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Ernest “Pig” Robertson Fishing Rodeo returns for 70th anniversary

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After skipping 2020 and adding COVID-19 restrictions to the event in 2021, Salem’s annual Ernest “Pig” Robertson Fishing Rodeo has returned in its full original format. The event, which

this year celebrates its 70th anniversary at Lake Spring Park on the corner of Main Street and Green, began with a competition for children ages 3-8 on Saturday, April 30 and was followed by a competition for special needs children on Monday and an event for nursing home residents on Wednesday. The Fishing

Rodeo will conclude with a final event from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 for children ages 9-12.

Last Saturday’s opening competition saw light rain throughout much of the day, but the park was still impressively full, with children and families reeling in the abundant fish in the park’s small pond. “It’s been a really good turnout this year. We’re glad that we could get some fishing in before the rain started,” said Ashley Durkin of the Salem Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday. “We got rid of all our trophies, and the kids seem to be having a really good time.”

Organized by Salem Parks and Recreation and sponsored by the Salem Kiwanis Club and Re/Max Real Estate One, the Fishing Rodeo has been a major success so far, with more than 300 children showing up for the perfect weather conditions at the special needs children’s event on Monday. Prizes are also donated by local Salem businesses.

Admission is free for the final event on May 7, and prizes will continue to be awarded to children throughout the day, with the top angler taking home a special trophy at the end of the event.



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER SHEDD
Larry Hubbard and his daughter brought home an impressive haul on Saturday.

Community conversation provides opportunity to discuss racial disparity report

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Discussions about the relationship between the police and African American community are happening all over the country. Over a six-month period, an in-depth report by the Equitable Policing Coalition found that black drivers throughout the Roanoke Valley were more likely to be stopped, searched and arrested by police than their white counterparts.

It was the Rev. Kevin McNeil of Bethany Christian Church, also the Equitable Policing Coalition co-chair, who presented the findings of the report, which unveiled:

*Black drivers were nearly two times as likely as white drivers to be stopped

*White drivers were two times less likely to have their vehicles searched

*Black drivers were almost three times as likely to be arrested

When he moved to Roanoke two decades ago, McNeil says city police pulled him over more than ten times, including one instance as he backed out into his own driveway.

More than 45 people gathered at the Melrose Library on April 30 to participate in an open conversation event titled “Can Trust Be Built Between the Police and African American Community?” Among the attendees were Roanoke Mayor Sherman Lea and three other council members.

See **Racial Disparity**, page 6



Dr. Bakhitah Abdul-Ra'uf answering a question asked of her. PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

In-person commencement returns for Virginia Western Community College

~Event returns to Berglund Center after two-year pandemic hiatus~

Virginia Western Community College will hold its graduation ceremony May 13 at the Berglund Center, its first in-person commencement after a two-year pause because of the pandemic. The ceremony, which will honor graduates from the fall 2021 and spring and summer 2022 semesters, starts at 6:30 p.m. More than 430 students are expected to attend, with over 784 degrees and credentials awarded.

“The entire Virginia Western community is excited to gather in person and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates,” said Virginia Western President Dr. Robert H. Sandel. “I look forward to seeing so many students walk across the stage on their big night.”

Virginia Western honored both the Class of 2020 and 2021 with

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Retiring Virginia Community College System Dr. Glenn DuBois



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Graduation

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virtual graduation ceremonies. Dr. Glenn DuBois, who is retiring in June as chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, will be the keynote speaker.

Vera (Dove) Morton, who will graduate with an associate degree in Liberal Arts, was selected as the Student Commencement Speaker. Morton, 67, will share her background as a recipient of the Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship, which

the Virginia General Assembly created in 2004 to provide educational opportunities for persons who were enrolled or eligible to enroll in the public schools of Virginia during Massive Resistance between 1954 and 1964.

Rather than desegregate, leaders in Morton's hometown of Farmville, Va. closed the public schools just as she was to start kindergarten. The school did not reopen – and

Morton did not begin her formal education – until three years later, in 1964, when she was automatically put in third grade. Through the years, Morton said, she acquired a solid foundation in mathematics, but she missed many fundamentals of English instruction.

“They might have held me back then, but today I’m getting ready to graduate with honors,” said Morton, who hopes

to write a book about her experiences. “I still feel like I have a lot to give and encourage people. Give it a try. You won’t know if you can succeed if you don’t try.”

Virginia Western’s commencement will be viewable online through a YouTube livestream. The link for the event is: <https://youtu.be/k0RDvWJklYE>.


Submitted by Virginia Western Community College




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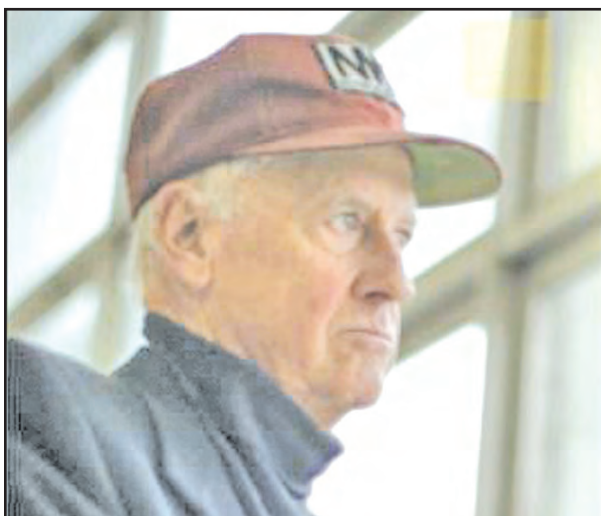
Student Commencement Speaker Vera Morton

POLICE REPORT

| City of Salem Police Department | | |
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| Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases) | | |
| Week of April 26, 2022 – May 02, 2022 | | |
| DATE REPORTED | LOCATION | OFFENSE REPORTED |
| 26-APR-2022 | 1900 BLK Braeburn Dr | Damage Property |
| 28-APR-2022 | 1800 BLK Electric Rd | Possession of Ammunition by Felon |
| 29-APR-2022 | 1400 BLK E Main St | Evading Police, Vehicle Theft |
| 01-MAY-2022 | 1000 BLK Craig Ave | Damage Property |
| 01-May-2022 | 1700 BLK Pexton Ave | Neglect |

| City of Salem Police Department | | | |
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| Weekly Arrest Report | | | |
| Week of April 26, 2022 – May 02, 2022 | | | |
| Arrested On | Name | Age | Charges |
| 04/26/2022 | Timothy L. Harris | 32 | Public Intoxication |
| 04/26/2022 | Kayla M. Knight | 29 | Public Intoxication, False Name to Police |
| 04/26/2022 | Noah J. Lee | 23 | Damage Property |
| 04/27/2022 | Cody A. Lawson | 30 | Violation of Probation |
| 04/27/2022 | Schuyler E. Adams | 25 | Failure to Appear |
| 04/28/2022 | Suzanne E. Wilkerson | 39 | Public Intoxication |
| 04/28/2022 | Angelique Adams | 49 | Failure to Appear |
| 04/28/2022 | Hunter A. Richardson | 19 | Failure to Appear |
| 04/29/2022 | Benjamin H. Damewood | 32 | DUI |
| 04/29/2022 | Christine R. Baldwin | 33 | DUI, Contributing to Delinquency of Minor |
| 04/29/2022 | Alexander N. Brown | 26 | Vehicle Theft, Evading Police |
| 04/30/2022 | Riley H. Rutledge | 19 | Public Intoxication |
| 04/30/2022 | Antonio J. Allis | 23 | Public Intoxication |
| 05/01/2022 | Ricky G. Foster | 40 | Violation of Probation |
| 05/01/2022 | Corey T. Houseman | 28 | Petit Larceny |
| 05/01/2022 | Curtis L. Huffman | 39 | Domestic Assault & Battery |
| 05/01/2022 | Jordan D. Zicafoose | 24 | Domestic Assault & Battery |

Salem Museum Speaker Series: Roanoke’s Railroad and the War



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Upcoming Salem Museum guest Bud Jeffries will speak at the museum on Thursday, May 12.

Transportation of troops and equipment by rail was crucial to the success of the United States’ military efforts in World War II. In this talk, Col. Lewis “Bud” Jeffries will describe what Roanoke’s railroad—the Norfolk & Western Railway—accomplished during this very important period of American history. The talk will be presented on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m., in person at the Salem Museum, with a virtual option.

The Norfolk & Western Railway, headquartered in Roanoke, achieved extraordinary performance in support of America’s war efforts during World War II. The N&W was probably the best prepared U.S. railroad going into this conflict, but the N&W was not alone in this effort. U.S. railroads

cooperated to support the nation during this crisis and world conflict. The N&W, and all U.S. railroads, rose to meet the demands placed on them by the war effort. This presentation covers what railroads in general, and the N&W in particular, did to meet the transportation needs of wartime industry, moving large numbers of military personnel and equipment in spite of the disruption of traffic flows, and the need to adapt to changing demands.

As a young boy growing up in Radford, Virginia, Jeffries spent hours watching Norfolk & Western trains thunder past. He left Radford for a career in the United States Army, rising to the rank of colonel, but his fascination with the Norfolk & Western Railway has never

ended. He is the author of N&W Giants of Steam, which is regarded as the encyclopedia of N&W steam locomotive design, engineering and tractive power. Jeffries is a longtime member of the Norfolk & Western Historical Society and the Roanoke Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Masks are optional but recommended in a group setting; precautionary measures will be subject to CDC guidelines in place at the time. Mask requirements, if any, and links to the virtual option will be listed on the Museum’s website, salemmuseum.org, on the morning of the talk.

