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Salem Farmers Market opens for Tuesday afternoons

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Young couples who work on Saturday, people getting off work who want fresh vegetables and hungry passersby stopped by the Tuesday afternoon Salem Farmers Market this week.

The first afternoon market of the season on July 19 produced positive reviews from customers and vendors.

"I love it. It's a lot easier for us since we both work on Saturdays," said Jesse Ayers, who was happily selecting real vine-ripe tomatoes.

Ayers and his wife, Maria, and 2-year-old son Grayson were choosing vegetables grown by "Go God, Go Green" vendors Gayle Martin and Teddy Helm of Pilot.

There were big, fat cookies baked by Samuel St. Fleur of Boho Bake and

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Jesse Ayers and his wife, Maria, select tomatoes from Gayle Martin of "Go God, Go Green" at the first Tuesday Afternoon Salem Farmers Market July 19.



PHOTOS BY MEG HIBBERT

Allison Key shows off a bundle of fresh lavender at her booth, "For the Love of Lavender."



Stanislav Khristenko plays emotively in Olin Hall

PHOTO BY CHAMBERLAIN ZULAUF

Roanoke College hosts Ukraine Benefit Concert

By Chamberlain Zulauf,
Student Reporter

Those in attendance to experience Stanislav Khristenko's piano playing were able to feel how musical expression can shine through tragedy. Sponsored by Roanoke Valley Sister Cities and Ukrainian Americans in Roanoke and with help from the Kosciuszko Foundation, the main theme for last Sunday's event was perspective.

Before the concert attendees had time to peruse literature and graphs which put the war in Ukraine into relatable terms. One such graph titled 'Why We Have to Help Ukraine' broke down the face value of Ukraine from textiles to lumber, which are surely things Russia has its sights on.

The war in Ukraine isn't all about land assets. Russia is attempting to annihilate the Ukrainian people's history.

"To even the casual observ-

er this is clearly a genocidal attack by Russia. That's why this concert is so important, Russia is attacking concert halls, libraries and schools. It's a war on Ukrainian culture," said Dr. Martha Kushar, an event organizer. In fact, one of Salem's Sister Cities, Opole, Poland, has received massive waves of refugees, leading to a 10% population bump. Sunday's concert gave an opportunity for education and reflection on the effects of war through music.

Khristenko's playing style was everything critics rave about as an accomplished pianist, having played around the world and won many prestigious competitions. As though his piano sent electric shocks through him, Khristenko played emphatically, almost jumping off of his stool. In one moment, he would fill Olin Hall with resonant harmonics and the next would

produce gentle delicate melodies. Before playing three Bagatelles from Silvestrov Khristenko explained would play them back-to-back, "In 10 minutes of meditation" he told the audience, "Which is a kind of music we miss today but could use", said Khristenko.

The concert had an intimate feel. Khristenko would play a piece then address the audience to explain his song selection. The evenings selection was highly cognitive, bringing story and song together; included in the program were two preludes by Lytoshinsky, which find inspiration in Shevchenko poems, and Dreams by Shuman from Scenes from Childhood for an encore. In between the Lytoshinsky pieces Khristenko read the song's relative poems.

During one intermission Khristenko shared his own

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Retired Sheriff Obenshain passes at 82



Photo courtesy of City of Salem Sheriff's Department

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Retired City of Salem Sheriff Everett Obenshain Jr., who served in the position for more than 30 years, passed away on July 14, 2022. He was 82.

Obenshain was first elected to the position of City Sergeant in 1969, before the Code of Virginia was amended in 1971 to create the Office of Sheriff instead. Prior to his election, he was a patrolman with the City of Salem from 1966-1969. After his tenure as sheriff, Obenshain continued to serve his city as a member of the Electoral Board for 19

years. "It is with heavy hearts that we share Retired Sheriff Everette Obenshain passed away yesterday morning, July 14, 2022," the City of Salem Sheriff's Department shared on Facebook. "The City of Salem Sheriff's Office sends our deepest sympathies to Sheriff Obenshain's family with prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time."

Obenshain's cause of death has not been made public as of press time. Roanoke's Last Funeral Home has stated that a full obituary for Sheriff Obenshain is forthcoming.

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BRIEFLY: Salem News In Brief

CAHD Weekly Health Briefing:

Cumulative Case Count Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts: 67971 (up 645). People hospitalized with COVID-19, as of Monday 7/18/2022: 32; 28 new hospitalizations; COVID-19 related deaths, as of Tuesday 7/19/2022: 1021; 640 Alleghany Health District, 381 Roanoke City Health District. Current CDC Variant Proportions: Almost 90% of cases are attributable to BA.5 (72.7%) or BA.4 (15.4%) in HSS Region 3, which includes Virginia. Hepatitis A Outbreak: Since January 1, 2022, 77 cases of hepatitis A, including 56 hospitalizations, have been reported in the RCHADs. Substance use disorder, specifically injection drug use, continues to be the most commonly identified risk factor in this outbreak. People

are encouraged to consider getting vaccinated against hepatitis A.

Submitted by the Roanoke County and Alleghany Health Districts

Salemite graduates from Furman University:

Furman University President Elizabeth Davis presided over the class of 2022 commencement exercises, which took place Saturday, May 7, at Paladin Stadium on campus. Nearly 630 students graduated in the class of 2022. Matthew Sandridge of Salem, Virginia, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. Sandridge's parents and/or guardians are Ms. Mary L. Earp and Mr. Bayne K. Sandridge.

Submitted by Furman University

SCC approves plan for AEP:

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) approved the 2021 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) development plan for Appalachian Power Company for new solar and onshore wind generation capacity. The company is required to submit an annual plan to the SCC to comply with the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA). For the limited purpose of this second annual RPS plan filing, the SCC found that Appalachian Power's plan is reasonable and prudent. The company requested approval to acquire or contract for seven new facilities which combined represent approximately 493 megawatts renewable generation capacity. Five solar facilities will be located in Virginia, one wind facility will be located in Illinois, and

one solar facility will be located in West Virginia.

Submitted by the SCC

Free Zoo Day:

Williams DeLoatche, P.C. is hosting a Free Admission Day at the Mill

Mountain Zoo on July 30, 2022. 200 tickets will be given away - 150 people to register online and 50 at the door. Check in begins at the Zoo entrance at 9:30am and ends at 11:30am. In addition, we will be giving away 2 free Goat Tribe Memberships, a \$25 Gift Card to Bali's Bistro and a \$25 Gift Card for concessions. All free ticket holders will be automatically entered to win. Drawing will be held at Bali's Bistro at noon. Must be present to win. Registration will close at midnight on July 25 or as soon as all tickets are claimed.

Submitted by Williams DeLoatche, P.C.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of July 12, 2022 - July 18, 2022

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
07/12/2022	Cody A. Lawson	30	Failure to Appear
07/12/2022	Michael A. Lucado	43	Domestic Assault, Public Intoxication
07/12/2022	Amy M. McGinnis	46	Threats to Kill
07/14/2022	Travis A. Hayn	31	Possession of Child Pornography
07/14/2022	N'Dea D. Payne	23	Failure to Appear
07/14/2022	Cobey D. Madden	22	Fugitive from Justice
07/14/2022	Dwayne E. Myers	35	Violation of Protective Order
07/15/2022	Linzee K. Simmons	24	Shoplifting
07/15/2022	Dylan K. Smith	26	Public Intoxication
07/15/2022	Clinton D. Rollason	48	Damage Property
07/15/2022	Patricia O. Burks	48	Failure to Appear
07/15/2022	Jonathan L. Kessler	47	Violation of Probation
07/15/2022	Trisha D. Smith	31	Public Intoxication
07/15/2022	Rebecca M. Wood	24	Public Intoxication
07/15/2022	Andrew C. Grant	56	Domestic Assault & Battery
07/15/2022	Amanda D. Thomson	44	Forgery
07/15/2022	Linda S. Compton	64	Forgery, Obtain Money by False Pretense
07/16/2022	Jordan W. Cumbie	22	Evading Police, Stalking
07/16/2022	John W. O'Bryhim Jr.	40	Public Intoxication
07/16/2022	Jaslyn R. Greer	21	Assault & Battery
07/17/2022	Timothy M. Montgomery	60	Contempt of Court
07/17/2022	Annelee D. Clingenpeel	31	Contempt of Court
07/17/2022	Brian E. McCraw	34	Indecent Exposure
07/17/2022	Nikolina Kijanovic	28	Contempt of Court, Violation of Probation
07/17/2022	Clifton G. Gray	33	Disorderly Conduct
07/18/2022	Keyanti A. Bentley	32	Failure to Appear

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of July 12, 2022 - July 18, 2022

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
12-JUL-2022	400 BLK Chapman St	Threats to Kill
15-JUL-2022	200 BLK S College Ave	Forgery
15-JUL-2022	1000 BLK Page St	Burglary
16-JUL-2022	1700 BLK E Main St	Evading Police

Farmers Market

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a choice of fillings for "make your own sweet Sammies."

"It's a chance to get out and spread the name of your business," explained St. Fleur, who is a familiar sight at the Saturday Salem Farmers Market with his young family: wife Kelly, and children Finn 5, Ophelia, 2, and Primrose, 8 months old.

Debbie Szuch was there to buy lavender sachets from Allison Key at "For the Love of Lavender." Szuch explained she learned about this Tuesday's market from her Russlyn Farms Neighborhood website.

Key also offers fresh bunches of blooming lavender and natural sprays at the Saturday market. "We've had a lot of people so far today," Key said.

A tantalizing odor came from the falafel for wrap sandwiches Antoinette Chahine of "Lebanese Baked Goods" was cooking at her booth.

"I like having the Tuesday afternoon market because people coming from work can see and buy falafel," Chahine said.

One stall down Krissy Reynolds' de-

licious-smelling products were attracting people. She makes "Sun and Spruce Soaps" with fascinating colors and fragrances.

"I like this afternoon market because it provides access to people who have jobs and can't come on Saturdays," Reynolds said.

Farmers Market Manager Isaac Campbell was busy selling wooden tokens that could be used with any vendor to people with credit and debit cards.

"Tuesday afternoons provide another opportunity for farmers and vendors to connect with the community," Campbell said. "It's good to have another market day for customers with SNAP and EBT cards to buy healthy, local produce with our matching funds."

The afternoon Salem Farmers Market is open from 3-6 p.m. each Tuesday through the end of August. The market is located at the corner of Main and Broad streets.

Campbell said more vendors are expected to come each week.



Sammuel St. Fleur of Boho Bakery offers fat cookies with a choice of creams to stuff them with for "make your own Sammies".



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Antoinette Chahine of "Lebanese Baked Goods" cooks fresh falafel for wrap sandwiches.

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Warner talks rural broadband access at New Castle meeting



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER SHEDD

Sen. Warner met with Craig and Botetourt broadband industry representatives and citizens in New Castle on Saturday, July 16.

