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A Community Farewell

Salem's Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy shuts its doors after 97 years in business-

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For the first time in nearly a century, the building at 2 E Main Street in Salem no longer is in business. On March 29, Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy dispensed its last prescription.

While not news to many customers, for people like Sally Carter, it took some time for the word to spread. "I grew up in Salem but

moved away almost two decades ago," she said. "When I heard the news, I called the store to thank them for all they've done for the community."

Webber's Pharmacy was created in 1925. Thirty-four years later, Ray Byrd Sr. and Ervin Pollard Brooks purchased the company, eventually changing the name to Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy.

Cameron Brooks, the longtime pharmacist, is the

son of Ervin Brooks. He and his wife Ann have lived in the Salem area pretty much their entire lives. While it's next to impossible to accurately tally the number of hours he's spent at the pharmacy over the years, Cameron says he never took his relationship with the Salem community for granted.

"The Salem community has supported us over

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PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Cameron Brooks, left, and pharmacy technician Whitney Bousman wanted to convey this message to the Salem community, "Thank you for all the memories you've given us over the years."



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Congratulations are in store for Salem High after its Forensics Team recently captured its 16th consecutive VHSL State Title.

Salem High School wins 16th straight VHSL State Forensics Title

The Salem Spartans once again proved that no one in the state can talk the talk like they can.

This past Saturday, the Spartans won their 16th straight Virginia High School League team State Title with a convincing 35-14 victory over second place Handley High School.

"Although we had a lot of young talent this year, watching the members grow into confident performers with both humor and purpose and seeing them fight alongside some of our strongest veterans, is one

of the most rewarding things a team, as a whole, can experience," says Team Captain Nash Lakin. "As a captain, it is an honor to compete at the championship level, but it is an even greater honor to compete alongside teammates that I have come to know and love."

After going virtual last year, the competition was held at Clover Hill High School in Midlothian on Saturday. The victory not only kept Salem's current streak alive

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Sen. Kaine talks crime, community needs at Roanoke Valley forum



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Roanoke City Mayor Sherman Lea Sr., left, and Senator Tim Kaine, right, responding to a question from a concerned Salem resident.

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After being sworn in as Virginia's junior senator in 2013, Tim Kaine said, "You learn early on as a politician that it is impossible to please everyone. As cliché as it sounds though, I am here to serve all people, regardless of if they share my perspectives or not."

Throughout his political career, the vast majority of Kaine's views have remained consistent, especially when it comes to gun violence. In 1998, while serving as the mayor of Richmond, Kaine regularly spoke on the role mental health plays in gun violence and community crime.

In his official capacity as a senator, Kaine gets to propose and vote on federal legislation that impacts all Americans. In April 2021 he and Senator Mark Warner introduced the Virginia Plan to Reduce Gun Violence Act (S 1155), a comprehensive package that would enact the

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Roanoke County Fire & Rescue respond to brush fire in Havens Management Area

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue responded at approximately 2 p.m. on March 29 to the 2500 block of Wildwood Road, in the Fort Lewis area, for a report of smoke near the power lines on the mountain. First responding crews from Station 9 found a brush fire under the power lines that was

about two acres in size.

The fire was described as slow-moving and has died down since the initial report. At no time have any structures been threatened and there are no injuries to report at this time. The Virginia Department of Forestry was immediately on the scene with personnel and

two bulldozers to help cut containment lines around the fire.

The fire produced smoke and flames that were visible from across the valley. Units were on scene most of the night and remained to bring the fire completely under control. Units also conducted back-fire operations

which involve setting controlled fires to burn up fuel ahead of the fire.

The public was asked to avoid the 2500 block of Wildwood Road as many firefighting resources exist in that area. Roanoke County currently had roughly 23 units assisting firefighting efforts,

including engines, tankers, brush trucks, drones and utility vehicles from across the county. There were approximately 50 personnel committed to this fire.

Submitted by Brian Clingenpeel, Community Outreach Coordinator



Eyewitnesses initially described the fire as "slow-moving."



Approximately 50 personnel worked together to contain the fire.



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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.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7

The Eastern European country of Ukraine has a war-torn history. Independent since 1991, Ukraine is again under serious attack. At 7 pm, Dr. Robert Willingham will talk about the origins of Ukraine, the history of Ukrainian national identity, and the Russian and Soviet legacies at the Salem Museum. Dr. Willingham is an associate professor and

the chairperson of the History Department at Roanoke College. His research and teaching interests include Modern Europe, the Holocaust, and World History. He holds a B.A. from Fort Lewis College; an M.A. from Purdue University; and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Plans are for this talk to be presented in person at the Salem Museum with a virtual option. Masks are optional but recommended in a group setting; precautionary measures will be subject to CDC guidelines in place at the time. Mask requirements, if any, and links to the virtual option will be listed on the Museum's website, salemuseum.org, on the morning of the talk.

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Friendship Retirement Community promotes Jessica Whitaker to Director of Marketing

Friendship Retirement Community, a local leader in senior living and rehabilitation, has promoted Jessica Whitaker from Director of Marketing and Admissions of Salem Terrace at Harrogate to Director of Marketing of Friendship.

"We are excited to have Jessica on our Leadership Team at Friendship," said CEO Joe Hoff. "It is always a pleasure to encourage growth by promoting from within the organi-

zation."

Whitaker joined the Friendship team in 2021 as Director of Marketing and Admissions of Salem Terrace at Harrogate, where Friendship serves as the managing partner. Whitaker has eleven years of marketing experience, has been in the healthcare industry for four years, and has a very special tie to Friendship.

"I had a very positive personal experience with the care at Friendship when my grandfa-

ther was a memory care resident at Friendship North. He was very happy there, and the team helped him enjoy a wonderful quality of life," says Whitaker. "It's exciting to work and grow within such a great company."

All Friendship locations are currently accepting new move-ins. Salem Terrace also welcomes guests for respite stays, as a temporary care solution or trial run of the senior living community expe-

rience.

Friendship and Salem Terrace are also seeking caring and qualified individuals to join their teams. Interested candidates should apply online at friendship.us/careers.

To learn more about Friendship, individuals are encouraged to visit the company's website, friendship.us, or call 540-265-2100.

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New Director of Marketing, Jessica Whitaker

Senator Kaine

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commonsense gun safety provisions passed by the Virginia General Assembly at the federal level. After two readings, it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Known for engaging with Virginians and responding to their concerns, on March 25, Sen. Kaine visited the

Melrose Library to have an honest dialogue with area mayors, worried residents and other officials to discuss the rising violence in the community. Originally scheduled for an hour, Kaine said he would stay for as long as it took.

Participants included Roanoke Mayor Sher-

man Lea Sr. and Councilman Joe Cobb, individuals from the Gun Violence Prevention Commission, Roanoke Valley education leaders, Roanoke City Sheriff Antonio Hash and Chief Sam Roman, among other community members.

"As I've always said,

this isn't just an issue in our community, it is a societal issue. We must work together to make our communities better for everyone. These types of conversations help us accomplish that goal," Mayor Lea said.

Added the senator, "My colleagues are having these discussions in

every state. We can talk about the why or why now, but the bottom line is, I do think that gun violence is connected to trauma. The last two years have been difficult in this country and around the world. We are on pace to surpass a million COVID deaths by Easter. Two years ago, that would have seemed impossible, but unfortunately, this is our reality."

During the meeting, which lasted just under two hours, everyone in the room was given time to brainstorm ideas and share concerns on how to strengthen community safety. Among the things Kaine discussed was his experience as governor during the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007. "On a local level, I have lived this. On a state level, I have also lived this," he said.

