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Teachers of the Year for 2022 announced -ALMS's Mallory Graham receives School Division's top honor-

Salem's 2022 Teacher of The Year is no stranger to winning, but in this instance the focus isn't on a pageant crown, but rather on the many other hats Mallory Graham wears for so many in our community.

"In my classroom, I lead with love," says Graham. "Everything I do comes from loving my kids and loving what I do. I try to teach each child the way I would want someone to teach my son; with love, acceptance, understanding and a little bit of fun sprinkled in."

The eighth-grade English teacher at Andrew Lewis Middle School, who captured several pageant titles while in college, in-

cluding Miss East Coast USA, has earned the respect and admiration of her students and fellow teachers by modeling these behaviors and instilling a sense of selfless service into her students.

"I teach the way I parent," says Graham. "I truly love my students with my whole heart, but just like with my son, there are things you can and cannot do. They know there are boundaries, but they also know it is a safe place where they can be creative and express themselves."

Graham expressed herself in these same Salem classrooms growing up as Mallory Birkhead. She attended South Salem and

Andrew Lewis before graduating from Salem High School in 2005.

"I know the caliber of the teachers in this division, so to be recognized when I know how special these people are, means the world to me," she says. "I am surrounded by innovative educators, kind educators and people who put their whole heart into educating students."

Mrs. Graham has the unique ability to teach anyone because they know she genuinely cares," says Jamie Garst, Andrew Lewis Middle School Principal. "The Salem com-

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Mallory Graham SUBMITTED PHOTO

Frank Shushok Jr., Ph.D., appointed 12th President of Roanoke College

-Shushok, current Vice President for Student Affairs at Virginia Tech, assumes new role at Roanoke College in July-

The Roanoke College Board of Trustees has appointed Frank Shushok Jr., Ph.D. the 12th president of Roanoke College. Shushok, current vice president for student affairs at Virginia Tech, will succeed Michael C. Maxey, who will retire as president of Roanoke College in July, after serving for 15 years.

Shushok has 30 years of work experience in higher education, the past 13 at Virginia Tech in posts that include associate vice president, senior associate vice president and vice president for Student Affairs. He is also a tenured associate professor of Agricultural Leadership & Community Education at Virginia Tech.

"Throughout the Presidential search, Dr. Shushok inspired us with his spirit, energy and centered dedication to student learning," said Malon Courts,

chairman of the Roanoke College Board of Trustees and a 1992 Roanoke College graduate. "Dr. Shushok's background aligns with the most important needs of the College, and he understands the value of who we are, our culture, people and traditions, including the importance of our rich Lutheran heritage. He will propel us forward, embracing innovation while respecting history and tradition to make Roanoke College an even greater institution."

"I am grateful to the entire community who worked hard to find the right leader for our beloved College, especially Presidential Search Committee Co-Chair Kirk Betts. We are all thrilled to welcome Dr. Shushok to Roanoke College," said Courts.

Shushok said he was drawn to Roanoke College for the cherished convictions held by the

institution. "Roanoke College is a beautiful community deeply committed to students and their holistic learning," he said. "Everywhere at Roanoke College, there are structures and individuals committed to a kind of deep learning that emboldens the human spirit, strengthens public discourse, and becomes a true north for what matters most. I admired this community the moment I discovered it, and I am honored to join the faculty and staff in pursuit of such a worthy calling. I am humbled by the Board of Trustees' faith in me to contribute to this legacy that has been in motion since 1842."

As Virginia Tech's vice president for student affairs, Shushok provides overall leadership for one of the nation's largest student affairs divisions, where he directs 25 departments and units. Shushok leads the maintenance



Dr. Frank Shushok

SUBMITTED PHOTO

and renovation of more than 30 percent of Virginia Tech's physical campus, is a member of the president's cabinet, and serves on many other boards and organizations at the university. He is especially known for his passion for integrating academic and student life and championing the role of faculty in the holistic de-

velopment of students.

"As a national thought leader in residential education and student well-being, Virginia Tech has been fortunate to have Frank Shushok as our vice president for student affairs," said Virginia Tech President Tim Sands. "He exemplifies the spirit of Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), and that will be

a great benefit to the faculty, staff, and students of Roanoke College. We appreciate his dedicated service, and while he will be greatly missed at Virginia Tech, higher education in the Commonwealth has gained a talented new leader and we wish him all the best."

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Salem girl, 8, places third in Annual Black History Month Art Contest

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Saying that young people hold the key to creating a better future is

not a hyperbolic statement.

For the past 15 years, US Cellular, the nation's fourth largest full service wireless carrier, has held an Annual Black History Month Art

Contest created to celebrate diversity and creatively engage the community to learn more about history.

This year marked the first time that the Boys &

Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia members were encouraged to create their original pieces of artwork in recognition of influential Black STEM icons, including historical figures, world leaders, scientists and educators.

US Cellular is focused on addressing gaps in STEM education, said Area Sales Manager Bertram Daniels, and is committed to connecting more than 200,000 of tomorrow's innovators each year with the resources they need today to help shape future opportunities.

So many young Roanoke Valley students have a gift for creativity. Contest participant Markeysha Williams' portrait was of Mae Jemison, the American engineer and physician who became the first black woman to travel into space when she served aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour

as a mission specialist. Many other area students submitted entries too.

The ten finalists were chosen by representatives from the Boys & Girls Club based on creativity, quality, interpretation, clarity of theme and overall impression. Public voting for the finalists was made available online shortly thereafter.

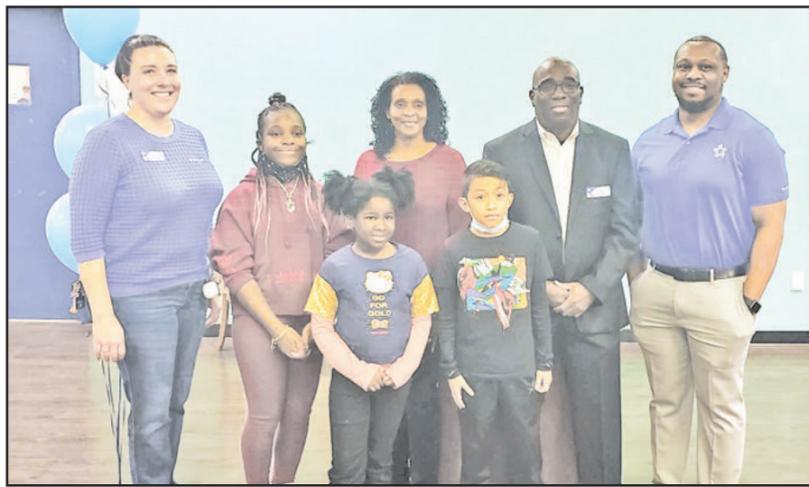
For her efforts, Williams won third place and received \$150. Aiyana Harris, 10, who did her portrait on Madam C.J. Walker, and Jafeth Rodriguez, 11, who did his portrait on Garrett Morgan, came in first and second place, respectively, earning \$500 and \$200 each.

"Markeysha Williams was very shy, so shy she didn't want to come up to the podium to get her award," US Cellular Store Manager Bethany Hajny said. "That was when

Roanoke Vice Mayor Patricia White-Boyd came to the rescue. She gently coaxed her up to the front to be recognized for the big award that she deserved."

To help provide equitable learning access and opportunities to local youth during the school year, US Cellular has donated more than 180 wireless hotspots with two years of service to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia.

Added Daniels, "It was amazing to see the creativity and wide range of inspirations the Club members used to create their art. We are thrilled to be able to team with Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia to celebrate Black History Month and to highlight the STEM achievements of these Black icons. We extend our appreciation for all the submissions and congratulate our winners."



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Front row, from left to right, third-place winner Markeysha Williams and second-place winner Jafeth Rodriguez. Back row, left to right, US Cellular Store Manager Bethany Hajny, first-place winner Aiyana Harris, Roanoke Vice Mayor Patricia White-Boyd, US Cellular Area Sales Manager Bertram Daniels and Steven Westbrook from US Cellular.

"I wouldn't bank anywhere else."



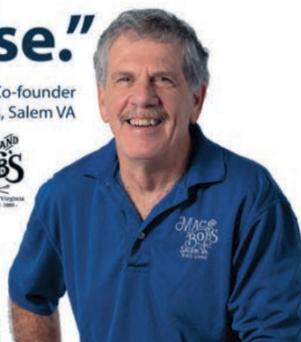
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Enjoy spring break activities at Virginia State Parks

Spring break is the perfect time to take the family outdoors to relax, unwind and experience nature like never before.

"You can see the trees starting to bud and flowers in bloom while taking a scenic hike at any Virginia State Park location," Virginia State Parks Director Dr. Melissa Baker said. "Camping locations offer a nighttime glance of the park and its surrounding wildlife. Sleeping under the stars is a unique way to connect with nature."

Springtime park visits allow for more outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, kayaking and bird watching to help shake off those wintertime blues.

"Camping in spring is great because it's not too hot and you can't beat the chorus of frogs and toads at night," said Chief Ranger of Visitor Experience at Pocahontas State Park Rebecca Whalen. "Fishing is super popular and so is bird watching. We are also excited for the ranger-guided programs as we're ready for warmer weather so we can show our visitors everything the park and nature have to offer."

