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## Salem Fire Department recognized as 'Firefighter Hero' by Red Cross

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The Salem Fire-EMS Department has plenty of reasons to be proud of themselves. Comprised of paramedics, first responders and other personnel, the department has been on a roll lately. On April 12, Senior Firefighter Blake Duncan received a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a gift from the City of Salem for ten years of service. On April 5, Senior Paramedic Betty McBride was officially recognized as "Badge 1" – a time honored tradition within the department that is given to the most senior firefighter.

Earlier this month, the entire Salem Fire-EMS Department were honored by the American Red Cross during an event titled "Help Can't Wait-A Celebration of Heroes." Held virtually on April 19, the department were recognized primarily for saving the life of a 55-year-old man who was found unresponsive at Longwood Park on a pickleball court. It took eight minutes, but the firefighters were able to get the man's pulse back. A selfless bystander assisted by providing CPR.

There are approximately 95 counties throughout Virginia, and most of them have a fire department. A recent report found that a plurality of them remain underfunded. The federal and state grants that the Salem Fire-EMS Department received over the years went to purchasing protective clothing and life-saving equipment, among



Members of the Salem Fire Department were recognized by the Red Cross.

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## Used Books, New Normal

~ Savannah Oaks, 21, speaks on the success, survival and future of Salem's Wonderous Books & More~

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Those who enjoy spending a warm spring afternoon roaming the sidewalks of downtown Salem may be familiar with a particular storefront at Broad and Main, right between Charlotte's Web and Joe's Deli, a structure shared with Blue Moon Vintage Mercantile. The façade is adorned with two words in massive white print: "USED BOOKS." This is the home of Wonderous Books & More, a used bookstore fully owned and operated by 21-year-old Salem native Savannah Oaks.

"I was actually away at college," explained Oaks. "I attended Bridgewater College for about a year and a half...It was January of 2019 and I got a phone call from my mom. I knew I wasn't happy at Bridgewater; I knew I wanted out... so she called me and said, 'I don't know if you noticed this, but the bookstore in Salem is being sold. Do

you know anyone who would be interested in it?' And I was like, well, me."

In 2018, Savannah visited a bookstore in Salem, Massachusetts,

where she fell in love with the comfort and aesthetic of the used bookstore experience. After learning of the Salem, Va. bookstore's impending closure in

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SAVANNAH OAKS

## Department of Wildlife Resources introduces new officers to southwest Virginia

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Two new conservation officers are joining the ranks of the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) for southwest Virginia. Officers Ron Wood and Andrew Rohrer will be assigned to Craig County and Pulaski County, respectively, and look forward to their new assignments.

"I chose the job to be outside," said Officer Rohrer. "I enjoy hunting and kayaking, hiking... just to be outside is what I'm most excited for, because I worked indoors a lot before

this. That change of pace is going to be really nice."

Officer Wood added that he is most excited for "Working outdoors and educating the public about the resources we have in the state."

DWR is responsible for the management of inland fisheries, wildlife and recreational boating, as per the department's website. DWR conservation officers receive law enforcement training at the department's academy and headquarters in Henrico County, Va., in the Richmond area, where they work through a

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New DWR officers Ron Wood and Andrew Rohrer.

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# Three alumni honored with Roanoke College Medal

Three Roanoke College alumni received the College's highest honor on Friday, April 22. Franklin "Frankie" Allen '71, Sarah "Sally" Southard '77 and Bob Rotanz '78 each were presented with the Roanoke College Medal at the Society of 1842 Luncheon during Alumni Weekend, this year celebrating the College's 180th anniversary.

The Roanoke College Medal recognizes outstanding alumni who demonstrate characteristics of responsible leadership, intellectual integrity and good citizenship through their professional accomplishments, and service to their community and alma mater.

Frankie Allen in 1967 became the first Black American student-athlete to attend Roanoke College. Considered one of the most prolific college basketball players in Virginia intercollegiate basketball history, Allen achieved many "firsts" as a member of the Maroons men's basketball team, including first individual named to the AP Virginia All-State team all four years, and first basketball player in Roanoke College history to have his jersey retired.

After graduating from Roanoke, Allen coached at Albemarle High School, winning, in three years, two district championships and achieving Central Virginia Coach of the Year honors. He went on to coach at Virginia Tech as assistant men's basketball coach and later as head coach. A stint as head coach at Tennessee State University followed, during which time he led TSU to two consecutive

NCAA tournament appearances.

In 2000, Allen joined Howard University as head men's basketball coach, guiding the team to the school's first winning season in 16 years. Currently, he is head basketball coach at University of Maryland Eastern-Shore.

Allen is a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and the Black Coaches Association. In 1976, he was inducted into the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sally Southard had a 38-year career as a pediatric nurse with Carilion Clinic before retiring in December 2018. She worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Carilion Children's Pulmonary and Allergy Clinic for 24 years. While there, she precepted many pediatric nurse practitioner students from Radford University, the University of Virginia, Old Dominion University, and the University of South Alabama.

Southard served as chair of the Virginia Asthma Coalition Asthma Action Plan committee, endorsed by the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Education. This plan has been endorsed by the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Education, and implemented in school divisions and medical practices across the Commonwealth.

In 2019, Southard received the Living and Giving Award for her many years of service to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. In 2012, she received the Charles Brown Award

from Roanoke College, given to a Salem citizen to acknowledge their contributions to the city.

Bob Rotanz, a veritable Salem icon, is a former Roanoke College lacrosse player and owner of Mac and Bob's restaurant in downtown Salem.

A native of Long Island, New York, Rotanz came to Salem by way of Roanoke College, where he excelled on the lacrosse field. Rotanz scored the winning goal to help the men's lacrosse team win the 1978 national championship and was named the national Lacrosse Player of the Year. In 1988, he was inducted into the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame. His jersey number has been retired.

Rotanz, who has served on numerous community boards, is known for his generosity. He supplies food for scores of local events, schools and causes, and for more than 25 years, has organized a golf tournament to support families with children who have Down syndrome.

Rotanz also helped bring the game of lacrosse to public schools in Southwest Virginia by coaching the first teams at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke and at Salem High School, and founding the Southwest Virginia Lacrosse Association.

In 2009, Rotanz was named Citizen of the Year by the Salem Rotary Club. In 2013, he received the Charles Brown Award from Roanoke College, in recognition of his contributions to the city of Salem.

By Roanoke College News



Recipient Sally Southard stands onstage with President Maxey.

BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Medal recipient Frankie Allen takes the podium.

## Council names street for RC's Mike Maxey

Meg Hibbert  
Contributing writer

Retiring Roanoke College President Mike Maxey now has his own street. Monday night, Salem City Council unanimously approved "Maxey Way." The street goes through the middle of the college from Clay and High Street to Perry Drive at the intersection of Thompson Memorial Drive. People will recognize that intersection where John's Bridge is located, named for late Roanoke alumnus John Mulheren.

Mayor Renee Turk noted "It will be fitting to name it in recognition of Mike Maxey's work at the college and the community."

In other items at Monday night's meeting, Council approved the Roanoke Regional Airport's 2022-

23 budget of \$6.4 million in operating revenue. The airport's Executive Director Mike Stewart made the presentation. Councilman Randy Foley asked what the community's reaction has been to adding a Nashville flight. "It's been very good. We're thrilled," Stewart answered. "It's an opportunity to make the Roanoke Valley a Best Nation," he said.

Council tabled until the May 9 meeting a rezoning request to allow other types of retail uses at Ridgewood Farms shopping area. Because no one was present from property owner MO Salem LLC and Midland Atlantic Properties management affiliate, Councilman Foley asked for the vote to be postponed. "It bothers me that no one came forward," Foley said. "I feel like someone at least needs

to be here."

Council adopted a resolution allowing Western-Star Hospital Authority, doing business as Metro Health EMS, to establish a Transport Medical Services Agency. The vote was 4-0, with Councilman Bill Jones abstaining.

Council appointed viewers to consider permanently vacating and disposing of an unopened alley in Salem Iron and Metal between Indiana and Florida streets. Gerald Beckner appeared, asking for the change, "so we can enclose our properties."

During the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting, Council heard from John Breen who asked City Manager Jay Taliaferro to enforce codes to have removed construction debris, 17 junked cars and "a storage building that doesn't look like it

meets the building code" at Seventh and South Broad Street.

In the work session at 6 p.m. before the Council meeting, councilmembers heard a 30-minute technology update by the city's Technology Systems Director Patrick Morton on projects and future plans. He told Council his department, among its myriad of jobs, provides a service department for the other departments of the city; does report design and creation; provides data storage for the police and fire department; and provides subject matter for Enterprise applications.

Morton said Technology Services is currently working on upgrading the city's phone system and preparing to do network upgrades for downtown wireless. "We want to modernize the city web-



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Mike Stewart, executive director of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission, presents the 2022-23 budget at the Salem City Council meeting April 25 in City Council Chambers.

site so we can add more pages," he said. He added, "Technology is on the back side of everything in city government...It's there and it just works."

Councilman Foley asked how confident Morton was about the city's computer system security. "We have multiple layers of firewalls," Morton answered, "and we keep the firewalls up to date." The council meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

## New Officers

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26-week training program. The program includes combat and survival training, as well as education on conservation law, boating and driving off-road vehicles such as ATVs.

"We do everything from defensive tactics to officer water survival—that was like a 16-hour swimming course—driver training, boat training..." recalled Wood.

"[Physical training] in the mornings, usually for an hour, followed by a lot of classroom time, case law, stuff like that," Rohrer added.

The officers are also eager to establish strong connections with the citizens of their counties. "I'm hoping for a really close, good working relationship, where they can call me if they have any issues or they see me dropping by, they can wave me down, have a casual conversation if they want, and I can do the same," said Rohrer.

The new recruits were accompanied by Sergeant John Koloda of the DWR who discussed the

work the officers should expect from the job. Sgt. Koloda is currently department supervisor of the New River Valley region where he has worked for the last 19 years. Prior to that, he worked as a conservation officer in Roanoke, Botetourt and Franklin Co. "[We] do just about everything as far as general law enforcement, then all the extra stuff we do as conservation officers as far as boating, driving SUVs, ATVs, tracking stuff," Koloda explained. "Anything in the woods and fields is our game. Basically, you get paid to get lost in the woods."

Koloda also spoke on some particularly exciting aspects of being a conservation officer in Virginia in the wake of the successful bust of a large turtle poaching operation in the Commonwealth. "We've got covert or undercover guys that work on that stuff that's hard for us uniformed guys to infiltrate," he explained. "In the past they've done black market-type things... bear gallbladders,

those are very expensive on the black market before they ship them over to Asia. They use them for medicinal things. That's what they're doing with the turtles; they ship them over to Asia."

The officers also mentioned the department's upcoming kid's fishing days in locations across southwest Virginia. The department will be hosting fishing events for children during May in the following locations: May 7 at the Little River in Floyd Co. on Thunderstruck Road, event time TBD; May 7 at Pandapas Pond in Montgomery Co. at the USFS property from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; May 7 at Boy Scout Lake in Pulaski Co. at Camp Powhatan from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and May 14 at Wolf Creek in Giles Co. at Narrows Town Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Any individuals interested in a career with the Virginia conservation police or other parts of the Department of Wildlife Resources can visit the official DWR website at [dwr.virginia.gov](http://dwr.virginia.gov).