The senator called the rise in gun violence a "public health issue," a sentiment shared by everyone in the room.

In 2021 alone, the Roanoke Valley, consisting of Salem, Roanoke City and Roanoke County, experienced more than 25 homicides. One resident at the meeting suggested that community leaders should regularly hold gatherings with teens to discuss their needs and fears. Another recommended that more incentive-based programs should be established to get weapons off the streets.

For most of his life, John Robertson, 59, has called Roanoke County home. The importance of such gatherings with our elected officials, he said, cannot be overstated. "At the end of the day, people want to be heard," Robertson continued. "You'll never get a true pulse of a community unless you invest in it, show that you care and listen to people's concerns. I'm thankful Senator Kaine took the opportunity to visit us."

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Salem High graduate named new Virginia Museum of Transportation Executive Director

The Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc.'s Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of Mendy Flynn as the Museum's new executive director.

Flynn is experienced in administration and non-profit management, having worked for both local non-profit and for-profit organizations during the past 35 years. She came to the Museum in September 2015 to work with Bev Fitzpatrick. Flynn started working in member and donor relations, then later added to her plate special events, rentals, community engagement, and human resources, amongst other responsibilities. She has served as deputy director since 2021 following the retirement of former deputy director, Don Moser in December 2020, and the departure of former executive director Christine Williams in June 2021.

Flynn hit the ground running in her previous role

of deputy director, initiating a multitude of facility improvements, staffing reassignments, COVID mitigation, and securing of important grants.

"Over the past several months we have witnessed a flurry of positive activity and important accomplishments which cemented the Board's confidence and support for Mendy. She has a deep love for the Museum and its collections, and it shows. Her innovative style and out of the box thinking are already paying dividends, along with her compassion, drive, and team building abilities. She has a keen sense of what the Museum can and should be to its members and visitors alike. One of her favorite quotes is one from Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser "Problems are only opportunities wearing work clothes". It represents her personal desire to work hands on to assist both Board and membership with ensuring the Museum's

future. The Board is looking forward to working even more closely with Mendy, and is excited about the future of the Virginia Museum of Transportation with her at the helm."—William H. Harris, President.

According to Flynn, her first priority is to provide the best possible experience for visitors of all ages. "My goal is to continue moving the Museum forward by enhancing exhibits and programs to provide educational opportunities in an interactive way that engages visitors of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds. The main objective is to educate the public on transportation past and present ... it's diversity, it's role in our everyday lives and industry, as well as technology and innovation. So many people have emotional connections to exhibits in the Museum that they're not aware of until they are standing in front of it—a family member who worked for the railroad, was

a pilot or worked in aviation, or a loved one who drove a car like one in our automotive gallery. Emotional engagement is strong and can evolve into further interest in these areas. I'm greatly looking forward to increasing the Museum's educational programs for both children and adults. Transportation and transportation-based technologies have contributed immeasurably to our lives in the Commonwealth."

"Additionally, by utilizing the Museum as a venue for entertainment and rental opportunities, we want to attract people who may not ordinarily plan to visit, but through attendance at a concert or company party, they will be exposed to the Museum's offerings and plan a return trip. We want the same for children and teachers who visit the Museum with a school field trip. It's our pleasure to give students who attend field trips complimentary admission passes



Mendy Flynn

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so they can return with their families," said Flynn.

The Museum receives visitors from across the nation and from around the world, Wednesday through Sunday.

Flynn is a native of Salem and a graduate of Salem High School. She attended Radford University and Longwood University.

Submitted article

This summer, hundreds of local children may lose access to nutritious meals if Congress does not take action

On Monday at the Bristol Virginia-Tennessee sign, Feeding Southwest Virginia and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee gathered together to express their alarm at the failure of Congress to extend the USDA child nutrition waivers.

Last year, when many schools moved to remote learning, the USDA provided schools and charitable children's feeding programs like Food Banks with a waiver of the requirement for children to consume meals onsite in a congregate setting. These waivers allowed local children's feeding programs to safely and

swiftly distribute food through grab-and-go methods, sometimes enough food for several days. Consequently, Food Banks were able to expand their children's feeding programs to meet the unprecedented number of kids now living with hunger in Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee.

"In my opinion, the loss associated with the Congressional decision to eliminate the exemption of congregate meal requirements is discriminatory against children living in rural communities," said Pamela Irvine, CEO of Feeding Southwest

Virginia. "Rural children who live several miles from meal sites will only receive one meal to consume onsite, rather than multiple grab-and-go meals permitted under the waivers. Families will have to make more trips to meal sites, and gas prices are high. Many rural sites will be unable to operate under the requirements for serving meals. Feeding Southwest Virginia is committed to equitable food distribution within our 26-county region. This summer, 1,800 children across Southwest Virginia could miss good, nutritious meals. That is unacceptable."

Without further action from Congress, many children's meal sites will be forced to shutter—leaving children without meals that they rely on. In far Southwest Virginia, 19 Feeding Southwest Virginia partner meal programs likely will not reopen this summer, leaving hundreds of children without a stable meal source. In Northeast Tennessee, none of the children's feeding sites will reopen without the extension of the waivers.

"Many children in Northeast Tennessee rely on our summer feeding program for meals when they are not in school. The

exemption of congregate meal requirements provided by USDA help children get the food they need throughout the summer break. Without the exemption, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee cannot operate the feeding sites that are so desperately needed throughout our region," said Executive Director Rhonda Chafin, "these programs are the most efficient and effective ways to serve children in remote rural areas during the summer

Submitted by Emma Beaver, Grants Manager

Commonwealth's unemployment rate decreased to 3.2 percent in February, labor participation rate still lagging

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently announced that Virginia's unemployment rate fell to 3.2 percent in February while total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 21,300 jobs. The Commonwealth's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.2 percent is 1.4 percentage points below the rate from a year ago. The labor force increased by 14,138 to 4,291,990, as the number of unemployed residents decreased by 3,330 to 136,004. The number of employed residents rose by 17,468 to 4,155,986. Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate, which fell from 4.0 to 3.8 percent.

The Commonwealth's labor force participation rate increased slightly by 0.1 of a percentage point to 63.0 percent in February. The labor force participation rate measures the proportion of the civilian population age 16 and older that is employed or actively looking for work.

"Given our current economy and business environment, now is a great time to forge a career and join the workforce in the Commonwealth," said Governor Youngkin. "Although we see an uptick in the labor force participation, my administration is laser focused on continually increasing our labor participation rate."

"With a 3.2 percent unemployment rate in February, Virginia continues to outperform most states," said Secretary of Commerce

and Trade Caren Merrick. "The number of employed residents grew while our labor force rose significantly last month."

"The latest jobs figures indicate that Virginia is trending in the right direction," said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater. "The increase in February payroll jobs is encouraging, as year-over-year job growth was spread across most industries."

Virginia was tied with Georgia for the fourth lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate among the Southeast states behind Oklahoma, Alabama, and Arkansas. Virginia was tied with Georgia for the sixth lowest rate among the states east of the Mississippi. Indiana, New Hampshire, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Alabama had lower rates. Virginia was ranked 17th in the nation for the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

Over-the-year employment growth in Virginia had been positive for six consecutive two years ago in February 2020 but dramatically changed course with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. In February 2022, Virginia's over-the-year job gain of 2.9 percent was less than the 4.6 percent increase nationwide.