All 41 Virginia State Parks offer self-guided explorations including backpacks

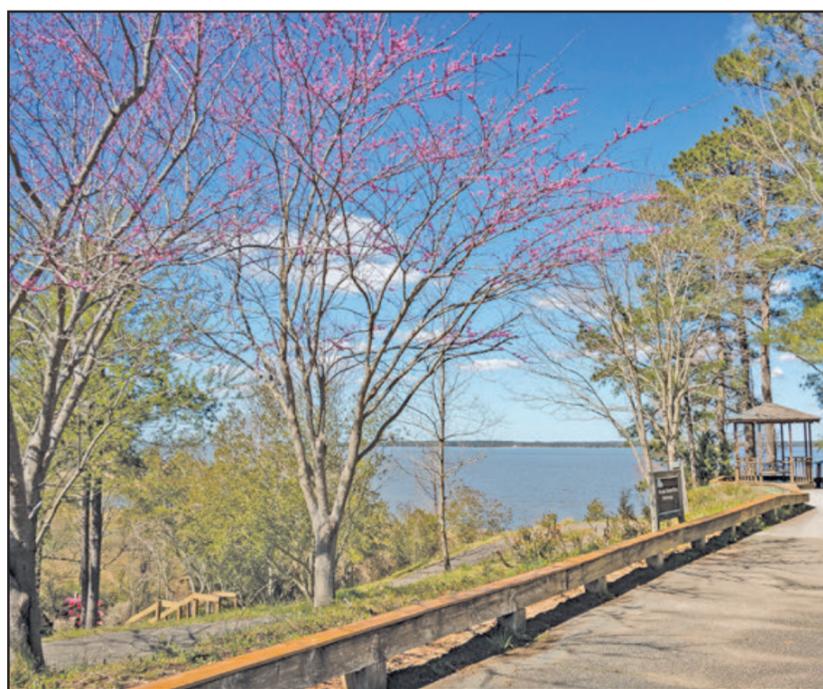
with field guides and binoculars, GPS units to rent for geocaching, self-guided trails, scavenger hunts and other activities.

Many Virginia public libraries have nature backpacks available to check out. In addition to handy tools to investigate the natural world, the backpacks include a parking pass for free entrance to a state park.

"I see lots of families using the backpacks during their visits. The packs have field guides, observation jars and free passes to the parks. It provides the opportunity for a lot of family-led activities that help build confidence and connectedness," Whalen said.

Virginia State Parks are managed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. For more information about Virginia State Parks' activities and amenities or to reserve one of the more than 1,800 campsites or 300 climate-controlled cabins, call the Virginia State Parks Reservation Center at 800-933-PARK or visit www.virginiastateparks.gov.

Submitted by Kim Wells, Public Relations and Marketing Specialist



One of the many beautiful parks throughout Virginia.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

SECOND MONDAY

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

EACH TUESDAY

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

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

•Knights of Columbus hosts bingo for charity. Proceeds support local

charities including RAM House, Madonna House, the Roanoke Rescue Mission, Saint Francis House, food pantries and various youth projects. Games are played from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Gator Hall, at 5301 Williamson Road, near Happy's Flea Market.

•Infinity Acres Ranch Fundraiser from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at 321 E. Church Street in Blacksburg. Tickets are \$8 while children eight and younger can eat for \$4. For more information, contact 276-358-2378.

•All ages are welcome to TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) at 5:15 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center. For more information, contact Linda at 540-389-4207.

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church

at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

•From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a chair caning and basket weaving class will occur at the Salem Senior Center. While free, attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. For more information, contact 540-375-3054.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY

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

THIRD TUESDAY

The monthly meeting for National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Roanoke Valley Chapter #226 locations and times will now vary. Learn more

details by sending an email to nawicroa226@gmail.com.

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Alzheimer's / Dementia Caregiver Support Group at 2 p.m. at Salem Terrace at Harrogate.

FIRST THURSDAY

Roanoke County Woman's Club meets at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at College Lutheran Church in Salem. New members are welcome.

EACH THURSDAY

•The Salem Senior Center's Social Club, known as the 49ers Plus Club, originally started the senior program in Salem over 40 years ago. They have different speakers and/or activities

practically every week. New members are always welcome to show up at the Salem Senior Center at 11 a.m. Contact 540-375-3054 for more information.

•The Salem Rotary Club meets from 12 to 1 p.m. for lunch in Salem Civic Center. Guests welcome.

EACH SATURDAY

•Salem Farmers Market from 9:30 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Select vendors will have country sausage, cage-free eggs, grass-fed beef, cage-pasture-raised chicken, homemade rolls, pieces of artisan bread, muffins, seasonal greens and more.

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke.

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged March 8-14. 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:

March 8 - Cody R. Stout, 29, failure to appear; Tammy L. Combs, 46, criminal trespass; Yolanda M. Gibbs, 39, failure to appear; Dorothy L. Ratliff, 33, false name to police; and Anthony D. Dickson, 34, public intoxication, violation of protective order.

March 9 - Hunter A. Richardson, 19, failure to appear; Tammy L. Combs, 46, criminal trespass; Carl C. Miller Jr., 61, DUI; Eric R. Hickman, 50, contempt of court; and Boyd C. Burwell, 48, public intoxication.

March 10 - Stephen V. Chitwood, 38, domestic assault and battery, strangulation of

another; and Jamaal E. Barber, 41, contempt of court.

March 11 - Bryce L. Meador, 36, DUI

March 12 - Rene M. Resendiz, 33, DUI

March 13 - Eddie D. Dooley, 31, failure to appear; Cruz I. Rodriguez, 33, contempt of court; Karen D. Chapman, 56,

aggravated assault and battery; and Robert C. Headen, 30, domestic assault and battery, damage property.

March 14 - Ashton D. Thompson, 22, DUI, damage property; Steven A. Ferguson, 48, contempt of court; Juan M. Sanchez, 35, DUI; Gabrielle C. Chatfield, 75, contempt of court.

President

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Prior to his work at Virginia Tech, Shushok served at his alma mater, Baylor University, in several capacities, including dean for student learning and engagement, and associate dean for Campus Living and Learning. While at Baylor and Virginia Tech, Shushok has been a formidable fundraiser, a prolific author, and a passionate partner to underserved and underrepresented student populations. He authored and co-authored multiple in-depth studies, helped bring in millions of dollars in gifts, and led a re-organization that addressed the systemic pattern of residence hall racial segregation.

In 2017, Shushok was named a Fellow of the American Council on Education and took up residency at Wake Forest University, where he focused on fundraising, alumni engagement and enrollment strategy. "Frank Shushok is inquisitive, a great listener, and thinks creatively about educating the whole person, linking the academic life of students to their entire collegiate experience," said Nathan O. Hatch, president emeritus of Wake Forest University. "I can think of no one better to lead Roanoke College in their aim to help students build lives of meaning and purpose."

Shushok holds a B.S. in history from Baylor University, an M.A. in higher education and student affairs administration from The Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. in higher education policy, planning and analysis from the University of Maryland, College Park.

The Roanoke College Board of Trustees' unanimous vote on March 21 confirming Shushok follows a five-month nationwide search conducted by a search committee of trustees, faculty, staff and students. Academic Search, a Washington, D.C.-based executive search firm, partnered with the College to conduct the search. The search pro-

duced a pool of more than 100 applicants of diverse backgrounds.

Michael C. Maxey, 11th president of Roanoke College, is retiring in July. Maxey has been with the College in various roles since 1985, serving as the president since 2007. Under Maxey's leadership, the College has expanded in many ways, including an increase in diversity of the student body and senior leadership, construction and renovation of 15 buildings, emphasis on experiential learning opportunities for students, and implementation of Roanoke's focus on assisting students in finding direction and purpose in their lives.

"I am thrilled to welcome President Elect Frank Shushok to the Maroon family," Maxey said. "Terri and I found Frank and his wife, Kelly, to be a dedicated couple who are excited about the Roanoke College community. What struck me about Frank is how engaging he is and how interested he is in getting to know others. He and Kelly will fit right in at Roanoke College. His commitment to enriching the Roanoke community is clear. The College is in good hands with Dr. Shushok."

At Roanoke, Shushok will join an institution highly regarded for its curriculum and emphasis on helping students find high-value careers and lives with meaning and purpose. In recent years, Roanoke College has become a top producer of academic scholars including Fulbright, Gilman, Goldwater and Truman awardees. New majors have been created in actuarial science, public health, engineering science, data science, education, creative writing and communication.

Roanoke's academic programs are designed to help students understand who they are and how they relate to the world. The college produces students who can think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems.

With a 13:1 student to faculty ratio and an average class size of 18, Roanoke features small classes and hands-on opportunities for students to work closely with faculty mentors.

"When I learned about Dr. Shushok's commitment to excellent education for students from diverse educational and socioeconomic backgrounds, and his approach to student learning and campus experiences, it became clear to me that he would be an inspiring leader for Roanoke College," said Dr. Shannon Anderson, associate professor of sociology, faculty moderator, and member of the Presidential Search Committee. "I believe his engaging and collaborative leadership style will amplify what we do best as a liberal arts college: we help students discover their academic interests and gifts, guide them with our institutional focus on finding purpose, and then watch as they launch into lives with meaning."

"I am very pleased to welcome Dr. Frank Shushok, Jr. as the next president of Roanoke College. Dr. Shushok exhibits passion for the liberal arts, total commitment to student success and the student

experience, and a sincere desire to create an inclusive and diverse community in which all members can envision themselves as a part," said Elizabeth G. McClenney, director of the library, and member of the Presidential Search Committee.

Emily Norton '23, former SGA president at the College and the student representative on the Presidential Search Committee, said that Shushok's warm and genuine demeanor will immediately endear him to Roanoke students. "I think that students will immediately be able to connect with President Elect Shushok and feel his excitement to be a part of our Roanoke community," Norton said. "I, for one, look forward to working with him and continuing to get to know him as he steps into the presidency. He's the kind of person you would want to hang out with at Mac and Bob's, and someone who has a lot of knowledge to share."

Shushok and his spouse, Kelly, are high school sweethearts who have been married for 30 years. Kelly has served more than 20 years in ministry, most recently as pastor at "edges," a progressive United Methodist community

in Blacksburg. Together, they have three children: Brayden, 22, who is employed at Morgan Stanley and 2021 graduate of Virginia Tech; Christian, 20, a sophomore at Sewanee: The University of the South; and Ivy Anne, 17, a junior at Blacks-

burg High School.

Additionally, the Shushok family comes to Roanoke College with one lovable and excited pup, Maple - the Maroon!