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Virginia Senator Mark Warner visited the Craig-Botetourt Electric Co-Op in New Castle on Saturday, July 16 to speak for an hour with local leaders in broadband and other industry representatives from Craig and Botetourt County.

“A reason I ran for governor, and for that matter Senate, is that I felt there was this promise of an interconnected world that would provide this ‘great leveler’ so that all the jobs wouldn’t need to be in areas that are strictly metropolitan,” Warner began. “Time and distance wouldn’t be the divider that they’ve always been, and it would really be an opportunity for people to not have to leave their hometown to find a job.”

The timing of the visit coincided with the current use of COVID-19 federal relief funds from the bipartisan infrastructure law and the American Rescue Plan. Last month, Warner announced that \$219.8 from the American Rescue Plan’s Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund would be distributed for broadband funding in Virginia. Now, he emphasizes the need to utilize that money to expand high-speed broadband access to Virginia’s rural communities.

“Virginia was one of the first places to start putting in the basic infrastructures on mid-atlantic broadband,” Warner stated. “Now, with COVID and with the funding coming out of that, there really is not going to be any reason we can’t get this done.”

Warner also noted that, speaking from his time in the telecom industry, most rural broadband companies have failed. What makes this time different, he said, is allowing rural electric cooperatives to provide the “last mile” of service to their customers, meaning servicing the physi-

cal final connection between a provider and a customer. According to Warner, large providers typically have not been equipped to adequately service the last mile in rural communities.

“I think it’s really important because many people who’ve tried in the past when we had municipal broadband—people didn’t know how to operate the system,” said Warner. “It’s one thing to go without, it’s another thing to be able to service your customers and operate on an ongoing basis. So both the fact that the rural electric co-ops can provide last mile, and the bigger players, the AEPs and the Dominions, can do the middle there...I think it’s a good idea.”

Unfortunately, Warner also noted that, due to the current historic spike in inflation and large-scale supply chain issues, certain hurdles still remain. One in particular is the cost of fiber optic cable, which has more than tripled since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. “It’s going to get worse before it gets better,” Warner commented gravely.

After addressing his major points, Warner opened the floor for questions both on broadband and in general. Another issue raised during the hour-long meeting was the difficulty in dealing with railroad companies while installing broadband infrastructure. Fiber optic cable must be run underneath train tracks, and only a representative from the railroad company is allowed to undertake such a project; it was noted that these companies have been notoriously unpredictable with scheduling and re-scheduling. Additionally, an individual from Craig raised the idea of taxing the Jefferson National Forest land at a higher level to increase county revenues. Warner replied to both that these are organizations that are difficult to work with politically, but assured all that his office would look into it.

Roanoke College’s Kassens authors study in new position with Federal Reserve Bank

~Dr. Alice Kassens is a research fellow with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis’ Institute for Economic Equity.~

Submitted by Roanoke College News

A Roanoke professor is hitting the ground running in a new role.

Dr. Alice Kassens, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics at Roanoke College, recently became a research fellow with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis’ Institute for Economic Equity. Just a few weeks into having this position, Kassens has already co-written a fascinating study.

Kassens worked alongside William M. Rogers III, the director of the institute, for a study entitled What Does the Beveridge Curve Tell Us about the Labor Market Recovery. It’s a three-part series on the current labor market.

Kassens’ position requires that she writes several research papers a year, which the institute will then publish. She will also participate in research workshops with the other research fellows at the institute. Kassens, who is also the head of the Center for Economic Freedom at Roanoke College, said positions like this are usually held by academics from major research colleges and universities – so it’s a major accomplishment for a Roanoke College professor to find her way onto the list.



Dr. Alice Kassens

SUBMITTED PHOTO

“Being named a Research Fellow with an institution like the Federal Reserve Bank is a dream come true,” Kassens said. “These positions are typically held by academics from R1 or R2 institutions, so this is an exceptional opportunity and I aim to make Roanoke College shine. I am honored that the Federal Reserve Bank, and the Institute for Economic Equity specifically, offered me the position. It will enable me to share my research on mental health and the labor market with a large audience.”

Rodgers was Kassens’ professor and advisor when she was an undergraduate at The College of William and Mary, and the two have kept in touch and worked together ever since. In 2021, they were two co-authors of a study that examined mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“He has been my mentor and inspiration since I was in college,” Kassens said. “Without Bill, his belief in me, and his encouragement, I do not know if I would have gone on to graduate school.”

Blue Ridge Potters Guild comes to the Salem Museum

Submitted by Blue Ridge Potters Guild

Blue Ridge Potters Guild members will be demonstrating various pottery techniques at the Salem Museum, 801 E Main Street in Salem, on Saturday, July 30 and Saturday, August 6.

On July 30, Sandy Walker will be making handmade pottery tools from 10 a.m. to noon, and Carol Eaton will be demonstrating hand-building and decorating techniques from 1 to 3 p.m.

On August 6, Stephanie Firestone will be demonstrating throwing and hand-building a structural piece from 10 a.m. to noon, and Lyn Jordan will demonstrate throwing on the wheel from 1 to 3 p.m.

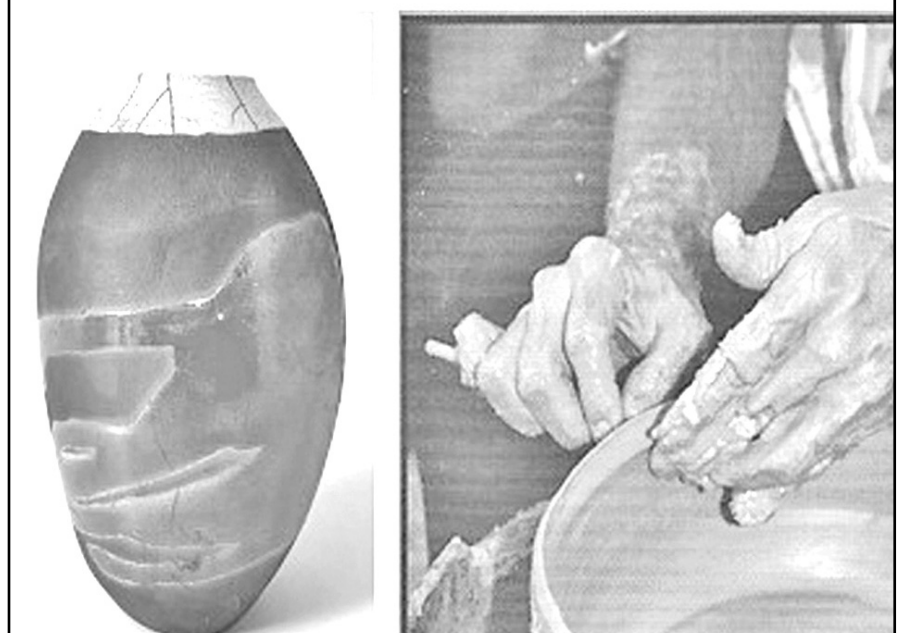
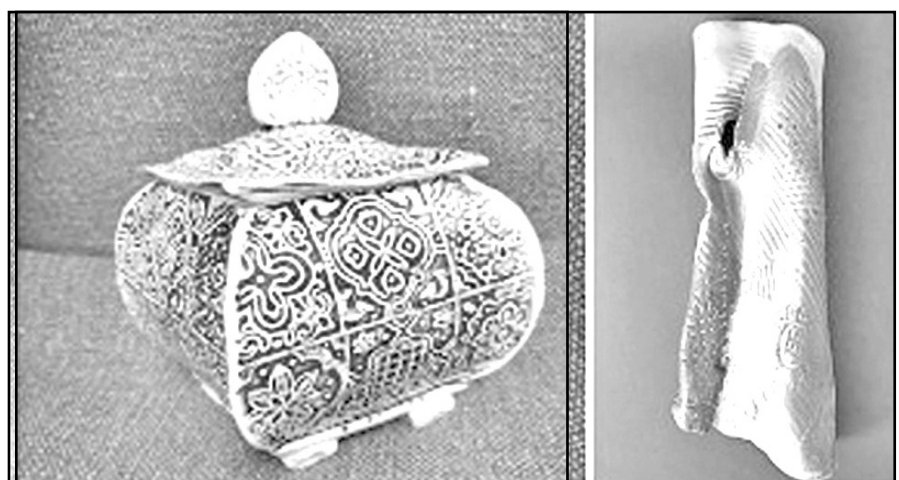
Watch as these potters create

unique pieces. Feel free to ask questions and get to know the potters. The programs are free and open to the public.

One more program will be held on November 5 and will feature different potters.

Also explore the family-friendly Salem Museum that has exhibits on various topics throughout the Museum. Admission is free. It is located in the historic 1845 Williams-Brown House. The current featured exhibit is “Cheers for 30 Years, Salem Museum’s 30th Anniversary Exhibit”.

For more information about the Potters Guild visit <https://www.blueridgepotters.com/>; for more information about the Salem Museum visit <https://salemuseum.org/> or visit us on Facebook.



School Board approves revised 2022-2023 budget

~Additional 1% pay raise, bonuses added to budget~

Submitted by the Roanoke County School Board

The Roanoke County School Board has approved a revised general fund budget of \$174,578,134. Combined with several special purpose funds, the total 2022-2023 revised budget is \$235,754,670. Following the approval of the state budget, the revised Roanoke County Public Schools budget includes a total of \$7.52 million in additional state and local funds. The general fund budget increased by about \$2.46 million, and the major projects fund increased by \$4.31 million.

Key highlights in this revised budget include:

An increase the pay raise for all employees from six-percent to seven-percent.

An increase in bus driver substitute pay by \$1/hour and other increases in bus driver pay for extra runs and summer school runs.

Funding for six additional School Resource Officers (SROs) and equipment (the school board is requesting the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors

ultimately cover this expense as a public safety need).

A bonus of at least \$575 (this could increase some) for all employees in December to be funded using ARPA revenue.

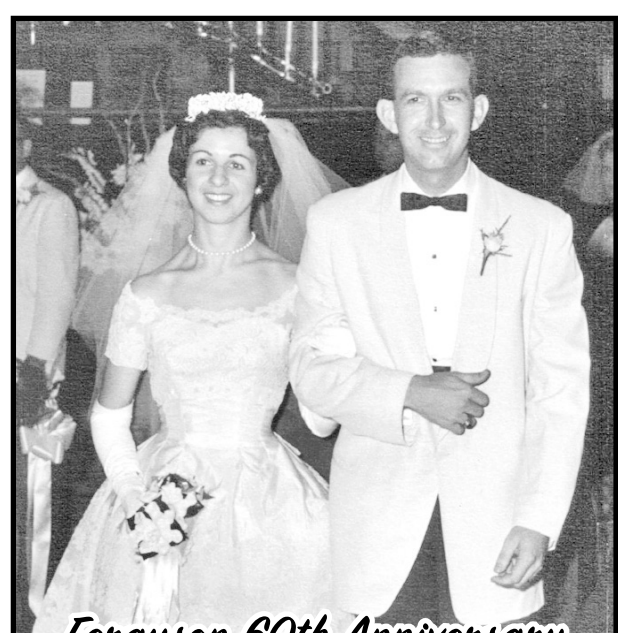
Purchase of land for the new RCPS Career and Technical Center using part of the additional revenue in the major projects fund.