From February 2021 to February 2022, the VEC estimates that establishments in Virginia gained 111,900 jobs, an increase of 2.9 percent. In February, the private sector recorded an over-the-year gain of

99,600 jobs, while employment in the public sector gained 12,300 jobs. Compared to a year ago, on a seasonally adjusted basis, nine of eleven major industry divisions experienced employment increases while two saw employment decreases. The largest over-the-year job gain occurred in leisure and hospitality, up 55,300 jobs (+16.4 percent). The next largest over-the-year job gain occurred in professional and business services, up 18,300 jobs (+2.4 percent). Other job gains occurred in trade and transportation (+15,600 jobs), government (+12,300 jobs), and education and health services (+6,000 jobs). With-

in government, local (+12,600 jobs) and state government (+1,000 jobs) both gained jobs over the year while federal government saw a decrease in employment (-1,300 jobs). The largest job loss during February occurred in finance (-2,900 jobs) to 207,200. The second largest decrease occurred in manufacturing with a decrease of 2,200 jobs to 236,200.

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

Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor

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OPINION

Give Light ~ New Spirituality? ~

[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 – hopefully - waning pandemic is likely to cause leaders in the hundreds of Roanoke and New River Valley congregations to assess the chances of likely growth - or even survival. For even long-established parishes do die. In my more than 60 years of writing about faith communities in Western Virginia, I've seen this happen to a few. Changes in a neighborhood, major construction of highways or other needed public facilities, too many similar congregations nearby can all eat away at the vitality of a house of worship and its members. This doesn't mean that people have given up their reliance on God or their care for each other. It does mean that the more than two years of reduced attendance, even from the Sunday morning worship among other humans, has diminished support. Some have found seeing

and hearing worship online as a satisfactory substitute; others, including myself, were just happy to be back nine months into eased restrictions where they could have a hug or feel a gentle touch on their shoulder. On my Salem street, most residents seem to be at home on Sunday mornings, and since Virginia's laws were changed around 50 years ago, retail stores are open though perhaps with shorter hours. Earlier this year Michelle Boorstein wrote in "The Washington Post," about what has been described as "the Secular Surge." The gist of this somewhat profound essay is that, while church attendance and identification with a specific denomination are far below what they once were, many people are drawn together by ideas rather than by principles associated with specific faiths. These include the need for trying to cope with climate change, individual rights for women in the matter of abortion, full acceptance of persons in the LGBTQ communities, in-

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Correspondent

terracial marriage, lavish government spending to help racial and religious minorities and other causes often identified with the Democratic Party. Acceptance of God as a "Higher Power," the name a Supreme Being is referred to in the popular programs to help the addicted and their loved ones, is also part of the movement away from traditional Sunday morning attendance at a church. It's my own view, as a churchgoer, that the incident involving former President Donald Trump in which he stood in front of a notable Washington church to make a political speech as much as any of his other actions revealed his character to enough voters to sink their respect for him. "Secular" or not, a lot of

Americans found the President's utterances and actions so contrary to what their religion had taught them - likely in a faith community - that they found him untrustworthy. The challenge then to those responsible to maintaining beautiful old or contemporary-style buildings is how to incorporate the cultural convictions of folk of my granddaughter's generation into those of mine. Times change fast when an unexpected disaster such as the COVID illness strikes. Historians and those with long memories may regard as Providential the fact that almost exactly 100 years had passed since the world was affected by what was long known erroneously as "the Spanish Flu" which struck in the fall of 1918 just as World War I was ending in Europe. In my growing-up years, my mother who reared me could remember how this earlier virus affected a munitions plant near Yorktown in which she briefly worked. She contracted this illness though was not seriously ill. However, nearly a decade later,

remnants of the 1918 Pandemic were still around; they caused the near-fatal illness of my maternal aunt and the death of my maternal grandmother in 1927. In addition, a younger maternal aunt, who had had the flu earlier succumbed at 32 to what appears to have been lingering effects that affected her nervous system. Looking back to our own times, I wrote many stories of Western Virginia houses of worship being renovated or expanded around 2004, a time of low interest rates and economic expansion before the Great Recession struck three years later. Most of Salem's long-established congregations had a major building project in that period. Today, many church leaders realize they overbuilt, for much unused space is found in efficient structures. Faithful but elderly folk offer financial support - before their funerals are held. It's a time to look to God who, some will say, is always re-inventing for His purposes.

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the years through and through. Without that support, there's no way we would have lasted this long," Cameron, 68, said. The last time Steve Clarkson visited the pharmacy he had a gut feeling that they would be closing sometime in 2022. "It was in January. I walked in with my mask and as always, everyone was extremely accommodating," Clarkson said. "I just had an urge that this would be their last year. While I knew this day was inevitable, it's still surreal that it is happening."

Throughout the years, Brooks-Byrd took tremendous pride in customers always being able to get an actual person on the phone, rather than an automated system. Countless people have gone to Facebook to express their sentiments about the pharmacy closing. Said Betty Booth, "This has been a hard pill to swallow, no pun intended! Seriously, I feel I'm losing a part of my family! They have always gone out of their way to be here for my family. I used to say that it seemed the orangeades and not the meds made my girls feel better when they were sick as youngsters. You deserve a wonderful retirement Cameron, good luck!" Expressed Lisa Daugherty, "I took my girls, Kayla and Leah, there regularly as children for orange drinks as we called them. I recently went there

to get an orange drink for myself. Little did I know that they would be closing the following week. I understand Cameron needs to retire so I get it. But it still makes me very sad to know but they will be gone." Photos of the early days

of Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy hold a special place in Cameron's heart. Even in the pharmacy's last week, original furniture from the beginning of the business was still being used. "We didn't just look at our customers as loyal supporters, we considered

them family. So many people that I met as young teenagers have grown up to have families of their own. We have been very fortunate. As I head off into retirement, on behalf of our entire team, thank you Salem from the bottom of my heart."

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

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but, more importantly, it set a new VHSL mark for consecutive Forensics titles. The previous record was set by Blacksburg High School from 1989- 2003. "Coach Pam Carter and I

witnessed Blacksburg complete their 15-year run in 2003 and never imagined we would have a comparable streak," says Head Coach Mark Ingerson. "I think the key has always been focusing on the competitor in front of you right now, the practice happening currently, the round you are competing in at the moment. Don't think about the big picture, just think about getting better now." Salem was led by five individual event champions and the Spartans swept the top two places in both Humorous interpretation and Serious Duo, scoring 16 of the team's 35 points in those two events alone. Individual event winners

included Senior Captain Julia Vaughan in Dramatic Interpretation. "After my years on the team, I feel that I've learned and grown so much, but not only have I seen growth in myself but also in my teammates," says Vaughan. "It's been wonderful getting to see so much talent, old and new. I'm so proud of everyone's hard work and dedication, making my last year unforgettable." Salem also picked up key wins from Nash Lakin and his brother Kade Lakin in Serious Duo. Senior Graham Roudebush won in Humorous Interpretation, Juniors Taylor Berenbaum and Ben Hathaway were victorious in Humorous Duo, and freshman Con-

nor Smythers took home the top prize in Children's Storytelling. It was a second individual title for Nash Lakin, Roudebush and Berenbaum, who each won individual championships last year. "When one member wins, he or she is representing the dedication of everyone else on the team," says State Champ Hathaway. "That commitment to helping each other has persisted for its sixteenth year despite a global pandemic completely changing the game. Salem Forensics is not just a team, it is a family."