Submitted by Salem Museum and Historical Society

SAEM hosts first annual Mother’s Derby Day Brunch & Fashion Show fundraiser

Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries (SAEM) is sponsoring the first annual Mother’s Derby Day Brunch & Fashion Show on Saturday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Salem Museum and Historical Society. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for Mrs. Dorsey’s Clothes Closet. Tickets are \$40 per person and available for purchase at the Museum and online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Space is limited.

Tickets include brunch by Schaal’s Catering with a cash bar, and entertainment by local artists Jordan Harman and Harpist Chloe Scales. Additionally, Kimberly McBroom, WDBJ7 Morning and Noon Anchor, will

emcee the fashion show featuring community leaders modeling outfits donated to Mrs. Dorsey’s Clothes Closet. Guests may choose to participate in a silent auction, In the Clutch, and bid on purses stuffed with items. The event also includes admission to all museum exhibits and a sponsor goodie bag.

Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries (SAEM) is a non-profit organization established in 1997. SAEM consists of community members and pastors from Salem, western Roanoke County, and local service agencies working together in the name of Christ to serve people in need in our community. Funds raised from this event benefit Mrs.

Dorsey’s Clothes Closet, one area of SAEM’s outreach. Financial contributions to Mrs. Dorsey’s assist with emergency clothing needs for adults and children and assist with building and utilities costs that house the program.

Mrs. Dorsey’s provides used clothing for people in need in the Roanoke community and surrounding area. For over three decades, thousands of individuals have benefited from free clothing and items from this program. Mrs. Dorsey’s, located at 810 S. Colorado St. in Salem, accepts donations of gently used clothing and household items, as well as financial contributions.

For more information:

saemva.org/events, or contact Teri Atkins by email teriatkins58@gmail.com. This event would not be possible without the following community sponsors:

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Roanoke PRIDE returns to celebrate 30 years



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER SHEDD
Reverend Catherine Houchins of Metropolitan Community Church opened Sunday's festivities with a prayer.



These moms were giving out free hugs as part of a campaign to raise awareness of issues faced by LGBTQ+ children.

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In a joyous display of music, costumes and rainbow flags, Roanoke PRIDE, Roanoke County's annual LGBTQ+ community festival, returned for its 30th anniversary after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The three-day event began on Friday, April 29 and concluded on Sunday evening, May 1. The weekend was filled with live music and drag shows, and included appearances from special guests Morgan McMichaels, Detox and Jackie Cox of RuPaul Drag Race fame.

The majority of events were held in the rain on Sunday at the festival's location on Salem Ave-

nue SW in downtown Roanoke, with festivities being opened by Reverend Catherine Houchins of Metropolitan Community Church and Reverend Joe Cobb, Roanoke's openly gay city councilman currently running for reelection. After opening remarks, a prayer, and a rendition of the national anthem by "Mister Gay Roanoke" J.P. Gulla (better known by his stage name Big Daddy), Councilman Cobb read a proclamation by Roanoke City mayor Sherman Lea on behalf of the City Council dedicating the weekend to the LGBTQ+ community and the event.

"We're a resilient group," Cobb said during the event. "We'll show up in rain, sleet, snow, whatever. We've got to

celebrate these occasions in our lives and be together. I wish I could say all the challenges were behind us, but they're not."

The small area covered roughly two blocks in downtown Roanoke and included over a dozen tents set up by local vendors and sponsors, including the Roanoke Diversity Center, which was also advertising for its upcoming Pride Month event on Saturday, June 11. Many stands featured various LGBTQ+-themed gifts such as clothing, mugs, stickers and local crafts, as well as a highly popular "Free Mom Hugs" tent hosted by an LGBTQ+ child advocacy group of the same name (more information is available at FreeMomHugs.org). The festivities concluded Sunday

evening with an afterparty featuring more music and drag.

Roanoke Diversity Center President Peter Volosin said in an interview with NBC10, "Virginia's a great place and we are able to make these advances with the Virginia Values Act. I think we saw a lot more LGBT folks being more open because of that. We are seeing things like in Texas and Florida that are putting people back in the closet and we don't want to see that happening here." Texas and Florida, among other states, recently passed state bills considered discriminatory against transgender people, including a new executive order in Texas mandating that child protective services investigate families who provide gender-affirming medical care to children.

Volosin continued to speak in reference to the center's Campbell Avenue location. "When people are coming out or are unsure of their sexuality, it's hard for them. That's why it's great to have a community center where people can be themselves and learn about themselves. That allows them to be open and honest with who they are. Both with the families and out in the public."

LGBTQ+ is the acronym that refers to the sexual minority community. It stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer, with the plus sign representing the other countless identities held by sexual minorities around the world.



The rain couldn't stop the fun at Roanoke PRIDE 30.



The Roanoke Diversity Center held an active tent at PRIDE.

Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation receives large federal grant

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The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation is preparing to revitalize the southwest Virginia economy in the coming months. Recently, Virginia Senators Warner and Kaine announced nearly \$400,000 is federal funding for the Foundation with the intention of helping the economy recover in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"After two difficult years, Virginians are eager to travel and be outside. We're glad to see the Blue Ridge

Parkway Foundation receive federal funding to help increase tourism and outdoor recreation in the area," stated the senators. "This funding will help accelerate the region's economic recovery and promote investment in local communities."

The funding is directed toward leaders in the 12 counties along the Blue Ridge Parkway and the towns and cities within them. Those counties are Augusta, Nelson, Rockbridge, Amherst, Bedford, Botetourt, Roanoke, Floyd, Patrick, Carroll,

Franklin and Grayson. A representative of Sen. Kaine's communications office noted that the money is meant "to establish a strategic plan to enhance tourism, outdoor recreation and economic development in the region."

Awarded by the Economic Development Administration, the funding comes through the American Rescue Plan, a federal bill which was passed last year with help from Virginia's Democratic senators.

On the official White House website, the need

for the American Rescue Plan is described in the following words: "The COVID-19 pandemic and the corresponding economic crisis have undermined the health and economic wellbeing of American workers. Millions of Americans, many of whom are people of color, immigrants, and low-wage workers, continue to put their lives on the line every day to keep the country functioning through the pandemic. And more than 9.5 million workers have lost their jobs in the wake of

COVID-19, with 4 million out of work for half a year or longer. Without additional government assistance, the economic and public health crises could drag on and our national vaccination program will be hobbled at a critical moment."

The plan also includes strategies for a nationwide COVID vaccination program aimed at reopening schools; the details of the final federal stimulus check distributed last year; and sweeping emergency grants for local businesses and governments.

Researchers looking for solution to tick-borne cattle disease

The Asian longhorned tick, slightly larger than a poppyseed, can carry a rare pathogen that has been identified in cattle in multiple Virginia counties. Theileria orientalis Ikeda strain is a tick-borne disease that causes anemia, death and abortion in cattle. While it is not a risk to human health, it carries the potential for significant economic impacts on cattle farms.

Because the longhorned tick can reproduce asexually, "one tick can produce thousands of ticks," said Dr. Kevin Lahmers, a veterinary pathologist with the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech.

The tick is native to the Pacific Rim but has spread globally. "It will feed on lots of different hosts ... including migratory birds that travel hundreds of miles," Lahmers explained.

While T. orientalis infection may have been misdiagnosed for years, it has been documented in Virginia cattle since September 2017, when seven cows died in Albemarle County. Since then, the pathogen has been detected in at least 31 Virginia counties—from northern Virginia to the Shenandoah Valley and into southwest Virginia, and six other states.

Australian cattle ranchers lose \$20 million annually to the pathogen. If left unchecked in the U.S., its estimated economic losses could reach \$300 million per year.

In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service issued an emerging risk notice, reporting there is currently no disease treatment available. Agricultural

organizations, including Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, are calling for prioritization of research and educating farmers on mitigation strategies.

"Cattle producers are encouraged to practice 'intentional observation' of cattle. Because T. orientalis is a parasite that destroys red blood cells, infected cows may exhibit jaundice, fever, lethargy, difficulty breathing, anemia and gum discoloration," said Dr. Carolyn Bissett, program manager of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Veterinary Services.

"The death rate is about 0% to 5%, which is relatively low," she said. "But once it's in your herd, cattle stay permanently infected."

While the disease can't be treated, ticks can be mitigated through common control methods. Farmers should tuck pants into their socks, apply DEET to themselves, and conduct tick checks on people and pets. For small animals, routine tick control prescribed by a veterinarian works well.

"And for livestock as a whole, most of the pyrethroid-based tick controls seem to be effective at killing the Asian longhorned tick," Bissett said. "Keep pastures mowed down, particularly in areas you've seen lots of ticks. Once we kill the tick, we stop spreading T. orientalis."

Farmers worried about their herds should call a local veterinarian, who can take blood samples and send them for testing.

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OPINION

Pitts/Panic/Unbanked

{Frances Stebbins has been writing of faith communities in Western Virginia since 1953. She lives in Salem.}

Does this heading sound intriguing? The words just reflect realities with which we live today.

First, I'm a regular reader in the daily newspaper of the Tribune Content Agency columnist Leonard Pitts. An African American of long experience as a writer and analyst of news, Pitts now often comments on the confusion which has become the rule in Communications over about the past 30 years.

Last year, a friend and I heard him discuss the issue in a public lecture Roanoke College sponsored. In his more recent column, Pitts observed that Americans today come together wonderfully when attacked by an outside enemy such as occurred following the September 11, 2001, attack in New York or earlier after Pearl Harbor was

bombed on December 7, 1941.

Americans are together now, Pitts suggests, in condemning Russia's president Vladimir Putin in his ruthless lust for power as shown by his directing the killing of thousands of innocent people—even many children—in Ukraine.

With so many ways to get news now, it has become hard for Americans to live by a common vision of what our nation stands for. The columnist concluded that better education is needed in "civics, history, critical thinking and media literacy."

Years ago, I recall the late Episcopal Bishop William H. Marmion, often attacked in the turbulent 1960s for his liberal racial views, saying, "The source. Always consider the source." Many printed opinions today contain a brief identification of the author to help the reader judge where he's coming from.

For more than two years now,

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

Americans have been under an unusual psychological strain, a Salem Parish Nurse commented in her monthly health advice to a congregation. It's taken its toll on a lot of people, especially those older and living alone.

I happen to be one of these folk so the column was relevant. Any change is hard for older people. In the past week I have become —without much warning—thrown into major changes in three important factors in my life today.

My church is undergoing a change in pastors. My years in this job of writing about faith communities have taught me that serving as a pastor is one of the hardest jobs imaginable. It's a lot more than preaching on the holy day what with administration, pastoral care, leading worship, teaching and, especially, encouraging members to

become active for human betterment in the community.

There's also been a change for my writing with a new young journalist taking over as editor of this weekly publication. Alex Shedd, the new editor, is experienced in journalistic writing and other literary forms, but new to Salem newsprint. He's learning, as we all must, in developing a career.

Last, but far from least, is the closing of dear old Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy, a Salem institution for decades. Many of us senior adults remain active because of our meds. There are a number of good chain drug stores around, but they have different policies and lack a hometown feel. Many a Salemite earned her first money helping at the soda fountain, and regular customers were called by name. I expect many, besides me, were confused and somewhat frustrated last week when the closing hit home.

In the Parish Nurse's article on living with stress—whether it comes from fear of the COVID respiratory illness, a new war in Europe with the potential for nuclear bomb destruction,

excessive political division or changed relationships occurring to all families—deaths especially as we age—it's been a sad time. You can turn off the TV, take a medication, eat and sleep as doctors recommend, and especially, try to be involved with other people.

In Gene Marrano's Channel 15 TV show, "Business Matters," he recently interviewed Brandon McGinley, a local money counselor. They discussed "The Empowerment Financial Center" which educates young adults especially about taking care of what they earn. McGinley spoke of "unbanked people." It was a new term for me who, because of being orphaned at 19 with no siblings, I had to learn to pay my own bills and maintain my small inheritance quickly.

Though I soon married, my husband quickly turned over the family budget to me. I still use those seemingly old-fashioned paper checks, but I was never "unbanked." The agency sounds smart to me. You can learn more at 540-853-1120.

Let's make it OK to talk about mental health!

May is National Mental Health Month. One in five people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime, and everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health. Mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being. Mental health conditions are real and

prevalent and with effective help and support individuals recover and lead full and productive lives.

The Suicide Prevention Council of Roanoke Valley (SPCRV) and Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare (BRBH) want to share planned activities and ways people can get involved this

month. We are asking community members to take a "checkup from the neck up" by completing a mental health screening through Mental Health America. Screening increases the chance of getting treatment.

Mental Health America has free, anonymous, and scientifically validated screenings through <https://screening.mhanational.org/screening-tools/>. Screenings can be great conversation starters with a medical professional, trusted friend, or family member. The website includes available resources and provides connections

to treatment options. Once someone verifies they completed a screening, their name goes into a drawing for a prize through SPCR.

We also have several trainings available. Talk Saves Lives is a one-hour introduction to suicide prevention and will be held virtually on May 11 at 7 p.m. SafeTALK is a 3.5-hour training that teaches participants to be suicide alert. It will be held in person on May 24 at 1 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Library. To register for either training, use this link: <https://forms.gle/XZL9b4VnTK-Wb1qyF6>. Information and

resources will also be shared throughout the month on @SCPRV Facebook and Instagram pages.

Chief executive officer of Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Debbie Coughlan, LCSW, notes that, "Just as we may need help with a physical ailment sometimes, there may be times in our life where it can be helpful to seek treatment for mental health or substance use difficulties. It is in our human nature to struggle from time to time with feelings of depression, anxiety, or other difficult emotions. When these feelings become long-

lasting or start to cause difficulty in our day-to-day life, in our work or school functioning, or our relationships with loved ones and friends, it may be a good time to take advantage of the free screening mentioned above or to seek help. If mental health issues are troubling you, please do not suffer in silence. Prevention works and treatment is effective. If you or a loved one are experiencing a mental health crisis, please do not hesitate to reach out to our 24-hour Crisis Services at 540-981-9351 or call 911."

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Some of Fred Rogers' most well-known advice for young kids is to "look for the helpers" when they feel overwhelmed. And these days, after the turmoil and social disconnection of the last several years, kids can't have enough helpers to turn to. If you'd like to become a helper in your community, now is the perfect time to start, as TAP is recruiting mentors for our youth programs.

Mentoring young people is one of the easiest ways to get involved—and make a big difference. The risks

can be high for young people coming of age in the current environment. The City of Roanoke Gun Violence Prevention Commission recently published the "Roanoke Youth and Gang Violence Community Assessment – Final Report." The findings suggest a climate of unease and show a shared sense that violence is rising.

Digging into the assessment is revealing. Although a low number of youth/student respondents indicated they are in gangs, those who are cited social motivations as reasons for joining. Other commonly cited reasons were "to make money," "for protection," and "for fun." As the assessment notes on page nine, "Gang culture for these participants provides both emotional and material fulfillment." Knowing this, we must envision non-violent ways to offer young people the same kinds of connections for social support, fun activities, and avenues to good jobs.

And the youth themselves said as much. When asked what they thought was the best way to prevent violence and gang activity, their top responses were "more jobs for young people," "more activities for youth to do after school," and

"free individual counseling at schools or community agencies." Interestingly, both community members and community leaders cited mentoring as one of their top solutions to reduce gang problems in the community. In fact, it was the most common solution cited after "increased parenting time," and "more jobs for young people."

Our Housing and Human Services component supports people who have experienced trauma, including many types of violence. Working with trauma survivors, we've learned that one-on-one mentoring and group mentoring can be huge assets when people want to change their lives. We know mentoring can't replace parents or create jobs out of thin air. However, it increases social connections and expands support networks, which can help youth emotionally, developmentally, and professionally.

Nicole Ross, TAP's family mentor coordinator, has worked in the mentoring field since 2011. In her experience, a mentor "can give young people the support they're lacking" at a critical moment. This is true no matter the focus of the activity.

When asked what

makes a good mentor, Ms. Nicole—as the kids call her—is quick to point out that it's not professional skills or expertise that makes a good mentor. "First thing is a passion for young people—to step into their life and make a difference. You need to be a good listener and have patience," she says. "But most of all, just having a good spirit." She says showing up consistently is one of the most important traits a mentor can have.

If you think you might make a good mentor, please consider sharing your time with the community. We're recruiting group mentors for our summer activities, which range from arts and crafts sessions to STEM activities and beyond.

"If you can commit to spending quality time, and follow through, you'll make a great mentor," Ms. Nicole says.

You can make a difference in your community, and in the lives of your young neighbors. We can help you take the next step. To learn more, donate time, or help fund activities, contact Nicole Ross at 540.354.2212 or Nicole.ross@tapintohope.org.

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Three alumni honored with Roanoke College Medal

Editor's Note: This article is being rerun this week with sincere apologies to Bob Rotanz. Due to an editorial error, Mr. Rotanz's photo was not included alongside the other medal recipients last week. We thank Mr. Rotanz and our readers for their patience and understanding.

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.

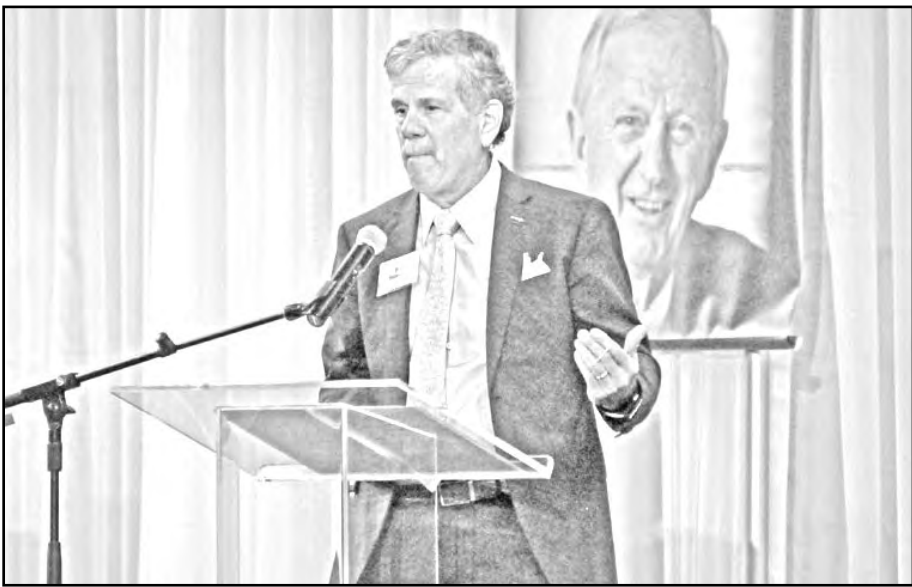
A native of Long Island, New York, Rotanz came to Salem by way of Roanoke College, where he excelled on the lacrosse field. Rotanz scored the winning goal to help the men's lacrosse team win the 1978 national championship and was named the national Lacrosse Player of the Year. In 1988, he was inducted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

Submitted by Roanoke College News



Medal recipient Bob Rotanz.



Medal recipient Frankie Allen takes the podium.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Recipient Sally Southard stands onstage with President Maxey.

Bank of Botetourt Welcomes Diana Pemberton & Promotes Chelsea West

Bank of Botetourt is pleased to announce that Diana Pemberton has joined the Bank as assistant vice president – branch manager for the Salem Office off South College Avenue. Diana brings with her more than fifteen years of experience in the financial industry. Diana has been previously worked as a branch manager and most recently assisted with the training and development of retail and business bankers.

She previously served on the board for Junior Achievement and looks forward to getting more involved in the community through her role with the Bank. Diana attended both Bridgewater College and Virginia Tech, and resides in the Salem

area with her husband, Paul and their three daughters, Nora, Charlotte, and Lucy.

Chelsea West has been promoted to merchant services officer. She has worked in the financial industry for six years, most recently serving as a branch manager. Chelsea is working towards her degree in business administration with a focus in finance at Liberty University. Her focus will be on assisting customers with payment options and business solutions through Clover® point-of-sale systems. While Chelsea will cover the Bank's entire branch network from Fairfield to Salem and Smith Mountain Lake, she will be based out of the Cave Spring Office on Electric Road in Roanoke.

She is the treasurer for her residential homeowner's association and is currently enrolled in Leadership Roanoke Valley (LRV) through the Roanoke Regional Chamber. LRV focuses on improving our

region and developing leaders for the future through a 10-month program facilitated by trusted advisors. Chelsea grew up in Roanoke and currently resides in Vinton with her husband Cody and stepchildren Camden,

Riley, and Keenan.

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Chelsea West



Diana Pemberton

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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft individual permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the impact to multiple jurisdictional surface waters due to the I-81 Improvements in Roanoke County and City of Salem, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **May 6, 2022 – June 5, 2022**

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Archer Western Construction c/o David Johnson; 13454 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 440, Herndon, VA 20171; VWPP No. 21-2609

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Archer Western Construction has applied for a new individual permit for the proposed Interstate 81 Corridor Improvements. The project involves the reconstruction and widening of the existing Interstate 81 between mile marker 136.6 and mile marker 141.8 in Roanoke County and City of Salem, Virginia. The project proposes to add a third travel lane on Southbound and Northbound I-81 from south of exit 137 to north of exit 141, spanning approximately 5.2 miles. In addition to adding travel lanes, the project also proposes ramp improvements at exit 137, replacing two bridges over Wildwood Road (Route 112), two bridges over Goodwin Avenue (Route 635), two bridges over Wildwood Road (Route 619), and widening two bridges at Thompson Memorial Drive (Route 311); as well as storm drains, stormwater management facilities and sound walls. The permit if approved will allow the applicant to impact a total of 0.89 acre of jurisdictional surface waters, including multiple wetland types and 2,949 linear feet of stream. The activity proposed in the permit will affect Mason Creek in the Roanoke watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant will purchase credits from an approved mitigation bank within the same HUC code as the project. The purchase of 0.38 wetland credits and 966 stream credits is proposed to compensate for the proposed impacts to the project. DEQ's tentative decision is to issue the permit as proposed.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Mackenzie Scott; Central Office, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Richmond, Virginia 23219; Phone: 804-659-2663; E-mail: vwppublicnotices@deq.virginia.gov; The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above

Berbic, Peters named 2022 Distinguished Alumni at Virginia Western Community College

~Awards event included premiere of 'Follow Your Heart' film on scholarship recipients~

The Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation has named Elvir Berbic, founder of its Refugee and Immigrant Scholarship, and P. Jason Peters, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors vice chair, recipients of the College's 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 2006 by the Virginia Western Alumni Association and recognizes Virginia Western Community College alumni and former students who have attained extraordinary distinction in their professional field or life. The award is intended to showcase the diversity of Virginia Western graduates and their range of influence on our region. "Both of these gentlemen are about giving back to the community," said Virginia Western President Dr. Robert H. Sandel. "Through their commitment and service, they provide a wonderful example of the impact that our students can make many years after attending the College."

In addition to supporting the Refugee and Immigrant Scholarship, Berbic ('06) is a member of the Educational Foundation's Scholarship and Grants Committee and leads a partnership between the College and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine that provides for a postgrad career forum between medical school students and Virginia Western STEM students. He also championed Roanoke's first futsal court as part of his efforts to give back and to improve the lives of immigrants in the community.

Berbic's path to Roanoke passed through a refugee camp in Croatia, where his family resided after they fled the civil war in Bosnia. At that camp, Berbic first began to learn English, and his family moved to Roanoke in 1995 when he was 14.

"You go through your teenager things that you go through and at the same time you are in a strange place," said Berbic in a recent Roanoke Times interview. "You had to grow up a little quicker than everybody around you. You try to focus on schoolwork, being a kid, but at the same time you have to assist your parents with how to write a check, for example, how to pay bills, translate getting car insurance. You kind of live between two places."

Through sports, Berbic found ways to belong. He played on the William Fleming High School soccer team and joined the football team as a placekicker. Twenty years later, the Virginia Western and Radford University master's degree graduate is employed as the VTC School of Medicine's student affairs manager.

"It's been (and it continues to be) an incredible privilege to work with everyone at Virginia Western to make education affordable and accessible," Berbic said. "My goal is to simply do what this community and its people have done for me: They made me

feel like I belong."

A native of Roanoke, Peters began his service to the citizens of Roanoke County by volunteering as an emergency medical technician with the Vinton First Aid crew when he was 16 years old. He has served in that capacity for 29 years and is the current president. In 2010, Peters was appointed to the Roanoke County Planning Commission, serving for three years before being elected to his first term on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors in 2014. Peters currently serves as Vice Chair of the Board.

While serving as Board Chairman in 2016, Peters was diagnosed with thyroid cancer which ultimately required surgery. While the surgery improved his condition, his cancer is still present. Despite this challenge, Peters has continued to serve Roanoke County in his various roles on the Board.

"I admire Mr. Peters' resolve to remain committed to the citizens while facing hardships," wrote County Administrator Richard Caywood in his nominating letter. "I believe Mr. Peters exemplifies the meaning of a loyal and dedicated public servant."

Berbic and Peters were honored April 28, 2022, at the Foundation's annual Awards Ceremony and Reception in Whitman Theater. More than 140 student scholarship recipients were recognized at the event, which included the premiere of a short film, "Follow Your Heart," directed by Angel David Verde. The film profiles three Virginia Western scholarship recipients – a future nurse, educator and IT professional – and explores what motivates them to pursue a college degree. It is viewable on Virginia Western's YouTube channel at Follow Your Heart - YouTube.

The Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation is an independent nonprofit dedicated to enhancing awareness of the college and securing private and public funds. Its efforts support the Community College Access Program, student scholarships, faculty development and capital projects at Virginia Western. To learn more, visit www.virginiawestern.edu/foundation.

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Distinguished alumnus Elvir Berbic



Distinguished alumnus P. Jason Peters

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Racial Disparity

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More than 45 people gathered at the Melrose Library to participate in the discussion.

Retired Radford University Criminal Justice Professor Dr. Bakhitah Abdul-Ra'uf spoke to the audience for nearly 45 minutes. A Ph.D. graduate from the University of South Florida, Abdul-Ra'uf's research interests include comparative criminal justice systems, police-community relations, social justice mediation (training certificate, U of Mass, Amherst) and Shari'a (Islamic Law). She's also conducted extensive ethnographic studies for law enforcement in both Virginia and Florida.

In her view, Abdul-Ra'uf explained that law enforcement desperately needs more diversity training, a comment that some disagreed with.

"My research allowed me to observe and describe the police. A lot of what you're

going to hear today is part of that description. Most of my presentations have been to other researchers. I tweaked this presentation specifically for this occasion," Abdul-Ra'uf said. "We all know that incidents involving conflict between African Americans and police officers have been precipitating factors in most of the recent civil disorders in the United States. More diversity training is desperately needed."

She added, "As with many communities, complaints from leaders of national and local African American communities and other organizations allege that the police routinely use excessive force against members of minority populations. The facts bear that out."

Towards the end of the discussion, attendees were given

an opportunity to respond to anything said during the event. When President of the Roanoke NAACP Branch Brenda Hale was given the microphone, she passionately spoke about the number discrepancies.

"The community can't feel safe now. You still have racial profiling. You can't deny history and what it has overwhelmingly shown us. A change must come," Hale said. "When you are socialized to believe one thing about a particular group that is not true, it makes it nearly impossible for true progress to ever be made."

Recently, Dr. Abdul-Ra'uf authored The Blacksburg VA Police Department: A Model of Professionalism and Social Justice in the Law Enforcement Executive Forum Journal.



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Roanoke NAACP Branch Brenda Hale passionately speaking on the racial injustices she and her loved ones have experienced over the years.

OBITUARY

Switzer, Bruce Clinton Sr.

Bruce Clinton Switzer Sr., 86, went to be with his Lord and Savior Saturday, April 30, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Doretta "Ducky" Switzer, and his beloved Son Bruce Clinton "Clint" Switzer Jr.

He was preceded in death by his Mom and Dad: Virginia and Les Switzer; brother, John W. Switzer; mother-in-law, Mary L. Linkous; brothers-in-law: George Winter and Hugh Henderson. In addition to his wife and son, surviving are sisters: Dollie Henderson and Peggy (Jimmy) Robertson; brother, Leslie A. (Karen) Switzer Jr.; sister-in-law, Sandra Winter; nieces: Doretta Winter, Dawn Winter Ware, Chastity Spence, and Emilee Lauer; nephews: Turman Henderson, Leslie Henderson, and Todd Robertson; special brother-like friend, Raymond Whitlock; and his special dog, Pooh Bear, who kept up with him.

Bruce was a faithful member of 50 plus years at Troutville Baptist Church in Troutville, and a faithful member of T.E.L. Sunday School Class. He served



in the United States Air Force for four years and retired from Elizabeth Arden.

A graveside service with military honors will be held 2:00 pm, Thursday May 5 at Hebron United Methodist Church Cemetery, 1981 Caldwell Mountain Road, New Castle, Va. with Reverend Carol Johnston officiating. Friends will be

received at the cemetery one hour prior to the service.

Many thanks to the awesome folks at Elks Noble Senior Living Memory Care Facility Bedford, Va., and the Loving care by Gentle Shepherd Hospice. Additional thanks and prayers to Special Friend, Debi Martin and her daughter, Toni Martin for their giving time and love to Bruce. It was much appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.raderfuneralhome.com/tributes/Bruce-Switzer.

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Interestingly, if we are honest with ourselves, we might just see our own failings mirrored in the lives of these Israelites. Like them, we, too, experience the loyal heart of a God who is unwilling to leave us in our sin and never ever willing to abandon us.

Challenge for Today: Read through the entire Old Testament this summer. Rejoice in God's long-suffering heart of love for you.

Quicklook: 2 Kings 14:23-27

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Given under my hand this 28th day of April, 2022.

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JR shuts out Glenvar

The Glenvar softball team fell to 5-9 Monday when visiting James River slaughter-ruled the Highlanders, 13-0, in a Three Rivers District game at GHS.

Visiting James River improved to 12-1 with the win, banging out 15 hits in five innings, including a three run homer by Kaycee Kincaid. Pitcher Austyn Moran threw a five inning shutout, allowing only two hits. It was her seventh shutout of the season. Austyn struck out nine batters, walking one, and hitting one.

Savana Luper took the loss on the mound for Glenvar, pitching four innings before Hannah Street mopped up. The Highlanders had just two hits, one each by Street and Izzy Shearer.

Errors have been a problem for the Highlanders, and that was the case last Friday when the Highlanders lost a home game against Carroll County, 8-2. The game was scoreless into the sixth inning but a pair of Highlander miscues opened the door for a five run innings. Glenvar then committed four errors in the seventh as the Cavaliers scored three more times to put it away.

Sophie McCulley pitched six innings, striking out six, walking three, and allowing five hits. Luper pitched one inning.

Again, the Glenvar bats struggled as they had just four hits, two by McCulley and one each by Luper and Sarah Kate Tozier.

The Highlanders will try to turn things around today with a game at Alleghany. That was rescheduled from the original date of Friday.



Glenvar's Hannah Street reaches for a low throw at first in Monday's game with James River.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

ODAC SOFTBALL

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Meanwhile, Hester not only kept VWU off the scoreboard, but did not allow a hit until Maria Weddle singled to left near the line with two out in the third inning. Virginia Wesleyan's runs came a inning later thanks to a big swing from Madison Hudson. The Marlins designated player put a charge into a Hester pitch and cleared the left-center field wall for a three-run homer, her second of the season.

Now leading by just one at 4-3, Houle quickly gave Roanoke its multi-run edge with a solo shot to centerfield for her third hit of the game. That also marked her third homer of the year.

Roanoke righty Jada Karnes fired four innings of shut-out relief to pick up the win and improve to 20-4 on the year. Lauren Bible, VWU's starter, was saddled with the loss to bring her record to 10-4.

Game two may have only featured one run, but that does not mean it was devoid of intensity or two teams pulling out all the stops to try to extend and match their opponents' efforts. There were 12 different changes made to batting orders or runners on-base by head coaches Brandon Elliott (VWU) and Mike Mitchell (RC) as both were searching for the edge that would put them over the top.

It was an old-fashioned battle of aces with Karnes squaring off against VWU's Emily Seale. Karnes allowed just three hits and fanned three against just one walk, but the lone run of the game came against her in the fourth inning. The Marlins got a leadoff double from Ariana Rolle. After a Weddle ground out moved her up 60-feet to third base, tournament MOP Julia Sinnett registered her seventh RBI of the weekend with a grounder to second.

That would be all the offense Seale needed. Despite giving up eight hits and walking a batter, she scattered those baserunners to keep her run total unblemished. She struck out four Maroons in improving to 19-4.

RC made the championship round with an 8-0 shutout of Lynchburg on Sunday. The Maroons opened the tournament by defeating Bridgewater, 1-0, and Lynchburg, 3-2 on Friday. They lost to Virginia Wesleyan in the winners' bracket final on Saturday, 9-1, setting up the rematch with Lynchburg on Sunday.

After the tournament the All-Tournament team was announced and the Maroons had Hester, Houle, Sirbaugh and Meri Bostic on the team. The All-ODAC team was announced Tuesday and Karnes and Hester were named to the first team and Makayla Austin was a second team selection.

Bruins edge Salem girls softball

The Salem High girls are scheduled to play at Cave Spring, weather permitting, in a River Ridge District game on Friday. Salem was 9-7 overall after splitting games with Hidden Valley and Blacksburg in the past week.

Last Thursday at the Moyer Complex in Salem the Spartans did a number on Hidden Valley, beating the Titans 21-2 in five innings. Cora Robinson led Salem with three hits, four runs scored and three runs batted in while Bayleigh Booth also had three hits and drove in four. Maize Roop had two hits and five RBIs and Caitlin Wells had two hits and three driven in on a big night for the Salem offense. Booth, Robinson and Wells all had dou-

bles and Booth also had a triple.

Cora Sparger pitched for the Spartans and picked up the win, fanning six Titans over five innings.

On Tuesday at the complex Blacksburg edged the Spartans, 4-2. It was 2-1 Bruins after six and a two-run homer in the top of the seventh made it 4-1. Robinson homered in the bottom of the inning but the Spartans came up a couple runs short.

Robinson pitched six and a third innings with Sparger finishing up. Salem had just three hits, one each by Robinson, Lily Lawson and Sarah Tennant.

The Spartans were scheduled to play once beaten Lord Botetourt in Daleville Wednesday afternoon, but results were too late for publication.

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Spartans play Blacksburg to scoreless draw in game shortened by bad weather

The Salem High boys' soccer team battled nemesis Blacksburg to a 0-0 tie on Monday before the game was stopped due to lightning.

Blacksburg had three shots on goal

and Salem had just one when the teams were ushered off the field with 23 minutes on the clock. After a wait of close to an hour the game was declared a nil-nil draw. That result gave Salem a 5-5-2 record to date.

"We played really well on defense," said Salem coach Dave Atkins. "I hated that we couldn't finish the game but I thought we played pretty well."

That tie followed a 2-1 win over Hidden Valley at Bruce Mahan Field in south Roanoke County last Friday. Lucas Yerton scored Salem's first goal off a Logan Lavinder corner kick. The winning goal came with 15 minutes remaining when Lavinder assisted Buddy Reed.

"We connected on nine or 10 passes from the back line up through the field to score," said Atkins.

The Spartans are scheduled to host Cave Spring on Friday in a River Ridge District game. Next week Salem is at Lord Botetourt for a non-district game on Monday, followed by a home game against William Fleming on Wednesday, May 11, and a "Senior Night" game with Pulaski on Friday, May 13.



Salem defender Grant Clemens controls the ball.

PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Bruins down Salem girls

The Salem High girls were down 2-0 when the bad weather came Tuesday and that's how the game ended, as Blacksburg walked off with a rain shortened win at Spartan Field.

The Bruins scored both their goals in the first 15 minutes, and made them stand up. The game was delayed by rain with 9:30 remaining on the clock, and when it wouldn't let up the result was declared final.

"We worked hard to hold them off, and had momentum going just before a rain delay hit," said Salem coach Kayla Wood. "Allison Kessel (Salem keeper) had a stand out game for us."

The loss followed a 1-0 Salem victory over Hidden Valley at Spartan Field last Friday. Abby Pitts scored the only goal of the game, created by hustle from Eliza Fleenor and Blair Bowers.

"The goal came when a bad ball was played yet was pursued and worked to put it in the back of the net," said Wood. "I say bad ball because sometimes we like

everything to be perfect and this ball wasn't. I love it because we didn't score again, that was our chance and we capitalized. The game of soccer can be like

that a lot, you get your chances and whatever team capitalizes, wins."

The girls are scheduled to visit Cave Spring Friday.



Annie Bond sets up a play for the Salem girls.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

SHS lax teams split with Glass

The Salem High lacrosse teams took on E.C. Glass on Monday with the girls winning in Lynchburg and the boys falling at home.

The Hilltoppers took

a 9-7 win over the Salem boys at Spartan Field. Jake Massey had five goals for Salem while Landon Miles and Carson Williams had one each as Salem fell to 4-5

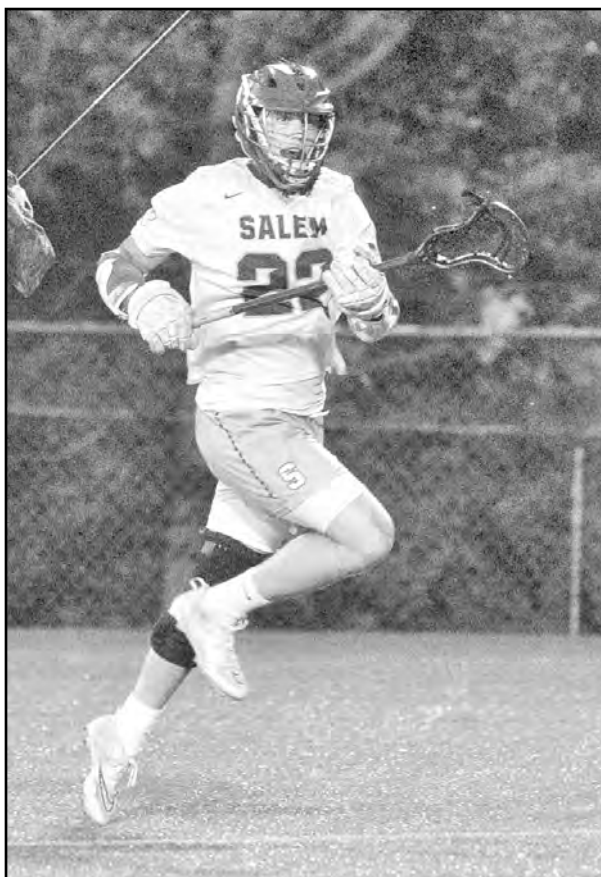
on the season.

Last Thursday the Spartans lost to Patrick Henry at home, 11-5. Andrew Crumpacker had two goals for the Spartans

The girls defeated Glass in Lynchburg Monday, 12-9, as Zoe Blair scored three goals. The girls pulled out a close 9-8 win over Cave Spring last week at Spartan Field.

Both teams are busy this week. On Wednesday the boys were scheduled to play at Blacksburg and the girls had the Bruins at home. Tonight Salem's girls will host a strong Rockbridge team at SHS, and next Tuesday, May 10, Salem will host William Byrd in a girls-boys doubleheader at Spartan Field. Byrd coach Will Satterfield is a former Salem High player.

"I believe our girls are ready to rise to the occasion," said Salem coach Maggi Pace. "Each have been peaking at different times, and Coach Jordan Hayes mentioned if we can all peak at once, we will really have something special. We're close, and I think that peak couldn't come at a better time."



Salem's Jake Massey fires a shot on goal in Monday's game with E.C. Glass.

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Glenvar's Maddox Fisher heads the ball out of harm's way in Monday's win over James River.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar boys stay unbeaten with win over James River

James River took an early lead but the Glenvar boys' soccer team rallied to remain undefeated on Monday. The Highlanders took a 4-1 win at Highlander Stadium.

River scored in the first 15 minutes on a shot just outside the box. Jacson Shepherd evened the score on a penalty kick just before the half and it was 1-1 at intermission.

The Highlanders owned the second half. Aiden Hylton gave Glenvar a 2-1 lead off an assist from Christian Housh, then Riley Geddes scored an unassisted goal for a 3-1 lead. Geddes assisted Shepherd for an insurance goal as the Highlanders improved to 12-0-1 on the season.

Last Friday at Glenvar the Highlanders outshot Carroll County, 23-3, to take a 6-0 win over the visiting Cavaliers. Maddox Fisher, Geddes and Shepherd had two goals and an assist each and Colin Clapper and Wesley Feliciano also had assists.

The Highlanders are at Alleghany tonight, and if they can pull off a win they'll clinch their second straight Three Rivers District regular season championship. Prior to the 2021 season Glenvar hadn't won the Three Rivers since 2005.

GHS girls down Carroll, River

The Glenvar girls broke open a 3-2 game to score six unanswered goals and down Three Rivers District rival James River on Monday. The Highlanders won 9-2 in Buchanan.

Glenvar scored twice in the first two minutes to take an early lead, then made it 3-0 13 minutes in. The Knights bounced back with two goals of their own, but Glenvar finished the half strong and led 6-2 at intermission and the second half was all Glenvar.

Giuliana Stanley had two goals and two assists for Glenvar while Rhyan Harris had two goals and one assist. Also scoring were Jordin Crouch, Kailah Finley, Bryn Duff and Davin Tate. Glenvar also scored on an "own goal" and keeper Keira Booze had five saves in the cage.

Last Thursday



Bryn Duff kicks the ball down the pitch for Glenvar.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

in Hillsville the Highlanders shut out Carroll County, 4-0. Finley had two goals, including a penalty kick, while Stanley and Crouch had one each.

Tate had two assists and Duff had one. With the two wins the Highlanders are now 10-2 on the season with a home game against Alleghany tonight.

Maroon men 3rd seed in ODAC lax

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team was scheduled to complete a game seventh seeded Shenandoah on Wednesday in an ODAC tournament quarterfinal round game.

The Maroons came in as the third seed and earned a first round bye. Shenandoah defeated sixth seeded Bridgewater, 13-12, on Monday to earn the trip to Salem for the quarterfinal game. The game began Tuesday but was rain delayed with the Maroons leading 3-1. It was to be resumed at noon on Wednesday.

The top two seeds, Washington & Lee and Lynchburg, had byes through Friday's semifinals. If the Maroons won Tuesday they would play against Lynchburg at W&L on Friday. The championship game is Saturday at Washington & Lee.

The Maroons entered the tournament with a 12-5 overall record.

RC laxwomen have bye to tourney semifinals

Washington and Lee University increased its ODAC regular season unbeaten streak to nine seasons as the fifth-ranked Generals posted an 8-0 league mark on the way to securing the top seed in the upcoming ODAC Women's Lacrosse Tournament.

The number one billing also affords the Generals hosting duties for the conference semifinal and championship rounds. They, along with second-seed-

ed Roanoke, earn byes into the semifinals in the seven-team field. Roanoke will play in Lexington on Saturday, May 7, against an opponent to be determined in the semifinals.

The Maroons finished the regular season with a 14-3 record after defeating Randolph-Macon, 16-6, in Ashland last Saturday. Salem High grads Lilly Blair and Libby Bowman scored five goals each to pace the win.



Left, Salem's George Copeland throws the discus in the Knights Track Classic at Cave Spring Saturday. Above right, Blake Bass of Salem clears the high jump bar in the Spartans' home meet last Wednesday.

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Cosmopolitan Track Meet is at William Fleming this week

Salem High, Glenvar High and both Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle Schools will send teams to Roanoke this week for the annual Cosmopolitan Club Track meet. The three day meet is held at William Fleming High School.

The middle school field events and running trials will be Thursday. Junior Division athletes, in ninth and 10 grades, will have field events Friday at Fleming along with trials and some senior running trials. Senior field events, for juniors and seniors, will be Saturday morning and all running finals, for all three classes, will begin at 11:30 am Saturday.

Both local schools competed in the Knights Track Classic at Cave Spring High School on a rainy day last Saturday. The Pulaski County boys and Jefferson Forest girls were team winners at the meet that included close to 30 teams.

For Salem, the boys 4x100 relay team took first and broke their own school record with a time of 42.46, lowering the mark by three tenths of a second on a wet track.

The girls 4x800 relay team of Katelyn Crumpacker, Elizabeth Bocock, Callie Conner and Amanda Rothkopf finished sixth.

For Glenvar, Carly Wilkes was runnerup in a very close race with Zoie Lamanna of Jefferson Forest in the 1,600. Carly's time of 4:53.42 qualified her for nationals.

Other firsts for Glenvar included Sydney Loder in the girls 300 hurdles and Tyler Johnson in the boys' 300 hurdles. Avone Noel was second in the pole vault, clearing nine feet, and fifth places went to Nick Woodson in the 400 and Dael Zearfoss in the 1,600.

"Despite the conditions, I thought the kids handled it pretty well," said Glenvar coach Neil Swanson. "



Left, a bench at the Cave Spring track was dedicated to the late Joe LaRocco during a ceremony at the Knights Track Classic Saturday. LaRocco was an Andrew Lewis High School and Roanoke College track athlete, a long time coach at Cave Spring and a starter for high school and college meets for many years. Standing behind the bench at its dedication are, left to right, Joe's daughters Jackie Downs and Cathy LaRocco, granddaughter Brigid Downs and wife Terry LaRocco. Right, Glenvar's Kyle Hanks runs the 100 meter dash at Cave Spring.

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Hornets sweep ODAC track

For the second time in as many seasons, the University of Lynchburg swept the Old Dominion Athletic Conference men's and women's track titles last weekend. The RC women were second and the men were 10th in the meet, held in Lynchburg.

In the women's meet the Maroon throwers had a huge weekend as Grace Fowler would start the championships with a first-place finish in the Women's Shot Put. Her PR mark of 11.98m would set the tone early. In the Hammer Throw the Maroons would go on to sweep the podium led by Elisabeth Cullen's PR throw of 43.77m.

The final conference champion on the Women's side was the 4x400m relay. The team of Lauren Henson, Haylee Gamble, Lily

Lippert, and Mikayla Hefferon would cross the line in first place with a time of 3:58.51.

Samuel Crawford led the charge for the Maroon men. He would go on to win the 400m dash with a time of 48.17. That time currently puts him 12th in the NCAA DIII standings.

The Men's 4x100m relay team of Brandon Justice, Crawford, Blake Morin, and Brady Fowler would cross the line in second place with a new school record of 41.69 seconds.

The Maroons are scheduled to go to Johnson C. Smith University for a Last Chance meet on May 14 in advance of the 2022 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

GHS net girls 10-0

The Glenvar High tennis team swept Carroll County last Friday, with the girls winning at home and the boys prevailing in Hillsville.

The girls won 8-1 with Dhruvi Patel and Natalie McMahon lead the way. Isabella Gustafson also continued her strong play at number one with an 8-0 win and singles winners were Avery Flynn, Hannah Hylton, Patel and McMahon.

It was the third win of the week for the Highlanders, who also beat Radford and Floyd to improve to 10-0 on the season.

"We hope to continue with three matches left," said coach Blaine Mills. "This team has bonded and grown so much this year and we want to continue that until the end."

The boys won 6-3 over the Cavaliers. Ian Kelley, Logan Garner and Beckett Wilkinson both won at singles and doubles for Glenvar. The Highlanders lost to Northside on Monday, 5-4, after losing to the Vikings by an 8-1 count the first time around. Alec Mcilwain, Blaine Bishop, and Garner all had wins and the entire team was competitive in every match.

The Highlanders will play Alleghany next, with the girls at Alleghany Thursday and the boys home against the Mountaineers on Friday.



Avery Flynn returns a shot for Glenvar.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Lewis will end track season at Cosmo meet

The Andrew Lewis track teams competed in a pair of meets last week.

Genelle Balthazar and Zariah Sanders led the girls. Between them, they each scored victories in 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, Jerni Allen, took first in each meet to remain undefeated.

Against Glenvar, Breanna Minnis took the discus. Aubrey Snead won the 800 meter run while Ashlyn Davis won the mile run in both meets.

The boys' team was led by Brodie Dawyot who won the shot put and the triple jump. Teammate Alex Kasey won the discus. Trey Dawyot won the long jump while Coen Logan was the winner in the high jump. Jordan McCadden took the 300 meter hurdles and Aedon Wiley won the 100 meter dash. Jake Thompson won both the mile and the 800 meter runs.

Elijah Paddyfote, Cannon Migliarese, Dylan Williams, Jack Ellis, Luke Stovall, Mason Gillespie, Ben Foster, and Noah Petry were all on winning relays.

The teams finish up their season this week at the Cosmo Invitational at William Fleming High School.

SHS tennis teams will play Cave Spring

The Salem High tennis teams will take on Cave Spring Friday, with the boys at home and the girls at Cave Spring. Salem took on Blacksburg Tuesday but results were too late for publication.

Last Friday Salem went head to head with Hidden Valley. The girls took a 6-3 win over the Titans in Salem

while the boys dropped an 8-1 decision at Hidden Valley.

The Salem girls took five of six singles matches against the Titans. Winning were Claire Rawlins, Caroline Loveday, Morgan Tobey, Zoe Prosser and Emma Johnson. Salem also took the second doubles with Loveday and Tobey.

For the boys, Salem's lone

point can from Cole Maggi at number three singles.

"Nobody on the roster engaged in match play before coming to high school and six of the nine on the roster had their first tests this year," said Salem boys' coach Steve Willinger. "As a much improved squad, I anticipate a good showing as the regular season enters its final phase."

SHS, Lewis physicals are May 18th

Andrew Lewis and Salem High will conduct a physical night on Wednesday, May 18th, in the sixth grade wing of Andrew Lewis Middle School.

Andrew Lewis students will be seen from 6 to 7 PM and Salem High students from 7 to 8 PM. Please park on College Avenue in front of Andrew Lewis or in the Central Office parking lot and enter the school through the main entrance.

The cost is \$20, cash only. Please have the physical form completely filled out and signed upon arrival to expedite the process. Shorts and T-Shirts are appropriate dress for this event.

Physical night on Wednesday May 18 is a quick, cost effective way to complete the required athletic physical needed for yearly participation in athletics at Andrew Lewis and Salem High.

Former Salem High coaches inducted into RVWA Hall of Fame

Glenvar's Cline is high school Coach of the Year

Glenvar's Jason Cline was named the high school Coach of the Year when the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association held its annual Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet on April 25.

Cline and Scott Fike of Staunton River were named top coaches while the Wrestler of the Year Awards went to J. B. Dragovich of Hidden Valley and Jacob Henderson of William Fleming.

Cline has done a great job with the Glenvar program. The Highlanders won the Bruin Brawl at Blacksburg, placed second at the Titan Toughman, won Region 2 C Tournament, and Cline was named Coach of the Year for Region 2 C. He took eight wrestlers to state with five placing in the top three. His team has placed in the top five at Class 2 State Tournament the last two years.

The RVWA also inducted five new members into the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame for 2018, including two former Salem High head coaches, Mike Gibson and Randall Sell. Don Cox, a former wrestler at VA School of the Blind, Talena Williams, along time trainer at the Virginia State Wrestling Tournament, and Ronnie Wood, a former William Byrd wrestler and volunteer coach at William Byrd for many years were also inducted.

Gibson began wrestling in eighth grade for Glenvar High School. He wrestled through his senior year under Dickie Myers and Stan Parker. "Gibby" qualified for the State Tournament with a 5th-place finish in the Region III Tournament in 1973. Unfortunately, his senior year was cut short when he had a broken sternum.

Mike went to James Madison University where he was a walk-on and wrestled in the 142 lb. class and 150 lb. class. After graduation from JMU, Mike taught Art and coached boys' basketball and football at Craig County from 1978 through 1980. From there he went to William Byrd where he taught Drivers Ed and Art 1980-1993. Gibby coached football, wrestling



Left to right are Class of 2022 Hall of Famers Mike Gibson, Randall Sell, Ronnie Wood, Talena Williams and Don Cox.

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and tennis from 1980 through 1988. While coaching at Byrd, he worked with Barry Trent for eight years, won the Blue Ridge District and Region III for several years. In 1982 he helped coach the wrestling team to the AA State Championship.

Gibby moved to world of officiating in 1988. He was a member of the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Officials Association, and was a referee for middle school and high school matches and tournaments including the state tournament. Mike also officiated at the college level including the CAA Wrestling Championships.

His next stop was Salem High School where he taught Art from 1993-2019. While at Salem, he coached wrestling, boy's and girl's tennis and girl's basketball.

Mike and his wife Becky have two daughters Hayley and Valerie. Hayley and her husband, Matt, have three daughters, Ellie, Alyssa, and CeCe. Valerie and her husband, Matthew, have a son, Dane, and a daughter, Lacey.

Sell comes from a wrestling family. He wrestled at William Byrd High School where he was a four-year starter and won multiple district and region titles. He placed three times in the AA State Tournament including 6th place as a 112 pounder and 3rd place

as a 119 pounder.

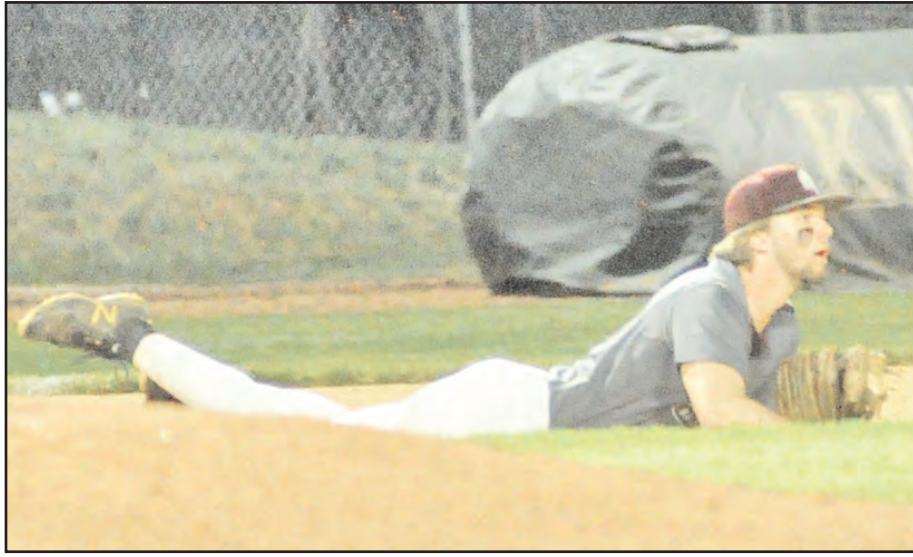
After graduating, Randall wrestled at Messiah College and Longwood University.

Randall has coached at several schools throughout the Roanoke Valley. He spent several years as the head coach at Staunton River, and then moved to Salem High School as head coach. He also served as a volunteer assistant coach at Lord Botetourt and head coach at Andrew Lewis. Randall has worked with several youth programs including the Botetourt Wrestling Club.

In 2021, Randall became a host of the Noke Wrestling News where he and Coach Yetzer give updates on the Roanoke College wrestling program and the Blue Ridge Wrestling Training Center. They introduce us to the wrestlers and coaches and talk about the successes and plans for the future.

Randall and his wife, Alicia, have two sons, Hunter and Collin, and a daughter, Olivia. Both Hunter and Collin carried on the wrestling tradition and Randall has been able to help coach them.

Another Salemite, SHS senior Cameron Martindale, was awarded the Stan Parker Scholarship. Cameron was an outstanding wrestler for the Spartans for three years, but missed his senior year after suffering a late season football injury.



Salem High thirdbaseman Hunter Bayne looks toward second after making a spectacular grab of a liner, then throwing to second from a prone position for an attempted doubleplay in Friday's win over Hidden Valley.

Bruins strike early to down Salem, Cave Spring game to begin at 7 pm

The Salem High baseball team is hoping to finish the regular season strong and get a good seed for the Region 4D tournament. Salem is 11-5 after falling to Blacksburg, 7-4, on Tuesday.

"We need to win some of these games in the last two weeks to get some home games for the tournament," said Salem coach Wes McMillan. "We're supposed to have a district tournament but they're talking about cancelling it so we can get all the regular season games in for seeding. There's been a bunch of games rained out."

Salem is scheduled to play Cave Spring at home on Friday night at 7 pm but the forecast is calling for rain. Salem AD Drew Barrett tried to get the game moved to Thursday, as Glenvar did, but was told there were no umpires available on that day. So, the Spartans are hoping for decent weather when Cave Spring comes here for a 7 pm varsity start on Friday.

On Tuesday the host Bruins scored six runs in the first two innings on their way to a win. Eli Bowery got his first start on the mound after struggling with injuries to his ankle and shoulder in the first half of the season. He pitched an inning and a third before Trent Judd

came on to finish.

"He pitched okay but they can really hit the ball," said McMillan.

Salem had some chances. The Spartans had the bases loaded in the first inning and second and third in the second but came away without a run.

"We couldn't get the big hit when we needed it," said McMillan.

Bowery had a home run for the Spartans but Salem had just four hits. Judd and Ben Bowers had doubles.

Last Friday under the lights at Billy Sample Field the Spartans defeated Hidden Valley, 11-5. Salem had 13 hits in this one, including three by Bowers and two each by Hunter King, Caleb Furmage and Brendan Steele. Bowers also drove in four runs and had a double and a triple. Salem broke open a 4-2 game with a seven run fifth.

Judd went four innings in this one to pick up the win with Trace Monroe pitching the final three for a save. They combined to strike out eight.

Next week the Spartans have James River at home on Monday at 5 pm. The Knights are a Class 2 team but they have a 10-4 record and play a strong schedule. Then Salem is off until Friday the 13th when Pulaski comes in for Senior Night.

Maroons are sixth seeded in ODAC baseball tournament

The final game did not finish until after midnight early Sunday morning, but the 2022 ODAC Baseball Tournament field has been determined, setting up conference teams for two weekends of competition. Nationally sixth-ranked University of Lynchburg tops the eight-team field following a 16-4 run through its league slate.

ODAC teams will begin with four best-of-three series hosted by the top-four seeds next weekend, May 6-8. Days and game times will be determined as competitors work through any scheduling concerns surrounding exams and graduation. The four teams that advance from the first round series will travel to High Point, N.C., for double-elimination play at Truist Point ballpark. Games are slated for May 13-15.

The top four seeds were determined without the need for tiebreakers. Joining top-seeded Lynchburg as first round series hosts are second-seeded and nationally 21st-ranked Shenandoah University, third-seeded Randolph-Macon College, and fourth-seeded Washington and Lee University. Sixth Roanoke heads to Randolph-Macon for a best-of-three matchup.

The Maroons finished the regular season with a 22-14 record and a 10-9 record in the ODAC after splitting a doubleheader with Eastern Mennonite Saturday at Salem Memorial Ballpark. The Royals won the first game, 6-5, but RC took the second, 12-7, in a day long affair as the teams waited out several rain delays. Salem High grad Caleb Lingenfelter got the start and the win in game two for RC.

Highlanders looking to turn things around

Glenvar baseball coach Jeremy Cromer is hoping the Highlanders can turn things around as the Region 2C tournament approaches. Glenvar is just 2-14 after losing to James River, 8-3, on Monday but Cromer knows his team is better than the record indicates.

"They just need to believe in themselves," he said. "The coaching staff believes in them, and they've shown glimpses of being a good team. We just need to get on a roll before the region."

On Monday at GHS James River scored three runs in the second inning and four in the third to open a big lead early. Down 8-0, Glenvar rallied for three runs late but it wasn't enough. The Highlander finished with just three hits and Jimmy Blount had two runs batted in. Dawson Anderson took the loss on the mound.

Last Friday at home the

Highlanders left two runners on in the bottom of the seventh as they lost to Carroll County, 4-3. The Cavaliers led 4-1 into the seventh but Glenvar scored twice and was on the verge of victory, only to have Carroll slip out of the jam and pick up a win.

Clay Caldwell had three hits to lead the Highlanders and James

Tozier had two. Glenvar left 11 runners on base.

"Clay Caldwell pitched his tail off," said Cromer. "They got three runs in the second and shut them down the rest of the way."

The Highlanders will try to turn things around today as they play at Alleghany. That game was moved from Friday due to a threat of inclement weather.



Reed Hutchinson takes a rip for Glenvar in Monday's game with James River.

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Lewis spring sports will wrap up today

Andrew Lewis Middle School teams took on Blacksburg Monday as the middle school season in baseball, softball and



Micah West pitches for Lewis.

PHOTO BY B. HOFFMAN

soccer winds down.

The Wolverine baseball team got back over .500 at 7-6 with a 10-4 win over Blacksburg on the road. Micah West pitched five innings to pick up the win and Rocket Cowling pitched one. Ben Keffer and Mason Brown had three hits each. Lewis is at Read Mountain to wrap up the season today.

The girls softball team is 3-9 after dropping games to Pulaski and Franklin County last week. Blacksburg does not have a softball team but Lewis was hoping to finish strong against Read Mountain today at the Moyer Complex.

The Lewis girls' soccer team beat Blacksburg in Salem Monday, 3-0.

Aly Price had two goals and Nadahila Pollard added a goal on a penalty kick. Laikyn Funk had two assists while Aubrey Thomas made three saves to preserve the shut out. Lewis' current record is 12-3-1 with their final game at home today against Read Mountain.

The Lewis boys are 13-1-3 and Blacksburg does not have a boys' team this spring. Last week Lewis beat Pulaski, 1-0, on a goal by Ben Repasky. The Wolverines took their lone defeat against Franklin County last week, 2-1, with Repasky scoring the only goal again.

The Wolverine boys will finish the season today at Read Mountain.



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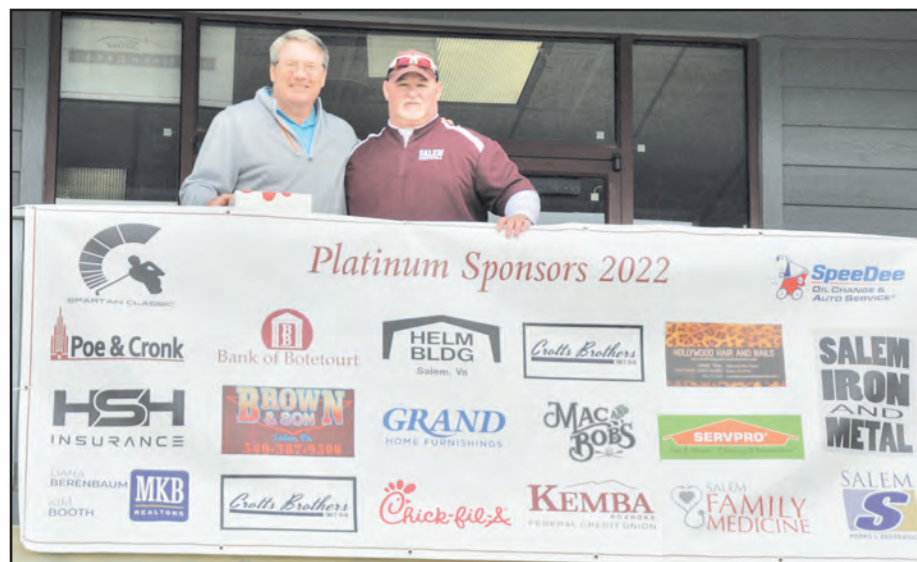
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The Salem Sports Foundation conducted the first Spartan Classic golf tournament at the Hanging Rock Golf Club last Friday and 57 teams of four competed on a beautiful Salem spring day at the local course. The event will help support Salem High football and some other areas of need. Two groups teed off at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm around lunch provided by Chick-Fil-A of Salem. Above, the 11:30 pm group gets ready to play. Below left, Salem volunteers, from left, Melvin Dickerson, Kathy Murphy, Linda Wheeling and Jim Gresham man the tables and, below right, Shaine Miles of Chick-Fil-A and Salem High head football coach Don Holter stand behind a sign touting the \$1,000 sponsors.

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Roanoke softball team falls to defending national champs, 1-0, in ODAC finals

Virginia Wesleyan University may not have been the top seed for the first time since 2011, but its championship pedigree remains intact. The third-seeded Marlins defeated fourth-seeded Roanoke College, 1-0, in the second of two championship games on Monday afternoon, capping a weather-impacted four days at the James I. Moyer Sports Complex in Salem, Va., with the program's sixth straight and league-record 14th ODAC softball crown.

Virginia Wesleyan (33-11), ranked 14th in the country by the NFCA, needed a second title contest to earn the ODAC's automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Tournament after 17th-ranked Roanoke (30-12) earned a 5-3 victory in Monday's first contest. The Maroons, along with ODAC hopefuls Randolph-Macon College (32-9) and the University of Lynchburg (26-19), must rely on the Division III Softball Committee for at-large selections to the

64-team national field. The bracket will be announced on Monday, May 9.

Defending national champion Virginia Wesleyan entered Monday's first game in the driver's seat, a position it would need following Roanoke's 5-3 victory in Game 14 to force a winner-take-all showdown in Game 15.

Roanoke jumped on the board in the first inning of the first game via a RBI single from leftfielder Kate Houle. They tacked on two more in the second when pitcher Shanan Hester singled to left-center to bring around Lilly Burns and Serenity Bishop plated Sammie Murphy with a sacrifice fly to left.

Both of those runs were unearned, as was the Maroons' fourth tally in the third inning with Virginia Wesleyan making three defensive miscues in the contest. RC catcher Rachel Sirbaugh hit a sac fly to left-center to bring around Houle for a 4-0 lead through two and a half innings.

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RC's Shanan Hester pitched a five inning no hitter Sunday against Lynchburg to put the Maroons in the championship game.

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Miguel Ogueto connects for the Salem Red Sox.

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Sox will host Pelicans for 6

The Salem Red Sox opened a six game home series with the Myrtle Beach Pelicans on Tuesday and took an 8-4 win on "Education Day" at Salem Memorial Ballpark, entertaining a host of local kids.

The Red Sox wasted no time getting on the board. After Eddinson Paulino hit a leadoff double, Brainer Bonaci drove in his 12th run of the year on a line drive to center field.

Myrtle Beach tied the game in the top of the second, but the Sox put three on the board in the bottom of the second. Eduardo Vaughan's line drive to right field scored Eduardo Lopez to put the Sox back in front, and the next batter, Paulino, continued his excellent day at the plate, driving in Niko Kavadas to make it 3-1. Salem scored one more for a 4-1 lead after two.

The Sox put it out of reach with four more runs in the fourth. Bonaci hit a shot into the left-center field gap, scoring two runs for his second triple of the season. A sacrifice fly and a bases loaded walk put the Red Sox up 8-1 after four innings and the bullpen held the Pelicans to a run in the seventh and two in the eighth as Salem took an 8-4 win.

Tyler Uberstine pitched five innings of one run, ball striking out three while surrendering just three hits to pick up the win.

With the victory the Sox evened their record at 11-11 on the season. Last week Salem won two and lost four in a six game series in Lynchburg.

The Sox will host Myrtle Beach through Sunday. Saturday is a t-shirt giveaway with a starting time of 6:05 pm and Sunday is a 5:05 pm game on Mother's Day.