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# Virginia Rent Relief Program portal closing to new applications May 15

~ Virginians have received more than \$713 million in rent relief payments ~

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announced on April 21 that it is closing the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP) application portal at 11:59 p.m., May 15, 2022, to new applications.

Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) requires a prioritization of assistance for households with incomes less than 50% of area median income or households with one or more individuals that have not been employed for the 90-day period preceding the date of application. Any application submitted after April 21, 2022, will be

prioritized based on these criteria, then processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Through March 31, the Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP) has processed and disbursed more than \$713 million in 141,330 rent relief payments for more than 104,990 unique households throughout Virginia.

In June 2020, Virginia was one of the first states in the nation to create a statewide rent and mortgage relief program with federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, and received additional state support

as a bridge between the CARES and Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funding streams. In total, the program has received more than \$1 billion in funding through federal aid and the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. Chesterfield County and Fairfax County have operated their own ERA-funded rent relief programs for residents with ERA funding.

DHCD will continue to work with partners and stakeholders across the state to create comprehensive strategies to increase the supply of affordable housing, address and prevent evictions and reduce barriers in

housing throughout the Commonwealth. Additional information on RRP are available at [dhcd.virginia.gov/RRP](http://dhcd.virginia.gov/RRP).

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) partners with state, federal, local and nonprofit housing and community and economic development initiatives. DHCD programs strive to maintain the vibrancy of communities throughout the Commonwealth and include providing universal broadband access, investing in economic development initiatives, promulgating the statewide building and

fire regulations, preserving the affordability and efficiency of Virginia's homes and buildings, addressing homelessness, reducing eviction rates across the state and fostering innovative solutions to create affordable housing. DHCD invests over \$350 million annually, in addition to \$2 billion in federal recovery programs, as a partner to Virginia communities to create safe, affordable and prosperous communities to live, work and do business in Virginia.

Submitted article

## Virginia Inspector General finds unresolved issues at state mental health facilities

In the four facilities operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services inspected by the Office of the State Inspector General for handling of sexual allegations, staff did not have adequate guidance in terms of identifying the elements that constitute sexual abuse as defined in Code of Virginia § 18.2-67.10. Without adequate definitions and training, staff might not document and investigate reports of sexual abuse

and potentially expose patients to harm. That is one of the findings in OSIG's Unannounced Inspections of DBHDS Facilities for Calendar Year 2021 report. The four facilities are

Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents, Central State Hospital, Southeast Virginia Training Center and Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute.

The unannounced inspections conducted by OSIG also found that three of four facili-

ties inspected for public safety compliance had outstanding fire marshal citations that were unresolved. Additionally, nine out of twelve crash carts inspected by OSIG were in compliance with inspection criteria.

"OSIG provided 40 recommendations for corrective actions," said OSIG Healthcare Compliance Manager Keith Davies. "OSIG will conduct follow-up procedures with Central Office and facilities to determine if conditions have

been corrected."

"The goal of unannounced inspections is to review the quality of services provided to patients at the facilities; make policy and operational recommendations to prevent problems, abuses and deficiencies; and improve the effectiveness of programs and services," said State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall.

Established in 2012, the Virginia Office of the State Inspector General manages the

State Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline; conducts investigations and performance audits of state agencies; provides training and standards for the commonwealth's internal audit programs; and conducts inspections and reviews of Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services-run facilities and programs.

Submitted article

## Voice Over Wizard Chris Nichter settles in Wythe County

Chris Nichter brings his 30+ years of voice acting experience to SW Virginia as he settles in Max Meadows. With a wide range of voice acting skills and a multitude of delivery styles, characters and impersonations, Chris has voiced literally thousands of radio, TV and web

commercials for local, regional, national and international clients.

Mr. Nichter has narrated seven films for National Geographic Wild TV Network, including "Wild Mississippi," "Florida Untamed," "Super Squirrel" and "Who's Your Doggie?" His resume also includes

many characters for video games, as well as hundreds of other documentary narrations, corporate videos, e-learning and training narrations, web videos, video sales letters, company phone systems and just about anything for which one could use a voice.

The Voice Over Wizard

home studio is as professional as Chris's voice, with a state-of-the-art Studiobricks sound booth, pro-quality microphone, digital recording and editing equipment. Plus, Source Connect allows him to digitally connect with studios world-wide.

Mr. Nichter's client list

is as wide-ranging and diverse as his voice talents, including Nat Geo Wild, CBS2-Chicago, Charles Schwab, Subway, GE, John Deere, Konica-Minolta, Georgia-Pacific, Ocean Spray, Bud Zero, Blackberry, HP/Intel, Siemens, ASDA, Fisher Price and Virginia Energy

Chris Nichter, The Voice Over Wizard, is able to accommodate businesses large and small with nearly any budget. To see and hear what he can offer you and your business, visit [www.voiceoverwizard.com](http://www.voiceoverwizard.com).

Submitted article

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January 2019, she became curious about the possibility of owning her own, particularly after the owner at the time informed her that no interested parties wished to keep the business as a bookstore.

"[The former owner] told me a lot of people that are interested in it don't want to keep it as a bookstore, they want to change it into a record store, or they want to do antiques," Oaks recalled. "So I'm thinking, well, Salem doesn't need another antique store, in my opinion. I like the ones that we have, but there's just a little too much. So I just took the job, and I said, you know what, this opportunity is never going to happen again like this, so let's just do it."

Savannah was ecstatic to become the new owner of the store after securing a bank loan during her spring break the following year in March 2020, when she was just 19 years old. But only three weeks later, the first statewide lockdown due to the spread of COVID-19 went into effect, devastating small businesses across the Commonwealth as cases rose and people quarantined themselves indoors. Undeterred by this unforeseen catastrophe, Savannah took a chance and kept Wonderous Books open with restrictions during the pandemic, using the time to completely reorganize and refurbish the store.

While staying open during COVID has been a daunting task, Savannah was grateful for the chance to redesign the store, and noted that it was difficult to tell how much the lockdown actually affected business. "I don't want to say that I don't hate the pandemic, because I do, but there were pros and cons with the beginning of the store opening the way it did," she

said. "It certainly didn't help, but a lot of people ask, 'how has COVID affected your business?' I can't say. But we're doing really well now."

She continued, "The worst experience was April 2020. It was the uncertainty of this place. The only thing that kept me going was, at that time, we just revamped everything. That's what kept me going, just working towards my dream and how I wanted this place to look...People ask me a lot, 'do you have a business plan?' and I say, yeah, it's one word: survive."

As for her favorite part of running the store, Savannah has come to love connecting with her customers and the Salem community. "I would say probably my best experience would be the whole thing. I was a very socially anxious person when I bought this place...so my best experience is going out and meeting people, talking to people, and sharing stories that we love."

While impressive in and of themselves, Savannah's accomplishments at Wonderous Books are even more so in light of her struggles with dyslexia and ADHD, conditions

with which she was diagnosed as a child. "My biggest joke is, I'm dyslexic, and I can't read, but I own a bookstore," laughed Oaks. "I didn't read on my own until 7th grade. I had a teacher tell me she didn't believe in [my dyslexia and ADHD], so there's no reason why I shouldn't be able to read on a 7th grade level, and if I didn't, she would hold me back. Well, I picked up Twilight because the movie was out. My father didn't like Twilight, so he told me not to read it. I was the defiant child, and I was like, I'm going to read this book now, and I'm going to make a point of showing you that I'm reading it. So I read Twilight, and I fell in love reading it. And that's why I'm stuck in the young adult genre now—it's comforting to me."

Savannah also went on to talk about some of her favorite authors in the young adult fiction genre, including Holly Black (Folk of the Air, The Spiderwick Chronicles) and Virginia native author Maggie Stiefvater (The Wolves of Mercy Falls, The Raven Cycle).

As Virginia begins to move past COVID restrictions on businesses,

the future is looking bright for Savannah and her store. One upcoming event for Wonderous Books & More is the Roanoke Valley Holistic Expo on May 15 at the Salem Civic Center, a convention hosted by GLOW Healing Arts in Salem, a business with which Savannah works closely as both a friend and instructor for GLOW's wellness-related classes. Wonderous Books will attend the event as a vendor.

Additionally, this Saturday, April 30 is National Independent Bookstore Day, a day celebrated across the country as a time to patronize local bookstores and find rare deals. Wonderous Books & More will be having specials to mark the event, including 10% off new books, free gifts with the purchase of a children's book or any purchase over \$10, and a "blind date with a book" display in which customers can take a chance on an unknown book based

only on its genre and first line.

Though difficult, the experience has been overwhelmingly positive for Savannah overall, and her friends and neighbors in Salem have made it all worth it. "You might have an amazing week one week, you might have a horrible week the next. There are ups and downs, and that's in any business, where you question, are you going to make it?" she mused. "But community outreach is the biggest thing I've learned, because you have to have the support of the community to stay viable... I want [the store] to be a place

where people can come and hang out and talk about things they love. It always makes my day when I can talk with a group of people that come in as strangers, and we can talk about books, and they leave as friends."

Wonderous Books & More, located at 25 W Main Street, is currently open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The store is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Wonderous Books is a trade- and donation-based business and does not offer cash for used books.

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# OPINION

## Post-Easter Thoughts

After six years, we at The Salem Times-Register and The New Castle Record are saying good-bye to Shawn Nowlin, who has served as editor of the two Mountain Media weekly newspapers for seven years, and for me has been a valued and somewhat unusual colleague.

That's not only because Shawn has grown professionally since starting as editor but because he has filled a role as a young African-American man that has greatly enhanced the understanding and appreciation of this white senior-age woman who grew up in the racially segregated south and greatly values her Confederate heritage as a Virginian from Colonial times.

Moreover, Shawn Nowlin at 33 is three months younger than my South Carolina granddaughter. Working with him has permitted me to bridge three generations in age. He was born and grew up in Roanoke while I've

lived in Salem for "only" 37 years.

Like many folk who start their careers on weekly newspapers, he's moving on, but he's said he's not putting us entirely behind him. He'll be working for a Charlotte, North Carolina, company doing promotional/marketing campaigns for many groups including some with sports connections, a plus for him since at 6'7" he's a basketball fan. He said he may even have some assignments in Salem.

Soon I hope to learn also from our new editor, Alex Shedd, 25, a native of Richmond but with more recent familiarity with northern Virginia where he graduated from George Mason University. He's been a writer and done freelance editing for the past several years.

In a different way, I pay homage this week to Ms. Helen Head, my friend since 1980, who turned 100 on April 15 at the retirement

## Frances Stebbins Correspondent

home of Kendal at Lexington. Possessed of a remarkably clear mind, Head has been internationally traveled as the daughter of an American soldier who took a Belgian bride after his service in World War I. Speaker of several languages, military wife and mother of three, writer of reflections and poetry, cat lover and active supporter of a Lexington church in her later years, she and I both enjoyed sharing religious education for adults in our respective parishes. As two folk of different ages, races and backgrounds, both have enriched my life!