“We are grateful for the extra revenue provided by the state and the county, and we’re pleased we can use that extra funding to increase the pay raise for our employees,” said David Linden, chairman of the Roanoke County School Board.

“I’m happy that the board is continuing their commitment to improving staff salaries and I’m also pleased that our employees will get an extra bonus in December,” said Dr. Ken Nicely, superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools.

“Our teachers and staff go above and beyond every day to help our students learn and succeed, and I want our staff to know that their work is greatly appreciated. We are going to continue to explore ways to increase salaries in the future,” Dr. Nicely said.

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Ferguson 60th Anniversary

Amy Burgiss and Clay Ferguson would like to congratulate our parents Joe and Mary Ann Ferguson for their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on July 28, 1962 in Mt. Airy, NC and currently live in Salem, VA.

OPINION

Events of Summer

Frances Stebbins has been covering events in Western Virginia, especially those relating to faith communities, since 1953. She lives in Salem.

College Lutheran Church – and probably others—also has a garden for donation of vegetables.

Earlier this month, when I wrote of my experience with a summer vegetable garden, it was brought to my attention that some congregations, where the church building sits on enough ground, maintain a garden. Vegetables are grown to obtain fresh food for pantries that serve low income households.

In Salem there is such a space off Clay Street near Salem Presbyterian Church; it's called The Giving Garden. Folk who are willing to give a little time to weed, can come on the first Saturday morning in each month.

Volunteers are reminded that while "things that grow" garbage can enrich the soil as compost, discarded meat attracts undesirable animals; egg shells and coffee grounds are acceptable.

Speaking of food: When I shop at a Kroger grocery store, I usually buy a parsnip, but apparently few others do, for I have not seen the pale yellow root vegetable that tastes like a sweet carrot at any other store. One of my paternal aunts of southern background had them frequently when I visited her, and sometimes my mother would purchase one in our small Piedmont Virginia town.

I have eaten parsnips at Hotel Roanoke's dining room, which should make them acceptable, yet when I pay for mine, the cashier often does not recognize them and charges me for a carrot. Get them fresh, not wrinkled, slice them and cook briefly until tender. Then sauté them in a butter substitute.

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

I am grateful that the small group of Roanoke Valley folk who worship as a Society of Friends (Quakers) have become the local quakers in a program to exchange guns for groceries. In response to a story in the daily newspaper, I sent a small check to The Roanoke Quaker Meeting, 505 Day Avenue SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016, and received thanks from two leaders of the group, Dr. Michael Heller and Dr. Catherine Koebel, along with Dr. Brenda Hale, president of the Roanoke Branch of the NAACP, which is sponsoring the effort to reduce gun violence in the valley. Roanoke Police are also supportive, the story stated.

Quakers traditionally have been activists for non-violence following the Biblical mandate of "turning swords into plowshares."

The idea is to turn in a gun and receive in exchange a grocery gift card in return. The thank-you letter I received said that on June 25, when the most recent Buy Back Day was promoted, 151 guns were taken in, and 100 gun locks were distributed thus reducing the risk of murder and suicide. To learn more, those interested can use the email address of quakersroanoke@gmail.com.

It's the time of year when people active in their religious communities are often in the midst of pastoral transitions. For clergy with families, school vacation time is easier to adjust to in a new community. (When I began covering the big annual meeting United Methodists hold to conduct business and transfer pastors, it was in October, but now they, as well as several Pentecostal and other faith groups, meet in June or July.)

Clergy and lay leaders in Virginia's predominant Lutheran group, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), with which Roanoke College is affiliated, also gather for busi-

ness and fellowship in summer.

This year, the big news is the retirement of Bishop Robert Humphrey who at 68 is completing 41 years as pastor of congregations and as administrative head of this group in most of Virginia. He has served for the past five years as bishop. Unlike bishops in several other denominations, Lutherans regard theirs as mainly executives rather than in an "apostolic succession."

United Methodists are also making some administrative changes by reducing the number of districts in the Virginia Conference governed from Richmond.

For those in parishes nearby, this means that the current District Superintendent Douglas Forrester will be administrator of districts in both Roanoke and Staunton. There will continue to be an office in each but they will be called the Valley Ridge District and designated North (Staunton) and South (Roanoke.) A drop in membership and shifting population patterns are causing similar adjustments around the nation, materials from the national press office indicates.

Read All About It: journalism novel hits shelves this July

By Charissa Roberson, Student Reporter

Freelance journalist and photographer Dan Smith has poured his extensive industry experience into his newest work

of fiction, NEWS! A Novel, which will be released on July 31. This novel follows a young journalist named Eb McCourry as he navigates the changing world of print journalism in the late '60s.

Whether you follow the news closely or simply find the life of a journalist intriguing, this book will have something for you. Smith's hands-on and up-close experience as a journalist himself (a former editor of the Salem Times-Register, among other accolades and positions) shines through in the novel, which is replete with interesting details that could only come from someone who has been in his characters' shoes. How does a journalist interact with police and government officials? How many sources do they need for a credible story? What is "the morgue"? These are only a few of the questions and situations explored in Smith's new novel.

NEWS! offers an inside perspective on the world of journalism, specifically in the 1960s. Civil rights movements, new ways of reporting and electric typewriters are among a few of the crucial changes going on during the period of journalism covered in NEWS!. Main character McCourry has to confront these changes while proving himself as an up-and-coming reporter ready to tackle some of

the biggest stories of the day. Alongside him is a cast of diverse characters, including Ella, the paper's other star reporter, who consistently stands out for her work ethic and boldness. Smith conducted research to learn how Ella, who is deaf, would work and thrive in an entirely hearing work environment. The novel's unique setting in Asheville, North Carolina, where Smith is originally from, also grounds the story in reality. Smith paints a colorful, multi-faceted image of this city and the area surrounding it. When you finish reading, you may feel as if you have visited the city yourself. The novel benefits from focusing on one particular newspaper in one particular city, allowing Smith to fill the novel with descriptive details drawn from his lived experiences.

Despite Eb McCourry's central status, the main character of this book is truly the news itself (fitting well with the title). We see horrific accidents, scandals, and murders play out through the pages of newsprint. We follow along as the reporters race to track down sources, quotes, scoops. Smith shows us how journalists take a smattering of facts and construct it into a well-researched, gripping

article. Both McCourry's newspaper and the standard practices of reporting go through changes throughout the novel. The characters, however, experience less substantial change. Think of this book as a "year in the life" of a rising young journalist and his teammates. There are few major setbacks or moments of soul searching for the characters themselves. McCourry hardly ever has a failure to wrestle with as he meets with success after success. The book is less about the characters' internal struggles and more about giving readers a peek into the inner workings of a newspaper. Taken as such, NEWS! is an educational, interesting and exciting read. When you're done, you will understand journalism better and likely have a greater appreciation for those writing the news every day.

While the book clearly emphasizes its supportive stance for issues such as racial equality and women's rights, and features several strong female characters, some moments still register as uncomfortable. One such example is an explicit scene of sexual assault towards a female character.

While the act is treated as despicable and horrifying in the novel, one has

to ask the question of why the scene was included at all. The assault does little to nothing to advance the plot, and a few chapters later everyone seems to have forgotten about it completely. If this assault, as horrible as it is, had had a significant impact on the novel or had given the main characters a serious internal struggle to grapple with, it would have been understandable. As it is, the sexual assault feels unnecessary and out of place, and the author risks seriously disturbing some readers by its inclusion.

Despite some questionable moments, however, overall NEWS! is an entertaining read with interesting insights into the world of journalism. Dan Smith has drawn on his own experiences to craft a work of fiction that blends realistic details with a fresh new story. If you would like to learn more about reporting in the 60s in Asheville, pick up NEWS! A Novel when it releases on July 31 – and support local author Dan Smith, who currently resides in Roanoke, VA.

The book's launch will take place at Hollins College on July 31. After the release, Smith will be doing a signing event at the Vinton Museum on Friday, August 5 at 11 a.m.

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- Stage actor Anthony
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- Polish Baltic peninsula
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- The immaterial part of a person
- Anoint
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- Small island (British)
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- Title of respect
- Investigated discreetly
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- Black tropical American cuckoo
- Music genre
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- Secured forever
- Bodily cavity
- A dog is one
- Chose to do something
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- Beg
- Docket
- Subway dwelling rodent
- Sources
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- Spanish city
- Consumed
- Ballplayer's tool
- Midway between north and east
- Atomic #3

"A wild ride through journalism" - Dan Casey, Roanoke Times

NEWS!

a novel

PIHOTO COURTESY OF DAN SMITH

NEWS! A Novel, a new book by local journalist Dan Smith, releases on July 31.

The Training Program: Week 7

By Chamberlain Zulauf, Student Reporter

I started week 7 of the training program with my first day off of the summer. I did have miles which needed to be run and I got all the way to the track before making a final decision; sometimes mileage is the most intimidating when you're about to take your first step. In mo-

ments like that it can seem like your miles are all laid out in front of yourself, both endless and staring you in the face all at once. All things considered, I will be fine for missing a day, and will try to make it up throughout the week. If I don't then I don't. It's better to have given my body the rest it was asking for.

For the most part I've been eating up these last few weeks of

loaded mileage. There is a mental stride/rhythm I try to stay in where waking up in the morning and running double digit miles doesn't totally deflate me. I've been doing good to keep up with my lifting and core as well yet still, it's incredibly easy to falter in while practicing.

A runner's schedule is a very delicate thing and can easily be thrown off. The day before my

self-prescribed mini-vacation was a 13-mile-long run. Usually, I get my runs in the morning but on Sunday I didn't get around to running until around 7.

Changing up the running time affected my rhythm badly and is what made running the next morning much more daunting. The point of running at the same time every day is to get a full days' worth of recovery in between runs. Deviating and doing my long run at 7 cut my recovery by more than half. So, the next day, I'm standing on Roanoke's

track at seven in the morning, mentally battling with myself to take the first step on an 11-mile run.

My thought process didn't go much farther than 'I really don't want to do this today'. For the first time in 7 weeks my heart was not in it. I came to terms with that, accepted the setback then stepped off the track and went back to bed. My mind and body were asking for a day off and I was willing to oblige because I know I still have the rest of summer to run through.

Friendship Retirement Community holds first in-person graduation of Student Nursing Assistants since COVID

Submitted by Friendship Retirement Community

Friendship Retirement Community, a local leader in senior living and rehabilitation, holds the first in-person graduation class of Student Nursing Assistants (SNA) since COVID.