Submitted by Mike Stevens, City of Salem Communications Director

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Hillside
6. A way to ingest
9. Large number
13. Southeastern Minnesota city
14. Cronies
15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge
16. Supplements with difficulty
17. Former VP nominee Palin
18. Cambodian monetary unit
19. Where coaches work
21. Secret political clique
22. A type of lute
23. Tan
24. Empire State
25. Where golfers begin
28. For each
29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines
31. Bird genus
33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song

36. Domesticates

38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
39. Asian antelope
41. One who takes apart
44. Kin
45. Dresses
46. Says something about you (abbr.)
48. Doctor of Education
49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
51. Overcharge
52. Sailboats
54. Indian musical patterns
56. Predisposition to a condition
60. Share a common boundary with
61. Wide
62. Skin disease
63. Monetary unit of Samoa
64. Source of the Blue Nile
65. Instrument
66. Red deer
67. Unidentified flying object

68. Bar or preclude

CLUES DOWN

1. Flying insects
2. Strong alcoholic spirit
3. Old
4. Moves in slowly
5. Symbol for tin
6. Having certain appendages
7. Expression of sorrow or pity
8. Type of hormone (abbr.)
9. One with an unjustified mistrust
10. Hebrew calendar month
11. Pure
12. LSU football coach
14. Unbroken views
17. Fathers
20. Part of a race
21. Hairstyle
23. Fifth note of a major scale
25. Body art
26. Amounts of time
27. Designed chairs

29. Sensational dramatic piece

30. Arrangement of steps
32. Classifies
34. Young child
35. Oh, no!
37. Astronomical period of about 18 years
40. Not or
42. Poke fun at
43. Consisting of roots
47. "___ Humbug!"
49. A way to remove
50. A confusion of voices and other sounds
52. Keyed instrument
53. Varnishes
55. Unpleasantly sticky substance
56. Unable to hear
57. A short erect tail
58. Indicates interest
59. Flow or leak through
61. British thermal unit
65. Iron


OBITUARY

Webber Jr., Charles Edward

Charles Edward Webber Jr. died on March 26, 2022, at his home in Cedarfield. He was the son of the late C. E. "Ted" Webber and Pauline Graham "Polly" Webber and brother of the late Jean Webber Payne. Born and raised in Salem, he graduated from Andrew Lewis High School and the University of Richmond. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps for eight years, he worked for Bristol Laboratories pharmaceutical company. In his retirement years, he had a "fun" job with the State Fair of Virginia. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mary Lou Moss; and two daughters,

Kimberly Webber Bain and Mary Campbell Webber; also by six grandchildren, Charles Johnathan Bain (Laura), Michael Thornton Bain and Emily Elizabeth Herman (Dave), Esteban Arrona, Gracie Arrona Rivera (Adrian) and Elisabeth Arrona; and by five great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Claire Arrona, Logan Bain, Tula Jean Bain and Isaiah Rivera. Private interment of ashes will be at East Hill Cemetery, Salem. Memorials for Charley may be made to the Cedarfield Samaritan Fund or Centenary United Methodist Church or Traditions Health Hospice.

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May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the Lord Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel (Psalm 69:6).

David had sinned before God, and was deeply repentant. David's main concerns were not that his transgression be concealed or that his reputation be saved. One of his foremost prayers was that God's reputation and that of God's people would be protected from disgrace and shame. Perhaps this is one of the many reasons why David was called "a man after God's own heart."

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Quicklook: Psalm 69:1-6

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School Board approves initial 2022-2023 budget Budget includes raised for teachers, support staff

The Roanoke County School Board has approved an initial 2022-2023 general fund budget of \$172,114,823. Combined with twelve other specific purpose funds, the overall approved budget is \$228,817,283. It is likely this budget will have to be revised, due to the lack of an approved state budget from the General Assembly. By law, school boards must approve a state budget by April 1 of each year.

“Once the General Assembly and the Governor settle on a final state budget, we will go

back and amend our budget as needed. We based our initial budget on the House of Delegates proposed state budget. Should the final state budget include additional funding, the board will determine how to best use those additional funds,” said David Linden, chairman of the Roanoke County School Board.

As part of this initial budget, all employees will receive a five-percent raise through scale shifts and/or step increases. In addition, nutrition associates will have the option to receive full-time health benefits,

starting in July, and will receive a \$500 retention bonus.

“We are grateful that the school board has continued their commitment to raising employee pay,” said Dr. Ken Nicely, superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools. “We are hopeful the final state budget will include additional funding that will help us provide even more support for our students and teachers.”

Submitted by Chuck Lionberger, Director of Community Relations



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Governor Youngkin names Director of Department of Conservation and Recreation

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently announced Matthew Wells as the next director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The DCR is Virginia's lead natural resource conservation agency, overseeing the commonwealth's natural habitat, parks, clean water, dams and access to the outdoors.

"Matt Wells is a talented leader who understands what Virginians care about," said Senior Advisor to the Governor Andrew Wheeler. "His extensive background in the public, private and non-profit sectors, along with his proven ability to build broad coalitions, qualify him to guide the next phase of the agency's work to protect our environment and make the commonwealth a great place to live and work."

Wells comes to DCR with two decades of experience in positions related to politics, policy and advocacy. Most recently, he was Senior Regional Manager for State Government Relations for WestRock, a global leader in sustainable fiber-based packaging solutions. In this role, he oversaw the company's legislative interests in environmental stewardship and sustainability, forestry, economic development and other issues across multiple states.

He also brings substantial experience in state government. Before joining WestRock in 2016, Wells held senior

analyst and special advisory positions with Virginia's departments of Motor Vehicles and Alcoholic Beverage Control.

A strong proponent of water quality improvements and land conservation, Wells is currently chair of Virginiaforever, a coalition that brings the business and environmental communities together to advocate for shared natural resources funding priorities. There, he spearheads a diverse group of environmental advocates and business leaders working to encourage greater spending on the environment by the Virginia General Assembly.

He also serves on the board of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and provides policy leadership for a wide array of groups and trade associations.

At DCR, Wells is taking over for Frank Stovall, deputy director for operations, who has served as the agency's acting director since January.

"We owe Frank a great debt of gratitude for his excellent leadership of DCR during this transition," Wheeler said. "Early in his tenure with the agency, he was tapped for this crucial interim role. Thanks to his management expertise, DCR thrived during this period."

"Matt is a dynamic leader who brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion to this role," Wheeler continued. "I know that Frank and Matt will make an incredible team. I look forward to

seeing what they accomplish in this next chapter."

Wells is ready to take on the opportunities and challenges that await.

"I'm honored and humbled by this appointment," Wells said. "DCR's mission encompasses so much of what makes Virginia great: our best-in-class parks, natural habitats and open spaces form the backbone of the commonwealth's quality of life. At the same time, we have an important role to play in tackling some of the most pressing environmental challenges of the day, from ensuring that we meet our Chesapeake Bay obligations, to dealing with issues surrounding flooding and resiliency. I look forward to working with Governor Youngkin, Senior Advisor Wheeler, Acting Secretary Voyles and the fantastic team at DCR to make sure that we fulfill our mission to the people of Virginia, and that we meet these challenges head-on."

Wells holds a degree in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia and a Certificate in Sustainability from Virginia Commonwealth University. A 30-year resident of Virginia, he currently lives in Henrico with his wife, Sara Rose Wells, and their five-year-old son.

*Submitted by Macaulay Porter,
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Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Salem (VMRC #22-0365) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to replace the Apperson Drive Bridge over the Roanoke River with a clear span bridge that includes five (5) travel lanes, shared use path, and associated temporary work causeways and coffer dams, in the City of Salem. Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA, Virginia 23651 or jpa.permits@mrc.virginia.gov.

Notice

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Legals - City of Salem

1. Consider the request of Philip M. and Rachel C. Knouff, property owners, for the issuance of a Home Occupation Permit to allow a small-scale wholesale cut flower farm (garden) on the property located at 275 Ft. Lewis Boulevard. (Tax Map # 130-2-22).