Recently I received the newsletter of the Association of Roanoke Valley Baptists, probably the largest and best known of the several religious groups in these parts with "Baptist" in the name. To the

several newcomers to the Valley that I know, it is deeply confusing that there are so many groups that follow "Believers' Baptism" by immersion, put great importance on the Holy Bible and are governed solely by the membership rather than a central authority such as a bishop. Though there is limited racial joining, most congregations are still mainly white or African-American. I would not begin to write how many "Baptist" faith groups are established within 50 miles around.

As if that isn't confusing enough, some groups are more conservative than others in cultural or Scriptural matters. To other Christian groups, it sometimes seems that Baptists always grow and prosper financially.

So it came as a surprise to this long-time observer of faith communities that apparently Baptists are suffering serious losses in support of their congregations just as all other God-centered groups are. The Rev. Rodger Hogan, the current moderator, writes in

the quarterly comprehensive mail-out that the small office building in northeast Roanoke erected some 40 years ago for a paid coordinator of cooperative activities is being sold.

The Rev. Scott Hamilton currently is what is now called "interim mission strategist." Moderator Hogan said only a part-time coordinator can be afforded in the future (it was that way prior to the mid-1970s when growth was expanding).

Not that helping people with various needs has vanished. In inner-city Roanoke, Keystone Community Center southeast and Friendship House serving the low-rent southwest are caring for refugees, setting up summer day camps, offering help with food pantries, clothing and after-school assistance. The Ward Haven Retreat Center on a wooded mountainside northwest of the city soon will welcome summer gatherings.

Over the decades I have written of these valuable ministries. Many could not imagine life without them. -30-

## Senators applaud passage of bipartisan Brown v. Board commemorative bill

U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine applauded House passage of their bipartisan legislation to commemorate historic sites that catalyzed litigation leading to the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision, Brown v. Board of Education

of Topeka. The bill, which unanimously passed the Senate earlier this month, now heads to President Biden's desk to be signed into law. The legislation will expand the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Kansas and designate

National Park Service (NPS) Affiliated Areas in Delaware, South Carolina, Kansas, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Specifically, it will recognize the Moton Museum, formerly the Robert Russa Moton High School, in Farmville, Virginia, where Barbara Johns led a protest against school segregation and demanded better conditions for Black students. This designation would help protect the site.

The 1954 Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka transformed the United States, overruling Plessy v. Ferguson and striking down school segregation as unconstitutional. The Brown decision was a major catalyst of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

"Seventy-one years after Barbara Johns led a protest against school segregation at Moton High School in Farmville, we're thrilled that our legislation to commemorate the Moton Museum and other historic sites associated with Brown v. Board of Education is headed to President

Biden's desk to be signed into law," said Senators Warner and Kaine. "We're proud to help preserve this history and recognize stories of courageous Americans who fought for justice and equality."

The creation of NPS Affiliated Areas in Delaware, Virginia, and the District of Columbia for sites associated with the Brown v. Board of Education case and an expansion of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site to include the related sites in South Carolina provides an opportunity for these sites to tell their own under-

recognized histories of the Brown v. Board of Education case.

In collaboration with local partners and other stakeholders, the National Trust will continue its work to bring recognition to communities that fought for school integration and make connections between communities engaged in the fight for educational equity, past and present.

The legislation was crafted in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In the Senate, the bill was led by U.S. Senators Chris

Coons (D-DE) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC), and supported by U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-SC), Tom Carper (D-DE), Jerry Moran (R-KS), and Roger Marshall (R-KS).

Senators Warner and Kaine were also proud to secure \$500,000 in dedicated funding for critical facility upgrades at the Moton Museum in Farmville through the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, and supported efforts to honor Barbara Johns as one of Virginia's two statues in the United States Capitol.

Submitted article

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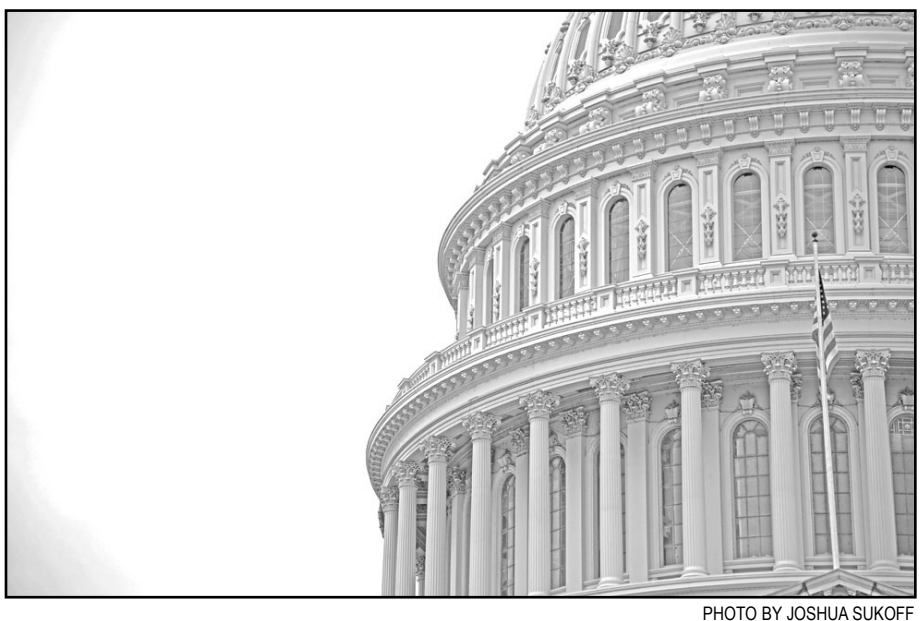


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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. North American people  
6. Chinese surname  
10. Fit in at the last minute  
14. "Very" in musical terminology  
15. Underwater displays  
17. Crosby's bandmates  
19. Belong to he  
20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)  
21. Sequences of alternating turns  
22. Genus of grasses  
23. Satisfy  
24. Petty quarrel  
26. Made level  
29. Ruler of Iran  
31. Historical region of Syria  
32. Food suitable for babies  
34. Something to lend  
35. Zone of oceanic trenches

37. Philippine island  
38. Domesticated animal  
39. Plant of the lily family  
40. Bluish green  
41. "Tomei, actress  
43. Without (French)  
45. Lilly and Manning are two  
46. Apply pressure to  
47. Divide in half  
49. Bad deed  
50. Don't know when yet  
53. Hollywood's greatest honor  
57. Aiming to exhort  
58. Faked  
59. A way to pierce  
60. Midway between north-east and east  
61. Points

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Chop up  
2. Spumante (Italian wine)  
3. Egyptian goddess  
4. Split pulses  
5. Afflict  
6. Type of area rug  
7. Tide  
8. Affirmative  
9. Sudden change  
10. One picked  
11. Debauched man  
12. Stiff bristles  
13. Famous arena  
16. Established rules and methods  
18. Injection  
22. Father  
23. Protein-rich liquids  
24. He delivers gifts  
25. Advanced degree  
27. Fencing swords  
28. Chinese mountain range  
29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

30. Precursor to hemoglobin  
31. Much about nothing  
33. Compound fabric (abbr.)  
35. A way to act slowly on  
36. Ottoman military commanders  
37. Popular kids' network  
39. Hard compound  
42. Sympathize with  
43. Northeast college  
44. Blood group  
46. Frosted  
47. Turn away  
48. Benefit  
49. Dry or withered  
50. Bangladeshi monetary unit  
51. Reproduced  
52. Contributes  
53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)  
54. Wear  
55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)  
56. Very small

## POLICE REPORT

*City of Salem Police Department*

**Weekly Arrest Report**

*Week of April 19, 2022 - April 25, 2022*

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
04/19/2022	Vincent C. Lamina Jr.	21	Assault & Battery
04/19/2022	Joseph R. Dickerson	34	Failure to Appear
04/21/2022	John E. Lemon Jr.	56	Violation of Probation
04/21/2022	Christopher W. Chambers	19	Damage Property
04/21/2022	John K. Bandy	40	Public Intoxication
04/21/2022	Mary K. Coleman	41	Criminal Trespass
04/22/2022	Mason L. Bland	23	Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
04/22/2022	Amy L. Harrell	44	Contempt of Court
04/22/2022	Charles H. Jennings	78	Urination in Public
04/22/2022	Rena S. Hundley	30	Public Intoxication
04/24/2022	Jesse W. Robertson	40	Evading Police, Obstructing Justice
04/24/2022	Karen D. Chapman	56	Domestic Assault & Battery
04/25/2022	Charlie R. Barton	22	Assault & Battery

**Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)**

*Week of April 19, 2022 - April 25, 2022*

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
19-APR-2022	300 BLK N Market St	Damage Property
22-APR-2022	500 BLK E 4 <sup>th</sup> St	Robbery
24-APR-2022	800 BLK Union St	Grand Larceny



# Roundabout construction begins at Route 311 and Route 419

## Traffic to detour onto I-81 between exits 140 and 141 this summer for four to six weeks

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is beginning a road project to replace the signalized intersection of Route 311 and Route

419 in Roanoke County at Hanging Rock with a roundabout. Constructing a roundabout can enhance safety, improve traffic flow and require

lower maintenance costs when compared to traditional intersections.

Work is expected to start in late April and be completed in late fall

2022. During construction of the new roundabout, drivers can expect the following impacts:

From late April through Memorial Day: Nighttime lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic may be in place between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, at the intersection of Route 311 and Route 419 starting in late April for pipe installation and paving and to construct a new right turn lane and a portion of the new roundabout.

Early June through Mid-August: Portions of the Route 419 and Route 311 intersection will be closed, and a detour will be in place for approximately four to six weeks sometime between early

June and mid-August.

During this time period, some drivers will need to detour around the partial intersection closure onto Interstate 81 using exit 140 onto Thompson Memorial Drive and exit 141 onto Route 419. To access the graphic that depicts the partial intersection closure that will be in place for four to six weeks this summer, visit the project page of the VDOT website.

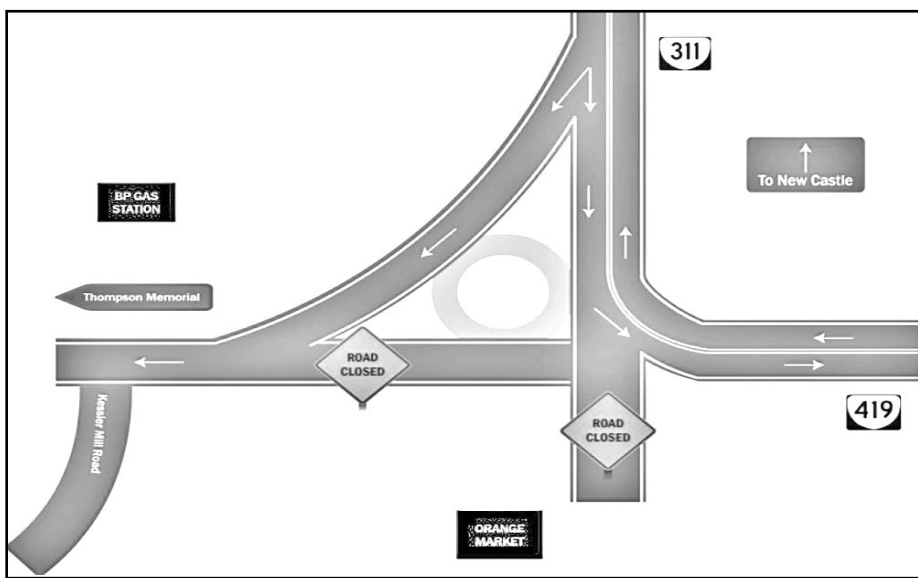
During the partial intersection closure, drivers will not be able to turn left from northbound Thompson Memorial Drive onto Route 311 (Catawba Valley Drive). In addition, northbound Route 419 (Electric Road) traffic will not be able to continue straight at the

intersection onto Thompson Memorial Drive. Southbound Thompson Memorial Drive traffic will not be able to drive straight onto Route 419.