Friendship had 12 students graduate from an in-house four-week class starting on May 23rd. After graduation, each student was placed at either Friendship Health and Rehabilitation Center North (FHRC-N), Friendship Health and Rehabilitation Center South (FHRC-S), or Salem Terrace. In an effort to help potential and current employees with continuing education, Friendship offers a SNA class. This program is beneficial to those in the community looking for a career in health care. Students are paid and employed by Friendship while going through the SNA class where Friend-

ship sponsors each individual. After successful completion of the SNA class, Friendship pays for State Board Testing to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

"It was nice to hold an in-person graduation for my students since COVID" said Melissa Dillard. "I enjoy being a part of the process to teach and educate our employees to better themselves."

Each person in the graduating class was recognized by the President & CEO, Joe Hoff, and received their Nursing Assistant certificate.

"I love seeing our employees grow within Friendship," said President & CEO Joe Hoff. "It is always an honor to celebrate with our graduates."

Friendship received The Roanoker's Gold Award for Best Employer! Friendship will be offering another class beginning August 29th. If you are interested in joining our team, apply online

at friendship.us/careers or call 540-265-2109.

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

540-265-2100.

Friendship offers diverse senior living accommodations, award-winning care, new and innovative services as well as specialized rehab and

therapy, to over 900 residents and patients. The community opened its first building in 1966 and has grown to offer the full continuum of healthcare, including an adult day

care center, home care services, physician clinic, on-site pharmacy, and Club Friendship, a full-service restaurant and bar. Visit friendship.us for more information.



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OBITUARIES

Bagnell, Roland Samuel

Roland Samuel Bagnell, 87, of Strasburg, Va. passed away Monday, July 4, 2022, at Rose Hill Health and Rehabilitation Center in Berryville, Va.

A funeral service for Mr. Bagnell was conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2022, at the Emmanuel Church at Fishers Hill with Rev. Dan Locke officiating. Burial followed in the Fishers Hill Cemetery. The family received friends at Stover Funeral Home on Thursday, July 7, 2022.

Mr. Bagnell was born in Strasburg, Va. on April 26, 1935, a son of the late Harry J. Bagnell, Sr. and the late Doris Bauserman Bagnell. He was a 1953 graduate of Strasburg High School. Roland worked for the family dairy farm from 1953 until 1962 when they sold the dairy operation because I-81 split the farm in half. Roland worked for Irvin, Inc. in Edinburg, Va. for 39 years, retiring in 2000. He loved working in his garden, mowing his lawn, washing his cars, camping with his family and grandchildren, and putting up his outside Christmas lights. Roland and Sarah loved to square dance on Saturday nights.

Roland was a life member of the Emmanuel Church at Fishers Hill, Va. He served in the leadership of the church. He also taught Sunday school. He was a member of the Maur-Brook-Olive Ruritan Club, joining in 1961. Roland's dad, Roland, and his son Dennis were three-generation Ruritan members of the club. He had 61 years of service with perfect attendance for every year. He served as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and committee chairman. He was Past Governor of the Zone-5 Rockingham District Ruritans. He was presented the Tom Downing Fellow Award in 2008, the highest honor in Ruritan National. Fewer than one percent of all Ruri-



tans hold this honor. He was a scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 57 for 12 years. He took many boy scouts on camping trips, especially to Camp Rock Enon. He also had several boy scouts attain their Eagle Scout.

Roland is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, whom he married on June 27, 1954, Sarah Jane Bagnell of Strasburg; his son Dennis Bagnell (Denise) of Clearbrook, Va; his daughter Debora Nixon (John) of Salem, Va.; his grandsons Brandon Bagnell (Jessica) of Stephens City, Va., Blake Bagnell of Clearbrook, Va., Kyle Nixon (Michelle) of Roanoke, Va., Justin Nixon (Carly) of Richmond, Va.; his two granddaughters Lauren Bagnell of Clearbrook, Va., Emma Nixon (boyfriend Davey Greene) of Richmond, Va., two great-granddaughters Addison and Grace; his brother Harry Bagnell Jr. (Sandy) of Strasburg, Va. along with two nephews J.D. and Zane along with a niece Chanda.

Pallbearers were Brandon Bagnell, Blake Bagnell, Kyle Nixon, Justin Nixon, Dwayne Lichliter, Danny Lichliter, Gary Totten, Phil Bauserman and Davey Greene. Honorary pallbearers will be James Kibler, Ray Ritenour and members of the Maur-Brook-Olive Ruritan Club.

Memorials may be made to Emmanuel Church at Fishers Hill, P.O. Box 45, Fishers Hill, Va. 22626 or the Ruritan National Foundation, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, Va. 24084. Designate the donation for the #1836 Dennis Bagnell Educational Fund.

Stover Funeral Home and Crematory, Strasburg, Va. served the family of Mr. Roland S. Bagnell. You may sign the guestbook and submit condolences to the family at www.stoverfuneralhome.com. To plant a tree in memory of Roland Samuel Bagnell please visit our Tribute Store.

Harless, Judith Gail Stinson

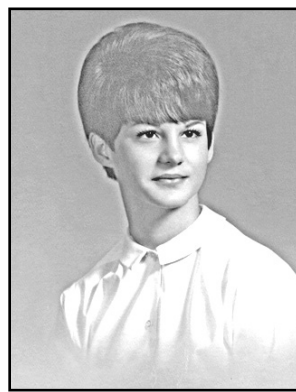
Judith (Judy) Gail Stinson Harless, age 70, resident of Fort Wayne, IN passed away in Parkview Hospital on June 9, 2022.

Judy, the youngest of five children, was born to Gladys and Virgil Stinson and grew up in Salem, VA. She attended Academy Street School, Broad Street School, and Andrew Lewis High School, graduating as a member of the ALHS Class of 1970 with her classmates and friends of many years. Her favorite memories from her high school years were as a member of the ALHS Marching Band.

Following completion of her secretarial course at National Business College in Roanoke, VA she accepted a secretarial position with General Electric, and then transitioned to the GE IT Global Help desk holding positions as a Help Desk Specialist and Help Desk Project Leader while working on several major projects during her tenure. She retired from GE after 40 years from the Fort Wayne, IN office.

Judy was predeceased by her parents, Gladys Bennington Stinson and Clarence Virgil Stinson, her brothers, W. (Bill) R. Stinson, I, Stephen Lee Stinson, Sr, her niece, Stephanie Stinson Mariche, brothers-in-law, Bobby L. Darnall (Phyllis) and M.(Mack) D. Brooks, (Patricia) and great-nephew Arik Brown.

Judy is survived by her sisters, Phyllis Stinson Darnall, Patricia Stinson Brooks; her sisters-in-law, Peggy H. Stinson (Bill) and Barbara C Stinson (Steve); her nieces and nephews, Kelly Darnall (Sandi), Deana Turnip-



seed (Wes), Darren Felty (Cris), W.R. (Randy) Stinson, II (Jenny), and Stephen, (Steve) L. Stinson, Jr. (Robin), several great-nieces and great-nephews and several great-great nieces and great-great nephews.

As a member of Central Methodist Church, Judy was an active member in their scouting program starting out as a Brownie in her mother's Brownie Scout Troop. In the mid-1970's she continued her support of the Girl Scout organization by becoming the leader of her own troop and recruiting family members, her sister Pat as assistant leader and her niece Deana and Deana's friend Angie as Scouts.

While at G. E. she was active in several philanthropic efforts with Toys for Tots and Adopting a Family Program at Christmas in Ft. Wayne, IN.

Upon her retirement, Judy honored the wishes of her father, mother, and Great Aunt Elma in pursuing the creation of a family ancestry tree for both branches of her family. Using her computer skills, analytical talents, interest in family history and building on family Biblical records and her father's correspondence with cousins, she created a Family Tree consisting of 800+ family members, dating back to the early 1700's that she ever so efficiently, graciously, and generously shared with all of our family.

A private celebration of her life is planned for and will be scheduled later in her hometown of Salem, VA. Donations in her memory may be made to your local SPCA or your favorite charitable organization.

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LewisGale Medical Center Opens Second Freestanding ER

Submitted by Lewis-Gale Medical Center

Officials with LewisGale Medical Center, Roanoke County, and the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house yesterday to celebrate the opening of the hospital's second freestanding emergency room, named Blue Hills ER.

Located at 1423 West Ruritan Road in Roanoke, the nearly 10,000-square-foot freestanding emergency room is staffed by more than 30 employees, including board-certified emergency room physicians and nurses, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It will provide the same services as an emergency room that is housed within the walls

of a hospital. "The ER is the front door to the majority of patients who are suffering a heart attack, stroke, or other life-threatening illness or injury and, in these cases, fast intervention is the difference between life and death," said Puneet Chopra, MD, emergency department medical director. "In these emergency situations, every minute matters and having access to unparalleled medical care at a facility nearby will save lives and enhance patient recovery."

Joining the only other freestanding ER in Southwest Virginia, the Cave Spring ER, Blue Hills ER is designed to meet the community's needs today and into the future. The new state-of-the-art facility features walk-in and ambulance

entrances, eight private treatment rooms, CT capabilities, digital ultrasound and diagnostic x-rays, and on-site laboratory.

"As the greater Roanoke County community continues to expand, the need for 24/7 emergency care close to where people live and work is paramount," stated Alan Fabian, LewisGale Regional Health System market president. "We are excited to establish another access point for all those in need of emergency medical care."

"It is very rewarding to see LewisGale Medical Center make this significant investment in our community," said Jim McAden, LewisGale Medical Center board chairman. "I am confident our citizens and businesses will appreciate having these services

available to them when they are needed most."

LewisGale Regional Health System includes 44 HCA Virginia Health System-owned patient care facilities including four hospitals, two freestanding ERs, two

regional cancer centers and affiliations with both employed and independent physicians. HCA Virginia Health System operates 14 hospitals, 27 outpatient centers, six freestanding emergency rooms and

is affiliated with 3,000 physicians. The private hospital system is one of Virginia's largest employers, provides \$105.7 million in charity and uncompensated care, and pays \$88.9 million in taxes annually.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony at Blue Hills ER



The new LewisGale Blue Hills ER complex



Roanoke County Supervisor Phil North and Market President Alan Fabian

Virginia Land Conservation Foundation opens record \$14.9 million grant round

Submitted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation is accepting applications for nearly \$15 million in land conservation grants, a record amount.

A total of \$16 million

each in fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024 was approved in the state budget, with \$4 million each year allocated to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. Another \$2.9 million in previously awarded grants that was not spent because projects were withdrawn or

came in under budget is being made available, in addition to the newly allocated \$12 million.

The foundation provides grants to support conservation in the following categories: farmland preservation, forest preservation, historic preservation, natural area

protection, and open spaces and parks.

The program provides 50-50 matching grants for localities and non-profit conservation entities.

Under state legislation that went into effect on July 1, Virginia's Indian tribes will be eligible to apply for the first time. State agencies and federally or state-recognized Indian tribes may receive 100%.