2. Consider the request of MO Salem, LLC, property owner and Midland Atlantic Properties, property owner's management affiliate, to rezone the properties located at 1923 Electric Road and 1951 Electric Road (Tax Map # 284-1-2.2 and Tax Map # 284-1-2.3) from HBD with conditions to HBD with amended conditions to allow retail sales.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: James E. Taliaferro, II
Executive Secretary

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004883-09-00
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

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substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that Brandi Reed appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before May 3, 2022.

2/22/22
Nikki King
Clerk

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA CODE §§ 1-211 1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL22000468-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073
Kassie Reese
Landen Clement v. None
The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor
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March 23, 2022
Judge K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.

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LEGAL NOTICE

County of Montgomery, Virginia

Synopsis of Advertised Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

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A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2022 at 6:15 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltnan St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

EXPENDITURES:

	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Board of Supervisors	\$ 282,503	\$ 282,521	\$ 18
County Administration	\$ 2,139,175	\$ 3,420,597	\$ 1,281,422
County Attorney	\$ 392,712	\$ 395,987	\$ 3,275
Finance	\$ 1,026,940	\$ 1,100,302	\$ 73,362
Insurance	\$ 210,695	\$ 230,695	\$ 20,000
Information Technology	\$ 2,166,844	\$ 2,251,939	\$ 85,095
Commissioner of the Revenue-State	\$ 604,072	\$ 607,609	\$ 3,537
Assessment-100% County	\$ 501,438	\$ 483,425	\$ (18,013)
Treasurer-State	\$ 503,805	\$ 494,464	\$ (9,341)
Collections-100% County	\$ 501,782	\$ 458,110	\$ (43,672)
Electoral Board/Director of Elections	\$ 480,599	\$ 550,237	\$ 69,638
Commonwealth Attorney	\$ 1,363,990	\$ 1,377,342	\$ 13,352
Courts	\$ 271,939	\$ 275,888	\$ 3,949
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$ 777,980	\$ 808,014	\$ 30,034
Sheriff-State	\$ 8,414,297	\$ 8,260,821	\$ (153,476)
Sheriff-100% County	\$ 7,374,033	\$ 7,473,269	\$ 99,236
Fire Departments and Rescue Squads	\$ 1,494,981	\$ 1,528,181	\$ 33,200
Animal Care and Adoption Center	\$ 665,885	\$ 696,830	\$ 30,945
General Services	\$ 6,775,341	\$ 6,936,621	\$ 161,280
Children's Services Act	\$ 1,651,969	\$ 1,651,969	\$ -
Human Services	\$ 401,863	\$ 393,713	\$ (8,150)
Public Health Department	\$ 604,488	\$ 615,000	\$ 10,512
Social Services	\$ 6,467,965	\$ 6,814,076	\$ 346,111
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,321,070	\$ 1,424,223	\$ 103,153
Regional Library	\$ 2,398,052	\$ 2,392,230	\$ (5,822)
Planning & GIS	\$ 965,982	\$ 982,839	\$ 16,857
Economic Development	\$ 470,549	\$ 482,054	\$ 11,505
Other Agencies	\$ 2,804,425	\$ 2,860,159	\$ 55,734
Contingencies-General	\$ 536,307	\$ 583,307	\$ 47,000
Contingencies-Special	\$ 8,141	\$ 2,319,702	\$ 2,311,561
Revenue Refunds	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 53,774,822	\$ 58,347,124	\$ 4,572,302
Law Library	\$ 17,600	\$ 17,600	\$ -
SCHOOLS:			
School Operating	\$ 121,984,741	\$ 126,380,044	\$ 4,395,303
School Capital	\$ 2,195,645	\$ 2,259,973	\$ 64,328
School Nutrition	\$ 4,633,474	\$ 4,633,474	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 128,813,860	\$ 133,273,491	\$ 4,459,631
County Capital	\$ 3,580,645	\$ 3,644,973	\$ 64,328
Debt Service	\$ 24,722,725	\$ 24,722,725	\$ -
Economic Development	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ -
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 211,289,652	\$ 220,385,913	\$ 9,096,261
	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
REVENUE:			
General Undesignated Revenue:			
Current Property Taxes (1)	\$ 103,807,971	\$ 107,793,451	\$ 3,985,480
Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue	\$ 2,996,000	\$ 3,359,323	\$ 363,323
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 10,202,157	\$ 11,153,109	\$ 950,952
Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax	\$ 1,628,000	\$ 1,563,000	\$ (65,000)
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -
All Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,455,000	\$ 130,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 113,268	\$ 75,028	\$ (38,240)
All Other Undesignated Revenue	\$ 520,384	\$ 616,384	\$ 96,000
Total Undesignated Revenue	\$ 121,392,780	\$ 126,815,295	\$ 5,422,515
General Designated Revenue	\$ 15,115,770	\$ 16,494,213	\$ 1,378,443
Law Library Designated Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
School Operating Designated Revenue	\$ 68,516,128	\$ 70,811,431	\$ 2,295,303
Other School Designated Resources	\$ 4,633,474	\$ 4,633,474	\$ -
Debt Service Designated	\$ 1,613,900	\$ 1,613,900	\$ -
Total Designated Revenue	\$ 89,894,272	\$ 93,568,018	\$ 3,673,746
Law Library Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
Total Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 211,289,652	\$ 220,385,913	\$ 9,096,261

(1) Real Estate Tax Rate based on \$0.89 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation.
Personal Property Tax Rate Based on \$2.55 per \$100 Assessed Valuation.
By Order of the Board of Supervisors:
F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator
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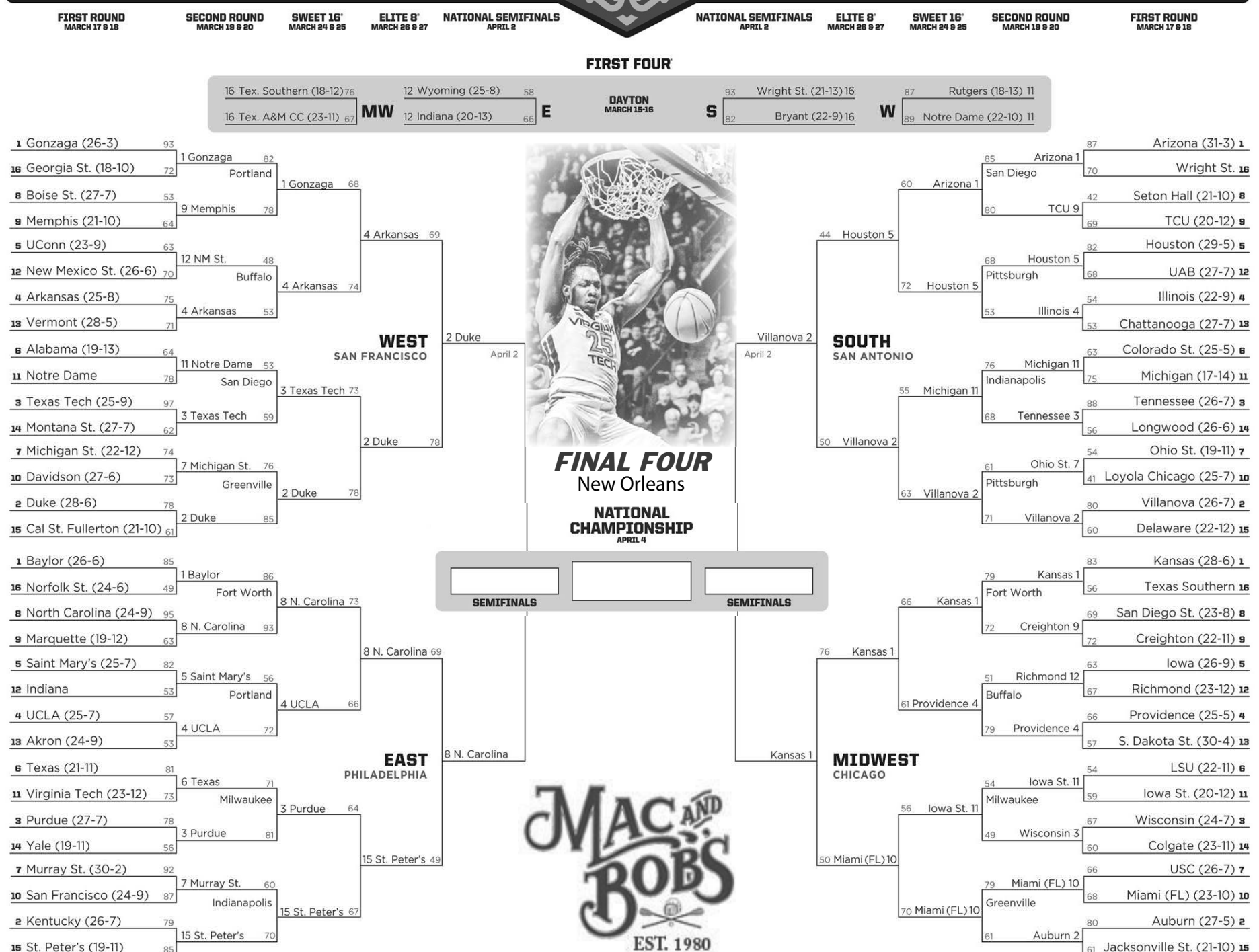
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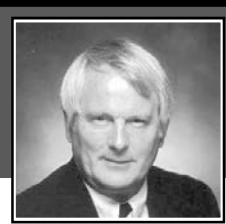
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Larry Hall steps down from directing wrestling tournaments after 37 years