August through November: The new roundabout is expected to be open to traffic in August or September. Drivers should still expect nighttime lane closures with flaggers between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday around the roundabout for final paving, pavement marking and sign installation.

VDOT awarded the \$2.4 million contract to contractor E.C. Pace from Roanoke in February.

Submitted article



## Firefighter Hero from page 1



other things.

Known for their engaging personalities, members of the department have cultivated relationships with countless individuals throughout the community. Last September, the Salem Fire & EMS Department helped contain a flame at Michael Grant's house. He says not a week goes by that he doesn't think about their heroics.

"My wife Dyan and I were at our grandson's flag football practice.

Dyan asked our oldest son, Michael, to warm up the grease because when we came home, we were going to cook some burgers and fries. What he did was turn it on high and walked away from it," he said. "Roughly 30 minutes later, our youngest son happened to see smoke coming from his room. When he stepped in the hallway, he noticed it was pretty bad. We are so thankful there were no casualties. I am forever grateful for what the first responders did."

# Experience International Dark Skies Week in Virginia

International Dark Skies Week continues through April 30 and events are being held across Virginia at several state park locations throughout the spring and summer

Virginia State Parks has four parks designated as International Dark Sky Parks by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) - Staunton River, James River, and recently added Natural Bridge and Sky Meadows.

"As a state park, our goal is to conserve Virginia's natural resources, of which include the life that inhabits the park," Natural Bridge State Park Interpretive Ranger Summer Holiday said. "Having a Dark Sky designation aids in preserving habitats we aim to protect by being a sanctuary relatively free from artificial light. These types of locations are becoming increasingly difficult to find. In

metropolitan areas, you are only seeing a tiny fraction of what the night sky would look like in a place with no artificial light. With little to no light pollution in our park, those that visit can see hundreds of stars they normally would not see. Our Dark Sky events allow visitors to enjoy the view of our night sky and learn about the importance of preserving it by eliminating light pollution."

Dark Sky designation recognizes areas and organizations working to maintain spaces where the public can see stars more easily. Nighttime light pollution is common east of the Mississippi River and with natural nighttime darkness disappearing, this makes stargazing more difficult.

"On a clear night, there will be telescopes set up to allow visitors to fully appreciate the night sky

and depending on what is visible that time of year, you might be able to see nebulas, star clusters, planets and red giants," Holiday said. "Rangers will provide information on how to navigate the night sky, point out prominent constellations and discuss how you can reduce light pollution at home."

Dark Sky events and educational programs are instrumental in helping preserve Virginia State Parks.

"Receiving a Dark Sky certification doesn't always guarantee protection from light pollution," Natural Bridge State Park Manager Jim Jones said. "Localities and businesses that develop can potentially threaten that designation. We hope that through awareness, programs and advocacy of the community, friends and government that these resources will be protected. That an awareness of how

light at night can impact not only nature but our health and wellness."

Some park events include self-guided nighttime hikes, astrophotography workshops, meteor shower viewing, lunar eclipse viewing and educational lessons about light pollution.

For more information about Dark Sky Events at Virginia State Parks or to view the Dark Sky Week Proclamation, click the links or visit [www.virginiastateparks.gov](http://www.virginiastateparks.gov).

Submitted article

### CITY OF SALEM TAXPAYERS IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

2022 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX DUE MAY 31, 2022

SECOND HALF 2021-2022 REAL ESTATE TAX DUE JUNE 5, 2022

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Anyone not having received a tax bill please contact the office of the Treasurer, 114 North Broad Street Salem VA 24153 or phone 540-375-3024.

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or transactions can be handled through the mail.

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# Crash Fatalities Reach 14-Year High on Virginia Roadways in 2021

As crash fatalities reached a 14-year high on the Commonwealth's roadways last year, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) urges Virginians to respond with action to reverse course in 2022.

"There are immediate, simple actions Virginians can take to save lives on our roadways," said acting DMV Commissioner Linda Ford, the governor's highway safety representative. "This is critically important as fatalities continue to increase this year. Vehicles and roadways are safer than they ever have been, yet we continue to lose lives to senseless crashes. Do your part to help. Slow down, buckle up, focus on the task of driving and never drive impaired. It truly is that simple."

Last year, 968 people died in crashes on Virginia roadways — a 14.3% increase over 2020 and the highest number of

annual fatalities since 2007 (1,026 fatalities). According to final crash statistics from DMV's Highway Safety Office, fatalities increased across a number of categories, such as speed-related fatalities, commercial motor vehicle-involved fatalities and fatalities of motorcyclists, pedestrians, bicyclists, teen drivers and mature drivers.

Virginia's increase in overall crash fatalities mirrors a startling national trend. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 31,000 people died in crashes in the first nine months of 2021, a 12% increase over the same time period in 2020 and the highest number of fatalities during the first nine months of any year since 2006. The full report on 2021 U.S. crash statistics will be available later this year.

DMV and its highway safety partners embrace

	Calendar Year		% Change
	2021	2020	
Total Fatalities	968	847	14.3%
Unrestrained Fatalities	334	343	-2.6%
Alcohol-Related Fatalities	247	272	-9.2%
Speed-Related Fatalities	445	406	9.6%
Motorcycle Fatalities	102	87	17.2%
Pedestrian Fatalities	125	114	9.6%
Bicycle Fatalities	16	8	100.0%
Distracted Driving Fatalities	117	121	-3.3%
Teen Driver Fatalities (Ages 15-19)	42	27	55.6%
Mature Driver Fatalities (Ages 65 and Over)	145	126	15.1%
Commercial Motor Vehicle Involved Fatalities	115	102	12.7%

data-driven strategies to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities on Virginia roadways. These range from education and enforcement to grant funding, news media engage-

ment and advertising. "This trend is poised to continue unless Virginians take action," Acting Commissioner Ford said. "Most people want to contribute to something

greater; by driving safely, you can truly make a difference, not just in your life, but in the lives of everyone with whom you share the road." So far this year, 245

people have been killed in crashes on Virginia roadways, a 12% increase compared to this point in 2021.

Submitted article

# Good Samaritan Advanced Illness Care and Hospice receives top honors

Good Samaritan, the local leader in advanced illness care, was recognized as a Hospice Honors Award Recipient at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Conference in National Harbor, Maryland in Jan. 2022.

The Hospice Honors Program is a landmark compilation of hospices providing the best patient and caregiver experience. This prestigious annual review recognizes hospices that continuously provide the highest level of quality as measured by the caregiver's point of view.

"Of all recognitions given to a hospice, receiving an award based upon the direct experience of those we serve is one of the highest honors," remarks Aaron Housh, Good Samaritan president and CEO. "This distinction is a wonderful reflection of our

dedicated staff who live out our mission each day."

Good Samaritan is the only community-based nonprofit hospice in southwestern Virginia. Founded in 1992, Good Sam is dedicated to the mission of affirming life in the midst of illness and grief,

and above all honoring what matters most to each person and family served. Offices are located in Roanoke and Christiansburg.

Submitted by Scotti Hartman

# Relay for Life comes back to Salem

2022 is the 30th anniversary of Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life of Virginia's Blue Ridge group will be hosting an event on Saturday, June 11, 2022, in the back parking lot of the Salem Civic Center. The festivities run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a car show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a vendor fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other activities, food, music and games will be going on

all day. Also, there will be a Survivor Celebration to start the day and the Luminaria Celebration to bring the event to a close.

The theme this year is "Dream Big, Hope Big, Relay Big," and teams will be setting up decorated sites with fundraising opportunities.

The Salem Relay for Life committee has formed a team to take part in this Relay for Life event. Their team's name is the Salem Champions and they will

have a site set up that day. Their site will include a fortune teller, a raffle of various items and a dunking booth. Familiar faces from around Salem can be found taking a turn in the booth. People can pay to get three balls to throw at the target to hopefully dunk whoever is in the booth!

If you are interested in being a part of the Salem Champions team, you can contact Lisa Bain at 540-521-4666. If you are interested in forming your

own team, you can sign up on the website: [www.relayforlife.org/vablueridge](http://www.relayforlife.org/vablueridge).

We hope you will plan to come out and help celebrate 30 years of Relay in the Roanoke Valley and all the good that has come from the monies raised.

Submitted article



## OBITUARY

### Jarrett, Mark A.

March 7, 1957 - April 23, 2022

Mark A. Jarrett, 65, of Roanoke, passed away peacefully and entered eternal rest on April 23, 2022. He was a master electrician and dedicated 37 years working for Jarrett Electric Company, a family-owned business. Mark was also an avid golfer, had a passion for scuba diving, and especially loved spending time with his grandson, Landen Fisher. The pair enjoyed frequent visits to Lake Spring Park (Duck Pond) in Salem, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Carol (Carol Dean)



Sorrels Jarrett. Mark is survived by the love of his life, Katrina Jarrett; daughter, Cathryn Fisher, and husband, Ryan; son, Justin Jarrett; and grandson, Landen. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 11 a.m. at John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem with pastor Jimmy Pentecost officiating.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations in Mark's memory be sent to either the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be expressed to the Jarrett family by visiting [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

## Treasury's Unclaimed Property Program returns millions to rightful owners every year!

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## GOD'S COVENANT

Read Genesis 9:1 through 11:32

A covenant is a promise or contract between two parties. However, a biblical covenant involved much more. It was a permanent arrangement designed to promote friendship and understanding between God and man. After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah and every living thing.

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:13).

This covenant had three parts. Never again would a flood devastate the earth. Season would follow season as long as the earth remained. Then God gave the rainbow to show that He could be trusted to keep His part of the covenant.

The rainbow speaks of God's grace and mercy. But His grace didn't stop with the rainbow. God wanted to have a relationship with us in spite of our unworthiness, so He sent us a Mediator—Jesus—who, by His death, opened up a new and better covenant, one that removed our sin and cleansed our conscience (Luke 22:20).

Prayer for Today: Lord, with Your help I will keep my part of the covenant—to love and honor You. Amen

Quicklook: Genesis 9:8-17

Taylor Plott; Youth Minister Nathan Beard; 10:00am Sunday Bible Study; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office.

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# Virginia Department of Transportation road watch

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent. The Salem District covers Bedford, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski and Roanoke counties

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** – Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 104 to 106 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

**TRAFFIC SWITCH** - Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line.

**LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6

a.m. the following morning as follows:

**SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

**ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT** – Route 615 (Pilot Road) is undergoing a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Single lane closures will be in place and will be maintained by utilizing temporary traffic signals. Lane closures on RTE 615 are expected to begin on May 5 and will be in place through August 2022. Expected completion is October 2022.