The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

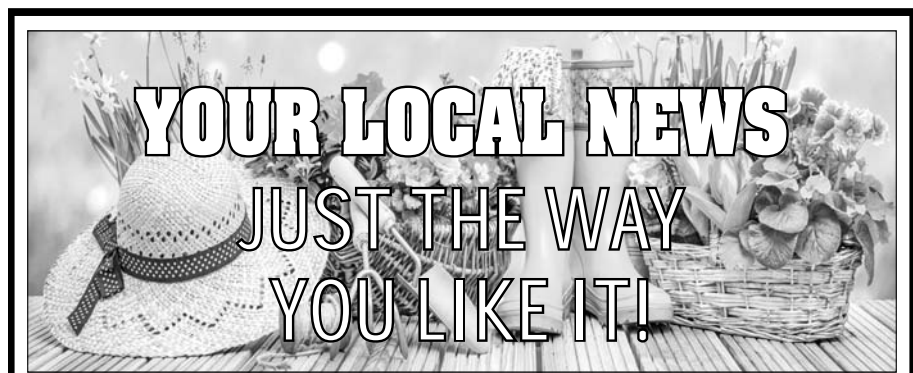
A virtual workshop for potential applicants is scheduled for Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. Details about the workshop, the grant manual and application are posted at <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/land-conservation/vlcf>.

In 2021, the board awarded \$7.5 million for the fiscal year 2022 grant round to fund 30

conservation projects and protect 8,000 acres of land across the commonwealth.

VLCF board members are appointed by the governor, the Senate and the House of Delegates. The board includes the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources, who serves as chair, and the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.

DCR provides staff support to the board.



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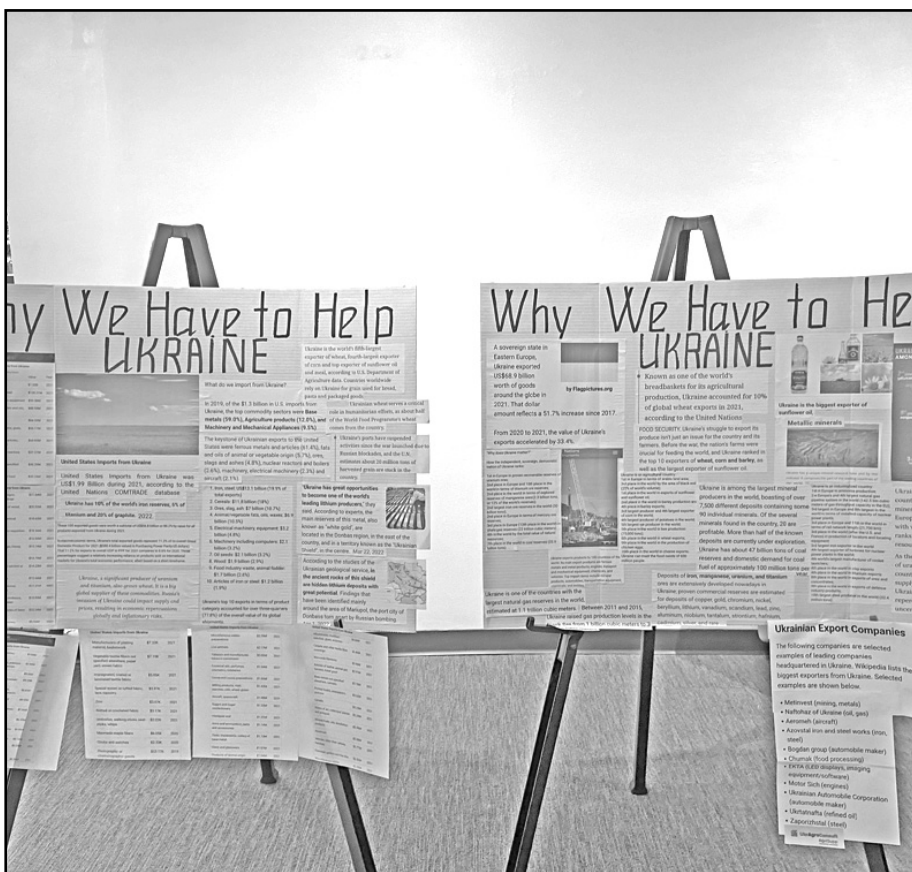
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story of perspective starting with a list of people he has connections to in Ukraine and have been affected by Russia's invasion. A few of such friends have kept the Kharkiv Music Festival, which Khristenko co-founded, floating through wartime. The music fest doesn't look like it once did, being held by five volunteer musicians in a subway shelter this past year.

One of the most poignant moments of the concert was Khristenko's encore, Dreams taken from Shuman's Scenes from Childhood. Khristenko lamented that instead of normal things, children in Ukraine dream of the day the war will end. His performance left the audience speechless, gathering our wits before we could stand to celebrate the message in his playing.



An overflow of reasons Ukraine is worth helping

PHOTO BY CHAMBERLAIN ZULAU

Bank of Botetourt's President & CEO elected to the Virginia Bankers Association's Board of Directors

Submitted by Bank of Botetourt

Bank of Botetourt is pleased to share that its President and CEO, G. Lyn Hayth, III has been elected to serve on the Virginia Bankers Association Board of Directors. The Virginia Bankers Association represents banks of all sizes and charters and has served as the unified voice for Virginia's \$881 billion banking industry and its 45,000 employees since 1893.

G. Lyn Hayth, III has been with the Bank for 36 years, and has been in banking for almost 40 years. Since becoming CEO

in 2010 the Bank has expanded from ten branches to thirteen, covering more than 2,500 square miles with more than \$717 million in total assets. Bank of Botetourt is proud to be the largest bank headquartered in the Roanoke MSA and is now the longest serving financial institution in our region.

Hayth graduated from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics and a Master of Science Degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is a graduate of the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at

the University of Virginia and is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University. He resides in Botetourt County with his wife, Angela.

Bank of Botetourt was chartered in 1899 and operates thirteen retail offices in Botetourt, Rockbridge, Roanoke, and Franklin counties, the City of Salem, and the Town of Vinton, all in Virginia. Bank of Botetourt also operates a mortgage division, Virginia Mountain Mortgage and a financial services division, Botetourt Wealth Management.



Bank of Botetourt President and CEO G. Lyn Hayth, III

"The Care Colloquium" National Thought Leadership on Caregiving Conference announces additional speakers and partnerships

Submitted by the Care Colloquium

The Care Colloquium, a national thought leadership conference on caregiving issues will be held November 14 -16 in Roanoke, Virginia at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. The Care Colloquium is a space for care economy leaders to network, build mutually beneficial collaborations, and tackle difficult family caregiver challenges contributing to our nation's care crisis. The event brings together business and organizational leaders across the nation involved in the care economy and aging field.

We are only four months away from our inaugural colloquium and are excited to announce even more nationally recognized caregiving experts have accepted our invitation

to speak to our ever-expanding list of care economy leaders that will be in attendance.

Elizabeth Miller - Founder of Happy Healthy Caregiver. Elizabeth Miller is a family caregiver advocate, speaker, author, and Certified Caregiving Consultant. Elizabeth's personal experiences caring for aging parents with chronic and terminal illnesses and for a sibling with developmental disabilities inspired her to create Happy Healthy Caregiver in 2015.

Through her coaching services, speaking, award-winning podcast, book, and online community, Elizabeth helps family caregivers infuse caregiving and self-care with their busy lives. She is the host of the Happy Healthy Caregiver podcast on the Whole Care Network, author of Just for You:

A Daily Self-Care Journal and facilitates an Atlanta support group for family caregivers called the Atlanta Daughterhood Circle.

Noel Anderson and Lillian Gray with Anderson Music Therapy. Noel Anderson founded Anderson Music Therapy Services in 2011 and has been a board-certified music therapist for over 14 years. She is certified in Neurologic Music Therapy, which she uses to collaborate with hospice care and Adult Day Care Centers to provide seniors with Music Therapy.

Lillian Gray is a board-certified music therapist, neurologic music therapist, and licensed professional counselor in residence. She enjoys empowering clients with various developmental, neurological,

and mental health needs. Lillian also enjoys facilitating music therapy groups and co-leading groups with other mental health professionals.

Heather Zoccali - Founder and Executive Director of Brutally Beautiful. Heather's work with Brutally Beautiful is focused on her story and work advocating for family caregivers and people living with disabilities. She believes in the power of sharing our messy, challenging moments and celebrating the small victories that help us turn our pain into power.

"Life is brutal and beautiful, but seeing and creating the beautiful moments are on us."

Heather Zoccali is also the Founder and Director of the No Barriers Caregivers Program, whose mission provides tools for holistic healing for

caregivers; self-awareness/compassion, forgiveness, soul care, and rediscovery of self outside of their caregiver role.

The State of Colorado has recognized Heather for her pioneering work for family caregivers, CSU as a Home-town Hero, and nominated as a visionary caregiver and top caregiver program by caregiving.com.

If you are a Founder, CEO, COO, Executive Director, or President of a business in the care economy, we invite you to join us! Together we can create magic for family caregivers!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available at different levels and can be seen at our website at www.TheCareColloquium.com. Registration is also open with early-bird discounts available.