Valley wrestling icon was first director of state tournaments at the Salem Civic Center and every one since

Larry Hall isn't retiring from wrestling, he's just stepping back from being in charge. After being a wrestler, coach, referee and tournament director for close to 60 years the sport is in his blood.

"Larry is 'Mr Wrestling' in Southwest Virginia," said Carey Harvey Cutter, who worked closely with Hall during state tournaments when Carey managed the Salem Civic Center. "He coordinated the VHSL events in Salem for over 20 years and coordinated the NCAA DIII Championship in Roanoke a few years ago. He has unbelievable skills in coordinating massive wrestling events."

That's what Larry is stepping away from. When he directed the Class 1,2 and 3 state championships at the Salem Civic Center in February the "Big Dance" was his last dance.

"I told everyone I needed to get out of directing tournaments," he said. "It takes a tremendous amount of time and I have some other things I need to deal with. I'll still come watch and maybe be a scorer for them. I've always said the best seat for a match is to be the referee, and the next best is the scorekeeper."

Larry has indeed been "Mr. Wrestling" in the Roanoke Valley and beyond for many years. He's a charter member of the area wrestling Hall of Fame and a familiar face at most of the big tournaments in the area. He served as director for the Titan Toughman, the Big Orange, the Region 3D tournaments and many other events in the past year and in prior years.

"Larry Hall has taken wrestling in the Roanoke Valley to where it currently is," said Lord Botetourt coach Chuck Burton. "He has put in countless hours to our great sport and has done so with the best interest of the

wrestlers at all times. He will surely be missed by many in the Roanoke Valley, but I'm sure he'll always be around if needed."

No doubt, as Larry has been around or on the mats since he was a 95 pound sophomore at Northside High School in 1963. Ken Shelton, who is revered to this day by many as the father of wrestling in the Roanoke Valley, had just taken a job as the Viking coach. He would go on to build a strong program at Northside and was a mentor to many as the sport took hold in the area.

"I was his first Northside wrestler to step on the mat, and I got his first win," said Hall. "He was a fantastic coach. He taught me everything I knew."

Shelton led the Vikings to three straight region championships in his first three years. Larry placed at the state when all schools in Virginia participated in just one tournament, and earned a partial scholarship to Appalachian State to wrestle in college.

"Five of the 10 wrestlers on a very powerful Appalachian State team were from Northside," said Hall, who joined former Vikings Dickie Myers, Ron Childress, Stan Parker and Ivan Winston on the Mountaineer mats. There he wrestled for another outstanding coach, Steve Gabriel.

"He coached at Appalachian High School and never lost a match in 20 some years," said Hall. "His closest match was against Northside when I was on the team."

Larry wrestled four years at Appalachian State and then served two years as a graduate assistant. It was at that time that he was introduced to another aspect of the sport, officiating.

"I was a junior in college and the coach asked me if I wanted to referee a high school match," he recalls.

"They had a win streak of 63 matches and that night they lost. Their AD was the former wrestling coach at the school and he comes in the lockerroom after the match, balls up the check and throws it at me and tells me to never come back again. I guess some people just have to blame their losses on someone else."

In 1970 Larry returned to Northside to succeed his mentor, Ken Shelton, as Vikings' wrestling coach. Shelton had taken a job at The Citadel as wrestling coach and professor and Larry kept the tradition alive. In his eight years as coach the Vikings won the Blue Ridge District all eight years and won the region four times.

"We had some really good teams," he said.



Larry Hall enjoys his last weekend of directing state wrestling at the Salem Civic Center in February.

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"A lot of the kids went to college and we had some All-Americans."

In 13 years at Northside he coached golf, freshman football, girls' track and tennis before moving to William Fleming for four years, where he coached soccer. He spent a year at James River as athletic director and assistant principal, then spent three years as principal at the Botetourt Technical Education Center. That was followed by 17 years as Director of Operations for Botetourt County Schools.

During that time he never stepped away from the mats. He started officiating after he quit coaching, and in addition to doing high school matches he refereed at the Southern Conference Tournament and the NCAA Division III regional.

In 1987 the Virginia High School League held the Class 1 state tournament at Natural Bridge High School and Larry was appointed as Director. Three years later he talked to Larry Johnson of the VHSL and Harvey Cutter about combining Class 1 & 2 and holding it at the Salem Civic Center. That was 31 years ago and the civic center has been hosting state wrestling ever since, with Hall as Director. At one time the civic center had four classes all on the same weekend, and most recently it has hosted Class 1, 2 and 3.

Times have changed during that time. When Larry started everything was done on paper, and now everything is wireless with matches streamed for fans to watch on their computers.

While a lot has changed, one thing has remained the same. . . Larry Hall

has been in charge. Now, that will change as well.

"For the past 12 years there's been a tournament about every weekend," he said. "It's gotten to where it just takes up too much of my time. They're starting in November and, with the colleges, it goes all the way into March."

Larry's patient wife, Debbie, will glad to see him at home on weekends. Their two daughters, Carla and Hollie, went to James River where Hollie played on a state championship softball team. Carla would sing the national anthem at the state championship finals.

"It's hard on the family," he said. "When Hollie scored her 1,000th point in basketball I didn't get to see it."

The local high school coaches appreciate what he's done.

"Running a wrestling tournament is a thankless job -- if everything goes great no one notices but the minute something goes wrong everyone notices," said Glenvar coach Jason Cline. "Larry has been a staple of wrestling in Virginia for years and he's run a lot of great tournaments in the area."

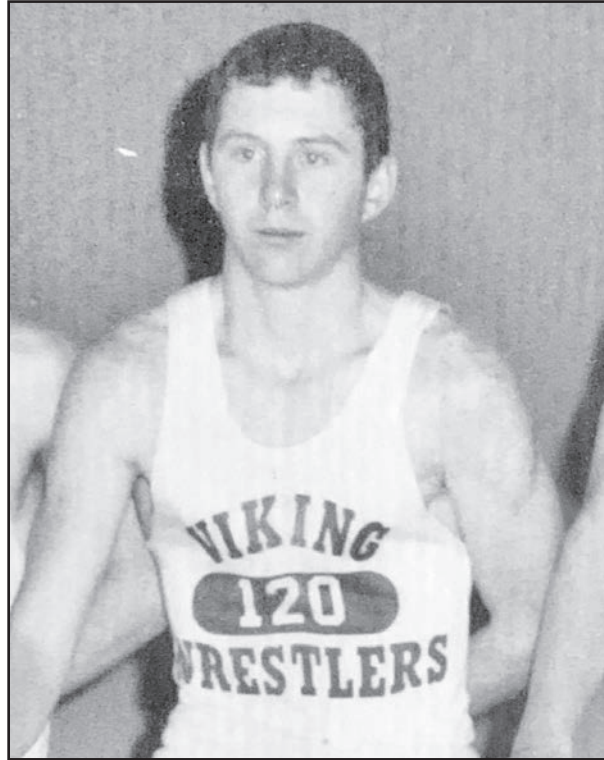
"One thing that lots of folks don't see is the time that he and his crew of workers devote to these tournaments ends up generating donations that give local kids scholarships through the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association. Every year that organization has given thousands of dollars toward wrestlers furthering their education and he's been leading that organization for as long as I can remember. Wrestling's an intense sport but Larry's always been a calm presence at the head scorer's table and the impact he's had on countless kids' lives is immeasurable. He will be missed."

Hall also served as Mayor of Buchanan for six years, and he's currently serving as "Clerk of the Works" for the renovation project at Salem High School.

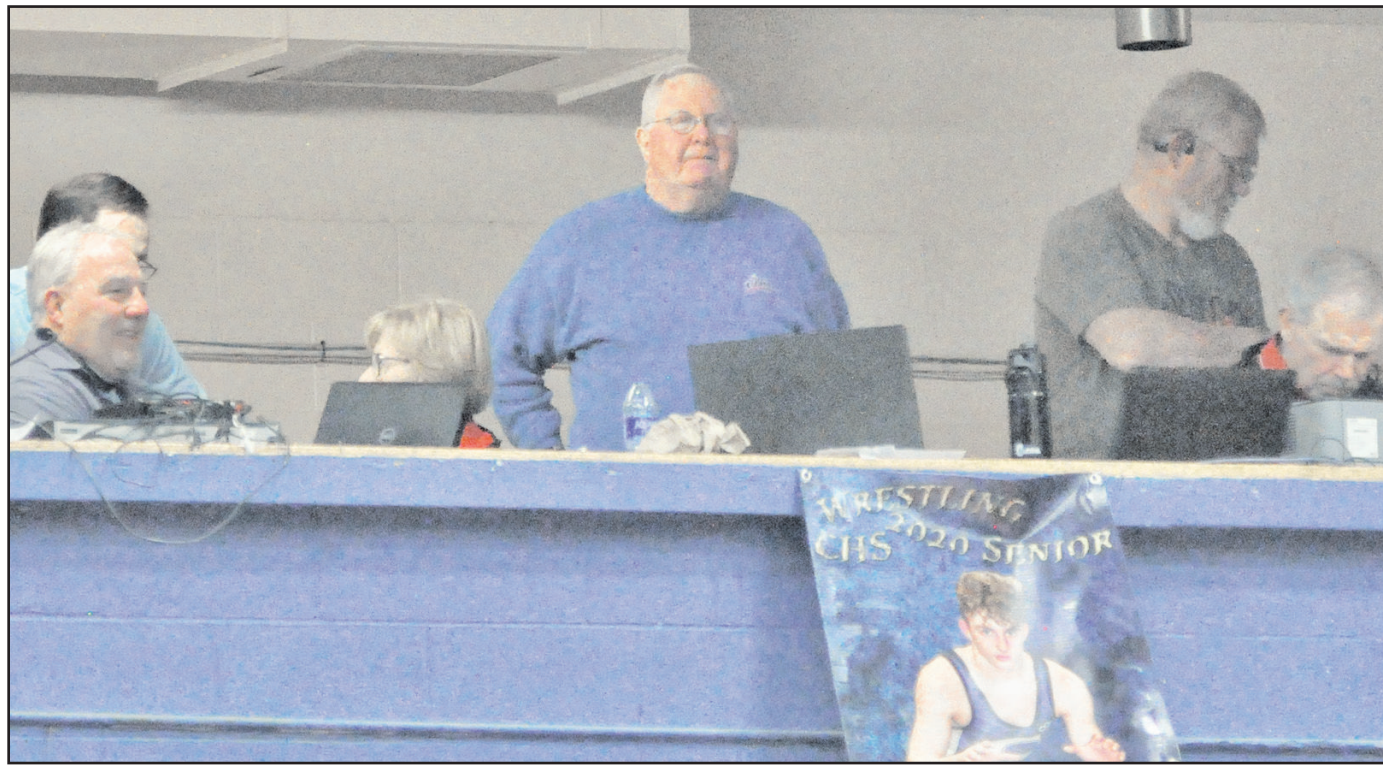
Larry trained Tyler Deacon, the athletic director at Northside High, to take over the role of directing tournaments. With Hall at his side Tyler directed the Region 3D tournament at Northside in February and Larry is comfortable turning over the reins to Deacon.

"In my 37 years working with the VHSL I've made so many friends in our wrestling family," he said. "I think we've run great tournaments and we have the best officials, I've prided myself on that."

"It's been a lot of work, but it's been a lot of fun, too. To be at the state finals and see the lights go out and the red and green smoke as they enter the arena to be introduced and try to win a state championship, that's just great fun. It's something I really enjoy, and I'm still planning to be there."



Hall won the first match coached by legendary Northside coach Ken Shelton when Larry was a sophomore on the Vikings wrestling team.



Larry(center) surveys the action at this year's state Class 1,2 and 3 tournaments in his familiar perch high above the Salem Civic Center floor.

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Above, Lily Golusky rides the mechanical bull at the Sox Fest event at Salem Memorial Ballpark on March 19. Right, these fans had a smoother ride when they boarded the "Cactus Joe Choo Choo" for a trip around the ballpark grounds.

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Light schedule of high school games as teams take off for spring break

It's spring break for Salem and Roanoke County schools and there is a limited schedule of activities this week.

The only game at the beginning of this week was a Tuesday Salem High baseball game with Hidden Valley. Today, The Glenvar girls soccer team is at Eastern Montgomery.

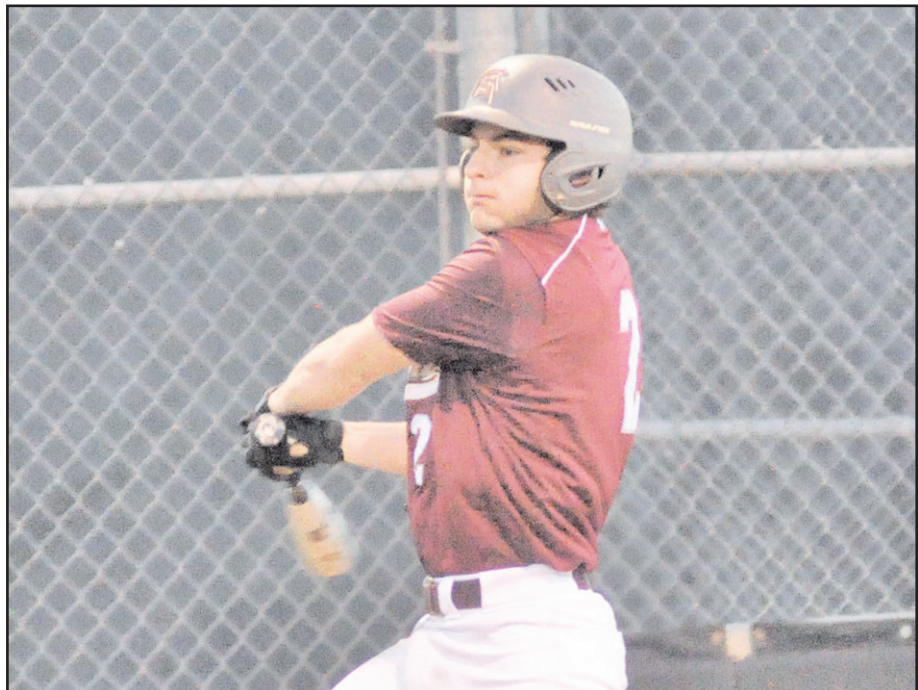
On Friday the Salem High baseball team will host Blacksburg in a 7 pm scheduled game. The Glenvar boys are home for a soccer game Friday.

Things get back to normal next week. On Monday the Salem boys' lacrosse team is at Cave Spring for a game and the softball team is at Blacksburg. The Glenvar girls are at Auburn for soccer.

On Tuesday, April 5th, it's a big day for high school sports. Salem is home to Cave Spring for softball, girls' soccer and girls' tennis while the Spartans are at Cave Spring for baseball, boys' soccer and boys' tennis. Glenvar will take on Northside teams with the softball and girls' tennis at home and the baseball and boys' tennis at Northside, with the tennis playing at Walrond Park.

On Wednesday, April 6, the first track meet of the season has Salem at Christiansburg. The lacrosse teams take on Franklin County with the girls at home and the boys in Rocky Mount.

Glenvar has a big day next Wednesday as well. The baseball and softball teams are both in Christiansburg for games while the girls and boys soccer teams play a doubleheader in Galax.



Salem's Ben Bowers rips an RBI hit to break up a shutout and help Salem beat James River in a recent baseball game. The Spartans will be at home against Blacksburg Friday evening in one of the few high school games this week. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Highlanders announce college choices

Three Glenvar High School seniors were celebrated in the GHS gym on March 16 as they announced their college choices to continue their education and participate in sports. Left, Savana Luper(white shirt) is headed to King College to play softball. Here Savana is surrounded by Glenvar High teammates. Right, Kirsten Crouch(left in photo) and Delaney Eller are both headed to Emory & Henry. Kirsten will be a cheerleader for the Wasps while Eller will be on the track and field team.

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Red Sox have full schedule of promotions as they prepare to open April 8th

The Salem Red Sox, the Low-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, will have a season full of exciting promotions as the team prepares to open on April 8th.

Salem will host the Lynchburg Hillcats in the weekend series, with games at 7:05 pm Friday, 1:05 pm Saturday and 5:05 pm Sunday. Opening night will feature games, a food truck and a disc jockey.

Season tickets and single game tickets are on sale now. Starting at just \$12, Salem Red Sox single-game tickets are now available online or by calling (540) 389-3333. Seniors (65 years or older), military, and children (12 years and under) will receive a \$2 discount. Season ticket packages are still available for purchase starting at just \$126.

Silver Slugger packages, designed for seniors ages 65 or older, are back for the 2022 season. Starting at just \$40, the package includes one ticket to each of the 10 Silver Slugger games and an exclusive Silver Slugger hat. The 2022 Silver Slugger game dates are slated for; 4/9, 4/19, 5/20, 5/30, 6/4, 6/22, 7/12, 8/4, 8/20, and 9/9.

The popular Salem Red Sox Kids Club returns to provide an affordable youth package. Starting at just \$40, members will receive 10 undated youth tickets, exclusive Salem Red Sox Pop It Fidget, unlimited Kids Zone entry, Kids Club ice cream social and 10%

off birthday parties and team store.

The Salem Red Sox game times are set for 7:05 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, and 5:05 on Sundays. The Red Sox will hold two day games on Tuesday at 11:05 a.m. (May 3rd and June 14th), and four 1:05 p.m. day games (April 9th, May 30th, July 13 and September 11th) throughout the season.

Thirsty Thursdays are back all season long and are sponsored by Bud Light. Each Friday night contest includes post-game fireworks (with the exception of August 5). Sundays will feature "Kids Run the Bases" after each game. Bark in the Park will return this season with nine designated dates (4/21, 5/4, 5/19, 6/2, 6/22, 7/14, 8/3, 8/18 and 9/8).

As 2022 unfolds, numerous theme nights and giveaways are guaranteed to keep fans entertained all season long. Among the notable highlights:

Opening Weekend Block Party on Saturday, April 9th featuring games, food trucks, and a DJ.

Frontline Appreciation Night on Friday, April 22nd featuring post-game fireworks

Halfway to Halloween on Saturday on April 23rd, including trick-or-treaters before the game. Gates open at 5p.

Education Day on Tuesday, May 3rd. First pitch is slated for 11:05 a.m.

STEAM night (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) on Friday, May 6th presented by Branch Group.

May 7th, featuring a T-Shirt giveaway.

Mothers Day on Sunday, May 8th featuring flowers, a photo booth and "mom"osas.

Teacher Appreciation night on Friday, May 20th to show how much our educators mean to our community.

Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th calls for a 1:05 p.m. first pitch and \$1 hot dogs.

Pride Night is back on Thursday, June 2nd featuring a Pride Walk during the game.

Fairy Tale Night on Friday, June 3rd calls for showing off your best princess dress and crown at the game.

Transportation Night on Saturday, June 4th featuring a one-of-a-kind bobblehead.

Camp Day on Tuesday, June 14th to host summer camps and special groups.

90's Night on Friday, June 17th featuring everyone's favorite throwbacks, a fanny pack giveaway and fireworks presented by Glo Fiber.

African American Heritage Night on Saturday, June 18th.

Fathers Day on Sunday, June 19th featuring a chance to play catch on the field after the game.

Faith & Family Night on Wednesday, June 22nd.

Beach Night on Thursday, June 23rd gives fans a chance to listen to the Island Trio Music Band before the Red Sox take the field.

Copa de la Diversion (Hispanic & Latin American Heritage Night) on Friday, June 24th.

Christmas in July is Saturday, July 16th featuring Santa Claus himself and a snow globe giveaway.

Small Business Night on Friday, July 22nd includes fireworks and a chance for small businesses to showcase their business.

National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2nd.

Area 51 on Thursday, August 4th featuring a T-Shirt and glow stick giveaway.

Tyler the Amazing Balancing Act and Mugsy's Birthday is Friday, August 5th featuring a mascot race.

College Night ft. Virginia Tech on Thursday, August 18th gives students a chance to catch a game before classes start.

Elevation Night on Friday, August 19th featuring post-game fireworks.

Hockey Night & Cancer Awareness Night with Teddy Bear Toss on Thursday, September 8th featuring the Railway Dogs.

Fan Appreciation Night on Friday, September 9th featuring a mystery bobblehead giveaway.

Country Night on Saturday, September 10th.

First Responder Appreciation Day on Sunday, September 11th with a 1:05 p.m. scheduled first pitch.



Kids enjoy the "Balloon Man" at the Sox Fest at Salem Memorial Ballpark on March 19. The event was a chance for fans to buy tickets, souvenirs, concessions and have some fun prior to the April 8 season opening game. More photos on page 13.

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