, who added three more assists to give him 20 for the season.

York rallies to top RC women

After returning from a Spring Break trip to Puerto Rico with a win, the Roanoke College lacrosse women were back on the turf of Kerr Stadium for a Sunday matchup with York College. The Martoons appeared to be well on their way to a win before disaster hit.

Roanoke took a 7-3 lead into the half and scored to add to their advantage in the opening minutes of the second half. However, 11-straight Spartan goals would shift the tide as York went on for the 15-10 win.

RC's Riley Chase led all goal scorers with four while Lilly Blair added three scores and a pair of assists. Tiernan Connor, Emerson Foster and Maddie Stopkoski each scored once for the Maroons.

Kyleigh Chickering recording six saves. The suffered her first loss Maroons are 2-1 and of the season despite will travel to Catholic



Lilly Blair looks to set up a teammate for RC.

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University for a 1 pm game Saturday.

Salem YMCA Riptides win PYSA meet

The Salem YMCA and Virginia's Blue Ridge Riptides(VABR) hosted the PYSA league swimming championships the weekend of March 4-6. The PYSA league consists of the Martinsville YMCA, the Bedford YMCA, the Altavista YMCA, the Eden YMCA, the Franklin County YMCA, the Alleghany YMCA, and the South Boston YMCA in addition to the Salem group.

VABR came out on top in the Men's, Women's and All around Combined Competition. The VABR men scored 1327 points while the Eden Men came in as runner ups with 795 points. On the women's side VABR secured a win with 1,475 points over the Eden women with 701 points.

Highlights for the Riptides included High Point Awards for Addie Causey in the six-and-under division and Eva Stephenson and Dillion Godfrey in their respective 9-10 divisions. Other first place winners included Alena Ward, Tyler Sykes,

Macy McMahon, Matthew Huddleston, Brinna Seidel, Ruthie Ward, Joe Ryan, Ridlee King, Blake Schnetzler, Izzy Supanich, Colton Cunningham, Beatrice Livingston, Carter Biscotte, Eliza Fleenor, Connor Wilkes, Kennedy Sturgill, Aurora Hathaway, Frances Livingston, Annalee Campbell, Isaac Snow, Brooklyn Shelton, Riley Handy, Austin Nielson, Jacob Daniel, Anna Kate Wilson, Caleb Hagadorn, Joren Poush, Sadie Stallings, Isaiah Stallings, Gracie Ward, Gavin Jenkins, Luke Mullins, Claire Griffith, Norah Harper, Aspen Thompson, Olivia Nicely, Jack Lawrence, Gabby Romeo, and Carly Wilkes.

A total of 51 VABR swimmers qualified for the Regional Championship meet to be held in South Carolina Marcy this weekend, beginning today. The Riptides will be swimming in the US Regional YMCA meet with YMCA teams from South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia.

RC's Draper is named second team Academic All-American in B'ball

The College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) announced their 2022 Academic All American teams for basketball this week and Roanoke College junior Kasey Draper was named Academic All-American 2nd Team. Draper, a Northside High School graduate, was the only non-senior or graduate student to be named to the 1st or 2nd teams.

Earlier in the year Draper was named 1st team Academic All-District by the national organization. This past season, Draper was second in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) averaging 20.5 points per game. In addition, Kasey was seventh in the league with 6.8 rebounds per outing while shooting 47.9 percent from the field and 70.3 percent from the free throw line.

Twice during the 2021-22 season, Draper was named ODAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week as well as D3hoops.com National Team of the Week. At season's end, Kasey was named to the All-ODAC 1st team after earning All-ODAC honors after the 2020-21 season. In the final regular season game of the sea-



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KASEY DRAPER

son, Draper became the latest member of the Roanoke College Men's Basketball 1,000 Point Club.

In the classroom, the Roanoke native boasts a 4.00 Grade Point Average (GPA) in Business Administration. Kasey is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a Leadership Honor Society, and Delta Mu Delta, a Business Honor Society. In 2020-21 Draper was named Academic All-State by the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID).

Draper is one of only two of the 15 members of the Academic All-America Division III men's basketball teams to boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The five members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.82, with the entire men's team holding a collective average GPA of 3.83.



George Revercomb(left) is the new Salem High lacrosse coach and former Spartan and Roanoke College standout Joey Dishaw(right) has joined the staff as an assistant.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Spartan lacrosse teams open season with formidable foes

The Salem High lacrosse teams will open the season in the coming week with the boys hosting North Cross on Wednesday and the girls playing host to Patrick Henry next Monday, March 21.

The boys have a new coach in George Revercomb, a 2012 graduate of North Cross who will coach his first game against his alma mater. George played lacrosse at Appalachian State before earning his Masters from Florida State in Sports Management, where he interned for the Jacksonville Jaguars of the NFL. He's coach lacrosse and football at Christ School in Arden, NC and lacrosse at North Cross, assisting Salem's Chris Pollack.

"I'm really looking forward to building a winning culture and tradition at Salem, starting with the youth and building throughout JV and Varsity," said Revercomb. "I really want the community to feel like this is a team that they're a part of."

Chad Custer and volunteer David Turk return as assistants and George has added Tommy Girani, who was the defensive coordinator at North Cross for the past four years, winning two state championships. Also new to the staff is former Salem High and Roanoke College lac standout Joey Dishaw.

"First guy I thought of when I got the job," said Revercomb. Also graduated in 2012 from Salem, same year as me and Tommy, so we knew each other and went to lots of camps growing up. He's an great coach who brings a lot of knowledge and energy to the program."

Revercomb is installing a new offense and defense. "I think we'll be vastly improved with some of the college-style offenses we'll install," he said. "We're going to try to play with much more patience and control. We have some great senior leaders all over; Will Hicks, Carson Williams, Tanner Dallas, Kyman Kinny and Jake Massey should have a huge year for us. I'm really excited about some of the younger guys coming up in the program as well."

The girls won't open until Monday but expectations are high after losing just one starter from last year's team. Captains are Addi Blanchard, Chloe Butt and goalie Brynn Bowen. Former Spartan goalie Maddie Bowman has joined the staff to coach the jayvee team.

"I'm excited for both of these groups," said varsity coach Maggi Pace. "We have the best JV numbers we have ever had and Maddie Bowman is going to be a great leader for them."



Joren Poush swims for the VABR swim team.



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You know the Tech story. The Hokies were on the bubble at this time last week but a dramatic win over Clemson in the ACC tournament was followed by a win over second seeded Notre Dame, then decisive victories over third seeded UNC and top seed Duke.

That clinched a berth for the Hokies and a trip to Milwaukee to take on Texas, the region's sixth seed, on Friday afternoon.

The bracket for the NCAA Division I men's basketball championship is included in this section, and you'll want to enter. This year first prize is a \$100 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's restaurant in Salem, as well as a year's subscription to the Salem Times-Register.

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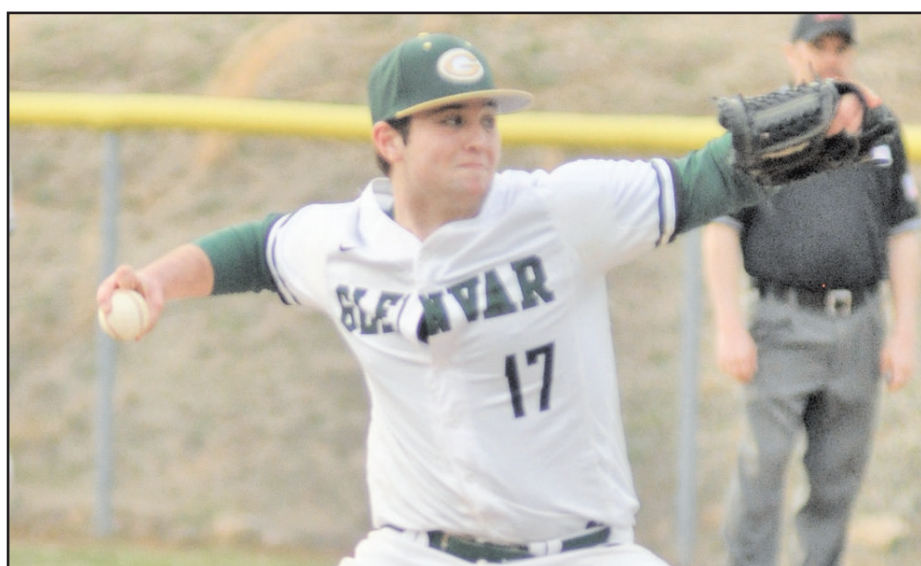
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Jimmy Blount pitches for the Highlanders in Tuesday's opening day game.

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Spartans shut out Bassett, Demons no-hit Highlanders on opening day

The high school baseball season opened for the local teams on Tuesday with mixed results. Salem High won a 5-0 shutout at Bassett but Glenvar dropped a 10-0 shutout at home to Christiansburg.

Freshman Trace Monroe got the opening day nod on the mound for the Spartans and pitched a terrific game in his varsity debut. Monroe struck out seven and allowed just one walk and three hits over six innings. Trent Judd came on to pitch a scoreless seventh.

At the plate, Eli Bowery had two hits and drove in a run for Salem while Hunter Bayne also had two hits and an RBI. Hunter King drove in a run with a double, Brendan Steele had an RBI and Ben Bowers walked twice and scored twice.

At Glenvar, the Highlanders ran into some good pitching as Christiansburg's Nate Hall and Mason Self combined to hurl a five inning no hitter. The Blue Demons scored single runs in the first and second, then broke it open with a five run third.

"We'll get better," said Glenvar coach Jeremy Cromer. "We knew they had good pitching, but these kids will work hard to get better and it's more important to be good at the end of the season."

Glenvar is at Galax on Friday while Salem is at James River tonight, Thursday. The Highlanders are home against Riverheads on Monday and both teams are in action next Tuesday with Salem at Patrick Henry and Glenvar at home against Northside.

Lewis soccer teams still unbeaten

Andrew Lewis Middle School spring sports will be busy this week as the track team opens Wednesday with a meet at Franklin County and the baseball, softball and soccer teams all take on Cave Spring opponents today. The softball and girls' soccer teams are at home while the baseball and boys' soccer teams go to Cave Spring.

The baseball team is still looking for a win after losing to Northside Monday, falling to 0-3. Lewis had one run on four hits in the loss.

Last Thursday at Kiwanis Field in Salem Hidden Valley edged the Wolverines, 4-3. Ben Keffer had two runs batted in and pitched well in relief after Lewis fell behind 3-0.

The softball team didn't fare any better, falling 18-4 to Hidden Valley last week and 17-1 to Northside Monday. Khia Priest had two doubles and a single in the two games combined.

"We have already shown great improvement on the season, and hopefully the weather holds up and we can continue to improve," said coach Lawrence Van Liew.

The girls' soccer team fared much better with two wins. Against Hidden Valley Aly Price had a hat trick in a 5-0 win, Laikyn Funk added two goals and an assist and Nadahila Pollard had a goal in Lewis' win. On Monday the Wolverines defeated Northside, 3-0, to improve to 3-0 on the season. Price had



Jett Lakin of Andrew Lewis blows by a Hidden Valley defender in a 7-1 win.

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two more goals for the Wolverines.

The Lewis boys improved to 4-0 with a 7-1 win over Hidden Valley, a 4-1 win against Northside and a 5-0 win over Ben Franklin at Spartan Field Tuesday. It was the first game of a tripleheader with the Salem High jayvee and varsity teams to follow.



The Ballout Track Club. Front row, left to right; Jonathan Vernon, Josiah Persinger and Peyton Lewis. Standing, left to right; Dominic Wright, Evyn Hughes, Chris Cole, Jayveon Jones, DaRon Wilson and Chauncey Logan Jr.

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"Sox Fest" at Memorial Saturday

To signify the start of the 2022 Minor League season, the Salem Red Sox are hosting their annual Sox Fest event at Salem Memorial Ballpark, presented by Coke and Comfort Suites. The event is set for Saturday, March 19 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Season Tickets, Flex Plans, Kids Club, Silver Slugger packages, and individual game tickets will be available for purchase and pickup. The day will be filled with food and activities for all ages including a photo booth, out-

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Maroons host Cortland in baseball today

The Roanoke College baseball team will be at home today to conclude a two-game series with Cortland. Game time is 6 pm at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

The Maroons came into the week at an even .500 after dropping a doubleheader to Old Dominion Athletic Conference rival Lynchburg in Lynchburg Sunday. Roanoke lost 7-3 in the opener and 6-2 in the nightcap in their first two conference games of the season.

In the opener Lynchburg scored first

but Roanoke rallied to make it 3-4 heading into the seventh inning. The Hornets added three more runs on the way to taking game one, 7-3.

In game two, a five-run fourth inning would propel the national ranked Hornets to a 6-2 victory. Lynchburg is ranked seventh in Division III.

Roanoke returned to action Tuesday with a single game at Christopher Newport and lost 12-3 to fall under .500 at 6-7. The Maroons are at Hampden-Sydney for a doubleheader Saturday, beginning at noon.

Tennis teams win opening matches

The local tennis teams got off to a good start with three wins Monday. Salem's teams both won beat Franklin County opponents and the Glenvar girls opened with a shutout of Lord Botetourt.

Winning for the Salem boys at Franklin County were Aaron Peters at number one, Jaron Poush at two, Cole Maggi at three, Stephen Witt at four and Logan Butcher at six. Doubles winners were Maggi and Witt at two and Aidan Poush and James Convery at number three.

The Spartans are coached by Steve Willinger this year. Steve instructed junior development programs in Michigan, Massachusetts, and Connecticut and his students have won state and national high school titles.

The Salem girls played at home and took a 9-0 win. Singles winners for the Spartans, in order, were Lauren Baba, Claire Rawlins, Caroline Loveday, Morgan Tobey, Zoe Prosser and Mary Beth Mills. The girls played eight game pro sets.

Salem swept the doubles with Baba and Rawlins at number one, Loveday and Tobey at two and Prosser and Mills at three, giving up only five points total between the three matches.

At Glenvar, the

Highlanders got off to a good start with a 9-0 win over Lord Botetourt Monday. Singles winners, in order, were Isabella Gustafson, Avery Flynn, Hannah Hill, Cara Butler, Hannah Hylton and Dhruvi Patel. Doubles winners were Gustafson and Flynn at one, Hill and Patel at two and Butler and Hylton at three.

"Overall, the team showed great resilience in multiple matches to fight back and take the match," said coach Blaine Mills. "Isabella

and Avery both had great showings in their doubles match as well as singles. Dhruvi and Hannah Hill had a great comeback, winning in a tiebreaker eighth game. The team did a great job tonight top to bottom and this was a good way to start out season."

The boys were scheduled to play LB on Tuesday, and Salem will take on LB on Friday with the boys playing at the Salem Civic Center and the girls playing at Salem High.



Isabella Gustafson puts one away at the net in Glenvar's win over Lord Botetourt Tuesday.

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Salemites run at Nike National meet

Salem High track coaches Darryl McCoy and Tra Wilson took nine Salem athletes to the Nike Indoor Track & field meet in Staten Island, New York last week. Participants had to meet qualifying times to participate in the national meet.

Two athletes competed in the 60 meter dash. Josiah Persinger ran in the Freshman division, placing second to give him the title of a Freshman All-American. Salem sophomore Peyton Lewis also competed in the championship division of this event, placing fifth. Lewis also achieved All-American status and was the only sophomore to compete in the Championship division.

Going under the name "BALLOUT TRACK CLUB," the non-school sponsored team was also able to qualify two separate 4x200 meter relay teams. An A-team consisting of DaRon Wilson, Persinger, Dominic Wright and Lewis placed eighth 8th overall in the Emerging Elite Division. The B-Team consisted of Jonathan Vernon, Christopher Cole, Jayveon Jones and Evyn Hughes and finished with a respectable 25th place finish.

Overall the "BALLOUT Track Club" definitely was a standout squad and made some noise. During the meet there was also a "TikTok challenge" and the team with the most views won a pair of Nike sneakers. The Salem boys won the challenge and were featured on the page of the Meet facility social media platforms.

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Left, Salem High keeper Max Benne is ready to make a save on a point-blank shot by a Franklin County player in Tuesday's season-opening win. Right, Glenvar's Riley Geddes controls the ball in Glenvar's win over Lord Botetourt. Geddes had both Glenvar goals in the 2-1 victory.

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Salem, Glenvar boys open soccer season with 2-1 wins

The Salem and Glenvar boys' soccer teams got the season off to a good start as both took 2-1 wins in opening night matches Tuesday. The Highlanders beat Lord Botetourt, 2-1 at Highlander Stadium, and the Spartans took a 2-1 win over Franklin County on the Spartan Field pitch.

Riley Geddes scored both goals for the Highlanders. He was assisted by Christian Housh on a first half goal and the Highlanders led 1-0 at the break.

LB tied the game on a penalty kick in the second half, but Geddes struck again off a Colin Clapper assist for the game winner. Alex Byrd had three saves in goal.

At Salem, Logan Lavender scored off an assist from Buddy Reed to give Salem a first half lead, then Carter Work assisted Brady Sparger to put the Spartans up 2-0. Franklin County made it close when the ball found the net on a long throw-in, cutting the

lead to one, but the Spartans were able to hang on for the win. Salem outshot the Eagles 10-7 and Max Benne had seven saves.

Salem is back in action Friday as this time the Spartans will host Lord Botetourt. Glenvar will take on a second straight Blue Ridge District opponent Friday when the Highlanders go to Staunton River. Salem is at Patrick Henry next Tuesday while Glenvar returns the trip to Lord Botetourt.



Left, Salem's Audrey Hayes(#14) controls the ball in Monday's win over James River. Right, Brooke Smyth of Glenvar keeps the ball inbounds against Auburn.

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Salem girls shut out James River on the pitch, Highlanders beat Auburn

The high school soccer season opened this week with the Salem and Glenvar girls playing Monday and both boys' teams opening Tuesday.

The Salem High girls' soccer team opened the 2022 season with a game against visiting James River. The weather was beautiful, a rarity for March soccer, and a nice crowd showed up at Salem's Spartan Field to watch the host Salemites take a 5-0 win.

The Spartans got on the board early after a high paced five minutes of play. Audrey Hayes fired an outside shot high and dropping just below the crossbar for the opening goal. That's

how it stood at the half as Salem went into intermission with a 1-0 advantage.

Brooke Bowers scored for the Spartans in the second minute of the second half, converting after a fast run down her left side. Eliza Fleenor followed with a goal and Avery Mangus scored shortly after. Bowers notched a second goal with nine minutes remaining to close out the scoring.

"After a few adjustments and reminders to play our game the girls added four goals in the second half," said Salem coach Kayla Wood.

Allison Kessel and Kennedy Scales split time in the goal for the shutout.

"A great first game for our program," said Wood. "We're excited to play Lord Botetourt on Friday night. We are working to build from the back and to play as a team. It's magic to watch. I love this team and the way they show up for each other each game."

Salem is at Lord Botetourt Friday.

Glenvar's girls opened their season with a 4-1 win over Auburn Monday for a successful debut for new head coach Kyleigh Drew. Rhyann Harris had a three goal hat trick and Kailah Finley scored once. Assists went to Kennerly Nichols, Campbell Hardin and Faren Wilson.

"Coaching my first official high school game came with a lot of nervousness with hopes I have prepared the girls enough to be ready to play," said Drew. "The girls exceeded my expectations on how our first game would go and set a good start for the rest of our season. We have work to do to keep building on our team goals for the season but these girls have worked so hard since day one. We have a very special team here and I can't wait to see how the rest of the season plays out."

The Glenvar girls are back in action Friday to host Eastern Montgomery in a non-district game.

Glenvar beats Hidden Valley 6-3 to open softball season

The Glenvar softball team got off to a good start with a 6-3 win at Hidden Valley Tuesday.

Glenvar got on the board early in the first inning when Sophie McCulley doubled, followed by a Savana Luper single to drive her home. Luper then scored on a passed ball.

Luper started the game on the mound and kept the Titans scoreless through the first two innings, but a series of errors by the Highlanders in the third inning resulted in three unearned runs and the Titans took a 3-2 lead. Freshman Abby Teubert came on in relief to quell the rally and that's all the runs Hidden Valley would get.

Glenvar came alive again in the sixth inning when Madison Duncan singled to lead off the inning. Izzy Shearer and McCulley walked to load the bases and Luper singled, scoring Duncan and Shearer. Teubert then knocked in McCulley.

Duncan, a freshman, led the team with three hits, two stolen bases and two runs. Freshman Teubert and seniors Luper and McCulley had two hits each in the win.

Luper faced 13 batters, striking out two and allowing two hits. Teubert faced 13 batters in 4 1/3 innings, striking out three and allowing no hits to pick up the win. Senior Sarah Kate Tozier, who has been moved from center field to shortstop, turned two double plays in the game and caught the game ending pop fly that appeared to be dropping in shallow center field.

Glenvar returns to action Monday when the Highlanders host Riverheads.



Salem High shortstop Bayleigh Booth (#2) tags out LB's Makena Shupe trying to steal after taking a throw from catcher Caitlin Wells in Tuesday's 2022 season opening game at the Moyer Complex.

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Salem Invitational Softball at Moyer this weekend

The Salem High softball team will play host to the 11 team "Salem Invitational" at the James I. Moyer Complex this weekend. Action begins at 5 pm Friday and continues through the final games at 3 pm Saturday.

Teams joining the Spartans in the field include Northside, Liberty, Roanoke Catholic, William Fleming, Auburn, Liberty Christian, Amherst, James River, Halifax and Jefferson Forest. Salem will play James River at 7 pm Friday. On Saturday the Spartans have LCA at 10 am and

Roanoke Catholic at 3 pm.

There will also be a jayvee event for a limited number of teams. Salem's jayvees will play James River on Friday at 5 pm.

The Spartans opened their season on Tuesday with a 10-1 loss to Lord Botetourt at the complex. Freshman Cora Grace Sparger started on the mound for the Spartans and was tagged with the loss. LB ace Rhyann Jones picked up the win for the Cavaliers as Salem's only run came on a solo home run by Lily Lawson.