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City to refund part of this year's personal property tax

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Vehicle owners will be getting part of this year's personal property tax back starting in mid-September, after Salem City Council's unanimous vote Monday night.

For this year only, owners will get a portion of the taxes they paid on vehicles. It is only for vehicles that taxes have been paid by Aug. 31, Mayor Renee Turk

emphasized. Taxes were due at the end of May, and if owners haven't paid yet, they will have to pay late fee penalties.

So how much will owners get back? No one knows for sure, Finance Director Rosie Jordan explained.

"Those figures won't be available for at least a month," she said.

What is known is that the rebate will be for vehicles billed by June 2022, and it will equal 19.3 percent

of the tax relief. Giving the money back will cost the city just under \$17,000, Councilman Randy Foley said.

The decision will not be effective until 10 days after the second vote, which is scheduled for the second Monday in September.

Mayor Turk pointed out "We have the money this year," and may not in the future to give other rebates.

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At the July 25 work session, Salem City Council and staff discuss refunding part of this year's personal property tax on personal vehicles.



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER SHEDD

The newly completed traffic circle at Hanging Rock.

Businesses relieved as Hanging Rock traffic circle opens

~Drivers should still expect nighttime lane closures for final touches~

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Construction is finally wrapping up on the new traffic circle at the intersection of Routes 311 and 419 at Hanging Rock. While some lanes are still being finished, the traffic circle is now open for regular commuters.

"It was a huge pain in the neck," said Mona, an associate at the Hanging Rock Xpress Stop. "Business was slow... but it's picked back up since the circle opened."

The intersection sees major daily traffic as part of the regular commute for those coming to and from Craig County. VDOT estimates that approximately 14,000 vehicles use this intersection every day. The addition of the large traffic circle has been difficult to adjust to for some.

"People don't know how to use the traffic circle," Mona added, gesturing toward the VDOT crews still finishing their work in the heat. "They go in the wrong way... how can you not see the 'Do Not Enter' signs?"

"It hit us big," commented Orange Market's Bob Pin-

nell. Referring to the market's full parking lot, he continued, "See these cars? There'd only be maybe two out there during the construction. Gas was hit hard too. It was rough... Coming from [the direction of the Hanging Rock Battlefield Monument], it's the difference of ten minutes to two minutes."

VDOT previously stated that the goal of the project was to "construct a roundabout that will enhance safety, improve traffic flow and cost less to build and maintain. The project will also improve and resurface the nearby park and ride lot, add paved shoulders for bicycle use and pedestrian crosswalks to connect to the Hanging Rock Battlefield Trail." VDOT has also added on the official webpage for the project that, although the circle is now open, "drivers should still expect nighttime lane closures with flaggers between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday around the roundabout for final paving, pavement marking and sign installation."

The \$2.4 million dollar contract for the project was awarded to Roanoke contractor E.C. Pace in February.

Green Hill Highland Games return to Roanoke Valley



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROANOKE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Virginia Highland Pipes & Drums will perform at the upcoming Green Hill Highland Games.

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The Green Hill Highland Games, an annual celebration of Scots-Irish Celtic culture which includes traditional highland athletics and music, will return to the Roanoke Valley for its 12th year after taking two years off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The festival will take place all day on August 27 at Green Hill Park in Salem.

"It's free to the public," noted Chad Clark, the volunteer organizer of the event through Roanoke County Parks & Recreation. Clark took over organizing the event in its third year and has seen it grow from a small athletic event into a rich cultural festival with over 4,000 people in attendance at its last date in 2019.

"One big misconception that some people make is that, although my background is in athletics, one thing I try to push at the festival is the music side," said Clark. "We have a great Celtic rock band named Syr for the headlining act; we have two pipe-and-drum corps as well—Virginia Highland Pipes & Drums and Shenandoah Pipes & Drums—and we'll

have the local traditional Celtic band Kinfolk performing, as well as Scottish and Irish dancers on the main stage."

In addition to music, the Green Hill Highland Games will feature around 20 Celtic clan organizations in attendance as well as a number of Celtic-themed vendors. The athletic competitions will include traditional Scottish events including the caber toss, a log-throwing event known far and wide to anyone familiar with highland games; stoneput, an event not unlike Olympic discus or shot put throwing; and the sheaf toss, in which athletes use pitchforks to throw weights over a crossbar, among other events. Additionally, the Roanoke Men's and Women's Rugby Clubs will be holding competitions.

"I am a huge proponent of women's sports, of women getting a fair shake, and for me it's just an absolute honor to have the Roanoke Rugby Club women's side out there on the field," said Clark. "These women are awesome athletes; the dudes better step up their game, because the women have definitely upped the stakes."

Two athletes attending the

games, Jonathan Harding of Pulaski, Va., and Emily Adams of Lynchburg, Va., are top-competing highland games athletes worldwide. "We are very lucky in our region to have the athletes that we do," Clark commented. "We have two of the best athletes in the world, one male and one female, and they live less than an hour from here."

Clark, a Roanoke Valley native, is a highland games athlete himself and participates in the event. However, his personal tie to the Highland Games goes much deeper. "It's my baby," he said sincerely. "It's a way for me to give back to my sport, a way for me to give back to my community and the valley... I've learned a lot of lessons the hard way over the years, and when you learn lessons the hard way that's why it becomes even more your baby. When I first took it over, it was literally just athletics, so from just athletics to 4,000 people, and really seeing your baby grow, you just want it to continue to grow and succeed."

More information on the upcoming Green Hill Highland Games can be found on their official Facebook page.

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BRIEFLY: Salem News In Brief

RCAHD Weekly Health Update:

COVID-19: Cumulative Case Count Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts: 68692 (up 721). People hospitalized with COVID-19, as of Monday 7/25/2022: 43. 35 new hospitalizations. COVID-19 related deaths, as of Tuesday 7/26/2022: 1023. 642 Alleghany Health District, 381 Roanoke City Health District. Current CDC Variant Proportions: Over 90% of cases are attributable to BA.5 (78.7%) or BA.4 (14.8%) in HSS Region 3, which includes Virginia. Hepatitis A Outbreak: Since January 1, 2022, 78 cases of hepatitis A, including 57 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 Roanoke County and Alleghany Health Districts

Salemites graduate from Emory & Henry College:

Emory & Henry College congratulates students named to Spring 2022 Dean's list. To be named to the Dean's list students must be a full time student and receive a 3.6 GPA for the semester: Patrick Fletcher, Morgan Stone and Lydia Taylor of Salem, Va.

Submitted by Emory & Henry College

TAP seeking nominations for Cabell Brand Hope Award:

Total Action for Progress (TAP) is now accepting nominations for this year's recipient of the Cabell Brand Hope Award. Nominees must: Have an extended interest in anti-poverty efforts, literacy (education), or the envi-

ronment; Volunteer in their community and show a long-term dedication over time; Exemplify one or more of the following characteristics: grassroots community changer, risk taker, champion for the cause, persistent, relentless, challenger of the status quo, change leader; Reside in: Alleghany County, Bath County, Botetourt County, Craig County, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Rockbridge County, Buena Vista, Covington, Lexington, Vinton, Salem, or another southwest Virginia community. This award is presented in honor of TAP's founder, who was a tireless advocate for a wide spectrum of issues. Mr. Brand generously gave his time and efforts to enhance the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. We are proud to honor his legacy by giving the Cabell Brand Hope Award to a community member who embodies the spirit of its namesake. To submit a nomination, visit <https://tapinto.org>.

org/hopeaward/ and fill out the form by August 5, 2022.

Submitted by Total Action for Progress

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 19, 2022 - July 25, 2022

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
07/19/2022	Suzanne E. Wilkerson	39	Criminal Trespass
07/19/2022	Edward J. Zarobinski IV	36	Public Intoxication
07/19/2022	Victoria M. Smith	36	DUI
07/20/2022	Christopher L. Fralin	35	Violation of Probation
07/20/2022	Andrew B. Gustafson	21	Burglary, Petit Larceny
07/21/2022	Taurean E. Rush	25	Fugitive From Justice
07/21/2022	Clifton G. Gray	33	Distribution of Marijuana, Possession of Firearm by Felon
07/22/2022	William G. Hall	31	DUI
07/22/2022	Tyler C. Hall	25	Failure to Appear
07/22/2022	Joshua L. Stover	34	Petit Larceny
07/23/2022	John T. Harrison III	46	DUI
07/24/2022	Joshua L. Stover	34	Public Intoxication
07/24/2022	Joshua L. Marshall	31	DUI
07/25/2022	Donald S. Mountcastle	57	Violation of Protective Order
07/25/2022	Joshua L. Stover	34	Public Intoxication

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of July 19, 2022 - July 25, 2022

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
13-JUL-2022	0 BLK Turner Rd	Vehicle Theft
19-JUL-2022	1000 BLK Union St	Burglary
20-JUL-2022	500 BLK Bowman Ave	Damage Property
21-JUL-2022	1500 BLK W Main St	Shooting/Throwing Missiles -Vehicle
22-JUL-2022	0 BLK E Main St	Neglect
23-JUL-2022	1100 BLK Easton Rd	Grand Larceny
24-JUL-2022	2000 BLK Roanoke Blvd	Abduction
25-JUL-2022	1400 BLK W Main St	Obtain Money by False Pretense

VDOT Road Watch

Submitted by VDOT

ROANOKE COUNTY (UPDATED 7-22-22) * ROUTE 311 AND ROUTE 419 ROUNDABOUT AT HANGING ROCK - A road project to replace the signalized intersection of Route 311 and Route 419 in Roanoke County at Hanging Rock with a roundabout is set to begin. The new roundabout opened to traffic on July 15. During the remaining construction, lane closures may be in place. Drivers should expect the following:

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

(NEW 7-22-22) * ROUTE 419 TURN LANE EXTENSION AT COLONIAL AVENUE - Starting Sunday, July 24, nighttime road work to lengthen the left turn lane from Route 419 onto Colonial Avenue in Roanoke County will begin. Drivers should expect nighttime lane closures, Sunday night through Friday morning between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., in both directions of Route 419 at Colonial Avenue. In addition, there may be daytime lane closures on Route 419 for paving outside of peak travel times. Work is expected to be completed in mid- or late August.

(NEW 7-22-22) * ROUTE 635 (GOODWIN AVENUE) CLOSURE - As part of the ongoing I-81 project from exit 137 to 141, Route 635 (Goodwin Avenue) will be closed beginning July 11 where it runs underneath I-81. It will be closed for approximately 30 days for reconstruction to accommodate the widening of the interstate. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes as traffic will not be able to pass underneath the in-

terstate during this time. (UPDATED 7-22-22) * ROUTE 628 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - Beginning April 11, 2022, Route 628 (Greenridge Road) will undergo a culvert replacement located .25 miles east of the road's entrance from Route 780 (Cove Road). Lane closures on Route 628 maintained utilizing temporary traffic signals are now in place as of May 16 and will be in place through August 2022. Expected completion is October 2022.

(UPDATED 7-22-21) * ROUTE 760 (DIUGUIDS LANE) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & DETOUR - A project to replace the Route 760 (Diuguids Lane) bridge over the Roanoke River is underway with preliminary work. The bridge is located at the Salem city limits near Route 760's intersection with Route 639 (West Riverside Drive). Typical work hours are expected to be Monday through Saturday during daytime hours with occasional work on Sunday. Flagging operations may be in place periodically and occasional night work is possible. Drivers can expect short-term lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic on West Riverside Drive periodically. Access to Green Hill Park, private entrances and businesses will be maintained at all times. Completion is expected winter 2022.

DETOUR JULY 5: The 45-day detour will be in place July 5. For the majority of the 45-day closure, traffic can detour using West Riverside Drive and Mill Lane. However, there will be two, three-day periods when a large crane will be in use at Diuguids Lane and West Riverside Drive, so this intersection will need to be closed temporarily.

On those days when the large crane is in use, drivers will need to use Creekside Drive and Lilly Drive to detour. The crane is expected to be

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Moose collect coats, kids' clothes for Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Salem Moose Lodge #2573 representatives Ann Whitenack, community service coordinator, and Past President Butch Bryant try on some of the adult coats and show children's clothes donated for the ongoing coat drive.

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Salem Moose Lodge #2573 members are collecting coats for adults and children, and kids' clothes that will be donated to Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet.

So far, more than 130 coats and jackets have been collected, along with shirts, pants, jeans, gloves, blankets and kids' shoes, shirts, dresses and sleeping bags, Past President Butch Bryant said.

The lodge is accepting donations until Aug. 15,

Community Service Coordinator Ann Whitenack said.

For more information or to arrange a pickup at your home or business, call the lodge at 540-387-2809 and ask for Butch Bryant or Ann Whitenack.

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Salem Museum Speaker Series: Saving the Biodiversity in the Commonwealth

Submitted by the Salem Museum and Historical Society

Virginia is rich in natural biological diversity, and natural area preserves play an important role in protecting this rich natural heritage. On Thursday, August 11 at 7 p.m., Ryan Klopff will present a talk about our local ecology and what people can do to help protect special habitats within our region.

This talk is part of the Salem Museum Speaker Series and will be presented on Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on the Salem Museum's website, SalemMuseum.org, on the morning of the talk.

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Heritage Program works to protect Virginia's native plant and animal life, and the ecosystems upon which they depend.

Ryan Klopff is the Virginia Natural Heritage Program's natural areas science coordinator and mountain region supervisor. Ryan and other stewardship staff work to protect and restore rare species and natural communities within the Ridge and Valley, Blue Ridge, and Piedmont regions of Virginia. He earned a B.S. in Biology at William and Mary, and M.S. and Ph.D. in Plant Biology from Southern Illinois University.



Submitted Photo
Virginia Natural Heritage Program Natural Areas Science Coordinator Ryan Klopff

Load The Bus for Kids school supply drive is back

Supplies to support students in need in Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Salem and Craig Co.

Submitted by Roanoke County Public Schools

Roanoke County Public Schools is joining with Roanoke City Public Schools, Salem City Public Schools and Craig County Schools to Load the Bus for Kids! We're collecting school supplies for students in need across the Roanoke Valley now through Virginia's Tax-Free Weekend, Aug. 5-7.

Come out to any of the Roanoke Valley Walmart stores (Bonsack, Clearbrook, Salem and Valley View) to donate school supplies for students who might not be able to afford the tools they need to be successful in school. We will be collecting supplies

at the registers and at bins in each store throughout the day.

We also will be accepting donations of back to school supplies and/or monetary donations for students in need. Any money collected at the event will be used to purchase school supplies. Every item and every cent of donations will go to help students in need in the Roanoke Valley and Craig Co.

What kind of supplies do we need? We need backpacks, glue sticks, notebooks, 3-ring binders, crayons, colored pencils, notebook paper (college and wide-ruled), pens, pencils, highlighters, rulers, folders, scissors, and

construction paper. We also need classroom items like tissues, hand sanitizer, printer paper, dry erase markers and more.

"Each year, thousands of children across the Roanoke Valley begin school without the supplies they need to be successful," said Roanoke County Public Schools Acting Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. "Walmart is teaming up with area school systems to work together to provide the tools our children need in school. Every single donation will help a student learn and achieve, even as many families continue to recover from the effects created by the pandemic," Dr. Nicely added.



Load The Bus in Craig County, 2021.

PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries recognizes Melissa Loving for contributions to Andrew Lewis Middle School Food Pantry

Submitted by Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries

Melissa Loving, school site coordinator at Andrew Lewis Middle School Food Pantry, has been recognized by the Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries Healthy Communities Action Team as a "Powerful Partner" with the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth for contributions to the Andrew Lewis Middle School Food Pantry.

Melissa Loving has served as the School Site Coordinator for the "Giv-

ing Light" student-led food pantry at Andrew Lewis Middle School since the inception of the VFHY (Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth) grant to SAEM/HCAT in 2018.

Missy has volunteered her time to serve as the site coordinator for approximately 40 at-risk students who use the food pantry on a weekly basis and has devoted many hours after school and weekends to assist with food drives and visits to local churches, community groups, and businesses to secure food and financial donations

and has developed a network of community partners to support the school food pantry.

Earlier this year, VFHY announced the "Powerful Partner" Award to honor organizations and individuals that have contributed significantly to the goals and objectives of VFHY grantees who work to prevent and reduce youth tobacco-use, and childhood obesity. All award winners were nominated by their community peers.

Melissa Loving is one of eight "Powerful Partner" Award recipients announced throughout July.

Regional Commission announces Affordable Housing Awards

Grant will fund up to 71 housing units in Covington and Roanoke

Submitted by the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

The Regional Commission announced today the recipients of \$1.35 million in funding from its Virginia Housing PDC Development Grant to create new affordable housing in the region. Landmark Asset Services, Inc, Restoration Housing, Roanoke City Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity of the Roanoke Valley will build a total of 71 affordable housing units in the region.

"Affordable housing is a

critical issue for the livability of our region," said RVARC Executive Director Jeremy Holmes, "we are pleased to partner with our community and Virginia Housing to increase housing opportunities for the region's citizens."

In 2021, Virginia Housing (VH), formerly Virginia Housing Development Authority, awarded \$40 million in funding statewide to Virginia's 21 Planning District Commissions to create or continue regional housing development programs. Virginia Housing has granted the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission \$2

Million dollars to create affordable housing units in our region.

David Bustamante, Executive Director of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority also expressed excitement. "As our region grows so does our need for affordable housing. This is an opportunity for us to expand not just our housing ecosystem but rise to meet the growing opportunities of the region itself."

The Virginia Housing funds represent the largest grant that RVARC has ever administered and is a significant investment in the region.

The grant program follows on the heels of last year's comprehensive regional housing needs study, which identified housing needs such as gaps in market supply for certain income brackets and barriers to building and rehabbing in certain areas. The commission developed recommendations such as creating effective zoning and coordinating at the regional level to develop key infrastructure. The administering of this grant brings to fruition the commission's recommendation that partners collaborate to meet the region's housing needs.

The Roanoke Valley-Al-

leghany Regional Commission (RVARC) is one of 21 regional planning agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Member governments include the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke; the cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem; and the towns of Clifton Forge, Rocky Mount and Vinton. The mission of the Regional Commission is to be a leader in driving collaboration and strategy within our communities on issues that are critical to the economic growth, quality of life, and the sustainability of this region.

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OPINION

Parents vs. Schools

Frances Stebbins
Correspondent

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

It seems that getting them educated was one of my most challenging tasks of being a parent.

For a variety of reasons I need not detail here, none were the honor students I naively expected when public schools entered my life as a parent in 1962. The last child walked across the stage to receive his diploma in 1979.

Our sons found their greatest fulfillment through their enrollment for the two final years of high school at the Roanoke County vocational center known by a variety of names. There, both learned the needed automotive skill of repairing car bodies. In the relatively small school they were able to bond with their skilled teachers in a way not possible in a mainstream classroom.

Though neither found lifetime careers in this specialty, the training stood them well as a maintenance man in a large Roanoke industry and as a technician in air-condi-

tioning and heating equipment.

As for our daughter, life circumstances led her into the banking field—a throwback perhaps to her paternal grandfather—and she soon will retire in Florida from this career.

All this is to say that attendance at college is not essential for a young person to achieve satisfaction in a well-paying job. That's another important issue today.

The daily paper that contained the article about parental concern over what children are being taught also informed readers of a major education project soon to be undertaken by Roanoke County. It will be known as the Center for Technology Education. To be erected on Peters Creek Road near its intersection with Airport Road

and near Burlington Elementary School, it will replace the current Burton Center for Arts and Technology which my sons enjoyed 45 years ago.

The story explained that the Burton Center in East Salem is not only severely overcrowded but it's in a flood plain of Masons Creek. No date has been set for getting the building under construction. When it's done, there will be space for a much-expanded program of practical training for young adults.

Back to indoctrination, that issue did not surface in the days my children were getting their public school education. One issue that mildly divided late husband Charles and me was the relative value of private versus public schools.

That had to do with our life experiences.

Both my husband and I had been largely reared by our mothers. My father died before I could remember him while Charlie had enjoyed his dad for nine years. Because of my poor adjustment to our small town's public school and the presence of a tiny

private day school taught by a dedicated teacher for ten dollars monthly in the Great Depression days, my mother sacrificed to send me there.

Among the books I used in fourth grade was "A History of Virginia for Boys and Girls." It covered our commonwealth's role in four chapters on the Civil War. I think now that I was not unduly prejudiced toward the South by its author, a JMU professor.

My experience in this tiny school was happy while I never quite fit in public school.

Charlie, sent to a private boys' school briefly in Richmond after his father's death, hated the place. He thrived, however, and found his beloved career as a news writer at a large public school in Washington, D.C.

Though as parents we were divided philosophically on public versus private education, the issue was moot, for we could not afford to send our children to the Roanoke Valley's existing private schools.

They all turned out all right.

PET OF THE WEEK

Poppy

For the first ever Salem Times-Register Pet of the Week, we would like to introduce Poppy!

Poppy's person is our very own Meg Hibbert.

Poppy is a 5-year-old shih-tzu who has been with Meg since she was 8 years old. Poppy loves meeting new people, especially those who come to

do service work at home.

Poppy and Meg go to the Dilly Dally on Sunday evenings, where they treat themselves to hot dogs (Poppy always gets a bite!). Poppy also loves visiting the Catawba Farmers Market and Salem Farmers Market, where Meg is The Cookie Lady, selling cookies, peach scones, blueberry muffins, sour-dough rolls and south Georgia-style pound cake with local ingredients.

Poppy is a loyal friend who protects her person from danger. If Poppy could speak, Meg says that she would say that she loves treats, loves meeting people and that she thinks Salem is a really great and friendly place to live. Look out for Meg and Poppy at the farmers markets!



Meg Hibbert's pup, Poppy

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Affordable activities for the broke Roanoke College student

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College is great – but more likely than not, you

and your friends don't have a lot of extra money lying around for weekend outings. Whether you're a returning student or a newly arriving freshman, check out these tips for some local activities that won't stretch your budget!

If you don't have a car, you might be wondering what options are available to you. Good news! The Salem Ice Cream Parlor is a brisk walk down Main Street from Roanoke College, and the cute spot is perfect for a Friday afternoon ice cream cone. In fact, Main Street is full of possibilities: browse the antique shops or the used bookstore, grab a smoothie at Elderberries, or join some friends for a coffee at Mill Mountain.

Need a breath of fresh air after a long study session? Situated right across the street from campus, Longwood Park offers paved walking trails and shady places to rest or enjoy a snack. Also, Green Hill Park is a short drive down Main Street. This expansive park features a river, picnic pavilions, open fields for playing soccer or flying kites, and a lovely view of the Blue Ridge Mountain – as well as hiking trails that lead up to a peaceful meadow on the hill. Whether you're out for a Sunday stroll or looking for a picnic site, this park is a beautiful place to pass an hour or two.

Further afield, more adventures await. Do you like to dance? Check out Guia Salsa Noke, an or-

ganization that offers free events throughout the year at various venues, such as Valhalla Vineyards or Twisted Track Brew Pub. Move to the rhythm free of charge or drop a few dollars on a drink if you're of age. Maybe you love movies? The Grandin Theatre, a picturesque cinema a short drive from Salem, offers free showings of classic films on select Saturday mornings. A nighttime visit to the Mill Mountain Star to see the illuminated structure and the dazzling city below is another memorable outing.

Perhaps the most exciting and popular activity in the Roanoke College area doesn't cost a cent. The nearby Blue Ridge Mountains offer incredible hikes with breathtaking views, and as a result many students spend their weekends on the trail. A

12-minute drive takes you to the trailhead for MacAfee Knob: one of the most famous summits in the area. The expansive view and rock outcroppings are spectacular at any time of day. But if you're up for an extra dose of adventure, try hiking up for the sunrise. Use the fire road for a smoother journey to the top, and make sure to bring a jacket. Without the warmth of the sun, the winds at the top can get chilly! The view of the sun emerging from a sea of misty blue mountains is unforgettable (and makes for some epic photos!).

Scraping by on a college budget isn't easy. But thankfully, the Salem area has plenty of activities and sights that don't require a lot of money to enjoy – and Roanoke College is perfectly positioned to take advantage of them.



PHOTO BY CHARISSA ROBERSON

MacAfee Knob is a thrilling trek for hiking enthusiasts.

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 - Supplementing with difficulty
 - Capital of Norway
 - A personal written history
 - Cologne
 - Australian flightless bird
 - Lowest freeman; early Eng.
 - 18th C. mathematician
 - Leonhard
 - Cabinet Dept. for homes
 - Languages of Sulu islands
 - More scarce
 - Before
 - Swiss river
 - Actress & director Lupino
 - Edges
 - Thousand Leaves prefecture
 - Soldier hero of Spain
 - El _____
 - Gains through work
 - To the front
 - I (German)
 - Price label
 - Barack's 1st lady
 - Drench with liquid
 - Child (scot.)
 - "Aba _____ Honeymoon"
 - Disappearing shade trees
 - Cricket frog genus
 - Union busting worker
 - A priest's liturgical vestment
 - Previously The Common Market
 - Upper left keyboard key
 - _____ Dunlap, pageant titleholder
 - Made again
 - Norse goddess of death
 - A waterproof raincoat
 - Express pleasure
 - _____ Lanka
 - Radioactivity unit
 - Clay blocks for building
 - Linear unit
 - Conductor tools
 - Whale ship captain
 - Queen who tested Solomon
 - Good Gosh!
 - A gangster's girlfriend
 - Unstressed-stressed
 - Draw through holes
 - Old Italian monetary units
 - Musician Clapton
 - Ceremonial staff of authority
 - Fabrics of camels or goats
 - A very large body of water
 - Basics
- CLUES DOWN**
- Point midway between S and SE
 - Genus of birds
 - Personal spiritual leader
 - Japanese rice beverage
 - Eared owl genus
 - Wood oil finish
 - Hyphen
 - Compactly
 - Equal, prefix
 - Broad-winged soaring hawks
 - A collection of star systems
 - Be in accord
 - Links subject & predicate (linguistics)
 - Paddles
 - Asian river between China and Russia
 - Physicists Marie or Pierre
 - Excessive fluid accumulation

The Training Program: Week 8

By Chamberlain Zulauf,
Student Reporter

Home in Fairfax again this week; it's a sporadically rainy and therefore overly humid one but the change in scenery is still refreshing. Something else revitalizing is that I replaced my shoes for new ones. Right on time, too; this week's long run was 14 miles which is the longest I've run at one time since last summer. If you're curious, I've been doing distance runs in Hoka Bondi for about two years which are a higher-cushioned upgrade from the Brook's Ghost (and for workouts like the tempos I'll be starting next week it's the Brooks Glycerin).

There's something palpably nostalgic about running in my hometown—like I'm running through a dense sweetness in the air that's here. It's a familiarity like being with an old

friend, running through past stomping grounds, no pun intended, like old Nottoway Park has me dreaming I could be back in days of yore but in the shape I'm in now.

I know my hometown like the back of my hand and could run something different leaving from my house each day. I like to make a morning of it though, driving over to Burke Lake for example then hammocking after my run or reading a book next to the water, things like that. Running over the hour mark every day is a huge burden so adding some relaxation into my day is key.

I find relaxation in other things too. I couldn't write this article without also saying how my mother's cooking is just as reenergizing as brand-new shoes to run in. Fuel, of course, is just as important to running as the legs

which carry me so it's great to be home with a fridge full of bountiful leftovers waiting for me when I get back from a sweat.

These are the kinds of things to hold on to when you're in the dog days of a process. This week's mileage is the same as last week plus a double, so the feeling of redundancy is very real even with being home. At this point in my training program, I swear the running isn't even what hurts anymore, which means I got over last week's trouble of being motivated to even start a run. My legs grow sore after a run but the main thing to get over in week eight is the mental boredom since running can be unforgiving out there for so long every day. This is why I'm grateful to be home and feeling nostalgic. It's a great way to put my mind somewhere else other than the miles left to get back home.



Salem Knights of Columbus to donate wheelchairs to Veterans Medical Center

Submitted by Salem Knights of Columbus

Due to a need for wheelchairs at the Veterans Medical Center and broadly throughout the Southwest Virginia area, Knights of Columbus Council 10015 conducted a wheelchair drive through American Wheelchair Mission. From October to December 2021, the Council collected \$16,400 from the good people of the surrounding area and were able to order 110 wheelchairs at \$150.00 each.

The State of Virginia Knights of Columbus also conducted a drive at the same time, and were able to raise money for another 110 wheelchairs.

The American Wheelchair Mission added an additional 60 wheelchairs to the delivery, with 140 wheelchairs going to the Salem Council and 140 wheelchairs going to the State of Virginia Knights of Columbus. The Knights were donated a truck and driver at no cost for the 140 chairs sent to SW Virginia.

On August 15, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Salem Veterans Medical Center Auditorium, the Salem Knights of Columbus will donate to the Director and staff 90 brand new wheelchairs for use in the facility. The remaining chairs are being donated and distributed throughout the area during this time.

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at the intersection on July 6, 7 and 8 and require that traffic use the alternate detour route between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. each day. During these hours, flaggers will control traffic on Lilly Drive to allow drivers to alternate using one open lane. Between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., flaggers will control traffic at the West Riverside Drive intersection while the crane is present.

For three days later in July to be determined, the crane is anticipated to impact the West Riverside Drive intersection again. The same traffic pattern will be implemented on those days with drivers using Creekside Drive and Lilly Drive between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. and flaggers controlling traffic on Lilly Drive.

Flagging operations in place, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on southbound Diaguuids lane as well as the intersection of Harborwood Road/W Riverside Drive. A right lane closure northbound may also be in place, Monday through Friday.

(UPDATED 6-17-22) * BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURE – The Blue Ridge Parkway will be repairing slope failures. Detour signs to detour traffic around the Bent Mountain section of the Parkway will be in place. Traffic will be rerouted to Route 220 south to Route 419 north to Route 221 south. Traffic traveling north on the Parkway would be reversed. The detour is expected to be in place through Summer 2022.

(UPDATED 5-27-22) * PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather per-

mitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Crack seal operations will be performed Route 419 South near Route 1699 and Salem City Limits.

Milling and paving operations, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with single lane flagging, in Roanoke County include:

- o Route 605 (Shadwell Drive / Old Mountain Road) from Roanoke City Limit to Route 627.
- o Route 601 Hollins Road from Route 115 to Route 627

(UPDATED 6-10-22) * SURFACE TREATMENT OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will begin surface treatment operations on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. The road surface may be rough for a several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and return to a more smooth surface.

INTERSTATE 81

(UPDATED 7-22-22) * INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81

See VDOT, page 7

OBITUARIES

Everette B. Obenshain Jr.

August 22, 1939 - July 14, 2022

Everette B. Obenshain Jr., 82, of Salem, passed suddenly and unexpectedly Thursday, July 14, 2022. We are all sure that his late wife Hazel was waiting on him at the gates, saying you made me wait ten years for you. Also preceding him in death were his parents, Everette B. Obenshain Sr.

and wife, Mildred, and multiple brothers, a niece and a daughter-in-law.

He is survived by son, Everette "EB" Obenshain III; daughter, Susan King; grandchildren, Amber Cook (Justin), Sarah Sieloff and husband, Jack, Emily Obenshain, Rachel Brodrecht and husband, Lawson, Mason King, and Gia King; and great-granddaughter, Haleigh Cook. As well as adoptive grandchildren, Scott McCauley wife, Amanda and daughter, Braeleigh, Jordan McCauley and wife, Alexa, and DeAnna McCauley, and many nieces and nephews.



His life was long and rich with family, friends and civic duties he loved. Retired Sheriff City of Salem 30 years, and Edgewood Lions Club member since 1965. He was active with the American Legion Salem Post. He was a life member of the Republican National Committee, the Salem Sports Foundation, and was appointed to the Salem Board of Elections

for 19 years. He also missed dearly playing golf with his ALHS Dudes and he missed competing in the various bowling leagues.

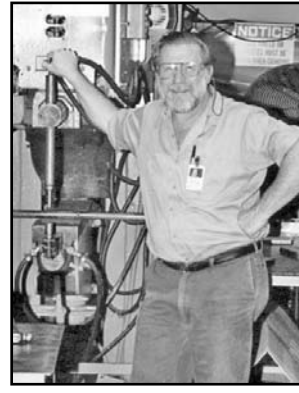
He was respected and well loved by everyone and will be dearly missed by all.

The family received friends on Tuesday July 19, 2022, from 6 until 8 p.m. and Wednesday July 20, 2022, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 1 p.m. Interment followed at Sherwood Memorial park.

Slusher, Dale Hamilton

June 26, 1943 – July 23, 2022

Dale Hamilton Slusher, 79, of Salem, VA passed away on July 23, 2022. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Rev. Madison H. and Ida A. Duncan Slusher, and George L. and Maggie Sisson Poff; parents, Madison H. Jr. and Lillian Poff Slusher; and his brother, Larry Ross Slusher. Dale is survived by Lu-



cette McCoy (mother of his children); his children, Valerie Slusher (Steve) Skripak of Blacksburg, VA, Sonia A. Gerald of Salem, VA, Dale H. (Janet) Slusher, Jr. of Buena Vista, VA, and Stephanie Slusher (Jeff) Farnsworth of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Carly S. Skripak of Salem, VA, Megan A. (Anthony) Bradshaw of Salem, VA, Benjamin M. Slusher of Buena Vista, VA, Dana A. Skripak of Blacksburg, VA, and Reese L. Farnsworth of Charlotte, NC; as well as his Goddaughter, Nathalie Guengant (Herve) Thomas of St. Nazaire, France.

Dale was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church on December 6, 1953. He attended Old Salem Elementary School and graduated in 1961 from Andrew Lewis High School. He served in the US Army Signal Corp from 1961-1964 and was stationed in France during his service. Dale worked at General Electric from 1964 until his retirement in 1997. He was a lifetime member of AFL-CIO and IUE Union. He also worked part-time at Virginia Plastic Company in Roanoke, VA from 1965-1982. Dale volunteered as a Hot-Line Counselor and Walk-In Counselor at TRUST from 1985-1988.

Dale was a licensed private pilot taking his first solo flight on April 21, 1989 and received his pilot license on December 7, 1989. He was a volunteer pilot with the Civil Air Patrol from 1993-2010.

The family welcomed family and friends to visit on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, from 4-7 PM, at John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home chapel and immediately followed by a graveside service at Sherwood Memorial Park. The family wishes to thank the nursing staff at Richfield Long Term Care as well as the nurses and staff at Good Samaritan Hospice. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Good Samaritan Hospice of Roanoke in memory of Dale.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia's Official Opry set to perform in Natural Bridge

Submitted by Appalfocks of America Association

The Virginia Opry, the Commonwealth of Virginia's official Opry, will perform "Patsy Meets Elvis at The Virginia Opry" at Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center on Fri., Aug. 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael Hoover, world champion Elvis tribute artist from Stafford, Va., and Denise Glass, a Patsy Cline tribute artist from Jonesville, Va., will perform the show that is unique in that the show was inspired by the fact that the last photo Patsy Cline added to her photograph album was a photo of Elvis.

Hoover has taken his "Memories of Elvis" trib-

ute show to Mexico, Canada and overseas where he has toured in Nova Scotia, Europe and Japan. He has been a frequent performer on Carnival Cruises, and he performed live concerts for five consecutive days at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

He has also shared the stage with such notables as Reba McEntire, Diamond Rio, KC and The Sunshine Band, Chubby Checker, Jerry Lee Lewis, The Jordanaires and the late Charlie Daniels.

Glass has performed her "Tribute to Patsy Cline Show" at the Lee Theater in Pennington Gap and at The Historic Masonic Theatre in Clifton Forge.

Combined, Hoover and Glass present memories of both Patsy and Elvis via

sharing renditions of their hit records while weaving a narrative about the two music legends. Both make costume changes during the show and pay tribute to the two stars who died so young.

Both Glass and Hoover and members of Doug Lester's four-piece band that tours with Hoover are members of The Virginia Opry. The show will be held in Washington Hall adjacent to the hotel.

Tickets are \$20 when purchased in advance and \$25 at the door, and groups of 10 or more can purchase discount tickets in advance at \$15 each. The ticket price for children 12 and under is \$10.

Tickets may be purchased online by visiting www.naturalbridgeva.com

which will connect with www.virginiaopry.com or purchase by visiting the Virginia Opry's website directly.

Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center is located at 15 Appledore Ln. in Natural Bridge. The telephone number is (540) 291-2121.

WKEY Big Country 103.5 in Covington is the radio home of The Virginia Opry that is based in Clifton Forge, and The Virginia Opry has 57 members and 10 bands. More than 3,000 have attended The Virginia Opry's shows in 2022.

Hunt Brothers Pizza has been a sponsor of numerous shows performed by The Virginia Opry since the country music show



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made its debut on Oct. 17, 1992 at The Historic Masonic Theatre that Appalfocks of America Assoc. owned at the time when it was operating as the Historic Stonewall Theatre. Appalfocks donated the

theatre to the Town of Clifton Forge in 2003 after having restored the facility from a twin-cinema to a performing arts center that featured a professional dance studio on the top floor.

Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) elects new president and Board of Directors

Submitted by the VAPDC

The Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) elected a new Board of Directors at its annual Summer Conference held July 20-22, 2022 in Staunton.

At its annual business meeting during the conference, Lou Ann Wallace (Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission) was elected President, and Dwayne Tuggle (Central Virginia Planning District Commission) was elected First Vice President. Also elected were Patrick Mauney (Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional

Commission) as Second Vice President and Kevin Byrd (New River Valley Regional Commission) as Secretary/Treasurer. Allen Kimball (Kim Callis (Southside Planning District Commission) will serve as Immediate Past President.

Prior to being elected President, Lou Ann Wallace served as First Vice President of the VAPDC Board of Directors. She is a member of the Executive Board of the Cumberland Plateau PDC and also serves on the State Water Control Board.

Dwayne Tuggle is in his third year on the VAPDC Board, having previously served as

director. He has been Mayor of the Town of Amherst since 2016.

Patrick Mauney has been with the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission for more than 16 years, the last six as Executive Director.

Kevin Byrd was appointed as Executive Director of the New River Valley Regional Commission in 2009 and has served as Secretary/Treasurer of VAPDC since 2010. He also is a Past President of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO).

Elected as Directors for 2022-2023 were: Josepha Bol-

ling-Thompson, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission; Jennifer Bowles, West Piedmont Planning District Commission; Robert Crum, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission; Brandon Davis, Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission; Deborah Gosney, Southside Planning District Commission; and Jordan Miles, Commonwealth Regional Council.

Planning District Commissions were enabled by state legislation in 1968 and most were established the following year. There are 21 PDCs and Regional Commissions in Virgin-

ia made up of elected officials and citizens appointed by local governments. The purpose of Planning District Commissions is to encourage and facilitate regional solutions to problems of area-wide significance. This is done by promoting the efficient development of the physical, social and economic policies of all districts by assisting local governments to plan for the future. The PDCs of Virginia joined together to create the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions in 1987 to share best practices and further regionalism across the Commonwealth.

Property Tax from page 1

Vice Mayor Jim Wallace and Councilman John Saunders thanked city staff, the commissioner of the revenue, treasurer and others who held a number of meetings to work out details for the rebate process.

The item to return a portion of property tax was discussed in the work session before Monday night's meeting, and added as the final matter on the Coun-

cil agenda.

Other items Council at the July 25 meeting were:

Appropriating a contract with G&H Construction and appropriating funding not to exceed \$20.5 million for renovation to the James I. Moyer Sports Complex;

Support for New Millennium steel's request for Industrial Access Railroad Track funds to

extend a new rail spur across Diuguids Lane;

Support for an Interstate 81 Bypass project along Texas Street from Roanoke Boulevard to Electric Road;

Support for Roanoke County pedestrian safety improvement projects at Keagy/Electric Road and along West Main Street;

Authorizing City Manager Jay Taliaferro to finalize and execute a

performance agreement between the City of Salem, Property Catalyst Group Inc and Salem's Economic Development Authority;

Amending the School Grant Fund budget by \$22,000;

Appointing Russ Craighead to a three-year term on the Roanoke Greenway Commission;

Hearing citizen comments by John Breen, who asked Council to add 12 advisory items to the November ballot ranging from such questions as should the city

remove eyesores and blight, is 600 square feet too small for single family home, to "Are police doing a good job?", the possibility of an elected rather than appointed an appointed school board.

Also during the work session, Council and staff heard a presentation and discussed the city's electric department using three battery storage stations that would be used during peak demand times. The presentation was by GDS Associates' Alice Wolfe, who participated

remotely, and Garret Cole. Locations for the batteries would be on Union at mower, Electric Road and Indiana Street.

If instituted, the battery storage areas would be on line starting in 2024, Cole said. Bid packages went out to a number of bidders, and a decision on the two top finalists would be by Aug. 15, he added.

Four Council members were present Monday night, with Councilman Bill Jones absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



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Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on August 10th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. The request of Barker Salem Homes LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 10 School Lane, (Tax Map # 145-12-2).
2. The request of Barry W. Gladden and Tina Marie Gladden, property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a 1,400 SF detached garage on the property located at 900 Palmer Avenue, (Tax Map # 215-7-1.1).
3. The request of Ornelas Main Street, LLC, property owner, and Sharp Cars for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow automobile repair services, major on the property located at 2016-2020 West Main Street, (Tax Map # 138-2-3).

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

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: James E. Taliaferro, II
Executive Secretary

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue host second Camp R.I.T.

Submitted by Roanoke County Fire & Rescue

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue will host its second Camp R.I.T. on July 29, 2022. After 14 years of Character Academy, Roanoke County Fire and Rescue is proud to host, after a 2-year hiatus, a day camp for students age 10-14 called Camp R.I.T. Camp R.I.T. is a play on words as fire departments often have Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT) and in this new one-day camp we will be focusing on a rapid in-depth, insight into the world of emergency services professions, and also the importance of Respect, Integrity and Teamwork (RIT). The event is put on by Roanoke County Fire & Rescue and the Fire Marshal's Office along with students and volunteers from across the region.

On Friday, July 29 we will be located at the Fort Lewis Fire Station at 3915 West Main Street, Salem, VA 24153. On this first half of the day we will be exploring the ladder truck, the fire station and flowing water from a fire hose that we have attached to a hydrant!

Later on that same day, we will be at 1220 Kessler Mill Road, Salem, VA at the Roanoke Valley Regional Fire and EMS Training Center where campers will be descending a "zip line", learning CPR, and crawling through our maze trailer.



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Virginia Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) names award winners

Submitted by the VAPDC

The Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) announced several award recipients at its annual Summer Conference held last week in Staunton, VA.

The VAPDC awarded Mike Hawkins, Virginia Housing (retired) the 2022 Robert W. Baker Achievement Award. This award recognizes persons who have been involved in planning district commission activities and who have contributed significantly to promoting regional planning and development, while impacting more than one planning district commission. Hawkins spent 16 years with Virginia Housing, including eight years as its Managing Director of Community Outreach. "Mike's leadership at Virginia Housing has been in alignment with VAPDC, personally and professionally and he has been a tremendous champion of PDCs across Virginia," said Martha Heeter, PlanRVA Executive Director in her nomination of Hawkins. "This is a well-deserving recognition of him, as well as of the Virginia Housing team, and for

the investment that Virginia Housing has made across our regions, particularly this past year."

Jim Baldwin received the Gordon N. Dixon Achievement Award, recognizing his 50 years at the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission (CCPDC). "Jim began his career at the CPPDC in 1972 as a planner, and in 2006, became the executive director, continuing a long career leading collaborative and cooperative initiatives in the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell and Tazewell," said Martha Heeter, PlanRVA Executive Director. Baldwin continues to serve CPPDC as CEO until his formal retirement later this year. The Dixon Award recognizes an executive director or a commissioner who has provided leadership and made outstanding contributions to promoting the concept of regionalism in Virginia.

The President's Award was presented to Robert K. 'Bob' Coiner, who has devoted much of the past two decades to public service and has championed the role and importance of regional coordination across Vir-

ginia and the country. Coiner has served as Mayor of the Town of Gordonsville since 2004. He joined the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) in 2005 and has served as Chair of the RRRRC on two separate occasions. Also a past president of the Virginia Municipal League and VAPDC, Coiner joined the VAPDC Board in 2012. During his time as President of VML and of VAPDC, he actively sought to bring those two organizations into closer collaboration. "Bob is a true public servant," said VAPDC President Kim Callis. "He has made outstanding contributions to VAPDC and we are grateful for his ongoing passion and dedication to regionalism and the work of PDCs."

The Robert M. deVoursney Best Practices Award was presented to two PDCs, the George Washington Regional Commission's Continuum of Care, and the New River Valley Regional Commission's Business Continuity Team. The Best Practices Award recognizes organizations that have initiated innovative regional activities which have contributed significantly to the effectiveness of a region.

The George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) reported recently that the entire homeless population of Planning District 16 is now sheltered and has a safe place to quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic. The GWRC managed the local Continuum of Care, the planning body that coordinates housing and services for the area homeless population, and also was in partnership with the Rappahannock Health District, the Medical Reserve Corps and area hospitals to ensure that those who test positive for COVID-19 and cannot safely isolate at home have somewhere else to go.

The New River Valley Business Continuity Team (BCT) was developed through a collaboration of the New River Valley Public Health Task Force and began working under New River Valley Regional Commission in August of 2020. The team consists of a Public Health Director, Public Schools Health Liaison and a Program Manager. The BCT provided services for businesses, public schools and childcare facilities to navigate and operate in the

COVID environment to keep the region's workers both safe and productive. This project demonstrated the effectiveness of a team that is able to act as a trusted resource for businesses seeking information regarding not only COVID-19, but other public health concerns, and acting as a clear communicator accessible to businesses.

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between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

·ROUTE 635 (GOODWIN AVENUE) CLOSURE – As part of the ongoing I-81 project from exit 137 to 141, Route 635 (Goodwin Avenue) will be closed beginning July 11 where it runs underneath I-81. It will be closed for approximately 30 days for reconstruction to accommodate the widening of the interstate. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes as traffic will not be able to pass underneath the interstate during this time.

·BARRIER WALLS: Barrier wall installation is in process. Nighttime lane closures will be in place and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

·From mid-March until

mid-June, nighttime right lane and shoulder closures between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday

·From mid-May to mid-June, alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday

Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

·Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

·Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

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

(UPDATED 7-22-22) * I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County is currently closed from late May 31, 2022 until September 2, 2022. Signage indicating the closure has been posted in the rest area. During the closure, a temporary concrete barrier wall will be installed in front of the facility. The rest area

facility, ramps and parking lot will be closed to the public. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

·REST AREA OPTIONS: While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

(UPDATED 7-22-22) * INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143 – A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has been underway. All lanes now open and will remain open through winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound will resume this summer. Drivers can expect rough pavement. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

·PAVING OPERATIONS DELAYED: Paving operations northbound have been delayed until after the 4th of July holiday. In addition, the

outermost right lane northbound currently has pavement that is approximately 1-1/2" higher than the inner two lanes of travel for 0.8 mile (mile marker 141.9 to 142.7). Drivers should use caution and slow their speed. Message boards are in place to notify drivers. When paving resumes, it will remain during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., for the next three weeks. Weather permitting, this paving operation will finish the project with final paving that will smooth out the rough surface.

(UPDATED 7-22-22) * I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

·LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on

I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

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

(UPDATED 6-3-22) * I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

(UPDATED 4-1-22) * I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

(UPDATED 4-1-22) * I-81 POTHOLES PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate 81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
Salem Gun & Knife Sale	Sat, July 16	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Adult: \$10.00	Arena	Tickets at the Door
	Sun, July 17	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Ages 12 and Under Free with Paying Adult.		

For more information visit www.cgunshows.com

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
DMV2Go	Mon, July 18	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Free Admission!	Parlor C	Open to the Public
	Tue, July 19	9:00 am - 4:00 pm LUNCH 12:30 - 1:30			

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Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
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 \$40-\$53-\$103 or Website

Featuring coaches from Glenvar, William Fleming, Patrick Henry, Salem and Hidden Valley High Schools. www.roanokevalleysportsclub.com

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
Spa Blowout	Fri, July 22	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Free Admission	Arena	Open to the Public
	Sat, July 23	10:00 am - 8:00 pm			
	Sun, July 24	10:00 am - 6:00 pm			

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Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
Hank Williams Jr.	Fri, July 29	8:00 pm	Reserved Seats: \$89.50 & \$125.00 Preferred Parking: SOLD OUT	Arena	LOW TICKET ALERT

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Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
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 known for focusing primarily on older comic books.

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
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

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Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
Mountain Valley Cluster Dog Show	Wed, Aug 3	8:00 am - 4:00 pm Each Day	Free Admission!	Arena	Open to the Public
	Thurs, Aug 4				
	Fri, Aug 5				
	Sat, Aug 6 Sun, Aug 7				

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
Roanoke Valley Chapter IPMS Scale Model Show	Sat, Aug 13	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	\$5.00	Arena	Tickets at the Door

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
31st Annual Car, Truck and Cycle Show	Sat, Aug 20	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Free Admission!	Parking Lot	Open to the Public

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
DMV2Go	Wed, Aug 24	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Free Admission!	Parlor C	Open to the Public
	Thur, Aug 25	9:00 am - 4:00 pm LUNCH 12:30 - 1:30			

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
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

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
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

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
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

Event	Date	Time	Prices	Location	Tickets
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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July 22	Lynchburg Hillcats	7:05 p.m.	
July 23	Lynchburg Hillcats	6:05 p.m.	
July 24	Lynchburg Hillcats	5:05 p.m.	
August 2	Fayetteville Woodpeckers	7:05 p.m.	
August 3	Fayetteville Woodpeckers	7:05 p.m.	
August 4	Fayetteville Woodpeckers	7:05 p.m.	
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Legals - Botetourt County

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 ROBERT STUART NOEL, DECEASED ESTATE OF DORIS JEAN HILL NOEL, DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Roger S. Noel, administrator for the estates of Doris Jean Hill Noel, Deceased and Robert Stuart Noel, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Robert Stuart Noel and Doris Jean Hill Noel, and all persons in his or her estates are hereby notified that I have fixed the 24th day of August, 2022 at 10 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

Legals - Botetourt County

and demands against said Robert Stuart Noel and Doris Jean Hill Noel or his or her estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Robert Stuart Noel, deceased and Doris Jean Hill Noel, deceased, and persons interested in his or her 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 the 20th day of July, 2022.
Malcolm McL.
Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL OF COLORADO LLC., trading as CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL 4345, 7406 Lee Highway, Radford VA. 24141

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer, ON and OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

TIMOTHY LUSKIN, Licensing Manager.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Public Notice Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated industrial wastewater into a waterbody in Radford, Virginia. PERMIT NO.: VA0054780. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Radford Water Treatment Plant, 20 Forest Avenue, Radford, VA 24141. DEQ CONTACT: Adam Eller, (540) 682-9020, adam.eller@deq.virginia.gov v. 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153. The full public notice is available at: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/virginia-pollution-discharge-elimination-system-vpdes>

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

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MONI KUMAR DAHAL, MEMBER.

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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

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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 interests in this cause. Entered on the 6th day of July, 2022.
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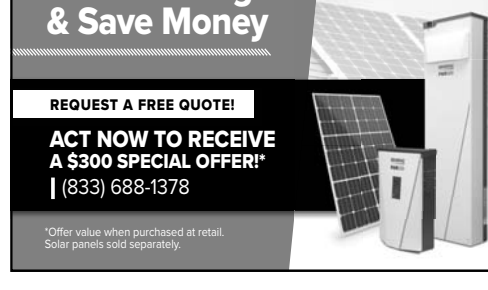


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Where the Crawdads Sing

Delia Owens took the literary world by storm with her 2018 novel *Where the Crawdads Sing*, and it was little surprise when the book got picked up to be adapted as a movie. *Where the Crawdads Sing* has been playing at local theaters and fans of the book are flocking to the movie. Reese Witherspoon is a producer on the mystery drama after selecting the book for her Hello Sunshine Book Club, and now audiences are about to see the struggles of Marsh Girl Kya play out on the big screen.

Daisy Edgar-Jones stars as Kya Clark, a girl who is forced to grow up early and learn to survive on her own in the North Carolina

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marsh after being abandoned by her parents and siblings. Kya finds herself a suspect in a murder in a strange twist of events.

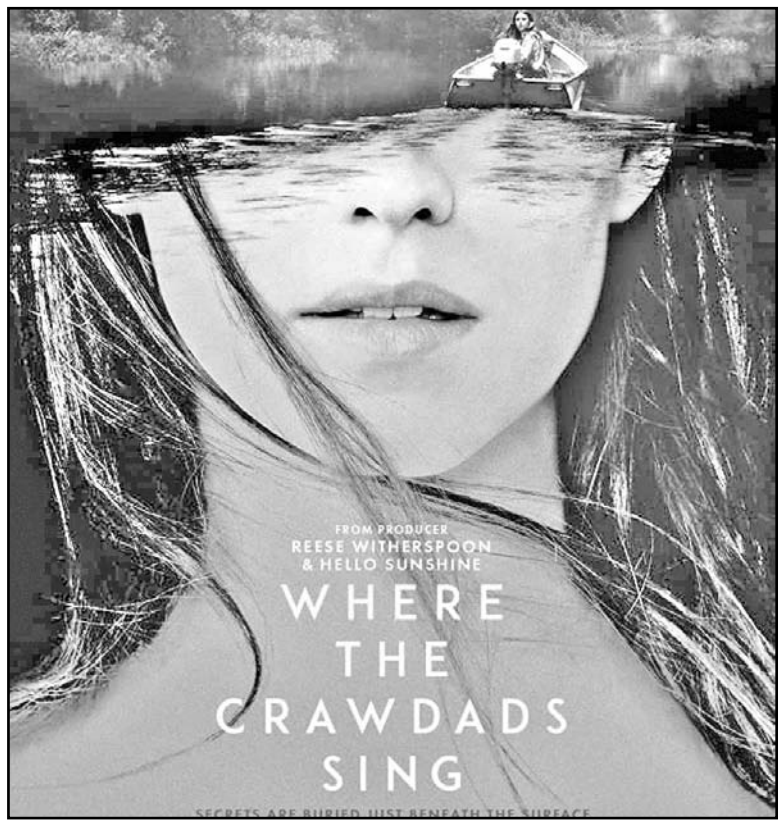
It is a captivating story of human strength and human nature set on the rural coastal South.

If you have not read *Where the Crawdads Sing*, you can check it out at the Craig County Public Library. It makes a great summer read. Then go see the movie. You will know so much more about the char-

acters after having read the book.

Most people like a book better than its movie counterpart because the movie is never portrayed just as we imagined the book. Sometimes the story changes a little too. But yes, always do go and see the movie anyway, for sometimes it deepens the story and sets it into a different part of our brain with the images we see on the big screen.

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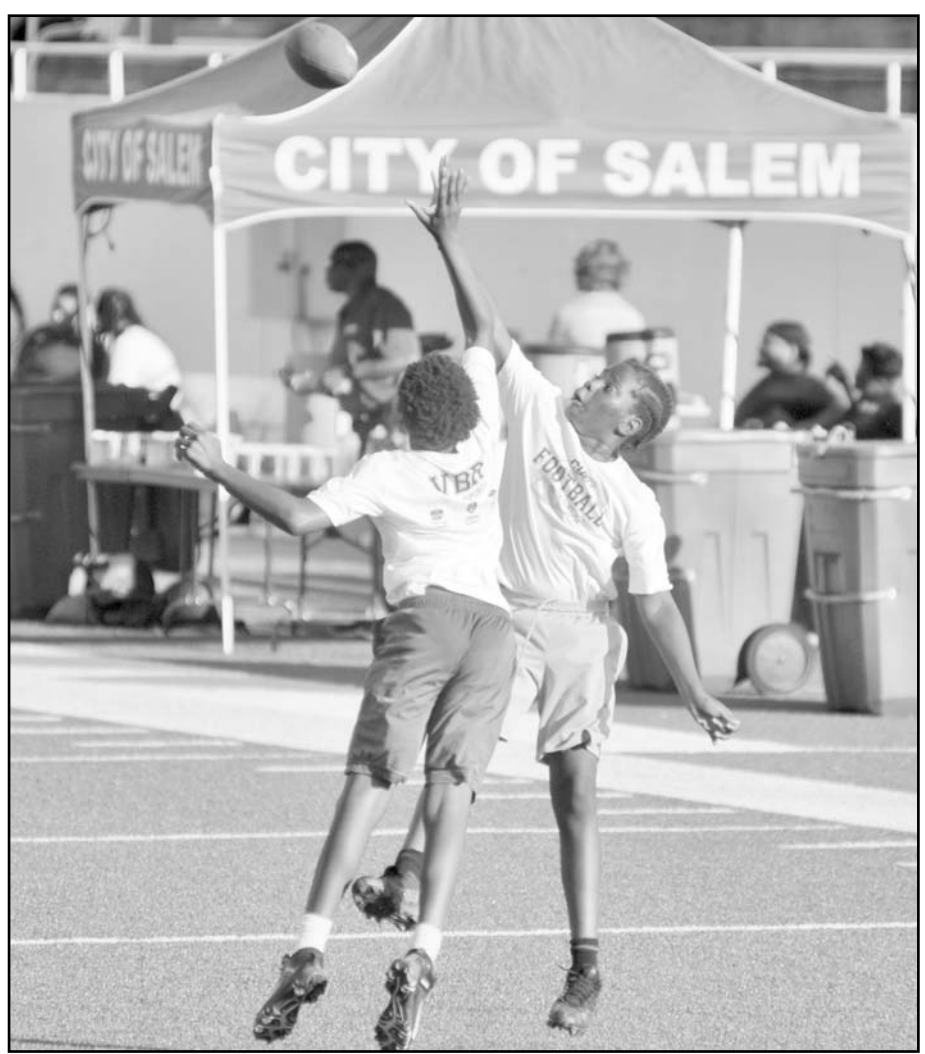
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CIAA HAS FOOTBALL CLINIC IN SALEM

Coaches from member teams of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) were in Salem last week to put on a football clinic for local kids. The CIAA will once again hold their conference championship game at Salem Stadium, this year scheduled for November 12.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



High School football practice opens today for Salem, Glenvar

High School football is just around the corner as both Salem and Glenvar open preseason practice this week. The season officially opens with regular season games on August 26.

Salem will have a designated practice today before opening two-a-days on Monday, August 1. The Spartans will go from 2 to 4 pm in the afternoon and 6-8 in the evening on the practice fields behind the high school. Salem will scrimmage at Brookville on August 12 and have a benefit game with Magna Vista at Salem Stadium on August 19, then open the season at Martinsburg in West Virginia on August 26.

Glenvar will open practice today at 3:30 pm. The Highlanders will scrimmage at William Byrd on August 12 and then participate in a high school jamboree at Blacksburg High on August 19. Glenvar will open the season at Galax on August 26.

Roanoke College basketball team honored by NABC for academics

The National Association of Basketball Coaches has announced the recipients of the 2021-22 NABC Team Academic Excellence Awards and NABC Honors Court and Roanoke College is included. The organization recognizes outstanding achievement in the classroom by collegiate men's basketball teams and student-athletes.

The NABC Team Academic Excellence Awards

recognize men's basketball programs that completed the 2021-22 academic year with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. The NABC Honors Court includes junior, senior and graduate student players who finished the 2021-22 year with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

The Roanoke College men's basketball team was honored by the organization once again this season,

receiving the same honor one year ago. In addition to the Team Academic Excellence Award, a trio of Maroons were named to the NABC Honors Court. Juniors Colin Burns (Business Administration), Jim Coulter (Economics), and Kasey Draper (Business Administration) were three of the over 2,000 players from all divisions to be honored.



The Valley United soccer team won the national "President's Cup" in Greensboro this month. Above, left to right: coach Josh Krehbiel, coach Chris Smoot (behind), Skylar Krehbiel, Laikyn Funk, Myla McDonald, Gabriella Carnevali, Bailey Smoot, Nadahlia Pollard, Abigail Tozier, Scotlyn Leonard, Amelia Stoner, Alyson Price, Emery Mitchem, Mead Pennylegion, Rachel Bobo, Madeline Howes, Rory Basel, Charlotte Wright, Kendall Ranson, head coach Cory Carroll and coach Ryan Ranson. Below, Salem's Alyson Price holds the championship trophy.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Salem girls are members of national championship 13U Valley United soccer team

Three Salem girls competed on the Valley United 13-and-under soccer team that won the national "Presidents Cup" in Greensboro, NC the second weekend of July. Aly Price, Laikyn Funk and Nadahlia Pollard were part of Valley United's team that won the Virginia State crown, the US Eastern Regionals and then the National President's Cup Championship on July 10.

The girls represented the Eastern Region in the four team national championship tournament, with a team from Charlotte representing the South Region, a team from Illinois from the North and a team from Las Vegas, Nevada from the West.

The Valley United girls lost their opener to the Illinois team, but bounced back to win their next two and gain a spot in the championship game against Las Vegas. Valley United led the game, 1-0, until the West Region champs scored with about 10 minutes to go. The game was decided by a shootout and it went seven shooters before the local girls prevailed.

The overtime shootout was a thriller. Valley United goalie Amelia Stoner made a save to keep West alive in the seventh round of the shootout, then scored the winner.

"We were behind in the shootout and needed Amelia to make a save to even things up," said coach Corey Carroll. "It was a very exciting finish."

All the girls on the team came from Salem, Roanoke County and Roanoke City with one girl from Franklin County.





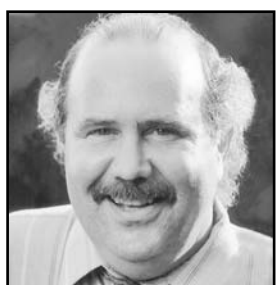
SALEM LACROSSE CAMP

Spartan Field at Salem High was the site of the annual Recreation Department boys' lacrosse camp last week, and if the turnout is any indication the future of Salem lacrosse is bright. Above, the group poses for a group shot and, below left and right, learns some fundamentals of the game.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Brian Hoffman



Baseball is a Family Tradition

It seems like baseball, more than any other sport, is a family tradition.

Major League Baseball held its annual player draft just prior to the all-star game and you didn't need a scorecard to keep track. A genealogy website would likely be more helpful.

Jackson Holliday, a shortstop from Oklahoma, was the first pick overall by the Orioles. That sure makes me feel old, as it seems like just yesterday his dad, Matt, was playing for the Salem Avalanche in the Carolina League.

Druw Jones, son of former Atlanta Braves star Andruw Jones, went next to the Diamondbacks. I had Andruw on my fantasy team when he was a rookie.

Two other sons of former big leaguers went in the first round, Carl Crawford's son Justin to the Phillies at 17th and Lou Collier's son Cam to the Reds, who went 19th overall. Those are some pretty impressive bloodlines.

As I see it, this happens more in baseball than any other sport. Oh sure, you have the Mannings with Archie, Peyton, Eli and now Arch, but you have to search to find many others. Same thing in basketball, although we're keeping an eye on "Bronny."

In baseball, however, it's a family affair. And, more often than not, the son is as good, or better, than the dad.

For example, Fernando Tatis was a decent Major League player but Tatis, Jr. is a rising star. Ken Griffey was solid for the Reds and his son, Griffey, Jr., is a Hall of Famer. Vladimir Guerrero was a really good player and his son, Vlad, Jr., may not be better but he could end up being just as good. Barry Bonds would have been better than Barry even without the 'roids.

Other current sons of former big leaguers currently in the league include Bo Bichette, son of Dante, Cavan Biggio, son of Craig, Cam Bedrosian, son of Steve, and some who had lesser known big league fathers like Cody Bellinger (Clay), Michael Brantley (Mickey), Robinson Cano (Jose), and C.J. and Kevin Cron (Chris).

Then you have third generation families, like Ray Boone, son Bob and grandsons Brett and Aaron. I had a baseball card of Gus Bell when I was a kid, and his son Buddy and grandsons David and Mike also became big leaguers. Sandy Alomar had two kids, Roberto and Sandy, Jr., who were both better players than dad.

Sammy Hairston had sons Jerry and Johnny and Jerry then had sons Jerry, Jr. and Scott, all who played in the big leagues. None of them were big stars, like Barry Bonds or Griffey, Jr., but just to make a big league roster is a great accomplishment.

According to the "Baseball Almanac," there have been 253 father-son combinations who have made a Major League roster in the history of baseball, and a good majority have been in the past 30 years. You won't find that in any other sport, with football next at 129 father-son combinations. The NBA is currently at 90 all time.

Why is that? I have a theory.

Baseball season lasts from late winter into autumn, counting spring training and the World Series. That's a lot of time, and parents don't want to stay away from their kids so they bring them to the ballpark. And, they can do so because the kids don't go to school in the summer. I know many of these sons of big leaguers were bat boys for their dad's team when they were kids, and if you're around the ballpark and playing catch with dad's friends it's bound to make you better.

You don't see that in football. Basketball could be like that (see Dell, Stephen and Seth Curry), but it's so darned hard to make an NBA team with half as many players at the top level in a sport where you need to be physically gifted. It's not like baseball, where John Kruk once replied to a fan who called him a disgrace for an athlete, "I'm not an athlete, I'm a baseball player."

Certainly it's not easy to become a big league baseball player, but if you have some ability and a father with a history there's a good chance you'll at least get a look.

Does anyone remember the month that Mickey Mantle, Jr. spent in the Carolina League? That's a good story for another day.

CITY-COUNTY SWIM MEET IS THIS WEEK

The Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association will conduct their annual Duane Whitenack City-County Swim meet this weekend at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. The Stonegate Swim Club and the Hidden Valley Country Club will both have teams in the pool.

The meet will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30, with 10 and under swimmers in the morning and 11 and over in the afternoon. Friday strokes include the Backstroke, Short Freestyle, Individual Medley and Freestyle Relays. Saturday will have the Butterfly, Breaststroke, Long Freestyle and wrap up with the Medley Relays.

There will be 13 area swim teams competing.

OBENCHAIN WAS A THROWER

Most folks in Salem knew Everette "EB" Obenshain, Jr. as "Sheriff," but those who have followed track & field for a long time in Salem also remember him as an

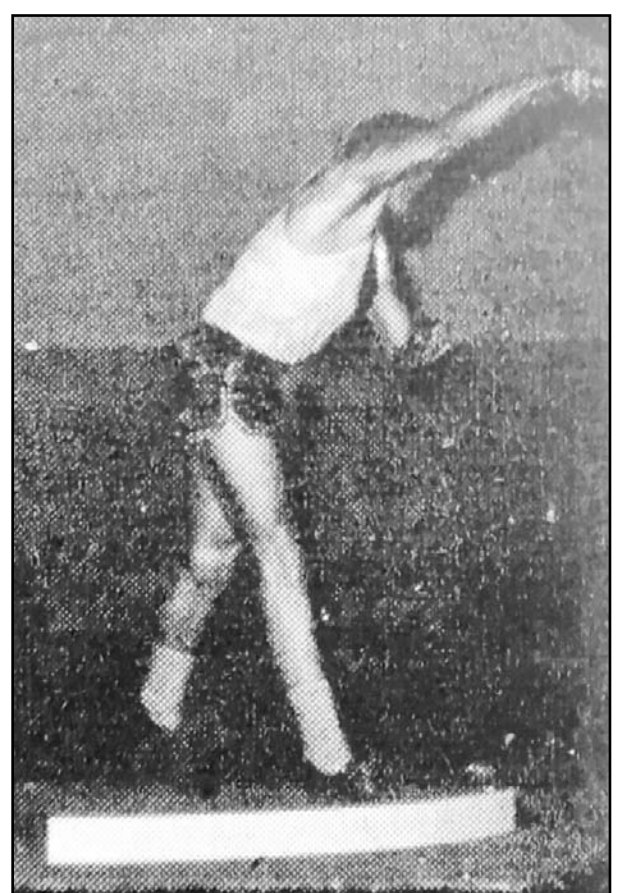
outstanding shot putter. Obenshain, who served the city as sheriff for 30 years, died on July 14 at 82 years of age.

"Obie" was a member of the Andrew Lewis High School track program coached by legendary Ray Bussard in the late 1950s. Lewis won the state 1A Indoor Track and Field championship at the VMI Field House in 1958 and Obenshain was a key member of that team.

"At the 1958 state meet the Andrew Lewis throwers 'wowed' the crowd with three throwers at or over 50 feet," said Salem native and track historian Richard Browder, who competed for Lewis and coached at Lewis, Salem High and Roanoke College for many years. "Very impressive, especially in the close confines of the small VMI arena."