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Spring: Fish/DST/Daffodils ~

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

The calendar says it's Spring, the beginning of a welcome season to many people. In these mountain-valleys though, we know snow can flurry as late as early May.

I don't remember "flurries" in my childhood home east of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The fine flakes that blow about on cold, windy days appear to occur only in hill country. What falls doesn't stick.

Over at Salem's Roman Catholic Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 314 Turner Road, members of the fraternal order Knights of Columbus are selling their flounder fish dinners on Friday evenings in Lent. By calling 540-387-0491, you

can order a meal - enough for two nights for me - of breaded or broiled fish, a baked potato with trimmings, a cup of coleslaw, hush puppies, a roll and a choice of desserts made by members of the parish. Each meal costs \$10 and may be eaten indoors at the church parish hall this year or boxed for takeout.

A Lenten tradition, the fish dinners also will be sold at other nearby Catholic churches to help support the order's charitable works.

The strong possibility that Daylight Savings Time (DST) may become a year-round permanent thing fills me with mixed feelings. I'm still conditioned by my memories of World War II when, as a high school student in a small Virginia town surrounded by meadows and woods we lived with it for the several

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

years hostilities lasted.

It was detested by most people I knew whose livings depended on nature and the yearly cycles of the sun. Cows did not come in at the usual time to be milked nor my mother's poultry flock to be fed for the night. During the dark winter months, children who rode from the country on buses had to get up in the dark, and the weak winter sun was of little value for outside work.

In an effort to make the scheduling a little better, school administrators set the hours of attendance at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If for no other reason, most

people were happy when there was no more DST after Japan surrendered in the summer of 1945. That was the same year the world began to live with the hidden terror of the atomic - later hydrogen - bomb that could wipe cities off the map.

Maybe it's different now as more people live away from the land where the longer evenings are welcome for indoor employees. Lately, it's seemed to me, having DST from March through September offers more benefit.

As the flowers of the season brighten our yards, I'm reminded of the far-off days - those in "the War" referred to with DST - when our high school literature books introduced us teens to English Poetry. I loved it, especially that produced by the "Romantic" writers of the 18th

and 19th Centuries. The term "romantic" refers here, not to the experience of emotional-physical attraction but rather deep awareness of the beauty of God's creation.

Of such, did the English poet William Wordsworth write in his description of "a host of golden daffodils." Bright and fragrant, they are with us only a short time, but, as Wordsworth wrote in "I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud," in retrospect they make "the heart dance."

Remember last fall when we had a heavy crop of acorns, the first produced by my young Chestnut Oak in my front yard? Folklore has it that a lot of nuts is God's way of providing food for a hard winter. Where were the deep freezes and a couple of feet of the snow? They weren't unless we can count that only moderately deep snow/sleet mix that stayed around for days.

Inspire 2026 – More than just a strategic plan, it's a vision built on collaboration

Chelsea Moran
Marketing & Public Relations Manager
Guest Contributor

Last year, Goodwill Industries® of the Valleys celebrated 90 years of serving communities, families, and individuals. It was a milestone we are honored to have achieved as well as an opportunity

for reflection. We felt it important to focus forward by looking back – to our roots – and find the why behind what we do. Our founder, Edgar J. Helms, began Goodwill with a vision of 'not charity, but a chance.' He believed in giving people the opportunity to work as a path to both financial and personal independence. Such independence was key to combating poverty by providing 'a hand up, not a handout.' Looking to the past to shape our future led us to defining the eradication of poverty as the cornerstone of our mission. It also forced us to address some very real challenges - what role do we play? How can Goodwill make a difference? How can we make an even greater impact on communities, families, and individuals? How can we work with our partners from all facets of business, the nonprofit sector, civic and grassroots to move the needle on eliminating poverty?

To answer those questions, over the course of several months, we collected real time data through a series of surveys. We contacted shoppers, donors, financial

supporters, board members, community partners and other key stakeholders (including our own team members), to gain input and give voice to our priorities, efforts, strategy, and the future of our organization. We listened. We listened to the priorities, needs, and challenges, as well as aspirations, of those we partner and serve.

We let the feedback guide us and shape the strategic direction of Goodwill for the years ahead. Inspire 2026 is the culmination of hours spent looking inward on how we can define who we are, where we want to be, and the impact we want to be a part. Our goal was to develop a transformational plan that will allow us to eliminate poverty by empowering individuals, strengthening families, and inspiring communities.

At the heart of the plan are our own team members. They are the very individuals we aim to empower, part of the families we want to strengthen, and members of the communities we want to inspire. We have implemented a team-centered model which incorporates increased wages, better and more affordable benefits, and development opportunities. It is our connection to our communities we hold so dear. By putting team members at the center of

the decisions we make, we find we are more connected to the areas we are located. Through this connection, we strive to address and meet the needs of those we serve as well as those we've not yet had the opportunity.

In addition, we are focused on operational excellence to strengthen the programs and services we provide throughout our territory. A key component of that focus is a multi-generational approach to the programs and services we provide. It has been proven; individuals thrive when the entire family unit thrives. Strengthening families is part of our mission and vital to the success of both our strategic plan and our vision of eliminating poverty. We are dedicated to empowering youth through programs, building skills training opportunities, and helping those with various barriers gain employment as well as further developing our partnerships with community organizations and area businesses. Goodwill is committed to helping each individual reach their fullest potential. And our commitment is stronger than ever.

Finally, using this strategic framework for the future as a guide, we seek greater financial independence and stability, to allow us to reinvest in our communities, build stronger partnerships, and maximize resources.

So, you may be asking, what does this mean for me? I just want to shop for cool stuff or drop off my donations, what difference does it make to me what Goodwill is focused? Valid questions. First, thank you. Thank you for shopping and thank you for bringing your donations. 'You Donate and Shop. We Train. People Work.' has been our slogan for many years – and it holds true today. Your donations are the fuel that powers the change we are committed to being a part. We promise to be good stewards of your items by turning them into jobs, programs, youth activities, and more. We are dedicated to the neighborhoods, cities, towns, communities, and individuals we serve. We also recognize we cannot do this alone. Eliminating poverty is a lofty goal and one that will only be achieved through collaboration. Together, whether as a shopper, donor, business partner, is the only way we will make a lasting impact.

We are entering this transformative era energized with renewed mission, vision, purpose, and values. We hope you will join us.

Baseline measures and target outcomes projected for year five are included and the full plan is available by visiting www.goodwillvalleys.com/inspire.

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 - One point east of northeast
 - Free from

LewisGale Medical Center names new Chief Operating Officer

LewisGale Medical Center has hired Willie Payton, Jr. as chief operating officer for the 506-bed acute-care medical and surgical facility.

Before joining LewisGale Medical Center, Payton served as vice president of operations at Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond, VA, and has operated clinical and nonclinical services including emergency preparedness, security, safety, endoscopy, engineering, environmental services, food and nutrition services, imaging, and patient transportation. "We are excited to welcome Willie to our executive team and leverage his experience managing multiple interdisciplinary teams," said Lance Jones, LewisGale Regional Health System chief executive officer and market president.

Prior to Johnston-Willis, Payton held numerous administrative roles within the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers for over a decade.

Originally, from Cleveland, Payton earned his Bachelor of Arts in organizational communications and

Master's in health services administration from Xavier University. Payton is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and the National Association of Health Service Executives (NAHSE).

Submitted by Christopher Finley, Senior Marketing Director



Willie Payton Jr. SUBMITTED PHOTO

OBITUARIES

Rodgers, William O. "Buddy"

William O. "Buddy" Rodgers, 87, of Salem, passed away on Thursday, March 17, in Roanoke. He was born on Thursday, June 14, 1934. All

services will be held privately with his family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.johnmoakey.com.

South, Eric Jude

July 11, 1976 - March 12, 2022
Eric J. South, 45, originally of Salem, passed away on Saturday, March 12.

Funeral services to honor his life were conducted on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Riverside Evangelical Methodist Church, 1920 Lucas St, Sa-

lem, Va. Pastor Brian Gordan officiated.

The family received friends from noon until the time of service on Wednesday, at the church.

Online condolences may be expressed to Eric's family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

"The Crossroads of Saint-Lô," live documentary features WWII stories

For three years, Charissa Roberson has been researching two WWII stories from the small city of Saint-Lô, in Normandy, France. On Saturday, April 2, her work will culminate in a multimedia, bilingual (French/English) production called "The Crossroads of Saint-Lô" ("Le Carrefour de Saint-Lô"). The production will take place at Roanoke College, in the Wortmann Ballroom. It is open to the public with a pre-show reception beginning at 7 pm. Roberson is a senior at Roanoke College, double-majoring in Creative Writing and French.

Saint-Lô became Roanoke's sister city back in 1998, as a result of the strong connection between Normandy and this region

of Virginia during World War II. Roberson's research focuses on two stories from the conflict: that of Major Thomas Howie, an English literature professor from Staunton, Virginia, and Raymond Robin, a resistance fighter from Saint-Lô, France. The parallels between their lives are striking. Both of these men became heroes during the war – but they were also both husbands and fathers, ordinary men who accepted the call to fight for freedom.

Roberson's goal is to tell their two stories through an immersive production, which will utilize a mix of images, live narration, radio broadcasts, and period songs, as well as dramatic readings of several primary sources, including original letters. The experience

will be comparable to a live documentary. "The Crossroads of Saint-Lô" is designed to be fully bilingual, as the stories being told belong equally to both the Americans and the French. In that spirit, subtitles will be provided throughout the production, in both French and English.

The show will take place at Roanoke College, in Wortmann Ballroom (on the second floor of the Colket Center). Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 7 p.m. for a light reception and several pre-show exhibits, including a living history display. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., with an estimated hour-long runtime.

Submitted by Roanoke College News

Chapman Jr., William Frank

Under a full moon and a sky full of stars, William Frank Chapman, Jr. (January 25, 1934 – March 20, 2022), left this earthly world peacefully and with family by his side to join the head Cavalier in the sky and beloved family and friends.

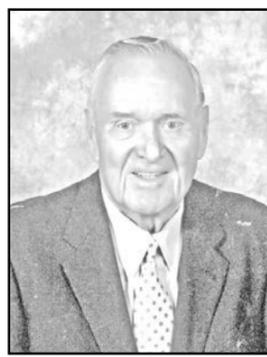
He is survived by his loving, devoted wife, Julie Stagg Chapman; three children, Lee Ann Chapman Critz and her husband Blake Critz of Salem, Frank Bates Chapman of Roanoke, and Catherine Chapman Mosley of Charlottesville; four grandchildren, Sara Catherine Critz Kronstain (husband John, children – Emma, Thomas and Matthew) of Charlottesville, Benjamin Lee Critz (wife Anna, children – Mason and Olivia) of Salem, Luke Bates Mosley of Charlottesville, and Addison Grace Chapman of Roanoke. He has five wonderful stepchildren with beautiful children and grandchildren that he loved dearly whom he was given through his union with Julie.

Frank was predeceased by two wives, Billie Lee Bates Chapman and Page Clark Chapman; his parents, William Frank Chapman, Sr. and Wilma Cross Chapman; and a sister, Lula Cross Harris Russell.

Frank was well known for his passionate support of the University of Virginia. He graduated from Andrew Lewis High School, attended Fork Union Military Academy, and was recruited by NC State University on scholarship to play football where he did for two years before transferring to UVA to finish his education.

Frank served in the United States Navy from 1956-58 before returning to Salem where he founded and served as president of his own business, Chapman-Taney-Painter-Logan Insurance, Inc and Bonding. After retiring from insurance, he later worked at Sherwood Memorial Park in operations. After a second retirement, Frank and his friend Burks Logan worked tirelessly together as co-chairmen of a capital campaign for the Salem Museum and were honored as "Hometown Heroes" in 2012 by the Roanoker Magazine. He also served as president of the board (2000-05) and was a life member of the Salem Museum and Historical Society.

Frank was appointed to the Virginia



Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Commission representing the sixth district in 1981 by then-Governor John Dalton and served as vice chairman from 1984-85. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer. Frank served as a member of the VPI&SU Wildlife Advisory Committee from 1983-85.

He also previously served on advisory councils for the Travelers Insurance National Agents and Cigna Insurance. He was a Trustee of the Virginia Agents Political Committee, serving as chairman from 1986-87. He was a former board member of the Salem Rotary Club and was recognized as a Paul Harris Rotary Fellow in 2005, a Trustee and lifetime member of the Salem Rescue Squad as well as chairman of its business men's fund drive committee for many years. Additionally, Frank was former vice chairman of the Catawba District of Boy Scouts of America, former state director of Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce, former president of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was also a board member of the Salem Food Pantry.

Additionally, Frank was a lifelong and third generation member of First United Methodist Church in Salem where he served on many committees and boards. He was known for his engaging personality, stories and ability to find connections with new people he met. His children called him "The Governor."

A celebration of Frank's life will be held at First United Methodist Church in Salem at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, with a graveside service immediately following at East Hill Cemetery. Please join us for a reception afterwards at the Salem Museum. Masks requested indoors.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Salem Museum, Good Samaritan Hospice or First United Methodist Church in memory of Frank. Our family would like to express our profound thanks to the warm and incredible professionals at the Virginia Veteran's Care Center in Roanoke and Good Samaritan Hospice.



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Chapter 20 addresses an interesting issue that reflects God's passion for justice. The "eye for an eye" principle was in vogue in those days, and God wanted justice for those who killed someone accidentally.

"Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses, so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from the avenger of blood." (Joshua 20:2-3).

What a great picture of Jesus and His compassion for us. Our sins can be accidental or unintentional, but sadly we sometimes disobey on purpose. Yet in either case, Jesus invites us to come to Him, confessing our sin. He promises to forgive us and cleanse us (1 John 1:9). He provides us the ultimate refuge from our mistakes.

Prayer for Today: Lord, when my thoughts, words, or actions are not pleasing to You, I will run to You because I know You are my "city of refuge."

Quicklook: Joshua 20:1-9

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DAR Chapter begins new year

Craig Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the America Revolution held their annual meeting recently where new officers were installed by Cynthia "Ricki" McKinney, Regent of Fort Lewis Chapter, and newly elected Chaplain of District VII. Visiting with Cynthia was her daughter, SSG Seyward McKinney (ret).

Officers who will serve for the next three years are Tina Crawford, Regent; Margaret Hines, Vice Regent and Registrar; Lois Groseclose, Secretary; Diane Givens, Treasurer; Dianne Brown, Chaplain; Mary Page Cosby, Librarian. Gifts were presented to Margaret, Tina, Diane and Cynthia in appreciation of their kindnesses and service to the chapter.

Tina Crawford gave a brief program on Washington's Farewell Address, reviewing his thoughts on unity, the Constitution, political parties, isolationism, religion, morality

and education. Our first President's words are still meaningful and timely today.

The Chapter is marking its 15th anniversary in 2022 and will be making plans for service projects and events to celebrate the date. The chapter was established in 2007 by the late Betty Huffman St. Clair and the late Helen

Looney. The founding regent was Nancy Field, now of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Established in 1890, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American his-

tory and securing America's future through better education for children. For more information, visit DAR.org. To learn more about Craig Valley DAR, contact Tina Crawford at 540-864-6216 or Margaret Hines at 540-864-8447.

Submitted by Craig Valley DAR



Left to right, Ricki McKinney, Tina Crawford, Margaret Hines, Dianne Brown, Diane Givens, Lois Groseclose and Mary Page Cosby.



Outgoing Regent Margaret Hines presented the new regent, Tina Crawford, with the chapter gavel and a Regent's mug. The gavel was presented to the chapter in 2007 by the serving state regent.

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Beth Haley SUBMITTED PHOTOS

munity is so incredibly fortunate to have one of its own back home making such a significant impact on the lives of children."

Graham is Salem born and Salem bred, and she even met her future spouse here when they were students at Andrew Lewis. Parker Graham claims he called "dibs" on Mallory when the two were just 11 years old at a neighborhood trampoline party. Despite his bold proclamation, they never dated until years later when he was active duty in the Air Force. His service in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom allowed Mallory to gain valuable teaching experiences in four grade levels in several different school systems, including one in Charlottesville and another in Alaska.

"In my heart, I do not care how old you are when you are in my classroom," she says. "Even at Roanoke College when I taught math, we sorted Skittles and used blocks to build on them becoming math teachers. All kids just want to be valued, be loved, be safe and have a good time."

Graham earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia.



Tarah Moorman

Her undergraduate degree is in English while her advanced degree is in Teaching. Currently, she is pursuing her Doctorate in Curriculum Instruction from Liberty University.

"UVa was amazing, but I am a teacher because of my experience with the Shelor family in Salem," she says. "Throughout high school and college I worked as a physical and speech therapist for their son who has cerebral palsy. Watching him learn and grow opened my eyes to the world of teaching and how special it can feel to help children reach their goals."

Looking back, she now knows many of her own teachers made education their life's calling for the same reasons.

"I teach the way I teach because of Mr. Hairston," she says of the revered Andrew Lewis teacher. "He had the ability to love kids so well and by observing him I learned how to express that for my students. To me, he is the G.O.A.T., the greatest of all-time, and one of the most phenomenal educators ever."

"I had the distinct honor and pleasure of teaching Mallory during my first year at Andrew Lewis when she was in the 7th grade," says Corbitt Hairston.



Janice Simmons

"She was a hard-working student who always worked well with her classmates, and I am so proud of the woman she has become. She is an outstanding teacher who always goes above and beyond what is expected of her."

Graham helped create the Wolverine Way making all in the building accountable for being responsible, respectful and safe. She oversees sending postcards home to students in all grade levels and they aren't delivered by email or jammed in a backpack. They are mailed the old-fashioned way and they lift-up student accomplishment in every way imaginable.

"Even the eighth graders tell me that their moms put them up on the refrigerator, as soon as they get them," she says. "This ties into the culture that we have tried to create, and we are going to celebrate you, even if it is just for consistently making it to 7th period on time."

The Andrew Lewis "House System", based on the Ron Clark Academy model, also has created a sense of belonging for everyone from the youngest students to the oldest employees. There are six different houses and competitive giving is a ma-



Kendra Fagg

major component among the various groups.

"If you are going to be in a family and have this type of climate and culture there has to be an element of impacting others in this beautiful Salem community," she says. "Every month we partner with an organization and see which house can bring in the most money or the most donated items."

As a result, monetary donations and thousands of items have been given to the Andrew Lewis food pantry, the Roanoke Rescue Mission, the Ronald McDonald House, local animal shelters and cancer research.

"You have to know how to treat each other in the world," she says. "I have to help students become individuals who can go into society and be kind and respectful. People are going to have different opinions, but you cannot be mean and hateful and come at them aggressively."

"Having conversations, being kind and showing your heart are things that matter to me. We are not going to yell and scream, post bad things about each other on social media or record it on Snapchat because we are trying to build something for the future."



Melanie Smith

And for Graham, the future is now.

"The pandemic and COVID are what fueled some of the fire to do these things," she says. "We lost some of the connectiveness and collaboration that are so important to teaching and learning, but many of the things we are now doing are bringing us back together. Andrew Lewis was a phenomenal place for me as a student and I want to make sure it stays that way as a teacher."

Graham and Salem's other Teachers of the Year were recognized by the School Board on Tuesday, March 22. The other Teachers of the Year representing the five remaining Salem schools were: Janice Simmons, Reading Specialist, East Salem Elementary; Beth Haley, Special Education, G.W. Carver Elementary; Tarah Moorman, Special Education, Salem High School, Melanie Smith, Reading Specialist, West Salem Elementary.

In 2021, Salem suspended this award for a year and instead recognized all employees in the school division as Employees of The Year. They were honored for their amazing service in the heart of the pandemic.

Best friends marry each other, continue to make memories together

Haley Moore and Joel Haskin were married on October 2, 2021, at The Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve in Goshen, KY. The outdoor ceremony featured a very natural theme in the woods with strings of twinkling lights, many candles and beautiful, fall flowers. The couple planted an olive tree during the ceremony in place of the Unity candle. Haley is originally from Salem while Joel is from Cincinnati, Ohio. Many friends and relatives from Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio and other states attended. Haley's parents are Cindi and Richard Moore, formerly of Salem. Her grandparents, Mike and Cynthia Calaway and Sharon Moore, are also from Salem.



Gas tax holiday for struggling Virginians proposed

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently announced that he would send a bill to the General Assembly in the upcoming special session to suspend Virginia's gas tax for three months. The Governor proposes using over \$437 million in unanticipated transportation revenues to support the gas tax holiday. Data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics this week showed a 38.8 percent surge, year over year, in the gasoline index, and inflation on all items is at a 40-year high.

"Inflation, especially in energy and gasoline, is increasing because of failed policies by the current Presidential administration that constrain domestic supply. In addition, the conflict in Ukraine is further exacerbating the problem. These rising gas prices are hurting Virginians, and we need to do something about it," Governor Youngkin said. "The Commonwealth Transportation fund has over \$1 billion more revenue than anticipated this year and next, from the taxes paid by the people of Virginia. This

bill gives money back to them in the form of a gas tax holiday."

The Governor's proposal would suspend the Motor Vehicle Fuels tax, which is 26.2 cents per gallon for gasoline and 27 cents for diesel, for three months, May, June, and July, and phase it back in slowly in August and September. The Governor's proposal would also cap the annual adjustment to the gas tax at no more

than two percent per year to further protect Virginians from the hidden tax increase of inflation.

Revenue from the tax, commonly referred to as "the gas tax" is deposited in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund along with a portion of the state's sales and use tax.

The Commonwealth Transportation Fund, which funds maintenance and construction for all

modes of transportation, is currently realizing revenue well-above forecast and has \$671.4

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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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SHS girls beat PH to remain undefeated

The Salem High girls soccer team played host to Patrick Henry in soccer Tuesday and remained undefeated with a 2-0 win over the visiting Patriots.

Audrey Hayes got the Spartans on the scoreboard when she headed in a corner kick by Zada Craig in the first half. It was 1-0 at intermission, and Salem scored an insurance goal when Annie Bond converted a corner kick in the second half after a Salem girl was shoved in the box. Allison Kessel had four saves for the Spartans, who improved to 3-0 with the win.

Last Friday in Daleville the girls took a 2-1 win over a strong Lord Botetourt team in a hard-fought non-district game. Salem got on the board early when Reese Mangus headed in a corner kick by Brooke Bowers with just two minutes gone. That's how the game stood at the half, with Salem up 1-0.

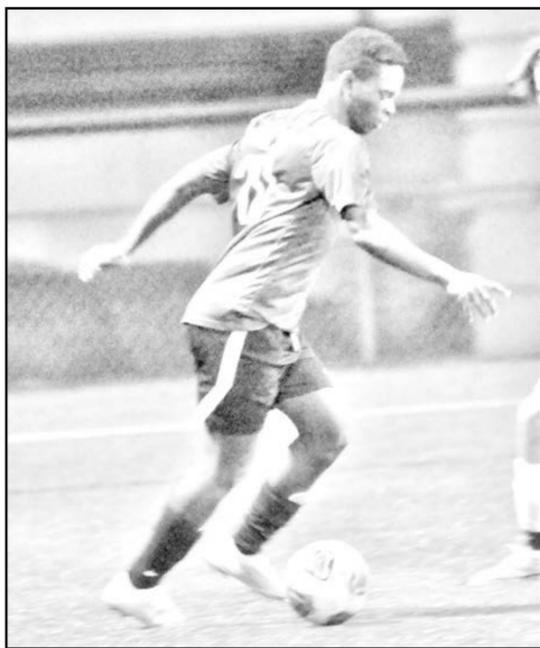
Salem increased the lead to 2-0 in the second half when Abby Pitts headed in a free kick from Eloise Fountain. Botetourt cut the lead in half on a penalty kick, but Salem was able to hold off the Cavaliers for the victory. Kessel had seven saves for the Spartans and Abby Funk and Kenley Coleman had some clutch defensive plays down the stretch.

The Spartans will be back at home Friday night to play host to Christiansburg in the final game before spring break.



Salem's Abby Pitts(#2) beats a Botetourt girl to the ball in last week's win in Daleville.

PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY



Diego Clivens Joseph controls the ball for Salem.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Patriots hold off Salem boys

The Salem High soccer team traveled to Patrick Henry for a showdown with the River Ridge District rival Patriots on Tuesday and dropped a 2-1 decision.

Buddy Reed scored Salem's goal on a direct kick early in the second half, but the Patriots answered with two goals and held off a Salem rally for the win. Zach Lintner had 10 saves in goal for the Spartans.

Last Friday the Spartans were home to Lord Botetourt where they battled the Cavaliers to a 1-1 tie. Zach Ruhlman gave the Cavaliers a 1-0 lead with 11 minutes left in the game but Salem responded a few minutes later with a penalty kick by Budd Reed. The game went into overtime with no score and the final was a 1-1 tie. Max Benne had four saves for Salem.

The Spartans, now 1-1-1, will be back on the road Friday with a game at Christiansburg. Then they're off for spring break, returning April 5 for a game at Cave Spring.

Highlanders host Galax in doubleheader tonight

The Glenvar High soccer teams will host Galax in a doubleheader tonight at Highlander Stadium. The girls' varsity game will start at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow. The Galax boys were in the state Class 1 final last season.

The Glenvar boys' team remained undefeated as they escaped with a 3-3 tie against Lord Botetourt in Daleville Tuesday. Glenvar led twice in the first half, on goals by Marco Gustafson and Wesley Feliciano, but LB answered on both occasions and it was tied 2-2 at the half.

The Cavaliers took a 3-2 lead with just over 20 minutes to go in regulation and had Glenvar on the ropes. However, Riley Geddes scored at about the three minute mark to tie it up again and no one scored in overtime and the game ended in a tie.

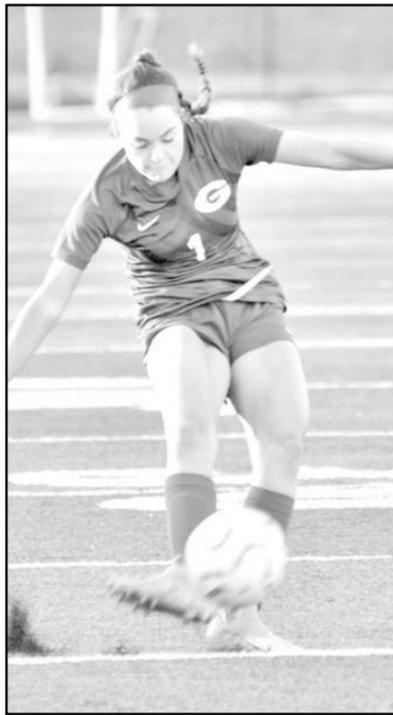
"I can't complain when we're down with under five minutes to go and get a tie," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "But we can't keep giving up three goals. We're going to have to work on some things and start getting some shutouts."

Last Friday in Moneta the Highlanders took a 4-1 win over Staunton River.



Left, Zach Curfiss of the Glenvar boys soccer team settles the ball, and right Campbell Hardin of the girls' team kicks the ball.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Glenvar scored three goals in the first half. Gustafson scored the first two, including one off a corner kick. Then Jacson Shepherd made it 3-0 at the half, and added a second goal after intermission for some insurance. Collecting assists were Colin Clapper,

Geddes, Feliciano and Kian Fisher. Alex Byrd made two saves in the net as Glenvar outshot the Eagles, 30-15.

Meanwhile, the girls played host to Eastern Montgomery last Friday and took a 7-3 loss. Faren Wilson had two goals, one assisted

by Jules Stanley and the other assisted by Rhyann Harris, who had Glenvar's other goal on a penalty kick.

Next week the girls are at East Mont for a rematch on March 31 and the boys will host Staunton River on April 1.

Salem, Glenvar tennis teams will take off for spring break

The Salem and Glenvar tennis teams will be off for spring break next week but they'll get in a few matches before taking off. Today the Glenvar girls will host Lord Botetourt and on Friday Salem will play Christiansburg, with the girls at home and the boys at Christiansburg.

Last Friday Salem's teams took on LB with the boys at the Salem Civic Center courts and the girls at Salem High as the Cavaliers do not have home courts this spring. The Salem girls won 9-0 while the boys fell 7-2.

Singles winners for the Salem girls included number one Lauren Baba, who won 8-0, and number two Claire Rawlins, who won 8-1. Other singles winners for the Spartans were, in order on the ladder, Caroline Loveday(8-4), Morgan Tobey(8-2), Zoe Prosser(8-3) and Mary Beth Mills(8-3). Salem swept the doubles with Baba and Claire winning at number one, Loveday and Tobey at two and Prosser and Mills at three. All three doubles teams won 8-2.

Winning for the boys were Cole Maggi at number two and the doubles team of Maggi and Stephen Witt at second doubles.

The Salem and Glenvar teams were in action

Tuesday but results were too late for publication. Salem's teams played Patrick Henry while the Glenvar boys hosted Lord Botetourt and the girls met Northside at Walronc Park.



Lauren Baba is Salem's number one tennis player.

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Jackson Jones(#14) of the Glenvar Middle School soccer team works the ball in Monday's 1-1 tie with Lewis at the GMS field.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

AL, GMS tangle in middle school sports

Andrew Lewis and Glenvar middle schools went head-to-head in four sports Monday with Lewis winning two, Glenvar winning one and one ending in a tie.