**ROUTE 460 PAVING OPERATIONS** – From Monday through Friday, April 25-29, in the vicinity of Ellet Bridge, drivers can expect lane closures for paving operations from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Delays are possible.

**ROUTE 663 CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE WORK** – Route 663 (Walton Road) is closed for bridge work. Message boards will alert drivers. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes. Residents will be able to access their homes. The road will reopen on May 9.

**ROUTE 643 PAVING PROJECT** – This project is to restart in order to resurface an unpaved portion of Route 643 (Yellow Sulfur Road). The work area begins .7 mile south of the intersection with Route 642 (Jennelle Road) and ends 1.7 miles north of the bridge over

Route 460. Traffic impacts will include intermittent flagging operations between these intersections. This project has an estimated completion date of May 2022.

**LANE CLOSURES:** Intermittent single lane closures utilizing flagging operations will be in place between the intersection of Teaberry Road and Jennelle Road.

**UTILITY WORK ON ROUTE 460** - MMI will be installing fiber optic along Route 460 and Route 8 from the Giles County line to the Floyd County line. This work will be ongoing. Motorists should expect shoulders and/or lane closures for travel in both directions.

**INTERSTATE 81 WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141** – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before a barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. A barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane

closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

**I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE** - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County will be closed from late May 2022 until early September 2022. Signage indicating the closure has been posted in the rest area. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Visitors to the rest area may see some preliminary work, such as drainage improvements, as early as this spring. However, the major construction will begin after Memorial Day, and the rest area facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public from late May until early September. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

**INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143** – A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both

northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has been underway. All lanes now open and will remain open through winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound will resume with the next paving season in spring 2022. Drivers can expect rough pavement. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

**INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD** – On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete in the fall 2022.

**LANE CLOSURES:** A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m. A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m. A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

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03/10/2022  
Sally Davis  
Clerk

### Legals - Montgomery County

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1320 Cranberry Lane, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060 (Parcel ID: 032765; Tax Map No.: 052-8-6)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 31, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$156,642.62 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia as Instrument No. 07001400, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **May 11, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.**, in front of the building housing the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, the property containing 3.329 ac. ± designated as Lot 6, shown on plat entitled "Plat Showing Winters Subdivision", recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office, in Plat Book 16, page 436, together with a 30' ingress/egress/regress easement shown on the referenced plat. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$15,500.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or M. Brennan Hutt d/b/a H&H Abstracting and/or Rocky Mount Title, Inc. and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 224082-03, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

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Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MORGAN, GABRIELLA JOSEPHINE RADFORD CITY DSS /v. BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ  
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ, legal parent of Gabriella Josephine Morgan, 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 he will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time; failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to, the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 05/13/2022 08:30 AM.

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For the girls, Sydney Loder won the 100 and 300 hurdles, Carly Wilkes won the 1,600 and Delany Eller won the 800. The 4x800 relay team of Wilkes, Joanna Kileen, Emma Pope and Molly McCroskey took first, as did the 4x400 team of Eller, Wilkes, Adrianna Hall and Loder.

Loder, for the girls, and Johnson, for the boys, were named Athletes of the Meet.

Salem competed in two meets last week, a quad meet at Hidden Valley between the Spartans, North Cross, Patrick Henry and the host Tittans.

“All of the sprinters ran events that were distances above their normal regimen,” said Salem coach Darryl McCoy. “So, the 400 meter and 200 meter races were what our sprinters competed in. It’s considered an over-distance training meet that allows athletes to get training in during a meet where times wouldn’t be considered for state qualifying due to the lack number of teams.”

There were a few regional qualifiers. Neelah Logan qualified in the 400m for the girls, winning that race and taking second in the 100, and for the boys Josiah Persinger, DaRon Wilson and Toby Jackson



**Salem's Carson Tucker ran a personal best in the 1,600 meters at Hidden Valley last week.** PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

all qualified in the 200. Carson Tucker won the 3,200 and took fifth in the 1,600.

“All in it was a great meet for the athletes and some even noticed that these longer sprint events may be their better events,” said McCoy.

Other girls’ highlights at Hidden Valley included a third in the 400 by Mary Chamberland, a fourth in the 100 by Myla Greene and a Shaniya Robinson was fifth in the 100 and sixth in the 400.

In the relays the Salem team of Amanda Rothkopf, Lyndsy

Rothkopf, Katie Johnson and Katelyn Crumpacker took second in the 4x800 and the 4x100 team was third with Melissa Vinot, Amadi Brahmstadt, Erin Armitage and Sutton Semones.

On Saturday Salem took distance runners to the Golden Eagle Invitational at Staunton River High. Walker Peterson was fourth in the 3,200 for the boys and Elizabeth Bocock took sixth for the girls.

Both Salem and Glenvar had home meets scheduled for Wednesday.

## Christiansburg one-hits Salem softball team

The Christiansburg Blue Demons pulled out a win over Salem in a River Ridge District softball game Tuesday. The host team took a 2-1 victory in Christiansburg.

“It was a good game,” said Salem coach John Counts. “They played flawless defense and held us to one hit, but we were in it until the end.”

The Blue Demons scored two runs in the second inning off Spartan pitcher Cora Robinson, and that would prove to be enough. Salem’s run came in the top of the fourth when Bayleigh Booth singled for Salem’s only hit, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a fielder’s choice RBI by Robinson.

Cora pitched all six innings and allowed just four hits, fanning three, as Salem dropped to 8-6 overall.

Salem beat up on two Roanoke City teams in the two games prior to Tuesday. Last Thursday at Patrick Henry Robinson struck out 12 as Salem beat the Patriots, 21-2. Lily Lawson had a two run homer and four runs batted in and Sarah Tennant scored three times.

On Monday at William Fleming the Spartans thumped the Colonels, 19-2. Cora Sparger pitched a two-hitter with 11 strikeouts and was also four-for-four at the plate with three doubles and five runs batted in. Booth also had four hits while driving in four and Caitlin Wells was three-for-five with four RBIs. Maize Roop had two hits and drove in three.

The Spartans are back in action today with a home game against Hidden Valley.

## GHS girls slaughter-rule Radford

The Glenvar girls had a big Three Rivers District softball win Tuesday as the Highlanders won at Radford, 13-3.

Glenvar scored one run in the first inning then broke the game open by scoring six runs in the third inning to take a 7-0 lead. They scored five additional runs in the sixth inning to end the game with a 10 run lead. Savana Luper went the distance on the mound, striking out seven with no walks and allowing five hits.

At the plate Luper had three hits and drove in four runs. Abby Teubert had three hits, Kayleigh Saunders had two hits

and Madison Duncan had two hits and drove in a run.

The win took some of the sting out of a 13-10 non-district loss to Franklin County in Rocky Mount Monday. The Highlanders outthit their hosts, 11-8, but errors were the difference in the game.

“You can overcome an error here or there, but when they are consecutive with runners on base it’s hard to overcome that,” said coach Lonnie Raines.

Teubert, Luper and Sarah Kate Tozier had three hits each for the Highlanders. Luper and Sophie McCulley split

time on the mound.

Last Friday at Floyd the Highlanders thumped a traditional rival, beating the Lady Buffaloes 10-1. Glenvar took an early 2-0 lead on hits by Izzy Shearer and Duncan and never looked back.

McCulley had two hits and two RBIs, Shearer had two hits and two RBIs, and Luper had two hits. McCulley went the distance on the mound, fanning 15 and allowing just one hit.

Glenvar is back in action Friday with a home game against Carroll County and on Monday they host 9-1 James River. The Highlanders are 5-7.

## SHS tennis teams have busy week

The Salem High tennis teams were busy last week as both the boys and girls had three matches. The boys lost two close ones around a win over Cave Spring while the girls went 2-1.

The boys lost to Pulaski County, 5-4, on April 19, as both teams fought for four hours as Pulaski only has four courts. The singles matches were split 3-3, with Cole Maggi winning at number three and James Convery at number four. The third point came from tenth grader Cooper Davis who notched his first singles victory. The outcome was decided at third doubles, a 9-7 pro set loss.

Salem won 8-1 at Cave Spring last Thursday. Salem swept the doubles, with partners Aaron Peters and Joren Poush, as well as the duo of Aidan Poush and Convery, staging comebacks to win 9-7.

Last Friday at home Salem dropped another 5-4 match, this time to Patrick Henry. The highlight was a huge upset at number one singles with Aaron Peters, capturing a decisive 10 point tiebreaker, 10-3.

“Peters stepped up to number one this year after Salem’s top four graduated,”

said coach Steve Willinger. “This was the match that signaled that Aaron has improved enough to compete with the top echelon of the area’s competition.”

Cooper Davis and Aidan Poush won at numbers 5 and 6 singles, to send the match into the doubles tied at 3-3. After splitting the first two doubles contests, Peters and Joren Poush battled to split sets with the PH number one pair but PH edged ahead to take the 10-7 breaker and win the deciding point.

The girls shut out Pulaski in their match in Salem. Singles winners were Lauren Baba, Claire Rawlins, Caroline Loveday, Morgan Tobey, Zoe Prosser and Emma Johnson. Doubles winners were the teams of Baba and Rawlins, Loveday and Tobey and Prosser and Johnson.

The same lineup beat Cave Spring 8-1. Salem swept the singles and only the second doubles team lost. Then, on Friday, Salem lost at Patrick Henry, 6-3. Rawlins, Loveday and Prosser all won their singles matches but PH swept the doubles.

Salem’s teams will take on Hidden Valley on Friday with the girls at home and the boys at Hidden Valley.

## Warriors edge SHS lax boys in OT

Visiting Western Albemarle scored in overtime to take a 12-11 win over the host Salem High lacrosse team in a game at Spartan Field last week.

This one was close throughout. The Warriors led 4-2 after one quarter but Salem tied it at 6-6 by the half. Both teams scored three goals in the third period and two in the fourth to send the game into overtime, and Western Albemarle hit the net first to pull off a big win.

Jake Massey led the Spartans with four goals and two assists. Tanner Dallas had two goals and three assists, Kaiden Garst had three goals and Landon Miles and Kyman Kinney had one goal each. Trey Joyce had six saves in goal.

The loss dropped Salem to 4-3 on the season and the Spartans will try and rebound Thursday when they host Patrick Henry at Spartan Field. Salem will host E.C. Glass on Monday before traveling to Blacksburg on Wednesday, May 4th.

## Lacrosse girls sweep season series from PH

The Salem High girls scored five unanswered goals in the second half to defeat Patrick Henry, 7-2, in a girls’ lacrosse game at Merrill Gainer Stadium in Roanoke last week.

The game was knotted at 2-2 at the half but Salem controlled the play after intermission. Chloe Butt finished with four goals and an assist to lead the Spartans while Zoe Blair scored twice and Addi Blanchard had the other goal. Morgan

Tew had an assist, Brynn Bowen had eight saves in the crease and Bailey Stratton had four draw controls and four ground balls.

“We started off timid on our offense, but defense held the score to only 2-2 at halftime,” said coach Maggi Pace. “Post halftime we seemed to really get our wits about us and did not let PH score again. It was fun to watch our offense really see each other and work the ball

for opportunities.”