Obenshain joined Neil Churchill and Bill Wade as throwers on that championship team. Lewis won the indoor state championship in 1958 and 1959 at VMI and the outdoor state championship in 1959 at William and Mary in Williamsburg.

Thanks to Richard Browder for this information. Sometimes great accomplishments get lost as the years go by.



This photo of Everette Obenshain throwing the shot put in the Virginia State 1A championship meet at the VMI fieldhouse appeared in the Andrew Lewis High yearbook "The Pioneer" in 1958.

Red Sox will present STEAM Night on August 5th

The Salem Red Sox will host "STEAM Night," (presented by the Branch Group, on Friday, August 5th at Carilion Clinic Field. STEAM stands for "Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics."

STEAM Night will present a variety of programming elements, including interactive booths along the concourse, STEAM educational material displayed throughout the game, an exclusive VIP experience with the Mascot Hall of Fame and more.

"Branch Group is proud to be a part of STEAM night and introduce kids to a new world of possibilities often not experienced in the classroom or in their daily lives,"

said Kenna Smith, Branch Group Talent Acquisition Manager. "STEAM education is crucial to the future of the construction industry, and we are dedicated to raising the next generation of builders."

Salem Memorial Ballpark will turn into a classroom as the concourse will be filled with interactive displays from various businesses and organizations in STEAM-related fields. Additionally, Tyler's Amazing Balancing Act will be in attendance featuring his unique, high-energy performance.

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

The Mascot Hall of Fame will be hosting an exclusive in-person, totally interactive, pre-game VIP event at Carilion Clinic Field. The entire family is invited to participate during the 45 minute presentation. Programming is designed for children ages 8-18. This VIP experience will take place from 5:30-6:15 pm prior to first pitch, slated for 7:05pm as the Salem Red Sox host the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. This VIP STEAM event is free, but does require registration.

"We are very excited to host the first STEAM Night at Salem Memorial Ballpark and our partnership with the Mascot Hall of Fame," said Blair Hoke, Salem Red Sox Assistant General Manager. "Our team continues to look for programming appropriate for fans of all ages that compliments the game of baseball and Salem's initiative to provide, safe, affordable, family-entertainment. We look forward to welcoming fans of STEAM-related fields to a great night at the ballpark."

For more information on STEAM Night, to reserve your pre-game VIP spot, or to get involved with interactive displays, please call (540) 302-0243 or email bhoke@salemsox.com. For more information on the Mascot Hall of Fame, visit www.mascothalloffame.com.

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Salem and Glenvar baseball players will compete at Salem Memorial Saturday

Salem Memorial Ballpark will be the site for "The Last Inning" this Saturday, an annual event celebrating recently graduated high school senior baseball players. Two seven inning games will be played with teams comprised of players who graduated in the spring of this year.

The annual event was initiated in 2020 when the COVID pandemic cancelled the high school season. It gave the seniors a chance to get on the field, and it was such a success it was decided to make it an annual event for senior players. The event is sponsored by the Salem Red Sox and the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. There is no charge for the players and the event is free to the public.

Players are divided into four teams and each will receive a shirt with their team color, uniform number and name. The players will wear their team hats and either white or gray pants. All area teams were invited to send players.

The first game is scheduled for 4 pm with the Red team meeting the Green team. The Red team will have players from Franklin County, Lord Botetourt, Alleghany and Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy. Coaches are Barry Shelton from Franklin, Seth Bradley from

Alleghany and Tanner Holt from SMLCA.

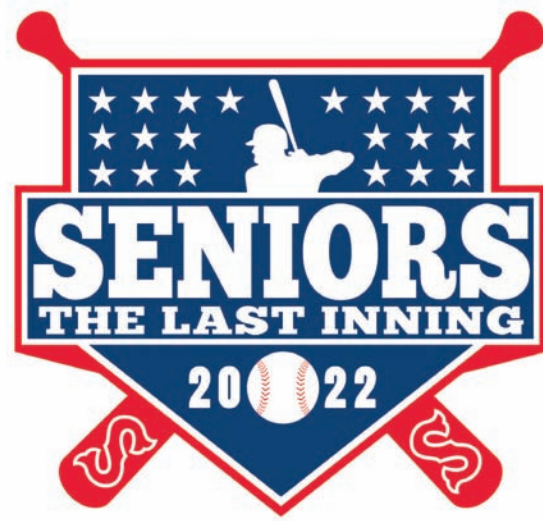
The Green team is comprised of players from Northside, Salem, Auburn and North Cross. Players from Salem High include Eli Bowery, Ben Bowers and Hunter King. Coaches are Kelly Dampeer and Trent Cundiff from Northside, Wes McMillan from Salem and Scott Smith from North Cross.

Following the Red versus Green game the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame will present the Posey Oyler Scholarship and the Kelvin Bowles Scholarship. Also, the seven finalists for the Ray Bellamy Award, honoring the High School Player of the Year, will be presented a framed certificate and the overall winner will be announced.

Game two, between the Navy Blue and Gray teams, will begin following the award presentations and a "spruce up" by the grounds crew.

The Gray team is comprised of players from Cave Spring, William Byrd, Hidden Valley, Jefferson Forest and Eastern Montgomery. Hidden Valley's Randy Boone, Jason Taylor of William Byrd and Ricky Lonker of Cave Spring will be the coaches.

The Navy team will have players from Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Glenvar. Highlanders on the team



are Clay Caldwell, Will Underwood and Jake Veverka and coaches, all from Christiansburg, are Dale Nelson, Tom Meadows and Roy Jones.

As mentioned, there is no cost to attend the games and concessions will be available.



Left, Bryan Gonzalez of the Salem Red Sox steams around third to score a run in Saturday's win over Lynchburg. Right, Luis Guerrero puts the finishing touches on the win as he picks up a save on "Grateful Dead Night." PHOTOS BY JOHN WACHER

Red Sox have key series at first place Fredricksburg this week

The Salem Red Sox will have a big series this week as they try to stay within shouting range of the first place Fredricksburg Nationals in the Carolina League standings. Salem will play six games in Fredricksburg beginning on Tuesday of this week.

The Sox come into the week six games behind the Nationals in the second half standings of the Carolina League's North Division. Salem lost two of three games against Lynchburg last weekend while the Nats swept their three game series with

Delmarva to go another two games up on the Sox in the first action after the All-Star game break. The Red Sox are in third place in the division with a 12-12 second half record while Down East is in second place at 13-10 and Fredricksburg is 18-6.

The Sox need to make some hay while the sun shines this week, as they can't afford to drop much farther behind the Nationals in the North Division standings. If Salem can stay close they'll have a puncher's chance of winning the division as they host Fredricksburg for

the final six games of the regular season from September 6-11.

Salem was home last weekend as the visiting Hillcats took two of three, winning 9-6 on Friday and 3-1 on Sunday. Salem won the Saturday game, 3-2, while wearing tie-dyed Grateful Dead uniform tops. The Sox scored a run in the first and two in the second then turned it over to starter Juan Encarnacion and relievers Graham Hoffman and Luis Guerrero to hold the lead. Encarnacion got the win to go 7-4 for the season, Hoffman got his

third hold and Guerrero picked up his fifth save.

After this week's games in Fredricksburg the Red Sox will be back home on Tuesday, August 2nd, to open a six game series with Fayetteville. The Woodpeckers are in last place in the South Division, so if Salem can gain some ground in the division this week they'll be in a good position to make a run with six weeks to go in the season. Tuesday of next week is "National Night Out" and a week from today, on August 4, is "Area 51 Night."

Salem, Glenvar looking to have good seasons on the links

The first sport to open in the new school year is always golf and the local high school teams are set to tee off on Monday of next week. Glenvar will open with a match at the Hidden Valley Country Club on Monday and Salem will open the season a week later.

The Highlanders have a new coach in Shawn Duff,

who replaces former coach Blaine Mills. Blaine coached golf and girls' tennis teams last year but stepped away to spend more time with his growing family after the Glenvar girls won the state tennis championship in the spring. Shawn and Blaine are friends and Duff will now take over the team this season.

"I'm stepping into a great situation," said Duff. "Blaine took over a program that had struggled and built it up into a very competitive team. We have a great group of guys on the team and they've been making my job easier with the dedication they've shown."

Seniors Jacson Shepherd, Mason Hylton and Brendan Magruder and junior Adam Harvey return from last year's lineup. Aiden Hylton, Grayson Shepherd and Tyler Smith also hope to see quality time as the Highlanders have some talent and depth.

"We're looking good," said Duff. "I've never coached golf before but I've enjoyed it most of my life and I'm looking forward to the season. I've been scouting the courses and we've had some practice sessions and play days to get ready."

Glenvar will share Hanging Rock with Northside as a home course. Next Monday's match at Hidden Valley will be for the "Roanoke Valley Cup" with a shotgun start at 2 pm. Glenvar will be one of six teams competing.

Salem won't open until Tuesday, August 9, when the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club plays host to the Metro Botetourt Invitational. The one day tournament replaced the old "Roanoke Valley Metro" last fall and will include most of the schools in the area.

Spartan coach Thad Snyder is at the helm for his 22nd year as head coach and he has a solid returning lineup. The top five are all but set and three of them are girls, with sophomore Kathryn Ha at the top of the ladder. Ha is one of the top female golfers in the state and she had a strong freshman season for Salem in 2021.

Joining Ha in the top five are two other girls, returning starters Macy Johnson, a senior, and junior Taylor Davis. Senior Trey Joyce is a four year starter and he'll likely play number two behind Ha, with Andrew Rea moving into the five spot.

"Number six is to be determined," said Snyder. "We have a few kids chomping at the bit and I expect to have a real solid team this year."

Salem's home course will be the Hidden Valley Country Club, which they'll share with Hidden Valley High School. The first River Ridge District match will be Monday, August 15, when Cave Spring hosts the district at Hunting Hills.



Left, Salem's Trey Joyce is a senior four-year starter for the Spartans. Right, Jacson Shepherd is a returning senior for Glenvar. PHOTOS BY SCOTT GARDNER & BRIAN HOFFMAN