Lewis took the baseball game at Green Hill Park, 17-1. Kobe Hairston and Mason Brown held Glenvar to two hits while Chase Rutledge and Kolton Hedge had three stolen bases and three runs scored each for Lewis. Jacob Campbell had a double for the Highlanders.

In softball, Glenvar won a slugfest at the Moyer Complex, 23-18.

The Lewis boys' soccer team remained undefeated but had to settle for a 1-1 tie with Glenvar on the Highlanders' pitch. In girls' soccer the Wolverines won 2-0 on goals by Brooklyn Atkins and Sophia Migliarese.

Today Lewis' softball team will host Northside while the soccer teams play Central Academy with the girls at home and the boys at CA.

Randolph-Macon brings ODAC national title in Division III basketball

FORT WAYNE, Ind. --- Randolph-Macon College is a national champion for the first time in school history as the Yellow Jackets men's basketball team lifted the NCAA Division III trophy following a 75-45 triumph over Elmhurst College on Saturday at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Yellow Jackets (33-1) completed a nearly unblemished season in achieving a school-record 33 victories on the way to becoming the

second team in ODAC history to don the Division III men's basketball crown. R-MC joins Virginia Wesleyan University (then Virginia Wesleyan College) with national trophies with the Marlins hoisting their walnut & bronze prize in 2006. Randolph-Macon is now 24-16 (.600) in the D-III tournament following a 6-0 run through this year's bracket.

Randolph-Macon, ranked #1 in the country by D3hoops.com for 10 of the 13 weeks the outlet published its top-25

poll, ends the most successful season in program history on a program-record 27-game winning streak. R-MC has won 50 of its past 51 games and is now 100-7 over the past four seasons. The Yellow Jackets have also been victorious 48 straight games in the friendly confines of Crenshaw Gymnasium.

Buzz Anthony of Randolph-Macon was named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament and Miles Mallory of the Jackets was also named to the All-Tournament team.

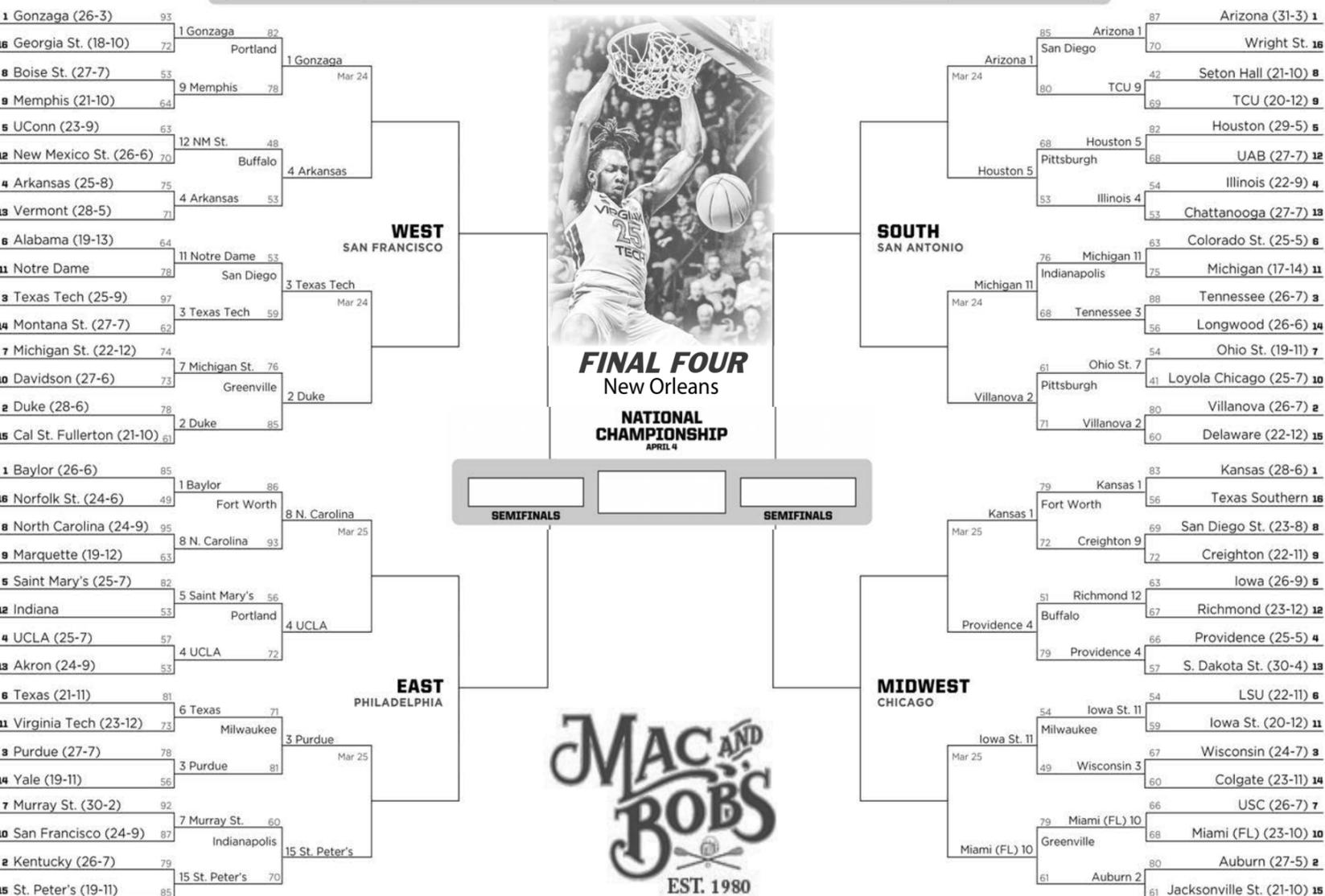
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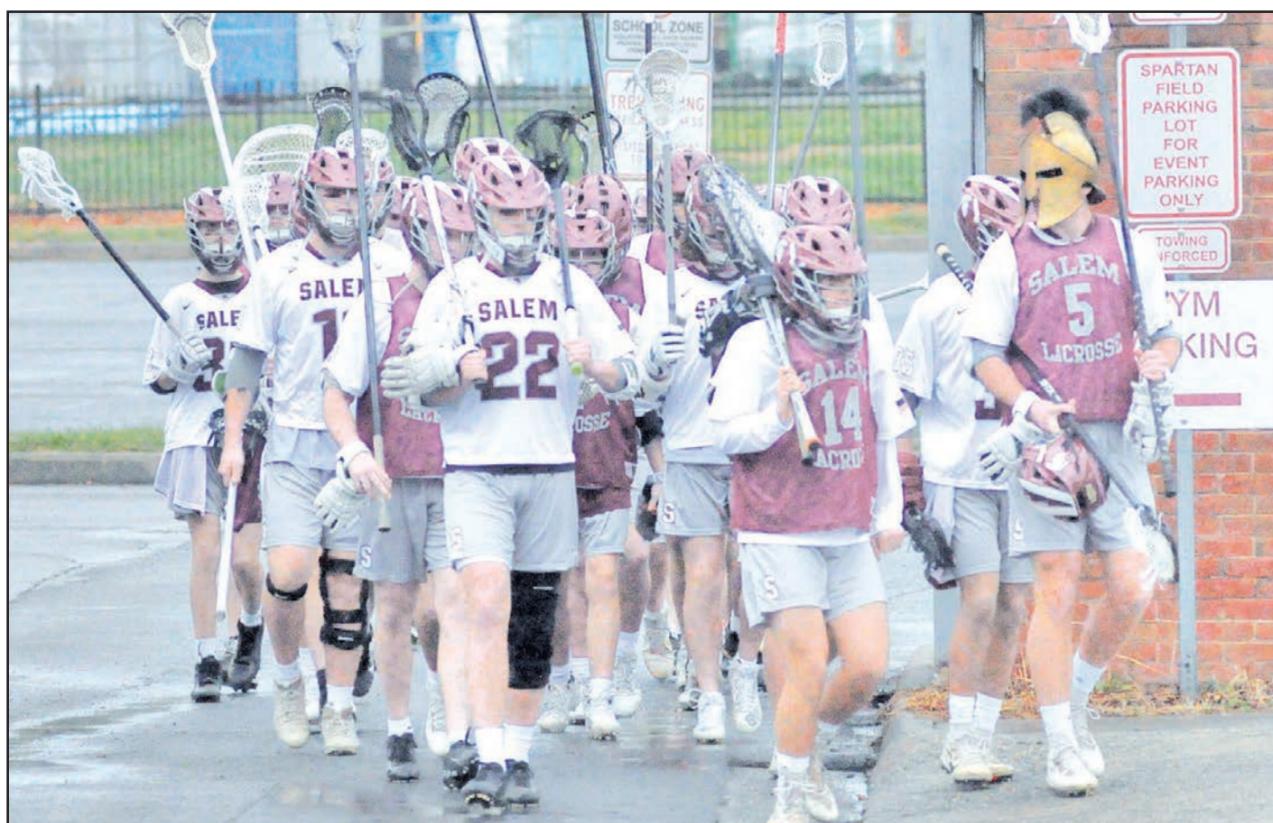
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Will Hicks(#5 in Spartan Helmet) leads the Salem High team to Spartan Field as the lacrosse team makes the walk from the fieldhouse prior to last week's game with North Cross.

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Raiders beat Salem in lax opener, 12-5

The Salem High boys opened their lacrosse season last week on a rainy night at Spartan Field, losing 12-5 to North Cross.

Salem trailed 6-3 at the half and hanging tough against a talented Raiders team, coached by Salem resident and Roanoke College grad Chris Pollack. Ironically, Salem is coached by North Cross grad George Revercomb.

"We were close to making it a game the whole way until they pulled away at the end," said Revercomb. "We got a little loose and aggressive trying to get the ball back down 9-5 in the fourth quarter."

Landon Miles led Salem with three goals, Tanner Dallas had a goal and two assists and Kaiden Garst scored his first varsity goal. Jake Massey had two assists for Salem.

The Spartans are now off until April 4 when they play at Cave Spring.

Spartan girls come from 6-1 down to beat PH in lacrosse

The Salem High girls fell behind early but battled back to edge Patrick Henry in lacrosse Monday. The Salem girls defeated the visiting Patriots 8-7 at Spartan Field.

"It was a close one," said Salem coach Maggi Pace. "PH has an extremely strong midfield, one of which is committed to play at Pitt next year. We struggled to win the draw because of it, so time of possession went most to PH. Overall our team was stronger ounce for ounce, it was just a matter of possessing. When we did have the ball, we could score quickly."

Salem fell behind 6-1 early in the game but rallied by to cut the lead to 7-3 at the half. The Spartans outscored the Pats 5-1 in the second half to pull out the win.

Spartan captain Addi Blanchard led Salem with five goals, including the game winner. Zoe Blair had two goals and Bailey Stratton had a goal and three draw controls. Mia Esworthy had an assist and Brynn Bowen had seven saves in the crease.

"All the coaches were proud of the girls because of the fight to come back," said Pace. "Being our first game, we've been stuck in practice mode for a month where other teams have had multiple games by now. PH was on its third game, so we knew they would look a little more ready in that regard. We'll have a little break for spring break now, but then we're playing multiple games a week, so I'm excited to see how we rise with that schedule."



Salem's Zoe Blair runs away from PH opponents in Monday's win over the Patriots at Spartan Field.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



George Gilbert of Roanoke College cranks a shot in a recent game.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Maroon laxmen blast Virginia Wesleyan, will play at Washington & Lee Saturday

Tied 3-3 after one quarter, the Roanoke College men's lacrosse team exploded for 17 of the next 18 goals on their way to a 24-6 win over ODAC rival Virginia Wesleyan last Saturday in Virginia Beach.

Roanoke trailed three different times during the first quarter before a DJ Nolan to George Gilbert goal would make it 3-3 after one period of play. Ethan Caldwell found Luke Kammerman to start the second quarter with a quick score. Wyatt Whitlow scored the first of his three second quarter goals as the Maroons embarked on a 17-1 run over the middle two quarters. During the second period, Whitlow and Kammerman scored three times apiece with Gilbert adding a pair and Caldwell one for a

9-0 period.

Brooks Klyver took the opening faceoff to add to the Roanoke lead ahead of another Kammerman tally. Quinn Evans scored and, after a pair of Caldwell goals, the Maroons scored 15 unanswered, goals.

The final quarter would see a pair of goals by Carson Peck and after Jack Isabelle and Matt Hemmert got in on the act, Roanoke had run their ODAC record to 2-0 with a 24-6 win.

The Maroons will have their work cut out for them this Saturday when they take on Washington & Lee at 2 pm in Lexington. The Generals are also 2-0 in conference play and tied at the top of the ODAC standings with the Maroons, Bridgewater and Shenandoah.

Cardinals edge RC women

Catholic University pulled out a 13-12 win over the Roanoke College women's lacrosse team last Saturday in a game in Washington, D.C.

The game was tied at half but the Cardinals took a two-goal lead heading into the final period of play. With Catholic up a pair, the Maroons cut the deficit

to a single goal with less than a minute to play. Roanoke gained control but a centering pass was intercepted with just seconds on the clock as Catholic defeated the Maroons.

Salem High grad Lilly Blair led all scorers with five goals while Emerson Foster and Maddie Stopkoski added

two scores each. Sydney Harrison added a goal and pair of assists for the Maroons.

The loss dropped RC to 2-2 overall. They were scheduled to play at Lynchburg on Wednesday, and this Saturday they go to Christopher Newport for a 1pm non-conference game.

Roanoke College baseball team beats Ferrum

The Roanoke College baseball team evened their record at 9-9 with a 7-4 win over Ferrum at Salem Memorial Stadium Monday. The game was originally scheduled for Wednesday but moved to Monday to avoid possible inclement weather.

With the score tied 3-3 Roanoke broke the game open with a four run eighth. Jeb Byerley singled to get the rally started, then went all the way to third on a sacrifice bunt that the third baseman fielded and no one covered the bag. Will Smith walked ahead of a go-ahead RBI single by PK Cocolis and Conner Butler made it 5-3 with a single down the left field line and then stole second base. Cocolis scored on a ground out by Mason Staz. Staz started to steal second base but got caught in a run-down allowing Butler to score and the Maroons took a 7-3 advantage.

Jonny Wall was two for two with a run, three RBIs and a Home Run. Butler finished the game two for four with a pair of runs, an RBI and a stolen base while Smith went two for two with two runs and a pair of base on balls.

The Maroons won again Tuesday, scoring two runs in the bottom of the ninth to top Greensboro College in Salem. Washington & Lee is here for a noon doubleheader on Saturday.

Third ranked Marlins sweep a pair from RC softball team

The Roanoke College women dropped their first two Old Dominion Athletic Conference games of the season last weekend when Virginia Wesleyan swept a doubleheader from the Maroons at the Moyer Complex in Salem.

The Marlins dominated the first game, 14-1, before the Maroons dropped a 7-6 nail-biter in the nightcap. Virginia Wesleyan is the defending national champion and currently the third ranked team in all of Division III.

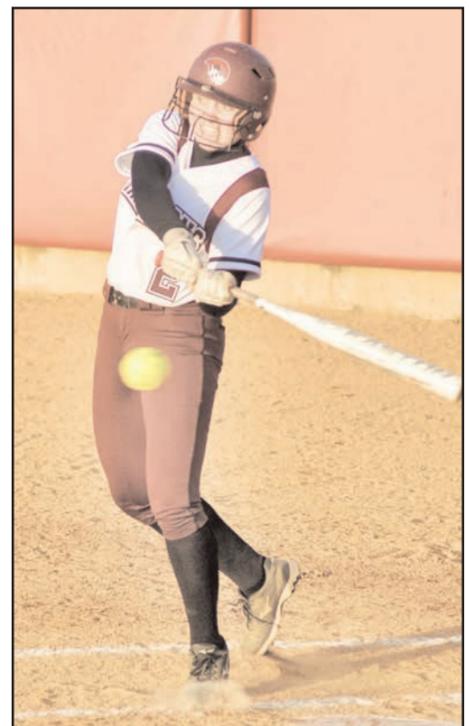
In the opener the Marlins scored 10 runs in the seventh inning to put the game away. In the second game Roanoke led 6-4 in the top of the seventh only to have Virginia Wesleyan score three runs on two hits and two

RC errors to take the lead and hold on for the sweep.

Roanoke ace Jada Karnes took the loss in the opener, just her second loss of the season. The Marlins touched her for six earned runs on nine hits.

In the second game RC's Adriana Rivera was two for four with an RBI and a stolen base. Katelyn Craghead, Madison Courts, and Morgan Clark combined to go three for nine with three runs and a pair of RBI and Courts had a home run.

The Maroons are now 14-6 overall and had a Wednesday doubleheader with Averett postponed due to threat of rain. This Saturday the Maroons will host Randolph-Macon for two beginning at 1 pm.



Morgan Clark slaps a hit for the Maroons.

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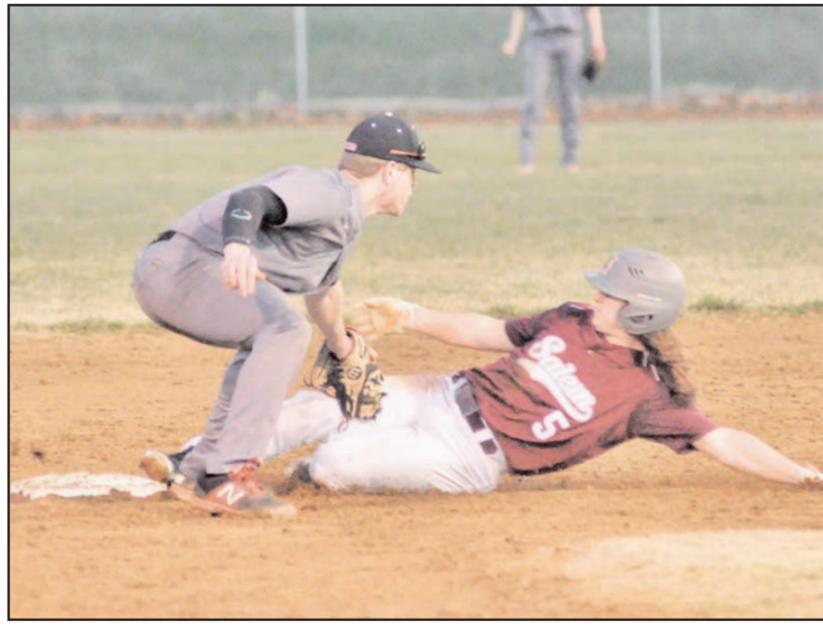
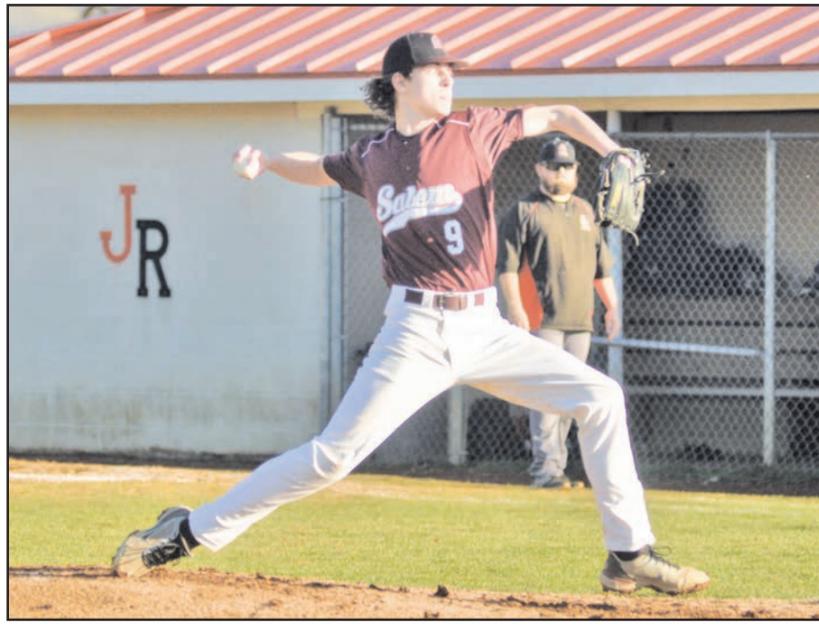
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Left, Salem's Trent Judd pitches a one-hitter in last week's win at James River. Right, Tate Spitnale steals second after getting on to start a seventh inning rally.

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Salem High baseball is undefeated after three games

The Salem High baseball team remained undefeated with an 11-0 win over Patrick Henry in Roanoke Tuesday night. The Spartans are 3-0 after a week and a half of action.

Camden Hart got his first start and pitched a one hitter as the Spartans "slaughter ruled" the Patriots in five innings. Camden struck out six.

At the plate, freshman Trace Monroe walked three times and stole six bases. Chase Greer had two hits while Trent Judd and Brendan Steele drove in two runs each.

Last Thursday in Buchanan the Spartans took on James River and pulled out a close one, 3-1, as Salem's Judd was hooked up in a good ole fashioned pitching duel with River ace Heath Andrews.

Andrews pitched four scoreless innings, allowing three hits and fanning seven, before being relieved by Jonas Wilkes in the fifth. Jonas kept the shutout alive for two innings before Salem touched him for three in the top of the seventh to break the scoreless tie.

Tate Spitnale got the Salem rallied started with a leadoff walk. Trace Monroe singled and Ben Bowers followed with an RBI single to break up the shutout. Eli Bowery then knocked in Monroe and Bowers for a 3-0 Salem lead heading into the bottom of the seventh.

Meanwhile, Salem's Judd took a no-hitter into the last inning. Andrews broke that up with a double and River had the tying runs on board with just one out

before Dalton Hall hit a bullet to the right side that was speared by Spartan firstbaseman Bowery, who tapped his glove on first to double off the runner and end the game.

Judd got the well-deserved win, allowing one hit while striking out 15 Knights and walking just one. Trent threw 95 pitches, 70 percent of which were strikes for the complete game masterpiece.

Salem had nine hits, including three by Hunter Bayne. Monroe and Bowers had two hits each.

The Spartans will be back in action Friday with a game at Christiansburg. Next week they're the only Salem High team to play over spring break with a home game against Hidden Valley Tuesday and a home game with Blacksburg on Friday, April 1.

Vikings down Glenvar

The Glenvar High baseball team will play host to Galax Friday in their last game before spring break. The Highlanders are 1-3 after a week and a half of the season and their win was an 8-7 victory over the Maroon Tide in Galax last Friday.

Josiah Wayne had two hits in last week's win and three pitchers split the mound chores. Clay Caldwell started and pitched two innings and Brendan Magruder threw the next two and was credited with the win. Jimmy Blount finished up, pitching three innings for a save with six strikeouts.

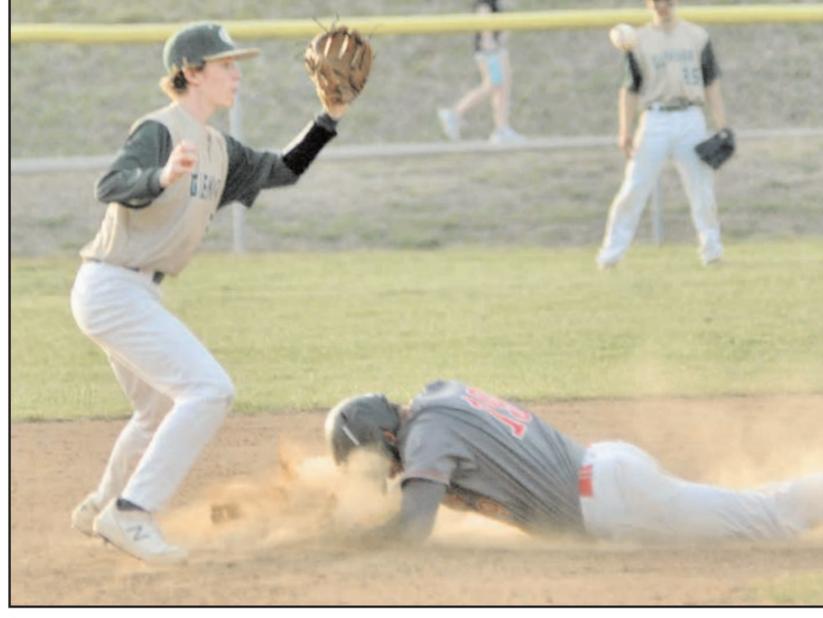
On Monday Glenvar ran into a buzz saw with Riverheads in town. The Gladiators took a 12-2 win and the Highlanders didn't help themselves with 13 errors in the field. Dawson Anderson, Ashton Meadows and

Magruder all tried to stop the bleeding with little support and the game was stopped early by the 10 run rule.

A day later, also at home, the Highlanders fell behind Northside, 9-0, before losing 9-4. Coach Jeremy Cromer wasn't happy to lose, but he was pleased with the effort.

"We battled back against Northside and didn't quit," he said. "I wasn't happy with the way we played against Riverheads, but I can't fault them for the way they hung in against Northside. This is a young team and we'll be a lot better by the end of the season."

Blount pitched and went four and a third innings, striking out six. Caldwell pitched two thirds of an inning and Reed Hutchinson got the last out. Jake Stanley and James Tozier had two hits each.



Glenvar's Adam Franklin takes the throw at second as a Riverheads runner gets a face full of dirt Monday at GHS.

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Sparger throws no-hitter as Salem girls win third straight



Salem's Catherine Henderson comes running in from right field in pursuit of a bloop over the infield(left) and makes a nice catch to retire an LCA batter in Salem Invitational action Saturday.

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The Salem High girls took two of three games in the Salem Invitational last weekend at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem, and a Tuesday win over Patrick Henry lifted the Spartans to 3-2 overall as Cora Grace Sparger tossed a no-hitter.

Salem High was the host for the 11 team Invitational under sunny skies on the last two official days of winter. On Friday night the Spartans hosted James River and took a 4-2 loss against a strong Knights' team. Caitlin Wells had two hits for the Spartans and Mazie Roop had an RBI. Cora Robinson pitched a complete game but took the loss, allowed three earned runs while fanning six.

On Saturday morning the Spartans trailed 3-1 into the bottom of the fifth but exploded for nine runs to take a 10-3 win. Robinson led Salem with three hits while Yasmiyah Ashwell had two and Bayleight Booth and Allie Mitchem had three runs batted in each. Sparger pitched a complete

game, striking out a dozen to get the win.

On Saturday afternoon the Spartans wrapped up the tournament with a 17-5 win over Roanoke Catholic. Robinson, Ashwell, Sparger and Ciara Steele had three hits apiece as the Spartan offense was hitting on all cylinders. Booth and Wells had two hits each while Robinson got the win on the mound, striking out 10.

On Tuesday the Spartans made it three in a row with a 10-0, slaughter rule win over Patrick Henry at the Moyer Complex. Sparger pitched a no-hitter for the Spartans, fanning 11 in just five innings and walking one.

Salem had eight hits in the win. Yasmiyah Ashwell had a double and a triple and drove in two runs for Salem and Kiersten Boris had an RBI.

The Spartans are back in action today with a game at Lord Botetourt, and on Friday they head to Christiansburg for their River Ridge District opener and the final games before spring break.

Highlanders bounce back to beat NHS

The Glenvar softball team bounced back from a tough loss Monday to defeat Northside Tuesday, 10-6, on the Vikings home field.

The Highlanders scored seven runs on eight hits in the second inning to jump on top early. Izzy Shearer highlighted the inning with a two-run triple and she also stole home.

Abby Teubert pitched the first three innings, fanning five and allowing just one earned run to get the win. Savana Luper pitched the next three innings and Teubert returned to pitch the seventh and close out the win.

Sarah Kate Tozier finished with three hits. Shearer added a double and drove in three runs for the Highlanders. Luper and Teubert had two hits

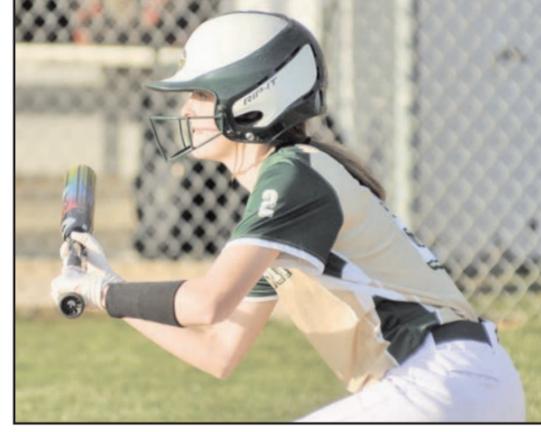
apiece.

On Monday Riverheads paid the Highlanders a visit and pounded out an 18-0 win that was stopped after five innings. Luper, Teubert and Hannah Street all took turns on the rubber with little success and the Glenvar defense committed eight errors, allowing six unearned runs to score.

Meanwhile, the Highlanders struggled at the plate. Glenvar had just three hits, two by Luper and one by Shearer.

Glenvar threatened to score in the fourth inning with bases loaded and no one out, but the next three batters popped up in the infield to end the threat.

The Highlanders are now off until next Friday, April 1, when they return the trip to Riverheads.



Glenvar's Madison Duncan squares to bunt in Monday's game with Riverheads.

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