The Spartans were scheduled to play Cave Spring on Wednesday. Next week they’re at E.C. Glass on Monday, home to Blacksburg on Wednesday and at Rockbridge a week from tonight. That’s a tough stretch of games.

“That’s going to be a tough week because Blacksburg is looking very strong this year, as is Rockbridge, and the games are back to back days,” said Pace.

## Salem boys down Christiansburg on the pitch

The Salem boys jumped to a 3-1 first half lead and held on for a 4-3 soccer win over Christiansburg at Spartan Field Tuesday night.

Salem got two goals from Graham Fischer and one from Matteo Collins to take the lead at intermission. Freshman Logan Lavinder assisted on the first two scores and Brady Sparger had the assist on Fischer’s second goal.

The Demons bounced back to cut the lead to 3-2 in the second half, but with about two minutes to go Lavinder scored off an assist from Evin Lainez for some insurance. The Spartans cashed it in when the Demons answered but Salem was able to come away with the 4-3 win. Zach Lintner

had eight saves in the goal for Salem.

“It got a little chippy, but it was a good win,” said coach David Atkins.

Last Friday at Spartan Field the boys were edged by Patrick Henry, 2-1. Down early 1-0, the Spartans fought back to tie the game on a goal by Nelson Talavera, assisted by Carter Work, with eight minutes left in the half. PH regained the lead with just seconds left in the half and no one scored after halftime as the Patriots got out of town with a River Ridge District win. Max Benne had seven saves for the Spartans.

Salem is now 4-5-1 with a Friday game against Hidden Valley at the Titans’ Bruce Mahan Field.

## Blue Demons edge Salem girls soccer

The Salem High girls dropped a 2-1 soccer game to Christiansburg on the Blue Demons’ home pitch Tuesday.

The Spartans trailed 2-0 at the half and attempted to regroup at intermission. Annie Bond scored off a pass from Abby Pitts but that was as close as the Spartans would get.

“Good conversations about needing to do the simple things, play to feet and make tight in the back,” said coach Kayla Wood. “Those adjustments helped and the second half was better.”

Last Friday the Spartans tied Patrick Henry at Merrill Gainer Stadium in Roanoke. Again Salem was shut out in the first half and went into the locker room trailing 1-0. The Spartans scored in the first minute of the second half off a Brooke Bowers corner to Audrey Hayes. Then Bond scored off a feed from Avery Mangus to put Salem up 2-1, only to have PH score off a corner kick. Two overtimes decided nothing and the game ended in a draw. Allison Kessel had four saves for the Spartans.

Salem will be back in action Friday with a home game against Hidden Valley.

## Overtime goal keeps Glenvar undefeated

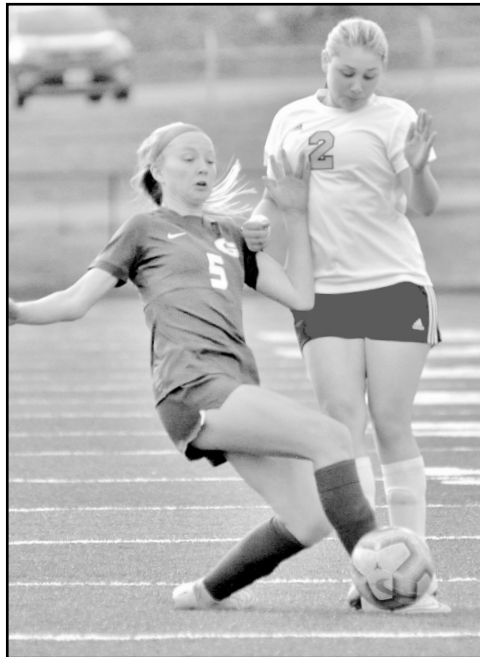
Riley Geddes scored in the first minute of overtime off an assist from Colin Clapper as the Glenvar boys remained undefeated in soccer Tuesday. The Highlanders took a 2-1 win in Radford.

The host Bobcats scored early in the game and that lead held up through the first half. Glenvar finally found the net with just 12 minutes remaining as Aiden Hylton scored off an assist from Clapper, and that was how it stood at the end of regulation. Geddes goal gave the Highlanders the lead and the defense, led by captain Maddox Fisher, held the fort for the win.

Alex Byrd had four saves for the Highlanders in goal, but it was the Radford keeper who had the busy night as Glenvar outshot the Bobcats, 24-10. Glenvar improved to 10-0-1 with the win.

“It was a good win for us,” said coach Josh Jones. “We fell behind but the defense did a good job and we found a way to win.”

Glenvar’s next two games are at home against Three Rivers opponents. Carroll County is here Friday and James River comes to Glenvar Monday.



**Glenvar's Davin Tate(#5) battles a Floyd girl for the ball.** PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## GHS girls shut out two

The Glenvar girls put back-to-back shutouts together against two Three Rivers District soccer teams in the past week. Glenvar beat Floyd last week, 10-0, and Radford on Tuesday, 2-0.

Everyone got in the game against Floyd last week as the Highlanders dominated play. Faren Wilson had three goals and two assists to lead the Highlanders. Jordin Crouch and Campbell Hardin had two goals each and also scoring were Giuliana Stanley, Davin Tate and Bryn Duff. Megan Pomerleau had two assists.

On Tuesday at home it wasn’t as easy but the girls pulled out a win over a scrappy Radford team. Rhyen Harris and Stanley had the goals for the Highlanders as they improved to 8-2 on the season.

Glenvar is at Carroll County today for a district game.

## Glenvar tennis teams sweep Alleghany

The Glenvar tennis teams swept Alleghany last week, with the girls winning 9-0 and the boys taking a 7-2 win.

Winners for the girls in singles were Isabella Gustafson, Avery Flynn, Hannah Hill, Cara Butler, Hannah Hylton and Dhruvi Patel. Glenvar then swept the doubles for the shutout.

For the boys, Alec Mcilwain, Blaine Bishop, Beckett Wilkinson, Logan Garner, Elliot McClintic and Connor Maguire all came away with victories. The boys evened their record at 3-3 in their only match of the week.

The girls hosted Floyd County last

Friday and took a 6-3 win.

“The team played hard and I was very impressed with how we responded against a strong Floyd team,” said coach Blaine Mills. “Isabella and Avery played one of their best matches in both singles and doubles. Hannah Hylton played great as well in singles and doubles. She has improved so much this year and continues to impress with each match.”

Both teams were rained out against Radford on Tuesday. The boys are scheduled to go to Floyd on Thursday and on Friday the boys are at Carroll County and the girls are home.



# Red Sox hit the road after dropping five of six to Charleston

The Salem Red Sox ran into a buzz saw last week when the Charleston River Dogs, a Tampa Bay Rays farm team, came to town for a series at Salem Memorial Ballpark. The Dogs took five of the six games as Salem fell three games behind Fredricksburg in the North Division of the Carolina League standings.

Charleston won the opener, 11-2, but Salem bounced back to win the second game, 7-1. Jose Garcia had a two run homer in the second inning and Eddinson Paulino and Phillips Sikes had two hits each and scored two runs each. Three Sox relievers pitched four and a third innings of scoreless relief with Joey Stock picking up the win.

After that, the series went south for the Sox. Charleston won the next four games by scores of 5-4, 10-4, 10-6 and 9-0 on getaway Sunday to improve to 10-5 on the season and tie Myrtle Beach for first place in the Carolina's South Division.

Salem will try to turn things around this week as they travel to Lynchburg for six games, beginning Tuesday. The Hillcats come into the week at 7-8, a game behind Salem and four behind

Fredricksburg. Salem will return home May 3 to host Myrtle Beach for half a dozen ballgames.

Included in the series next week will be STEAM Night (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) presented by Branch Group, set for Friday, May 6th at Carilion Clinic Field. STEAM Night, one of more than 30 promotional nights scheduled for the 2022 season, will host a variety of programming elements including interactive booths along the concourse, STEAM educational material displayed throughout the game, an exclusive VIP experience with the Mascot Hall of Fame and more.

The Mascot Hall of Fame, located in Whiting, Indiana, is a one-of-a-kind children's activity museum equally rooted in STEAM education principles and sport mascot entertainment. The Hall of Fame is taking the museum on the road and joining the Salem Red Sox to share with fans how STEAM is everywhere they look, even in the mascot they love and support, Mugsy.

The Mascot Hall of Fame will be hosting an exclusive in-person, totally interactive, pre-game VIP event at



Salem's Kier Meredith dives safely back to first to avoid being picked off.

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Carilion Clinic Field. The entire family is invited to participate during the 30-45 minute presentation. Programming is designed for children ages 8-18. This VIP experience will take place from 5:30-6:15pm, prior to first pitch slated

for 7:05pm as the Salem Red Sox host the Pelicans. VIP packages are \$40 and include a reserved ticket with \$10 of food/merchandise credit and your access to the pre-game STEAM event hosted by the Mascot Hall of Fame.



Salem's Chase Greer lays down a bunt and beats it out for a base hit in Saturday's win at Cave Spring.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Spartans beat Knights but fall to Demons on the diamond

Christiansburg scored five runs in the first inning and that was enough as the Blue Demons took a 14-4 win over Salem Tuesday in a baseball game at Billy Sample Field.

Freshman Trace Monroe had a rare rough outing in a start for Salem and pitched just one inning. Camden Hart pitched the next three for Salem and Brendan Steele mopped up, but it just wasn't Salem's night.

That wasn't the case last Friday as the Spartans thumped Patrick Henry at home, 13-3. Salem scored 10 runs in the first inning in a five inning rout of the Patriots.

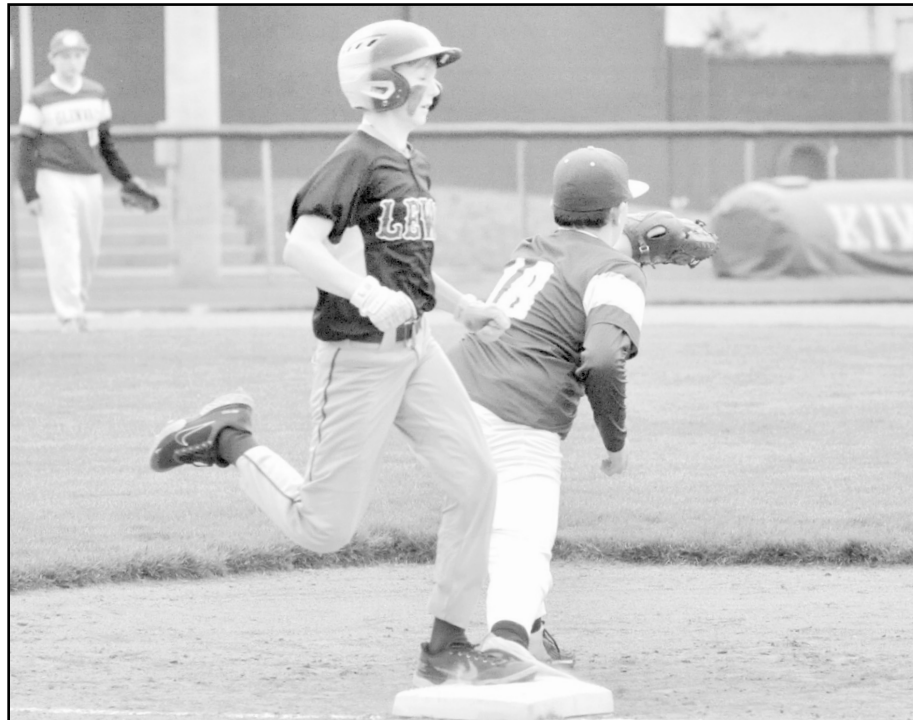
Hart pitched all five innings for Salem and allowed just three hits to pick up the win. At the plate Ben Bowers, Caleb Furrage and Hart had two hits each and Bowers, Hunter King, Chase Greer and Trent Judd scored two runs each.