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UPCOMING EVENTS







Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
 Salem Gun & Knife Sale	Sat, July 16 Sun, July 17	9:00 am - 5:00 pm 10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Adult: \$10.00 Ages 12 and Under Free with Paying Adult.	Arena	Tickets at the Door
For more information visit www.cegunshows.com					
 DMV2Go	Mon, July 18 Tue, July 19	9:00 am - 4:00 pm 9:00 am - 4:00 pm LUNCH 12:30 - 1:30	Free Admission!	Parlor C	Open to the Public
Schedule an appointment at https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/onlineservices/appointments.aspx					
Apply/renew your Driver's License. Get an ID card. Apply for a Veteran ID card. Get a copy of your driving record. Obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals, transcripts, and more!					
 Roanoke Valley Sports Club: High School Football Coaches Night	Thur, July 21	Social 5:45 pm Dinner 6:15 pm Program 7:00 pm	Members: \$22.50 Non-Members: \$28.00 Kids ages 4-12: \$10.00	Community Room	RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED 540-353-1103 or Website
Featuring coaches from Glenvar, William Fleming, Patrick Henry, Salem and Hidden Valley High Schools. www.roanokevalleysportsclub.com					
 Spa Blowout	Fri, July 22 Sat, July 23 Sun, July 24	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm 10:00 am - 8:00 pm 10:00 am - 6:00 pm	Free Admission	Arena	Open to the Public
Hot tubs & swim spas in stock! Save Thousands. For more information visit www.spablowout.com .					
 Hank Williams Jr.	Fri, July 29	8:00 pm	Reserved Seats: \$89.50 & \$125.00 Preferred Parking: SOLD OUT	Arena	LOW TICKET ALERT
Bocephus is BACK! LIMITED VIP Packages available online only. www.HankWilliamsJr.com					
 Annual Virginia Vintage Comic Book Show	Sat, July 30	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Adult: \$3.00 Ages 12 and Under FREE with Paying Adult.	Community Room	Tickets at the Door
This show features some of the best comic and collectibles dealers in the Southeastern United States and is know for focusing primarily on older comic books.					
 Summer Music Games of Southwest Virginia	Tues, Aug 2	Gates Open 5:00 pm Show Starts 7:00 pm	Tickets in Advance: \$35, \$30, \$25 Tickets increase by \$5 if purchased on day of show.	Salem Football Stadium	Tickets in Advance at SummerMusicGames.org
Drum Corps International will showcase four world class drum corps in competition right here in Salem! Tickets also available on day of show at the gate for additional \$5.					
 Mountain Valley Cluster Dog Show	Wed, Aug 3 Thurs, Aug 4 Fri, Aug 5 Sat, Aug 6 Sun, Aug 7	8:00 am - 4:00 pm Each Day	Free Admission!	Arena	Open to the Public
Come inside during the dog days of summer and watch these dogs and their handlers compete. For more information visit www.RoanokeKennelClub.com					
 Roanoke Valley Chapter IPMS Scale Model Show	Sat, Aug 13	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	\$5.00	Arena	Tickets at the Door
Scale Model Contest, Show & Swap Meet, Silent Auction. For additional information visit www.rvipms.com					
 31st Annual Car, Truck and Cycle Show	Sat, Aug 20	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Free Admission!	Parking Lot	Open to the Public
For more information visit StarCityCruisers.com					
 DMV2Go	Wed, Aug 24 Thur, Aug 25	9:00 am - 4:00 pm 9:00 am - 4:00 pm LUNCH 12:30 - 1:30	Free Admission!	Parlor C	Open to the Public
Schedule an appointment at https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/onlineservices/appointments.aspx					
Apply/renew your Driver's License. Get an ID card. Apply for a Veteran ID card. Get a copy of your driving record. Obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals, transcripts, and more!					
 35th Annual Mopars In The Valley Car & Truck Show	Sat, Sept.3	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Free Admission!	Parking Lot	Open to the Public
Vendors, swan meat, food, music 50/50, event t-shirts, and lots of beautiful cars and trucks to enjoy! Rain or shine event					
 Gary Allan	Sat, Sept 17	7:30 pm	Reserved Seats: \$37.50, \$47.50, \$57.50, \$67.50 & \$97.50 Preferred Parking: \$5.00	Arena	On Sale
Gary Allan has won over fans, peers, & critics with his signature blend of smoldering vocals, rebellious lyrics, & raucous live performances.					
 SW VA's Bigfoot & Friends - A Cryptid Celebration	Sat, Sept 24	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Ages 12 and up: \$10.00 Ages 12 and Under FREE with Paying Adult.	Arena	On Sale
Attention paranormal enthusiasts, Squatch hunters, Mothman fans and cryptid lovers - we are looking for you! See you in September for an out of this world event!					
 Koe Wetzel	Sat, Oct 22	7:30 pm	Reserved Seats: \$37.00, \$42.00, \$47.00, \$57.00 & \$67.00 Preferred Parking: SOLD OUT	Arena	On Sale
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Help us hit a grand slam and let's strike out hunger together!

Submitted by Feeding Southwest Virginia

W.S. Connelly & Co, Inc. would like to invite you to join us for a Community Outreach Event to benefit Feeding Southwest Virginia at the Red Sox Stadium in Salem, VA, on Sunday, Aug 7th, 2022. The gates will open at 4:05 PM for entrance to the baseball game.

W.S. Connelly & Co, Inc. has been operating locally since we were founded in the 1950s as a simple feed 'n' seed business with just a handful of employees. Today we have grown to over 100 employees across several states with multiple locations. We are a family-owned business with strong values... environmental stewardship, diversity and community engagement are our core operating beliefs.

W.S. Connelly & Co., Inc. has always been a great supporter of the local communities and we are proud to be hosting a food drive to raise food donations for the benefit of Feeding Southwest Virginia, a member food bank of Feeding America. Please join us on Aug 7, 2022, to help support your local food bank! Just bring your cans, or non-perishable food items, a minimum of one food

item per person (for the FIRST 500 PERSONS), and we will provide you with a ticket to the baseball game!

Feeding Southwest Virginia is a member of Feeding America®. For the last four decades, the Food Bank's ultimate mission is to nourish neighbors, engage community partners, and develop solutions to address food insecurity. The primary function of the Food

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Health Alert: Update about a restaurant worker with Hepatitis A at Roanoke restaurant

Submitted by the Roanoke County and Alleghany Health Districts

The Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCHAD) has identified that an employee of a local food establishment has been infected with hepatitis A. The local health department dispatched the environmental health team to Billy's Restaurant, 102 Market St. SE in Roanoke to conduct a comprehensive on-site inspection and to interview key personnel. The investigation determined that although the employee worked during the infectious period for hepatitis A (June 20 - July 6, 2022), the employee

did not handle food. The restaurant's management team is fully cooperating with the investigation.

As a result of the investigation and because the individual did not handle food, this situation does not meet the criteria to recommend post-exposure hepatitis A vaccine for patrons of the restaurant.

"While we are disappointed to announce another case connected to a current hepatitis A outbreak in our area, we believe this situation is low risk for the public. Still, the hepatitis A vaccine is recommended for all, since the current outbreak. Individuals who are uninsured or underinsured are encouraged

to reach out to RCAHD local health departments for vaccine opportunities," said RCAHD Health Director Dr. Cynthia Morrow.

Out of an abundance of caution and given the high level of sensitivity to the current hepatitis A outbreak in our community, the Roanoke City Health Department is offering free doses of hepatitis A vaccine to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last at a mobile clinic located across the street from the Roanoke Health Department (1513 Williamson Rd. NE, 24012): Tuesday, July 19, 11-2 p.m.

In addition to other local health department offices, many

pharmacies and primary care providers also offer hepatitis A vaccine.

Hepatitis A is an inflammation of the liver caused by the hepatitis A virus. Anyone who is not currently vaccinated against hepatitis A is encouraged to get the vaccine, which is available from many healthcare providers, health clinics and local pharmacies and is part of routine childhood vaccination series.


Exposure to hepatitis A virus may occur through direct contact with an infected person or by consuming food or drink that has been contaminated. Symptoms may develop 15 to 50 days following exposure. People are at increased risk if

they have been in close and continuous contact with an infected person, particularly in a household or day care setting.

Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water after using the bathroom, changing a diaper or before preparing food can help prevent the spread of hepatitis A. Routine vaccination reduces the risk of this disease and is available to anyone. Virginia has experienced widespread outbreaks of hepatitis A across the Commonwealth, and vaccination is recommended for everyone.

For more information, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/epidemiology-fact-sheets/hepatitis-a/.

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Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. Code Ann. §§8.01-316.-317
Case No. 22-7
Botetourt County Circuit Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re **James Daniel Hull Amy Diane Hammond, Stephen Holloway Hammond v. James Brandon Hull**
The object of this suit is to: Adopt James Daniel Hull by stepparent, Stephen Holloway Hammond. It is ORDERED that James Brandon Hull, whose location is unknown appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before August 15, 2022.
Signed and dated- Tommy L Moore, Clerk 06/24/2022

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY GROVER HOWELL, DECEASED

NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Lenden Eakin, attorney for the administrator c.t.a. of the estate of Gary Grover Howell, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Gary Grover Howell and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 17th day of August, 2022 at 9 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Gary Grover Howell or his estate, the priorities among them, a the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Gary Grover Howell, deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this 15th day of July, 2022. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Case No. CL22000756-00 Complainant, v. Mimia Lee Moore, ET AL., Respondent(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 406-4 90-93 Account No. 008301. Beginning at a point on the east side of Peach Street corner lot number ninety-four (94), Midway Heights, which beginning point is 125 feet south of the Intersection of Peach and Oak Streets; thence from said beginning point and with the line of lot number ninety-four (94), S 74° 00' E 200 feet to a point, common corner of lots numbers ninety-four (94), ninety-three (93), one hundred fifty-six (156) and one hundred fifty-seven (157); thence with the lines of lots numbers one hundred fifty-seven (157), One hundred fifty-eight (158), One hundred fifty-nine (159) and one hundred sixty (160), S 18° 00' W 100 feet to a point, common corner to lots numbers one hundred sixty (160), one hundred sixty-one (161), ninety (90) and eighty-nine (89), N 74° 00' W 200 feet to a point on the east side of Peach Street, thence with the east side of Peach Street, N 18° 00' E 100 feet to a point, corner to lot number ninety-four (94), the point of the beginning, and being all of lots number ninety (90) ninety-one (91) ninety-two (92) and ninety-three (93) as shown and designated on a map of Midway Heights, which map is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 140, page 497. And being the same property conveyed to Ira J. Moore and Mimia L. Moore by Rickey L. Stowers and Karen M. Stowers by Deed dated October 29, 1985, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia on November 15, 1985. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.
IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identities and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known address for the Respondents herein are as follows: Mimia Lee Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 3055 Peach Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Ira J Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before August 12, 2022 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their

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interests in this cause. Entered on the 6th day of July, 2022.
K. Mike Fleenor, Jr., Judge I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805)
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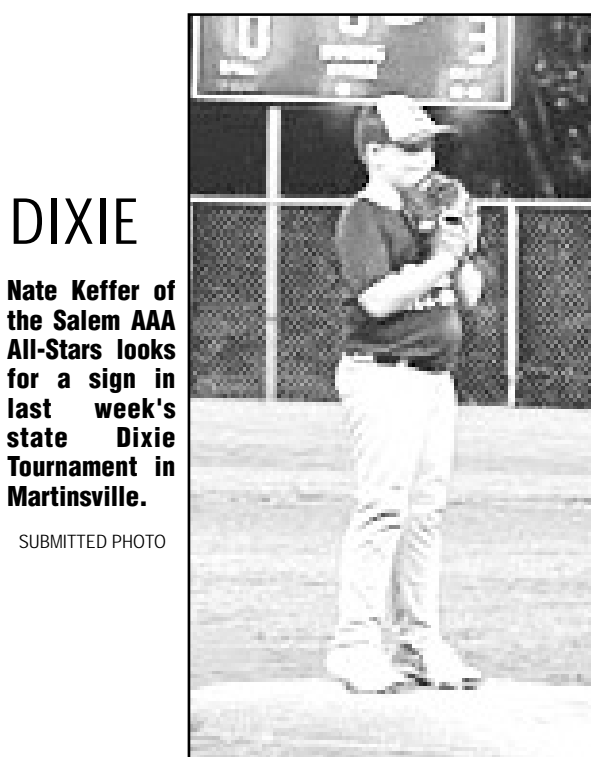
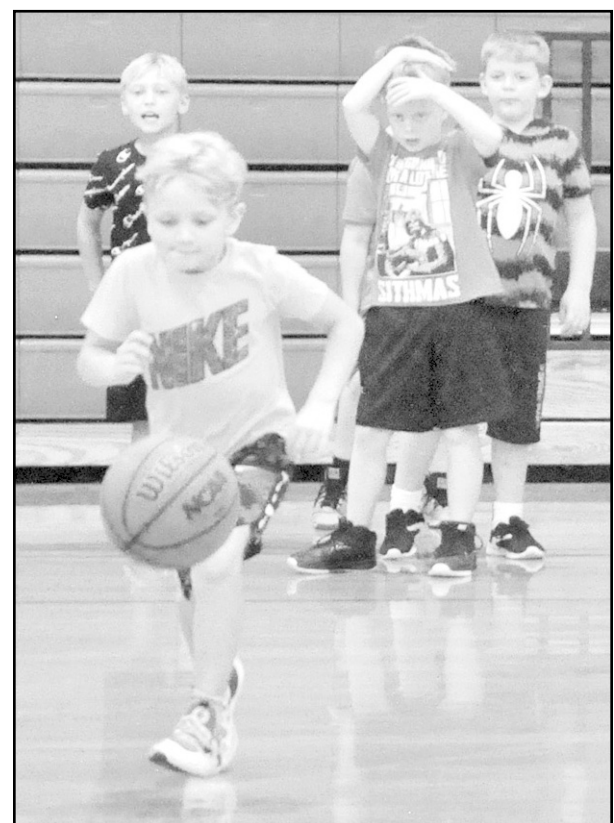
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Rec. Basketball Camp

The West Salem Elementary School gym was the site of the annual Salem Recreation Department basketball camp for boys last week, conducted by SHS coach Kevin Garst(above), along with the staff, players and special guests. The daily camp had three sessions. Above left the second and third graders pose for a group shot. They were followed by the fourth and fifth graders(middle left) and the sixth through ninth graders(bottom left) on a full day of hoops.

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DIXIE

Nate Keffer of the Salem AAA All-Stars looks for a sign in last week's state Dixie Tournament in Martinsville.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Salem's Lilly Blair among half dozen RC athletes named to state All-Academic teams

The Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) announced their 2022 Academic All State teams last week and six Roanoke College athletes were honored for not only their athletic accomplishments, but for their academic success. Four of the six carry a 4.00 Grade Point Average (GPA), while the others sport a 3.974 and 3.966 gpa.

Salem native Lilly Blair, a women's lacrosse standout, is a triple major in Mathematics, Economics, and Actuarial Science and graduated in early May with a 4.00 GPA. At the Roanoke College 2022 Senior Brunch, Blair was announced as the 2022 Co-Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year. Some of her academic awards include: Senior Scholar in Mathematics, Senior Scholar in Economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon Award. Lilly is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Mu Epsilon (math society), Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics society), National Society of Leadership and Success, Member of EconLab.

This season alone, Blair was named All ODAC, ODAC Women's Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Year, ODAC Women's Lacrosse Scholar Athlete of the Year, IWLCA All Region, IWLCA, All American, CoSIDA Academic All District, and a 1st team CoSIDA Academic All American.

Kasey Draper, men's basketball, boasts a 4.00 GPA in Business Administration. Draper is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership Honor Society) and Delta Mu Delta (Business Honor Society). In 2022, the junior from Northside High in Roanoke County was named All ODAC, ODAC Men's Basketball Scholar Athlete of the Year, D3hoops.com All Region, CoSIDA Academic All District as well as the only non-senior to be named a CoSIDA Academic All American. During the season, Draper became the latest member of the Roanoke College 1,000 Point Club and the 2022 RC Outstanding male Athlete of the Year.

Zach Behe, men's soccer, carries a 3.966 GPA in Business Administration with concentrations in Finance and Accounting. A member of Delta Mu

Delta, a business honor society, and Alpha Chi. Zach is also a member of the AICPA, a national professional accounting organization and has been a subject tutor for the college since the fall of 2020 while receiving the Larry W. Lynch Scholarship in Finance last spring. Behe is currently the President of the Student Athlete advisory Committee (SAAC) at Roanoke as well as the associate representative of the ODAC to the NCAA.

Behe was named All ODAC this season as well as a College Sports Information Directors (CoSIDA) Academic All District member and a 1st team CoSIDA Academic All American.

Jacob Bonzon, baseball, is a double major in Mathematics and Physics and carries a 3.974 GPA. The outfielder set a Roanoke College program record with 22 stolen bases in 2022. Bonzon finished second in the conference and helped the Maroons to an ODAC high 99 stolen bases. The Toronto native posted a batting average of .331 while scoring 34 runs while driving in 23. For his efforts, Jacob was named All ODAC for the first time after a season that would see the Maroons finish one game short of winning the 2022 ODAC Baseball Tournament Championship.

Kennedy Clemmer, volleyball, finished 2nd in the ODAC with her, team high, 485 digs. Her 4.22 digs per set ranked 2nd while her 41 service aces ranked 3rd in the ODAC. She also added 94 assists, 3rd on the team. For her efforts, the Penhook native was named All ODAC for the third consecutive season. Clemmer a 4.00 Public Health major was also named 2022 CoSIDA Academic All District.

Bryn Haden, women's soccer, played in and started, as a defender, all 17 games for the Maroons this season. In the classroom, the Katy, Texas, native sports a 4.00 GPA as a double major in Public Health as well as Health and Exercise Science. Haden was named a 2022 CoSIDA Academic All District honoree this past fall, one for five Maroons to earn that prestigious honor this past academic year.

AAA All-Stars get to state semifinal

The Salem Dixie League AAA All-Stars, for nine and 10 year old boys, saw their run come to an end in the semifinal round of the state tournament at Patrick County-Southside Park in Martinsville last week.

After splitting their first two games Salem lost to Cumberland in the semis, 3-0, for their second loss in the double elimination tournament. Nick Winterer pitched five strong innings for Salem and Nate Keffer pitched a scoreless sixth. Cumberland went on to win the tournament by defeating Lunenburg in the final.

"Cumberland was a great team that won the tournament by dominating the competition, winning all other games by double digits," said Salem coach Judd Cowling. "Our boys gave it everything they had, as they have all season, but came up short."

Practice info for Andrew Lewis football and volleyball teams

Fall sports at Andrew Lewis Middle School are just around the corner and athletes planning to play volleyball or football should heed the following.

Volleyball tryouts start August 1st at 8 am in the main gym at Andrew Lewis Middle.

Football equipment will be handed out starting at 9 am on Thursday, July 28th, at the Salem High Fieldhouse. Football practice starts Monday, August 1st, at 8:30 am and practice is held at Salem High.

To participate athletes must have a physical on the Virginia High School League (VHSL) form dated after May 1, 2022. The form must be on file in the main office at Andrew Lewis.



STORM CANCELLED RVAA SWIM MEETS

Monday night Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association swim meets were cancelled due to storms. The meets were the last scheduled Monday night meets of the season, and the swimmers will now look forward to the Duane Whitenack City-County meet at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center on July 29 and 30. The Stonegate Swim Club won their meet on July 11 at home against Ashley Plantation, 1,303.5 to 941.5. Left, Jett Lakin swims for Stonegate in the Gators win over the Stingrays.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



SALEM REC. SOCCER CAMP

The Salem Department of Parks and Recreation had a great turnout for the annual youth soccer camp at Spartan Field last week. Despite some hot weather over 100 boys and girls participated in the camp, conducted by SHS girls' coach Kayla Wood and Spartan boys' coach David Atkins along with assistants and members of the Salem High teams. Above, the kids gather for a group shot on the hot pitch and, below left and right, they learn skills of the game.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Uberstine took road less traveled to find success on the mound

By Chelsea Roemer
Promotions and Social Media Assistant
Salem Red Sox

Gripping the baseball firmly while holding it behind his back, he runs his fingers across the seams as his eyes gear directly toward home plate, waiting for the catcher's signal. After receiving the go-ahead, he winds up and gives a solid release of the ball that meets the mitt after crossing the middle of the plate. Strike three.

Tyler Uberstine walks off the mound after recording five strikeouts across five innings in his debut for Northwestern. It became a surprise for many to learn that this was not only his first outing in a Wildcat uniform but marked his official collegiate start and the first time he has pitched for a team in roughly six years.

The Manhattan Beach native has been competing on the baseball field since he was three years old, but the path that led him to his current position in the Boston Red Sox organization differs greatly from most professional athletes. His travels took him to Salem this summer, where he was promoted to Greenville in the Red Sox organization two weeks ago.

The narrative of Uberstine's career began after the T-ball stage, as he was consistently told he was not good enough to make the team and was left behind. Fast forward ten years, Uberstine was on the freshman team for Chaminade college prep, yet he barely faced any batters.

"Once the field started getting bigger after little league the opportunities to play became scarcer," Uberstine said. "I was the kind of guy that was placed on the freshman team as a sophomore and still rode the bench."

His time to prove himself on the mound was limited, but his tenacity and passion for the game remained consistent. Showing slight improvement, he began to throw harder and made the varsity baseball team by his senior year. With the idea of playing baseball at the next level continuously on his mind, Uberstine began to browse Division III institutions, leaning toward the academic side of the process. Unfortunately, due to his lack of outings, scholarship opportunities were not arising.

"I reached out and applied to several schools I thought I could attend because I always maintained a really good GPA," Uberstine said. "But I ended up never hearing back from anyone."

In the fall of 2018 Uberstine headed just northeast of his hometown to attend the University of Southern California, where he began to study Business. However, baseball was still a frequent topic on his mind.

To satisfy his craving of being back on the mound, he decided to join the university's club baseball team. After one semester of participating, Uberstine had the desire to play at a more competitive level. This led him to seek permission from Dan Hubbs, the USC varsity baseball coach at the time, to try out for a spot on the roster as a sophomore.

Once permission was granted, Uberstine went to work.



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TYLER UBERSTINE

During his second semester of college, he was out the door at 6:00 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, taking an Uber an hour and a half each way to PFA (Preparation, Fitness, Attitude) in Claremont, California. There he trained with Dave Coggin, a former pitcher in the Philadelphia Phillies organization, throwing and getting in a workout before returning to campus for a full day of classes. To take his dedication one step further, he would long toss a baseball with his roommate on top of a parking garage to get more reps in at night.

It did not take long before he saw improvement and was launching pitches in the mid-to-high 80s range by the time he took practice with USC's team in the fall of his sophomore year.

"When I threw in the fall it was my first time getting on the mound since I was in high school and I had to really work through the nerves," Uberstine said. "I knew it was going to be tough because there were 39 guys competing for a spot on a 35-man roster and I had to wow the coaching staff."

His outings in the fall impressed the USC coaching staff enough for them to invite him to official team practice that started in January. Uberstine continued to work with the team during the winter months, but everything took a turn once official cuts came just two days before the season was underway.

"I received a text from my coach wanting to meet in his office where he told me that there was not going to be a spot for me on the roster that season," Uberstine said. "Since I had gone through media day and even received a custom glove, the news really shocked me."

The story of Uberstine's career could have ended with his attempt to walk-on, but his determination added another chapter with the decision to enter the transfer portal in search of another chance.

Uberstine upped his

training and began to contact several institutions to express interest, one of which was Northwestern. He touched base with Northwestern's pitching coach Josh Reynolds, sending him videos of his scrimmages at USC. However, there was still no guarantee of a spot on the roster.

"I remember receiving an email of Tyler throwing and that opened up a conversation about him possibly coming here," Josh Reynolds said. "We had a potential spot to cover if one of our guys got drafted, but it was a tough situation because it was so up in the air, and I could not promise anything."

Luckily, the spot that was deemed uncertain opened as Uberstine and Reynolds remained in contact. Uberstine sent Reynolds a video of him firing the ball at over 90 MPH and secured his fate.

"He responded to the video of me throwing with, 'WE WANT YOU AT NORTHWESTERN,' in all caps," Uberstine said.

Uberstine toured the campus in the spring and officially committed to the university on May 16, 2019. He settled into his new city right away, as he moved in early to take summer courses. Once everything geared up in the fall for both school and academics, he immediately gelled with Reynolds and showed he was ready to compete.

"We knew he had a great arm but did not have a lot of experience throwing at the college level," Reynolds said. "However, his work ethic and drive are just something I have never seen before and he never stopped working to be better every day, even during the offseason."

During his first year, the redshirt sophomore dominated on the mound before the season was cut short due to COVID-19. In only four starts, he achieved 15 strikeouts through 22 innings pitched and earned a 2-0 record with a 2.86 ERA.

After sports were cleared to resume, Uberstine came back even stronger. As a redshirt junior, he tossed four scoreless innings in a win over Penn State and struck out a career-high eight batters in five innings against Rutgers, in his first full baseball season since his senior year of high school.

Now that he was turning heads while pitching at the collegiate level, his next goal of playing professionally started to manifest. Uberstine's skills on the mound caught the attention of Alonzo Wright, a Midwest area scout for the Boston Red Sox organization.

"In the fall I could not see him live due to COVID, so I went off clips and thought it was crazy that he had no player history," Wright said. "I thought his athleticism was insane despite not having a full year of baseball under his belt and knew he had grit like no other guy I had seen."

Wright and Uberstine met in person for the first time in December of 2019. It was then that Wright knew he was going to be his biggest advocate for him to get drafted. The two kept in touch during the months leading up to the draft and built a solid relationship.

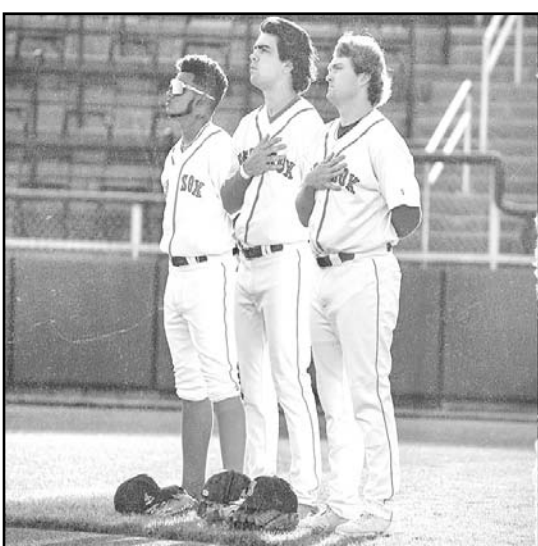
"Immediately I had a gut feeling he was going to be special, and made a big case for him," Wright said. "When the draft was going on I had no idea what was going to happen, but I got a phone call with Boston's decision to take him."

In the 19th round of the 2021 draft, Uberstine received a phone call with an offer to become part of the Red Sox organization. He made it official after signing on the dotted line on July 24th.

"Going pro had been a dream of mine since I could remember and it was a long journey to get here," Uberstine said. "I would have never made it this far without the motivation from all the teams that cut me from their program."

Today, Uberstine and Wright keep in touch, with Wright cheering him on all the way from the Midwest.

"The second I met him I knew he wanted it and he would do anything to achieve it," Wright said. "He is very genuine; I can't say enough good things about Uberstine, and I wish there were more athletes like him."



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Big spring season by Highlanders lifts Glenvar to National Guard Cup title

Spartans finish in 12th place in Class 4 standings

An outstanding year of athletic accomplishments has earned Glenvar High School its second ever National Guard Cup from the Virginia High School League. The Cup, which was formerly known as the Central Fidelity Cup, the Wachovia Cup and the Wells Fargo Cup honors all around excellence in a school's athletic program, and the Highlanders came out on top in Class 2 this year.

First awarded in 1990, the Cup represents 33 seasons of excellence, with six Cups awarded for academic activities and athletics in each of the VHSL's six enrollment classifications. A point system determines the winners based on overall performance in VHSL state championship competitions. Points are awarded on the following basis: first place, 50; second place, 45; third place, 40; fourth place, 35; fifth place, 30; sixth place, 25; seventh place, 20; and eighth place, 15. In a tie, the schools receive an equal number of points based on the number of schools that tie and the number of schools that finish higher in the standings. For example, semifinal losers split third and fourth place points (37.5 points each). Schools earning the League's Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award earn 50 points each.

Glenvar finished with 422.5 total points over the combined fall, winter and spring sports seasons. Bruton High of Williamsburg, VA was second with 377.5 points and Three Rivers District rival Radford was third with 317.5. Glenvar's accomplishment was

even more impressive considering the Highlanders compete in a very tough Three Rivers District, which had four district members finish in the top 10. Floyd County was seventh and Alleghany was 10th.

Glenvar scored 72.5 points in the fall season, fueled by a state championship in volleyball. The Highlanders had 115 points in the winter, highlighted by a girls' indoor track championship, but at that point they trailed Bruton by 75 points.

The spring season is what put the Highlanders over the top. Glenvar won state Class 2 championships in girls' outdoor track, girls' tennis and girls' soccer while the boys' soccer team was state runnerup. The Highlanders outscored Bruton 235 to 115 in the spring to blow by the Panthers and win the cup by 45 points.

This year marks the first time since 1994 that Glenvar has won the prestigious VHSL award. At that time there were just three classifications instead of six, and Glenvar was in Group A, the smallest of three. In 2014 the VHSL went to six classifications in all sports and the Highlanders are in Class 2, with Class 6 being the largest schools in the state and Class 1 being the smallest. There are 50 schools in Class 2 and 39 scored points during the 2021-22 school year.

Salem High is in Class 4 and the Spartans finished 14th among 50 schools. The Spartans scored 57.5 points in the fall, 20 in the winter and 85 in the spring for a total of 162.5. The winner in Class 4 was Western Albemarle with 567.5 points, the fourth



straight Cup for the Warriors and seventh overall. Blacksburg, a River Ridge District rival of Salem, was second with 357.5.

In other classifications Auburn won for the fourth straight time and the fifth time in six years in Class 1, with no Cups awarded in 2019-20 due to COVID-19. In Class 3 Maggie Walked claimed its seventh Cup overall after winning six in a row in Class 2 from 2014-19. Deep Run won its fourth Cup since 2017 in Class 5 and Battlefield High won for the first time in Class 6.

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Sox return from all-star break to host Lynchburg Friday

The Salem Red Sox are four games out of first place in the second half of the Carolina League's North Division standings as the league breaks for the Major League All-Star game this week. There were no Carolina League games scheduled for Monday through Thursday with the Sox returning to action Friday to host Lynchburg for a weekend series in Salem.

Last week the Sox returned from a 12 game road stretch to host Kannapolis for six games and Salem took four of the six to climb back over .500 in the second

half at 11-10. Sunday's getaway game was a thriller as Salem took a 2-1 win over the Cannon Ballers in 11 innings.

Salem took a 2-1 lead in the second inning when Jose Garcia drove in Bryan Gonzalez and for a long time it looked like that would be enough. Thad Ward, in Salem for a rehab stint, started and pitched three shutout innings, striking out six. Graham Hoffman pitched a scoreless fourth and Gabriel Jackson held the Ballers scoreless through the eighth before yielding a run with two outs in the top of the ninth to send the

game into extra innings.

Neither team scored in the 10th and Luis Guerrero, who relieved Jackson after Kannapolis tied the game in the ninth, allowed no hits in his two and a third inning stint as Salem came to bat in the bottom of the 11th. Tyson Messer came on to pitch the 11th for the Ballers and didn't record an out, walking two before allowing the winning run to score on a wild pitch for the walk-off win.

Salem is now 46-41 overall with Lynchburg coming to town for the big weekend series at Salem Memorial

Ballpark. Game time is 7:05 pm Friday, 6:05 pm Saturday and 5:05 pm Sunday.

Then, after a day off Monday, the Sox will head to Fredricksburg for a big six games series. The Nationals currently lead the second half with a 15-6 record and Salem has an opportunity to gain some ground on the leaders in their last head-to-head series until September. Coming into the week the Sox were four games behind the division leading Nationals in the second half standings of the Carolina League split season.



Left, Salem's Kier Meredith races home on a wild pitch with the winning run in the bottom of the 11th in Sunday's 2-1 win over Kannapolis. Right, teammates rush from the dugout to celebrate the walk-off win as the Sox took the series, four games to two.

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Salem receives \$25,000 grant to put on sports events

Funds will be used to help city host 2023 Stagg Bowl and 2022 CIAA Volleyball championship

The City of Salem has received over \$25,000 from the Virginia Tourism Corporation's American Rescue Plan Act Sports Marketing Incentive Program. The grant funds will be used for the 2023 Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl and the 2022 CIAA Volleyball Championship.

The Stagg Bowl, which will return to Salem in December 2023 for the event's 50th championship, was awarded \$20,150 while the CIAA Women's Volleyball Championship was given \$5,500. The volleyball event will be held in the Salem Civic Center this November on the same weekend the CIAA football title game is played at adjoining Salem Stadium.

Grant funds will be used to offset rental costs, enhance marketing, and secure staffing for the two events.

"It is only appropriate that the Stagg Bowl returns home for this golden anniversary game," says Carey Harveycutter, Salem's Tourism Director. "We showcased players, coaches and some outstanding colleges and universities for 25 years, so we are pleased to have the game back at Salem Stadium."

In total, VTC awarded \$1.45 million for 83 local and regional event incentives specifically targeted at attracting new meetings and competitive sporting events to spur economic activity and travel across the Commonwealth.

These funds are a part of the \$50 million ARPA appropriation during the August 2021 Special General Assembly Session to assist in the revitalization of Virginia's tourism industry to overcome the negative impact of COVID-19.

"Sports events and meetings are vital to the tourism industry," said Rita McClenny, President and CEO of Virginia Tourism Corporation. "This appropriation is an opportunity to assist these organizations with its continued recovery efforts and help drive increased visitation and revenue generation."

The tourism and hospitality industries were among the hardest-hit by

the pandemic, experiencing decreased revenue and job loss, along with the temporary closure of many tourism-related businesses. A revived tourism economy can help spur new economic activity and inject critical funds back into Virginia communities like the City of Salem.

"We appreciate the funding and the opportunity to enhance the championship experience for the CIAA athletes and fans who will be traveling to Salem this November," says Harveycutter.

Salem has received a total of five grants from the Virginia Tourism Corporation since 2020 totaling \$65,000.