Less than 24 hours later the Spartans had to turn around and play a strong Cave Spring team on the road but they were up to the challenge and took a 5-3 win. Salem fell behind 1-0 after one inning but the Spartans scored two in the third and three in the fourth after failing to score with the bases loaded in the second inning.

Judd pitched for Salem and got the win, allowing just five hits and one earned run. Monroe got the save, coming in with one out in the seventh and getting two strikeouts to end the game.

Bowers and Hunter Bayne had three hits each for Salem in this one and Bowers drove in a pair. Salem had 12 hits overall and seven different Spartans had hits.

Now 10-4, the Spartans will be back in action for a district game at Hidden Valley Friday.



Tanner Overstreet of Andrew Lewis beats out an infield hit against Glenvar.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Middle School teams battle

Andrew Lewis and Glenvar went head-to-head in middle school sports last week with Lewis winning two games, Glenvar winning one and the other coming out a tie.

In baseball the Wolverines beat Glenvar at Billy Sample Field, 10-1. Lewis lefty Micah West pitched a no hitter with no walks in his mound debut for Lewis. He struck out four while using 65 pitches for a complete game win.

In softball the Highlanders took a

16-15 win in a slugfest.

Lewis won the girls' soccer game, 4-0, on the field behind Glenvar High. Aly Price had three goals and Laikyn Funk had one for the Wolverines.

The boys' soccer game ended up in a scoreless tie on the field behind Andrew Lewis Middle School.

The Lewis teams will take on Ben Franklin today with the softball and girls' soccer teams at home and the baseball and boys' soccer teams in Rocky Mount.

## April is tough month for Highlanders

The Glenvar baseball team will be looking for a much-needed win Friday when they take on Carroll County in a Three Rivers District game.

The Highlanders have had a tough April, losing all eight games this month to fall to 2-11 overall. They lost four times in the span of seven days in the past week, beginning with a 12-2 loss at Cave Spring last week. Glenvar had just three hits and four different pitchers had no success.

On Friday Glenvar lost a heart-breaker at Floyd, 7-6 in nine innings. The Buffaloes scored on a walk off base on balls with the sacks full in the bottom of the ninth.

"That one was hard to swallow," said coach Jeremy Cromer. "We had our chances to win in the sixth and ninth innings. We outthit them and we outplayed them but we found a way to lose."

Clay Caldwell pitched the first five innings for Glenvar and Dawson Anderson held down the fort until the ninth, taking the loss. Anderson and

James Tozier had three hits each.

On Monday Glenvar played at Northside, a Class 3 team with a 10-2 record. The Highlanders played one of their best games of the year but still couldn't win, falling 6-3.

Sophomore Atlee Alexander was called up from the jayvee team to pitch and he did an admirable job, going five innings before Austin Meadows pitched the sixth. Jimmy Blount had two hits and two runs batted in and Brendan Magruder also had two hits.

"It was our most complete game," said Cromer. "We played well, unfortunately it was against a very good team."

On Tuesday the wheels fell off that wagon as Glenvar lost 10-1 at Radford. Anderson and Campbell split time on the mound but the Highlanders couldn't put together a rally on offense.

The next two games are at home. After Carroll visits on Friday the Highlanders will try to even the score with James River on Monday.



Glenvar's Clay Caldwell slides safely into third as coach Jeremy Cromer gives him the "get down" signal in Monday's game at Northside.

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## Knights Track Classic is Saturday

A large and competitive field is expected Saturday when the Cave Spring track team plays host to the 12th annual Knights Track Classic at Cave Spring High School. Both Salem and Glenvar teams will be sending athletes to the meet.

The meet is scheduled to begin at 9 am. The last field events are scheduled for 11:45 am and the running events will begin at 9 am and run through late afternoon. There will be a break after the 4x100 relay to dedicate a bench to former Cave Spring coach and Roanoke College Hall of Fame runner Joe LaRocco, who passed away in 2021.

Glenvar's team competed in the Buffalo Invitational at Floyd County

High School on Friday and had a good day. The boys were first and the girls were second among 23 teams competing.

For the boys Jackson Swanson was second in the 100 and broke the school record that's been around since 2000 with a time of 10.97, and he was also second in the 200. Tyler Johnson won both the 110 and 300 hurdles while Nick Woodson was second in the shot put.

In the relay events Glenvar's 4x100 team of Kyle Hanks, Woodson, Johnson and Swanson was first while the 4x400 team of Nate Linkous, Colby Thompson, Nehemiah Olsen and Braydon Claud was second.

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## AL has home track meet today

The Andrew Lewis track teams competed against Cave Spring middle school last Wednesday, April 25, at Cave Spring High School and had some good performances.

Multiple event winner Zariah Sanders led the girls. Zariah won the 100 and the 200 meter dashes along with the long and triple jumps. Ashlin Hudson won the 100 meter hurdles.

The 400 meter relay team of Sanders, Hudson, Genelle Balthazar and Jerri Allen took first to remain undefeated. Calia Sanders won the 400 meters while Quinn Bowen took the shot and the discus. Aubrey Snead, Ashlyn Davis, Ayden Ruley, Jocelyn Thomas, London Fralin, Skyler Crofts, Purvi Bhagat were all on winning relay teams.

The boys team was led by Brodie Dawyot, who won the shot put. Trey Dawyot won the 400 meters for the second week in a row. Coen Logan was the winner in the high jump, while Dylan Pugh took the 300 meter hurdles. Cannon Migliarese, Dylan Williams, Zach Cowell, Grafton Smith, David Cruz, Thomas Sharpe, and Isaac Snow were all on winning relays.

The Wolverines have a home meet scheduled for today against Glenvar and Pulaski.





## Honors galore at Roanoke College during Alumni Weekend

Roanoke College retired the number 16 uniform of the late Bill Doxanas last Saturday during Alumni Weekend. Doxanas was a 1972 graduate of Roanoke College and the first lacrosse All-American at the school. While at RC the lacrosse program developed and Bill was enshrined in the Roanoke Athletic College Hall of Fame. Above, Bill's brother, Dr. Marc Doxanas, holds the framed jersey that will hang in the Cregger Center and he's joined by his grandson Taggart Bailey, who plays lacrosse and also wears number 16. Standing behind, left to right, are some of the early lacrosse team members and teammates of Doxanas. Left to right; John Meaney '73, Bryant Gould '72, Buzz Getschel '71, Terry Purvis '69, Dale Sarjeant '74, Ted Murphy '71, Bill Sherman '73, Pat Gill '72, Terry Smith '67, Jay Brooks '74, Gary Trageser '67, Coach Milt Brownstein '72, Stan Ward '73 and Braxton Andrews '73. Below left, former Maroon great Chris Keating had his number retired at Kerr Stadium as well Saturday. Left to right are RC coach Bill Pilat, Keating and son Colton and RC athletic director Scott Allison holding Chris' framed jersey. Below right, the training clinic at the Cregger Center was named in honor of retired trainer and faculty member Jim Buriak, who served the college from the early '80s until recent years. The facility will henceforth be known as the Jim Buriak Athlete Training Clinic. Left to right are RC President Michael Maxey, Buriak, Jim's daughter Laura and wife Carol and Dr. Bert Spetzler, who worked with Jim and the college for many years sending trainers into the real world. Also, on Saturday the Roanoke College tennis courts on the Elizabeth Campus were named in honor of Carl B. Sheretz, a 1942 RC graduate.

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Wyatt Whitlow of Roanoke College shoots and scores one of his four goals in Saturday's Alumni Weekend win over Randolph. PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

## Maroons score 26 goals in Alumni weekend lax victory

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team played their 2022 regular season finale last Saturday afternoon before a packed house at Salem's Kerr Stadium on Alumni Weekend. The Maroons would retire a pair of jerseys as well as honor the original group that brought the sport to the Roanoke campus in the 1960's. Prior to the opening faceoff, the graduating seniors were honored in their final regular season game in Kerr Stadium. Once the whistle blew Roanoke wasted little time in jumping on Randolph on their way to building a 14-0 first quarter lead. The Maroons didn't slow down as they picked up their ninth conference win of the season, 26-1. Luke Kammerman had four goals and three assists for RC while Salem's own Wyatt Whitlow added four scores. Taylor Lewis got the start in goal and was credited with the win as the Maroons improved to 12-5 overall and 9-2 in the ODAC. The Maroons are third in the conference standings behind undefeated Washington & Lee and once beaten Lynchburg. The tournament begins Sunday with the number six seed hosting number five. The third and fourth seeds will host games Tuesday and the top two seeds will join the tournament on Friday, May 6.

## Blair scores 6 in win over Guilford

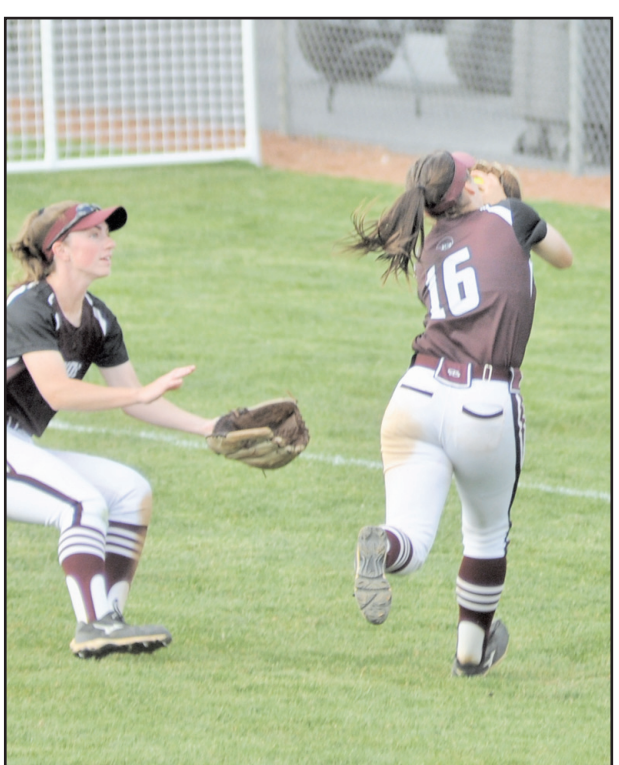
Guilford College proved to be little more than chum for the circling sharks as the Roanoke College women took a 26-1 lacrosse win over the Quakers last Saturday. The game was part of an Alumni Weekend schedule of events at RC, and prior to the game the graduating seniors were honored before a big crowd at Kerr Stadium. Lilly Blair finished the day with six goals and an assist while Riley Chase added four scores and a pair of helpers. Tiernan Connor scored three times and a quartet of Maroons added two goals apiece. Blair, a Salem High graduate, is the Old Dominion Athletic Conference's leading scorer with 50 goals on the season. She's 12th in assists and with two games to go she had 64 total points, just three behind the conference leader. With the win the Maroons improved to 12-3 overall and 5-1 in the ODAC. They'll finish the regular season this week with a home game against Randolph on Wednesday and a trip to Randolph-Macon on Saturday. Those games will be important as Roanoke is tied with Virginia Wesleyan for second in the ODAC coming into the week and Shenandoah is just a half game behind at 5-2. The ODAC tournament is scheduled to begin Monday with the sixth seed hosting the seventh. The third and fourth seeds will open Wednesday and if RC can hang on to the second seed they wouldn't play until Saturday, May 7th.

## RC baseball home this weekend

The Roanoke College baseball team will wrap up the regular season this weekend with home doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday. RC will host Eastern Mennonite on Saturday in a conference twin-bill beginning at noon, and on Sunday they'll host Brevard College for two non-conference games beginning at 2 pm. The Maroons improved to 20-13 after sweeping Virginia Wesleyan in a doubleheader last Saturday at Calfee Park in Pulaski. The games were held at Calfee as the Salem Red Sox were home at Salem Memorial Ballpark. In the first game RC took an 11-5 win. Will Turner went six innings on the mound, giving up nine hits and striking out four, earning his fourth win of the season. Aiden Kuhle picked up the three-inning save, his first of the season. Owen Lawn was three-for-five with two home runs for the Maroons. In the second game RC took a 9-4 win. Conner Butler finished the game 3-for-5 with a home run into the netting in left while Jacob Bonzon went 2-for-5 with two runs scored and Mason Staz was 2-for-4 and also scored twice. The Maroons go into the weekend at 9-8 in seventh place in the ODAC as they jockey for position in the coming tournament. They're only a game out of fourth heading into the final weekend of the regular season.

## ODAC softball tourney at Moyer

The University of Lynchburg is the top seed and Roanoke College is the fourth seed for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference softball tournament, scheduled for the I. Moyer Complex in Salem.



RC secondbaseman Meri Bostic makes an over-the-shoulder catch as rightfielder Shanan Hester backs up the play in a win over Ferrum. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

ODAC softball has lived up to its moniker as one of the top conferences for the sport in Division III, as evidenced by three nationally ranked programs for much of the campaign. Play begins on Friday, April 29, and continues through the championship and possible "if game" in the double elimination format on Sunday, May 1. Roanoke College, the 20th ranked team in Division III, will open Friday at noon against fifth seeded Bridgewater. The Maroons enter the tournament with a 26-10 overall record after sweeping Eastern Mennonite in a doubleheader in Harrisonburg to end the regular season last weekend. Roanoke won 6-5 eight innings and 2-0.

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## 50 years ago the Maroons were NCAA basketball champs



*Brian Hoffman*

Can it possibly be 50 years ago? It seems like yesterday.

It was 1972 and I was in the second semester of my sophomore year at Roanoke College. I was good friends with many of the basketball players because I worked on the stat crew for home games and was the sports editor of the school paper, the Brackety-Ack. Plus, I tend to gravitate toward people who love sports, and basketball is one of my favorites.

The late Charlie Moir was coach of the Maroons and his son Page, who would go on to coach the team himself for many years, was a little kid running around old Alumni Gym during practice. Back then there was no Cregger Center or Bast Center, and all the home games were played at the Salem Civic Center. Crowds of two or three thousand weren't unusual, and even more when the Maroons were playing someone like arch-rival Old Dominion.

The 1971-72 season was expected to be somewhat of a rebuilding year for Roanoke. Frankie Allen, who still holds state records for scoring and rebounding, had graduated the year before along with Gene Luna, a crafty point guard who could also shoot. Salem's own Hal Johnston returned and there were high expectations for the sophomore class, led by forward Jay Piccola.

The season didn't start out like this was going to be a national championship team. They were 9-4 at Christmas, but then they caught fire. The Maroons won their next 19 games in a row to go on and win the NCAA College Division championship. In those days it was University Division and College Division, and the Maroons had full scholarship players on the team.

It was a time I remember vividly. Senior Dickie Adams, who came off the bench in prior years, was inserted into the starting lineup and played lights out. I'm pretty sure he was MVP of the Mason-Dixon Tournament, and the Maroons had to win that tournament to make the NCAA field.

The Roanoke Civic Center opened that winter and the South Atlantic Regional, with Roanoke, Mercer, Biscayne and Florida Southern, was the first basketball tournament played in what is now the Berglund Center. A player from Mercer, Jake Scott, kneed Piccola in the groin and a near brawl broke out, and that was a foreshadowing of what was to come.

Winning the regional earned the Maroons a trip to Evansville, Indiana for the eight team national championship tournament. Tennessee State, with a couple future NBA players, was the pre-tourney favorite but was upset and Eastern Michigan, led by future NBA Hall of Famer George Gervin, was the big favorite at that point. However, the Maroons beat Eastern Michigan in the semifinal, 99-73, then beat Akron University in the championship game, 84-72, for Roanoke's one and only national basketball championship.

I wasn't at the championship game. I didn't have a car and had plans to return to my home in Pennsylvania for spring break. I couldn't even get the game on the radio in Pennsylvania, so I had a couple friends of mine tape the game, which was broadcast here, on a cassette tape. They did tape the game, but the whole time they were drinking and commenting over the play-by-play so it was often difficult to understand. That aggravated me at the time, but 50 years later I enjoy their banter as much as the game.

Last weekend those '72 Maroons returned to Salem to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that championship. The team was officially put into the college Hall of Fame on Friday night. Up to that point, only individuals were inducted into the Hall of Fame but the policy has since changed to include teams, and there will be others. But, fittingly, this one was the first.

Every player who suited up in Evansville returned for the celebration except two. John Lang, a senior forward, lives in Arizona and recently broke his foot. Steve Ragsdale, a junior guard who would go on to local fame coaching Giles High School football, had a family issue to deal with. Of course, coach Moir has since passed but son Page did a great job filling in. Assistant Don Brown lives in North Carolina and could not attend.

It was great fun to relive that season with my good friends from that team. Johnston, who recently moved to North Carolina, was the MVP of the national tournament and probably the best athlete Salem has ever produced. I'm sure he could still hit a 25 footer if he could get open. Hal had a long career as a recruiter for Roanoke College and is legendary in the department for getting students to come to Roanoke.

Piccola went on to become President of PUMA North America, the athletic shoe and apparel company. His story at RC is an interesting one as Jay will forever be tied to one of the all-time NBA greats, Gervin.

In the national semifinal game Piccola, who was a relentless defensive player, frustrated Gervin to the point where the "Ice Man" hauled off and punched Jay, setting off a melee on the floor. Cooler heads prevailed for the Maroons, who knew they were headed to the championship game at that point and didn't want to risk disqualifications. However, it would be the last college game for Gervin and several of his teammates.

As fate would have it, Piccola and Gervin have become friends over the years. They text back-and-



Above are the 1972 Roanoke College NCAA basketball champions after defeating Akron University for the title in Evansville, Indiana. Front row, left to right, are Dickie Adams, Steve Ragsdale, John Lang, Hal Johnston, Jay Piccola and Everett Hurst. Back row, left to right; coach Charlie Moir, manager Gerald McDearmon is behind Moir, Larry Osborne, Henry Kleinknecht, Beatty Barnes, Ron Reed is behind the trophy, Ross Robinson, assistant coach Don Brown, Page Moir and athletic director Tom Martin. Below are the Maroons at the Cregger Center Saturday, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the accomplishment. Kneeling are Barnes and McDearmon. Back row, left to right, are Adams, Kleinknecht, Osborne, Hurst, Robinson, Johnston, Piccola, Reed and Page Moir.

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forth and Jay showed me a Christmas greeting he received from Gervin this past holiday season. And, get this, Gervin was a surprise guest at Jay's retirement party from PUMA.

Piccola told me about a documentary that is currently in the works about Gervin's life. It should be interesting, as he came from humble beginnings in a bad section of Detroit to become one of the NBA's all-time great players. And, Jay is going to play a prominent role in the documentary.

That's a good story, and I've totally flipped on my opinion of Gervin. For the past 50 years every time his name came up I thought of him sucker-punching my friend, but what a great story that the two have become friends. I kinda like the "Ice Man" now.

Going back to the early '70s, the Maroons went back to Evansville the next year but couldn't repeat, losing to eventual champion Kentucky Wesleyan in the semifinals. I was able to attend that tournament and even had my picture taken with Fats Domino in the lounge of the hotel where we stayed. Not a great consolation prize, but I guess you can't win every year.

That success propelled Moir to a job as head coach at Tulane the following year, and he eventually came back to Southwest Virginia to coach Virginia Tech, where he once served as an assistant. Charlie was recognized as an ACC legend for his very successful stint with the Hokies, but upon retirement he was a regular at old RC, working out in the weight room and attending Maroon games. Page is always quick to point out the days at Roanoke were among his dad's very favorite.

My days hanging out with those guys were among my favorite as well. It was a very special time and a very special team, and it was wonderful to hear them swap stories again at their 50th anniversary.

### HALL OF FAMERS

Five other Maroon greats were also inducted into the college athletic Hall of Fame last Friday, three lacrosse players and two track greats.

Former teammates Sam Love and Stephen Simmons from the class of 2010 along with Zach Thomas from the class of '09 were all inducted in a ceremony at the Cregger Center.

In addition Robin Yerkes, maybe the best female runner ever at RC, was in the class of 2010. Her former track teammate, sprinter Jaleesa Osbourne, was also in the class of 2010 at RC and the two went into the Hall of Fame together. Jaleesa was also a standout for coach Susan Dunagan on the Roanoke College women's basketball team.

### CONNER SHOTS A GOOD SCORE

Salem High grad Garrison Conner, a member of the Virginia Tech club golf team, finished second in the Club Golf National Championship. The Hokies finished third as a team in the club tourney and

Garrison shot one over par, 74-71, in Hot Springs, Arizona.

### ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR MORAN

Salem's Hannah Moran, a graduate student at Radford University, took down her ninth school record last week with her 15:54.32 performance in the 5,000m at the Virginia Challenge in Charlottesville.

Moran's time made her the first Radford runner ever to break 16 minutes in the event and just the second in Big South history. The Big South record is 15:48.63 and was set by Ednah Kurgat in 2016. Kurgat would go on to win an NCAA individual crown in cross country representing the New Mexico Lobos.

Ironically, the race was run on the UVA track and that time would place Moran second on the UVA all times list. Hannah ran four years at UVA before graduating and joining Radford University as a graduate student.

### HARVEYCUTTER GOES INTO THE HALL

Salem's Carey Harveycutter was officially inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame last Sunday in Charlottesville. The native Salemite went in as a contributor for his many years of service to high school sports through the Salem Civic Center and Taliaferro Complex.



Salem's Carey Harveycutter(right) is congratulated by Virginia High School League Executive Director Billy Haun for his induction into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame.