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# Fun and fireworks at the 34th Annual Salem Fair

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The annual Salem Fair, the largest agricultural fair in Virginia, returned to town on June 29 for twelve days of rides and attractions at the Salem Civic Center. The fair featured a stunning fireworks display in honor of the Fourth of July holiday on Monday.

With free admission, the fair is open every evening and features highly popular attractions such as Scott's World of Magic magic show, the Danny Grant Cowboy Circus, a petting zoo, classic carnival rides such as the ferris wheel and countless games and snacks.

The 34th Annual Salem Fair

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Maddox Wilson enjoys the duck game.

PHOTOS BY KATHERINE KING

# Turbyfill elected to the office of Vice President General at 131st Continental Congress ~ Washington, D.C. conference may set all-time attendance record ~

Submitted by Daughters of the American Revolution

More than 4,000 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution gathered this past week in the nation's capital for their 131st Continental Congress, the service organization's annual meeting. The week-long convention, which was projected to draw the largest attendance in the organization's history, consisted of business sessions, committee meetings and social functions, in addition to formal evening ceremonies that honored national award winners and featured outstanding keynote speakers. This year's convention was the first in-person gathering in three years, after the 2020 and 2021 editions were conducted virtually due to the pandemic.

In attendance was Virginia State Regent LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfill, member of the Fort Lewis Chapter in Salem. Turbyfill was elected to the office of Vice President General at this year's Continental Congress. She will serve a term of three years with NSDAR's National Board of Management. Each year, seven new Vice Presidents General are elected for a total of twenty-one serving at any one time. These National officers advise and guide the work of the society.

Wednesday's Opening Night Ceremony speakers included U.S. Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, who was honored with the DAR Americanism Medal; and philanthropist/business leader

Submitted Photo  
LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfill of the Fort Lewis Daughters of the American Revolution

David Rubenstein, who was presented the DAR Medal of Honor. Friday's Historic Preservation Night Ceremony honored former Archivist of the United States David Ferriero, among others; and the Saturday National Defense Night Ceremony featured keynote remarks by Robert Dalessandro, Deputy Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Other national awards were presented throughout the week to outstanding honorees exhibiting excellence in historic preservation, education and

patriotism.

"I am both proud and excited to welcome our members back to our DAR Headquarters, especially so that they may experience the grandeur of DAR Constitution Hall following its massive \$15 million restoration," said DAR President General Denise Doring VanBuren. "We have so much to celebrate, with more than 35,000 new members welcomed and 14 million hours of community service provided since we last gathered for our congress in person back in

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ANN MARIE GREEN

Ann Marie Green is making her first run for Salem City Council.

## Ann Marie Green runs for City Council

Meg Hibbert  
Contributing writer

Ann Marie Green is running for Salem City Council with a platform of making it a better place to live, work and do business. It is the first run for the president of the Council of Community Services, a nonprofit in Roanoke.

Her late husband of 31 years, Mac Green, served on Council in the 1970s, 80s and 1990s, and was vice mayor for 20 years.

Green is one of four candidates running for Council in November. The others are incumbents Randy Foley and John Saunders, who, like Green, are running as independents, and Republican Hunter Holliday.

"I'm running as an independent because I really don't think political parties have anything to do with the issues that face local government," Green explained.

She outlined what she

believes are the most important issues before the city now. "I am concerned we are coming into a recession, and I think that will be an issue for the city to keep providing services. Salem has infrastructure that needs to be done, particularly the Civic Center which really needs some work and the city is planning to do that," she said.

"The football stadium needs work, too, and the storm water system. Areas flood after heavy rain."

She continued: "I think zoning decisions are on top of a lot of people's minds. The city needs to take into consideration existing zoning, and have a plan for economic development. Those are the things I want to help with."

Green pointed out that she has been involved in local government in Roanoke County and Roanoke City for 33 years. "Nobody running knows as much about local government as I do," she

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# BRIEFLY: Salem News In Brief

## Roanoke rents up 4.8%:

Inflation is currently at its highest rate in 40 years, and rapidly rising housing costs are a key contributor. While the market has cooled slightly from last summer's peaks, the national median rent has still jumped by 14% in the past year. And with spiking mortgage rates now sidelining potentially homebuyers, the coming months could bring additional competition for rentals amid a market that is already historically supply-constrained. Rents in Roanoke increased 4.8% month-over-month in June, compared to a 1.3% increase nationally. Year-over-year rent growth in Roanoke currently stands at 23.9%, compared to 15.5% at this time last year. Rents

in Roanoke are up by 36.9% since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Median rents in Roanoke currently stand at \$985 for a 1-bedroom apartment and \$1201 for a two-bedroom. *Submitted by Apartment List*

## Salemites graduate from Radford University:

Radford University presented undergraduate and graduate degrees during the spring 2022 commencement exercises. On Friday, May 6, 250 graduate degrees were awarded during a hooding ceremony at the Dedmon Center on campus in Radford, Virginia. On Saturday, May 7, 915

undergraduate degrees were presented on Moffett Lawn at the Radford campus. The following graduates are natives of Salem: Jessilyn Thompson Warr, Bradley Douglas, Caroline Elizabeth Stephenson, Adonis Nathaniel Rose, Kayla D Brown, Emma Jean Bradley, Kirbie Grace Conner, Emily Marie Duhon, Alexander Douglas Brooks, Adrian Cruz-Lemus, Madelynn Kate Bowman, Joshua Michael Adkins, Lynzee Taylor Mann, Kaylyn Marie Fechko, Alayna Grace Johnson, Madeleine Hope LaPrad, Mia Sakura Cromer, Dabney Alaina Ward, Ashley Leigh Brown, Enas Waheeb Youssef Iskander, Jensen Faith Roberts, Cameron Bradley Craig, Gabriel Nicole Justice, Mariah Corinne


Whitcomb, Megan Marie Wood, Jennifer Cary Austin, Hannah Grace Giorno, Regina Gail Compton Duncan, Stephanie Bennett Wood.

## Salemites make Hollins University Dean's List:

Hollins University congratulates students who earned Dean's List honors during the spring 2022 semester. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grading scale. Congratulations to these distinguished Salem scholars on earning this academic achievement: Maegan Dooley and Ashley King.

# POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department			
			
Weekly Arrest Report			
Week of June 28, 2022 – July 04, 2022			
Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
06/28/2022	Rodney E. Vest	50	Public Intoxication
06/28/2022	Angela M. Weaver	42	Contempt of Court
06/28/2022	Travis W. Lyle	37	Assault & Battery, Disorderly Conduct
06/30/2022	Alyssa J. Barrett	41	Assault & Battery
07/01/2022	Travis E. Jones	38	Failure To Appear
07/01/2022	Susan M. Foster	66	Damage Property
07/01/2022	Destiny S. Robertson	23	Disorderly Conduct
07/01/2022	Uzair I. Zaid	21	Carrying Concealed Weapon
07/01/2022	Leanna M. Aldridge	34	Conceal Merchandise
07/02/2022	Robert L. White	43	Entering Property of Another to Damage It
07/03/2022	Melinda N. Creed	39	Violation of Probation, Contempt of Court
07/03/2022	Keion D. Carter	21	Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
07/03/2022	DaQuan M. Brown	20	Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
07/03/2022	Jamie L. Hamilton	35	Vehicle Theft
07/03/2022	Dylan K. Smith	26	Public Intoxication, Obstructing Justice
07/04/2022	Keldon L. McFarland	41	Public Intoxication

City of Salem Police Department		
		
Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)		
Week of June 28, 2022 – July 04, 2022		
DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
29-JUN-2022	100 BLK Electric Rd	Burglary
02-JUL-2022	300 BLK Thompson Memorial Dr	Vehicle Theft

# VDOT Road Watch

Submitted by VDOT

## ROANOKE COUNTY

(UPDATED 7-1-22) \* 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. During construction, lane closures and a road closure with detour June through August will be in place. Drivers should expect the following:

Closure & Detour: As of June 20, a portion of the Route 419 and Route 311 intersection is closed and a detour is in place for approximately four to six weeks. It is scheduled to reopen in

August or September. Motorists should be aware of the following impacts:

Traffic will not be able to turn left from Thompson Memorial Drive (Route 311) onto Catawba Valley Drive (Route 311)

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

Route 419 traffic will not be able to continue straight at the intersection onto Thompson Memorial Drive.

No U-turns on Route 311 allowed.

During the partial intersection closure, drivers will need to use alternate routes and can detour using Interstate 81 exit 140 onto Thompson Memorial Drive and exit 141 onto Route 419. Using

Main Street in Salem to reroute onto Route 419 or Thompson Memorial Drive around the partial intersection closure is another option.

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

(NEW 7-1-22) \* 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 interstate during this time.

( U P D A T E D 6-24-22) \* 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.

( U P D A T E D 6-24-21) \* ROUTE 760 (DIUGUIDS LANE) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & DETOUR - A project to replace the Route 760 (Diuguidds 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 Diuguidds 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 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 Diuguidds 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 permitting, 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

( U P D A T E D 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 7-1-22) \* INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 - A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers

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# Long-time Economic Development Director Announces Retirement

Submitted by Roanoke County

Economic Development Director Jill Loope will retire next year following a successful and rewarding 22-year career with Roanoke County. Prior to retirement, Loope will assist County leaders as they launch a nationwide search for her successor. She plans to retire effective July 1, 2023.

A nationally recognized and award-winning economic development professional, Loope joined Roanoke County in 2000 as the public information officer before becoming the assistant director of economic development, and was promoted to director in 2011. The Roanoke County Economic Development Department is a respected and accredited agency. Loope helped the department achieve its status through her

leadership. She is a skilled facilitator and collaborator who has generated thousands of jobs and over \$1 billion in capital investment over her 31-year career.

Loope is a graduate of Radford University and got her start in the economic development field more than 30 years ago with economic development director positions in the City of Radford and Caroline County, Virginia.

"It's been an honor to serve the people of Roanoke County," said Loope. "I have enjoyed working with our business partners, and seeing the positive growth and development that's occurred in our community and region over the past two decades."

"Jill is a valued member of Roanoke County," said Richard L. Caywood, Roanoke County administrator. "She has positively impacted our local businesses as an advocate

for workforce development, small business, redevelopment growth, and strong regional partnerships. I would like to thank her for her 22 years of service to the community."

Over the course of her time with Roanoke County, Loope has served on numerous boards and organizations, including: The Western Virginia Workforce Board, the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facilities Authority, the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority and the Virginia Manufacturing Development Commission, among others.

Roanoke County will begin a nationwide search for its next Economic Development director in early July. Loope will assist with the transition to a new director while also serving in a new role to enhance the tourism division in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Retiring Roanoke Co. Economic Development Director Jill Loope

# Roanoke College receives \$3.5 million gift from former president and first lady, Dr. David and Susan Gring

*~ Gring, the College's ninth president, and his wife, Susan, are making the gift to support student research and the College's planned Science Center. ~*

Submitted by Roanoke College News

Roanoke College is thrilled to announce that Dr. David and Susan Gring, the College's ninth president and first lady who served from 1989 to 2004, have committed to making a gift approximating \$3.5 million to the College to support a student research endowment and the College's planned Science Center.

To date, the College has raised \$50 million toward the \$70 million goal for the construction of the new Science Center.

The Science Center is a critical capital project on the College's agenda. Plans for the center include state-of-the-art teaching

and learning spaces, and a complete renovation of the Life Sciences and Trexler buildings. The plaza of the Science Center will be named the Dr. David M. and Susan D. Gring Plaza.

Every student at Roanoke takes at least three courses from the programs that will be housed in the Science Center. One-third of all courses on campus will be taught in the Science Center. Most of the student research will take place there, and it will house three of Roanoke's 10 most popular majors: psychology, biology and environmental studies.

"The new Science Center will impact every student at Roanoke College and the Grings' donation gets us that

much closer to making the Science Center a reality. Dr. Gring essentially formalized and extended undergraduate research at Roanoke College during his tenure, which makes this donation especially wonderful and fitting," said President Michael Maxey. "David and Susan's contributions to Roanoke College are immense and we are grateful for their service to the College. Science has been an important part of both of their lives, and we are thrilled that they have directed their gift in a way that will bolster the sciences at Roanoke College for future students."

As a student at Franklin & Marshall College, Dr. Gring experienced firsthand the value of

undergraduate research and went on to have a career as a college biology and genetics professor and administrator

prior to his role leading Roanoke College.

Susan Gring was the first Roanoke College first lady to have a full-time day job. She served as executive director of the Carilion Foundation, where she worked to raise money for programs that improved the health and welfare of communities in western Virginia. She and her husband have stayed closely connected to Roanoke College over the years, and Susan Gring said they especially want to get involved in the Science Center project.

"The College today is a place with significant momentum, with excellent faculty and limitless opportunities for students," said Susan Gring. "Dedicated faculty and a community that cares, those are two of the reasons we are contributing to Roanoke College. Life has been good to us; Roanoke College has been good for us. So, we decided to contribute to something we love. The Science Center will open possibilities we can't even fathom today, and we want to be a part of that, albeit in a small way."

During Dr. David Gring's 15 years as president, the College embarked upon several building projects including completion of the Fintel Library and the Colket Center; the student body became dramatically more diverse; the faculty

acquired a Phi Beta Kappa chapter; and faculty-student interaction increased, with an emphasis on independent study, internships and the Summer Scholars program. He said it was impossible not to get excited about the possibilities currently present on the Roanoke College campus.

"Roanoke is a college with a restless ambition," Gring said. "It is dissatisfied with the status quo and has always wanted to be better in the future than it is in the present. When you have a faculty, staff, alumni base and broad constituency relentlessly working to improve and become better, you know that you have been given the opportunity to contribute to a unique environment."

Kim Blair, vice president for Resource Development, praised the Grings and their visionary plans for the Science Center.

"Their support is inspiring, and we are grateful they are allowing us to publicize their gift to the Science Center in order to help others think about their own personal philanthropy," Blair said. "David and Susan Gring are wonderful ambassadors for the College and understand the importance of building a science facility that matches the level and abilities of our superb faculty at Roanoke."

Dr. David Gring praised President Maxey and First Lady Terri Maxey for their leadership

during a period of unprecedented challenges not faced by the college since President Charlie Smith led the college through World War II. To maintain forward progress during their tenure has been extraordinary Gring said. "Among the Maxey's many accomplishments has been the ability to keep the dream of the Science Center alive and guide it on a path toward reality," said Dr. David Gring. "When built, the Science Center will provide a facility that matches the quality of the faculty and students who will teach, research and learn there."

"I'm a scientist," Gring said. "All of my degrees are in biology and genetics, so there's a warm spot in my heart for the place of science in a premier liberal arts college where students and faculty are engaged in the excitement of co-inquiry. Susan's career was spent in health care, which is integrated completely with the sciences."

"The science building is something I confess I wanted to have happen during the time we were there, but it was not to be," Gring said. "President Maxey and Terri have brought a renewed enthusiasm for this project, and we are delighted to be able to contribute. It will be a transformational life-changing facility when complete."

For more information about the Science Center, visit [roanoke.edu/sciencecenter](http://roanoke.edu/sciencecenter).



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Former Roanoke College President and First Lady Dr. David and Susan Gring

## OBITUARY

### Spessard, Michael Moore

Michael Moore Spessard, 78, of Salem, Virginia, surrounded by his family, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2022.

A wonderful husband and father, Mike was born in Salem, Virginia on January 22, 1944. A graduate of Andrew Lewis High School, and National Business College, he served as Senior Vice President of Oakey's Funeral Service for 21 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and proudly served his country in the Army National Guard.

He was the son of the late Carolyn Moore Spessard and Michael Callahan Spessard.

Mike is survived by his wife, Bertha L. Spessard; daughters, Karen King and husband, David, and Kristi Spessard Azaroff and husband, Illya; stepchildren, Stacy Wright and husband, Alan, and Paul Daniels and wife, Cara; brother, Cal Spessard and wife, Anne; sister, Sue Comstock and husband, Bob; un-

cle, Robert Moore and wife, Melanie; aunt, Bonnie Vest and sons, Stewart and Cameron Vest; and his grandchildren, a niece, and two nephews.

Mike (Mick) was an avid outdoors man enjoying both hunting and fishing and spent countless hours with his hunting partners at "The Cabin." He was also a UVA fan and for many years enjoyed tailgating before and after home games. Mike will be fondly remembered by his family and friends for his tremendous smile, wonderful storytelling, and sense of humor.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at Oakey's Roanoke Chapel with visitation one hour prior. A private graveside service will follow with immediate family at Sherwood Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Oakey's Funeral Service - Roanoke Chapel, (540) 982-2100.

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# OPINION

## Garden: Near God’s Heart

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

There’s a verse that speaks of the nourishment of sun and rain and ends with the affirmation, “You are nearer to God’s heart in a garden, Than anywhere else on Earth.”

With the coming of warm weather each year, many folk begin thinking of gardens; in fact one of my Salem neighbors has already provided me with enough green beans for two meals and more for a frozen casserole. And through an arrangement with friend and writing colleague Meg Hibbert I will continue to benefit for several weeks from the fresh veggies sold each Saturday morning at the Salem Farmers’ Market where she offers her delicious homemade breads and pastries.

For many years, a small home garden was part of my summer activity. It started way back in the spring of 1954 when late husband Charlie and I planted our first one.

We had just bought our first home off Peters Creek Road in what was then Roanoke County. The house had been built three years previously; it was a pretty white frame cottage trimmed in green with a small front porch and a chimney with a fireplace. Outside, it had been nicely planted with shrubs, and in the large back yard, several young trees were established.

When one of Roanoke’s devastating hurricanes, Hazel, struck that fall, Charlie and I held those saplings in place as the strong winds that followed seven inches of rain in a few hours threatened to uproot them.

The one-street neighborhood in which our little home stood was just across a slight rise from the end of the regional airport’s runway. A few years after a growing family sent us seeking a larger home, our house was moved away because of a possible crash hazard. We never saw it again.

Other houses remained on the street, and quickly the

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

open farms became subdivisions in what had been called Southview. In the “white flight” that was part of the unfortunate urban displacement of so many Black residents of the Gainsboro area of the inner city, several church congregations moved further west, and in time the narrow Peters Creek Road was widened to take higher-speed traffic.

Back to gardens. Charlie and I visited the Sears-Roe-buck store, then on Church Avenue in downtown Roanoke. We bought garden tools and fertilizer there as well as a hand plow. We found a man who broke the ground for us, but then we had to soften heavy clods of soil. It was terribly hard on joints even

for those in their twenties. A garden book told us of substances that could help, and we learned of manure, chemical fertilizer and the value of mulch.

Charlie remembered from his early days in southside Virginia—before he sadly lost his banker father in the Great Depression—that sweet peas were a favorite crop. We soon learned that any kind of pea needs March planting, for the heat of late spring rendered our vines dry and unproductive.

Other factors were discouraging. The soil in that area was heavy and did not drain well. As we noticed many years later at our Salem home, the water table is high so that a heavy rain tended to leave pools between the bean rows. Water stood in a neighbor’s back yard for days.

Our full basement, where Charlie used his limited carpentry skills to enclose one corner for an office, developed leakage one winter perhaps as the result of a crack that developed in the floor.

God, it seemed, was not in our garden, but we persisted in trying to grow one for

the five summers we lived in Southview.

By 1959 with a daughter and son in a two-bedroom house, we had to move. Through a series of remarkable events, about which I’ve written, we found a unique “Roanoke ranch” in Hollins. On a steeply sloping semi-wooded lot, the frame home of two livable levels included a small space with enough sun to grow a few vegetables. For years we stuck it out—until critters from our woods demolished it one night.

When we downsized 36 years later to East Salem, garden space was again available but now we skipped the corn and squash and mostly enjoyed our own tomatoes.

But the big interest of those later years was the gardening column Charlie was chosen to produce weekly for The Roanoke Times where we were both employed on semi-retired status. He found it fun to try new plants, for they offered ideas for his informal ramblings.

Today, with him gone since 2008 and me definitely a senior adult, I’m just thankful for generous neighbors.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor’s note: This letter is a direct response to “Calling all Conservatives,” a letter to the editor from Salem resident James Tweed that was printed in last week’s issue.

Dear Editor,

The headline for James

Tweed’s letter in your last edition caught my attention. While I’ve never been a Republican, in many respects I have conservative values. Mr. Tweed goes on to scold, justifiably in my opinion, the majority of Republicans who remain loyal followers of former President Trump

despite his continual promotion of the Big Lie that he won the 2020 election. Mr. Tweed finds the Grand Old Party now lacking in “a moral core grounded in reality.” From the Jan. 6th Capitol Riots hearings that I’ve been watching, that certainly seems to be the case. He says he is no fan of Joe Biden. Neither am I, especially in his massive military spending and neoncon foreign policy, which is why I’m an independent. I now support individual candidates who share my political values and will represent them in office, such as Roanoke’s Sam Rasoul, and Pennsylvania’s John Fetterman, though I can’t vote for them.

Getting back to conservative values, however, I wish the GOP would rediscover its early conservation values. Conserving the good earth, its forests, soils, waterways

and wetlands, were championed by the likes of Teddy Roosevelt and the great Gifford Pinchot. And even Nixon signed the EPA into law and now the Republican Supreme Court has gutted it. But, yes, once upon a time, the GOP was green! It was America’s leading pro-conservation and pro-environment party. Through most of the 20th Century, it was normal for Republican leaders to be real conservationists and real environmentalists. There’s nothing more fundamentally conservative than conservation!

But now, in the 21st Century, things are not quite the same. The Republican Party has strayed far from its roots in this regard, and in so many others, becoming now the party of oil and gas extraction and consumption and of letting the polluters foul our soils and

waters, shoot wolf cubs in their dens, and block every effort to address the climate/biodiversity crisis. Take our new governor. He has appointed former Trump EPA head Andrew Wheeler to head the deregulation office that he created. Wheeler is gearing up to go after environmental regulations in the Commonwealth, and he’s a guy who has focused his life’s work on letting extractive industries go hog wild. And take our new Salem representative in Congress, Ben Cline. Just last week I was on a Zoom meeting with several other members of the Citizens Climate Lobby talking to his legislative aide, a Ms. Stooks. Sadly, Mr. Cline is no conservative of the type I value. Quoting his April 21 newsletter, he says, “I am a supporter of an ‘all of the above’ energy strategy to

meet the current global energy need. Wind, solar, nuclear, hydro, natural gas, renewable nanotechnologies, and fossil fuel usage should all be encouraged, and I am optimistic that consumers will have clea, safe, and reliable choices well into the future.” He is aware that greenhouse gasses emitted from burning fossil fuels accelerate climate change, but he won’t propose, co-sponsor or vote for legislation such as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

So, as Mr. Tweed, a Republican himself, recognizes as he concludes his letter, there are a lot of RINOS (Republicans in Name Only) out there who truly are not conservatives.

Submitted by  
Dr. Michael L. Bentley,  
Salem resident

## The Training Program: Week 5

By Chamberlain Zulauf, Student Reporter

Well, I got fourth on the 4th, hardware included. For the first time in my career, which hasn’t seen many road races,

I secured a plate award which is exactly what it sounds like. Some sports get you belt buckles or cups. If you’re a runner you get a plate, probably because we’re all obsessed with food. I’ve seen collections of them and have always wanted to win one myself.

I went into the race on Monday wanting to just have fun. One thing every runner has to develop is expectation management. Not every race can be a PR and you can’t win them all. I knew I wasn’t going to win the whole shebang since I’m in the middle of mileage training but that wasn’t the point of showing up. There hasn’t been an opportunity to let myself run fast like that in a few

months so that environment alone was worth the early wake up. Everyone at these events is so positive too, quick to congratulate each other as we fall in. The ultimate sign of respect from one runner to another is extending a hand after being beat in a race to help them off the ground. It felt refreshing to go out there and have a race against friends and people I look up to rather than against established rivals. During the season I hate to lose more than I love to win but this race was more like celebrating the sport.

The starting gun went off at eight in the morning and we pounced to a start. The course candy-caned to the right immediately then we flew

straight downhill through the first quarter mile. In my head I was wondering if we were going so fast because we were facing downhill or if it was the familiar feeling of racing. In the last three and three quarters of the race I found out the latter was truer.

The next morning as I write this, I’ve run three miles earlier this morning and still have to do eight later to make up the mileage I missed out on yesterday. One thing that was definitely expected was to be quite stiff today but despite fatigue I bury my head and lean forward like I’m running downhill. When you’re running like that all you have to do is spin your legs under yourself.

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From right to left- Peter Smith, Chamberlain Zulauf, Landon Dinkel, Cooper Albright

# 'The Best Idea We Ever Had': 11 Quotes About National Parks

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

In 1872, the U.S. Congress established Yellowstone National Park, and in doing so created the first national park in America — and the world. Protected areas had existed before Yellowstone; in Europe, for example, wealthy landowners developed preservation areas to protect wildlife for hunting and trees for timber. The American model, however, went far beyond this.

Inspired by transcendentalist writers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, and Walt Whitman, and naturalists like John Muir, the national parks in the United States weren't developed for the rich and privileged. Instead, they were created out of democracy, art, and philosophy, to preserve the majesty and beauty of nature for all people.

When Yellowstone was established, it was officially declared a "public park or pleasuring-ground for the

benefit and enjoyment of the people." More national parks were created across the United States in the years after, but it took decades before an agency was created to manage the protected areas. Until, on August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established the National Park Service. Today the NPS manages 423 sites across the country, covering more than 84 million acres.

National Parks are now found all across the globe, from Banff National Park in Canada to Kilimanjaro National Park in Tanzania. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), close to 15% of Earth's land and 10% of its territorial waters are now covered by national parks and other protected areas. These parks have long been a source of inspiration, and many famous figures have commented on both their beauty and their importance.

"However orderly your excursions or aimless, again and again amid the calmest, stillest scenery you will be brought to a standstill hushed and awe-stricken before phenomena wholly

new to you."  
— *Naturalist John Muir, writing about Yellowstone National Park in 1889*  
"Within National Parks is room — glorious room — room in which to find ourselves, in which to think and hope, to dream and plan, to rest and resolve."  
— *Enos Mills (1870-1922), American naturalist, author and primary creator of Rocky Mountain National Park*

"A sort of national property, in which every man has a right and interest who has an eye to perceive and a heart to enjoy."  
— *William Wordsworth, writing of the concept of a national park in the Lake District in "A guide through the district of the lakes in the north of England," 1835*  
"The tendency nowadays to wander in the wilderness is delightful to see. Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wilderness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as

fountains of life."  
— *John Muir, writing in "Our National Parks," 1901*  
"There is nothing so American as our national parks... The fundamental idea behind the parks... is that the country belongs to the people, that it is in process of making for the enrichment of the lives of all of us."  
— *President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1934*  
"National parks are the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst."  
— *Wallace Stegner, American novelist, short story writer and environmentalist, 1983*  
"National parks and reserves are an integral aspect of intelligent use of natural resources. It is the course of wisdom to set aside an ample portion of our natural resources as national parks and reserves, thus ensuring that future generations may know the majesty of the earth as we know it today."  
— *President John F. Kennedy, World Conference on National Parks, 1962*  
"The national parks belong to everyone. To the



PHOTO BY MARGE LEWTE

people. To all of us. The government keeps saying so and maybe, in this one case at least, the government is telling the truth. Hard to believe, but possible."  
— *Edward Abbey, American author and essayist, in "Appalachian Wilderness," 1970*  
"When I was about 15, I went to work at Yosemite National Park. It changed me forever. Nature had carved its own sculpture, and I was part of it, not the other way around."  
— *Robert Redford*  
"I've been through legislation creating a dozen

national parks, and there's always the same pattern. When you first propose a park, and you visit the area and present the case to the local people, they threaten to hang you. You go back in five years and they think it's the greatest thing that ever happened."  
— *Congressman Mo Udall in "Too Funny to Be President," 1988*  
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## Finding a Path Forward with Job Training

Submitted by Total Action for Progress

It was the beginning of the COVID-19

pandemic. Ann Ellis found herself unemployed and unprepared for the workplace. Caring for her daughter kept her busy,

and she wasn't sure how she could juggle work or job training on top of being a parent.

But after learning about TAP and our SwiftStart program, Ann began to see a path forward. "TAP just opened up the door for me," she says. "It was the right recipe for me to reconnect and get started."

Job training was what initially drew Ann to TAP, but we were able to help her and her daughter with other challenges, too. Ann ultimately connected with several programs at TAP, which provided her with critical supports as she worked through our Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) training. She recalls that receiving

housing support from our HELP coordinator, Hannah, was especially impactful, as it provided the stability necessary for her to focus on her studies.

Ann explained that Hannah went the extra mile to provide the tools she needed to become established in her new apartment. "It was a tremendous help, and the help has not ceased," she says.

Balancing work and life during the CCMA course was challenging, as Ann knew it would be. She felt the pressure of raising her daughter while taking classes herself. Ann knew she had to prioritize her education. "I had to get this job so that we could keep our heads above

water," Ann explains. Reflecting on her time in the CCMA program at TAP, Ann says, "I didn't know how tough I was until I took that course." She didn't know how she would do it, but she was determined to complete the course. When things got hard, Ann's SwiftStart mentor, Jennifer, encouraged her to come up with solutions rather than excuses. "All I had to do is put one foot in front of the other, and that's exactly what I did," Ann reflects.

She completed the TAP CCMA program in December and gained employment at Carilion Clinic soon after. She now works in a competitive position with Carilion General Surgery where

she's challenging herself and learning new skills daily. With these resources and experiences from TAP under her belt, Ann's next goal is to pay it forward. She says, "I want to transition from being the person seeking and needing help to the person who can actually be help. Instead of being the receiver, I'll be the giver." Ann's advice to other individuals interested in TAP's programs is to keep moving forward; "...to not give up on yourself, and to thank God first," she says. Ann reminds others not to feel ashamed of falling down. "There are resources set in place to help you, and all you've got to do is go after them."



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Ann Ellis benefitted from TAP's adult job training programs during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

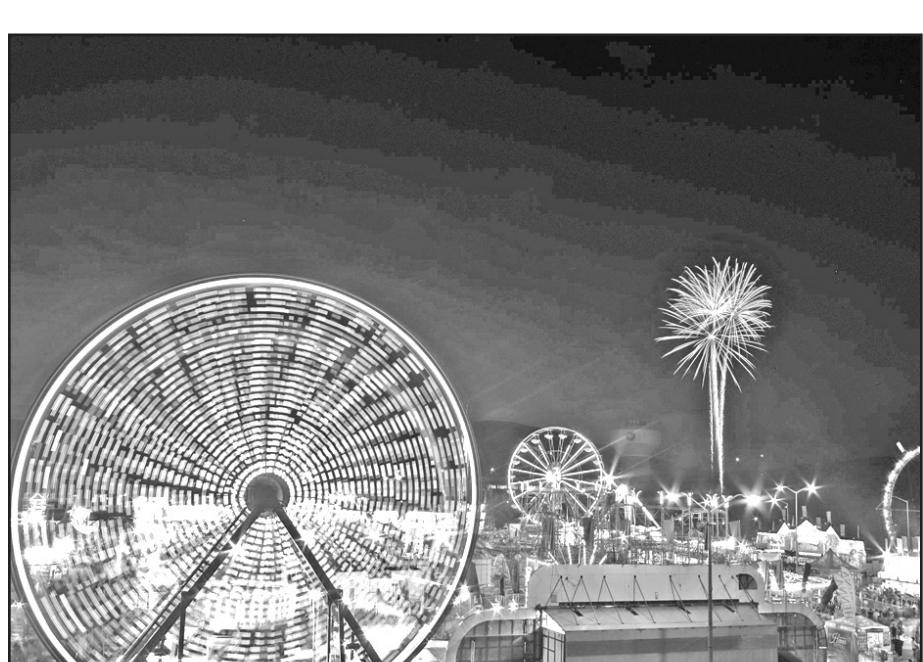
## Salem Fair

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will continue at the Civic Center every weekday evening from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. through July 12. The event is a significant source of revenue for the City of Salem, with profits from the event being reallocated back into city resources.

New security measures were taken as part of fair preparations this year, including metal detectors, age restrictions (under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian) and an increased police security presence. At last year's 33rd Annual Salem Fair, a 16-year-old opened fire

on fairgoers on opening night, wounding two people before being arrested shortly after firing. Both victims made a full recovery and police and city representatives are optimistic about the increased security at this year's fair, which has thus far gone without incident.



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# Blue Ridge Potters Guild 23rd Annual Show and Sale returns to Roanoke in October

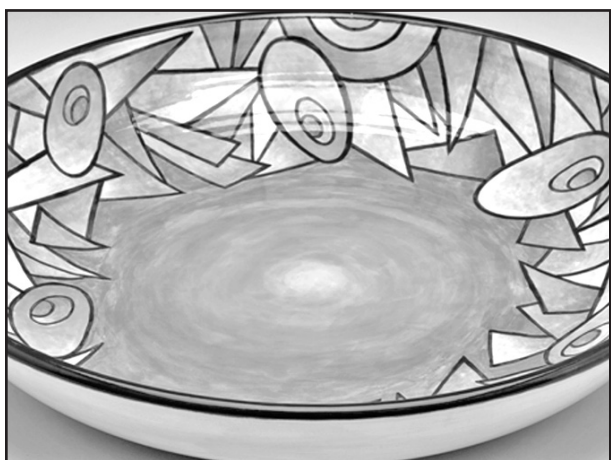
Submitted by the Blue Ridge Potters Guild

The Blue Ridge Potters Guild 23rd Annual Show and Sale returns to Patrick Henry High School on October 22-23, 2022. This is one of the largest indoor all-pottery show and sales in the Southeast and features one-of-a-kind functional and decorative works of art. About 50 ceramic artists will display and sell their unique and spectacular works. Demonstrations of pottery techniques such as hand-thrown, hand-built and sculpted clay art will be held throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.

Visit the Gallery where participating potters will be displaying their finest work to be judged. See what you like and then visit the potters' booths. Door prizes of members' pottery will be awarded throughout the weekend. The show is free and open to the public. Parking is also free. Show times are:  
Saturday, October 22 from 10am – 6pm  
Sunday, October 23 from 11am – 5pm  
The Blue Ridge Potters Guild, founded in 1996, is a non-profit organization for potters located throughout Southwest Virginia and beyond. Based in Roanoke, VA, the Blue Ridge Potters Guild's mission is to promote community awareness, understanding and appreciation of pottery. The Guild encourages artistic and professional growth among its members and promotes the craft of pottery to the public through programs, shows and exhibits. To learn more about the Blue Ridge Potters Guild and for membership information, check out the website, blueridgepotters.com.  
Patrick Henry High School is located at 2102 Grandin Road, SW, Roanoke, VA 24015. For additional information visit www.blueridgepotters.com.



Pumpkins by Judy Lackey



Bowl by Rod Hemming



Pitcher by Candace Bell

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# TAP seeking nominations for 2022 Cabell Brand Hope Award

Submitted by Total Action for Progress

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 environment
- 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://tapintohope.org/hopeaward/> and fill out the form by August 5, 2022.

# Five Virginia ABC-related laws went into effect on July 1

Submitted by the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

Starting Friday, July 1, five laws impacting the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC), its licensees and applicants for ABC licenses took effect. The Virginia General Assembly passed the following Virginia ABC-related legislative proposals during the 2022 session, and Governor Glenn Youngkin signed them into law.  
Third-Party Delivery License/ Cocktails To-Go (HB 426 and SB 254) – Both bills create a third-party delivery license which will be necessary to deliver alcoholic beverages purchased by consumers from retail licensees. Created to address safety issues including age verification and food requirements, the new license requires delivery personnel to pass an alcohol delivery safety and responsibility course and certify their compliance with the regulations annually. In addition, the bills extend from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2024, the sunset of prior legislation that allowed certain licensees to sell mixed beverages for off-premises consumption.  
Alcohol Licenses for Casinos (HB 455 and SB 519) – Both bills create a new mixed beverage casino license for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption in areas designated by ABC during all hours of operation. It also authorizes the licensee

to provide gifts of alcoholic beverages to patrons and establish loyalty or reward credit programs under certain conditions.  
Funding for Virginia Distilleries to Market their Products (HB 20 and SB 196) – Both bills allocate from the General Fund an amount equal to 20% of the 20% tax levied on the sale of Virginia-distilled spirits to the Virginia Spirits Promotion Fund.  
Bringing Alcohol from Out of State (SB 325) – This law increases the amount of alcoholic beverages that a person may transport into the commonwealth from one gallon to three gallons.  
Removing Sunset Clause for the Sale of Grain Alcohol (SB 527) – This bill removes the sunset clause from the authorization for the sale of neutral grain spirits or alcohol up to a proof limit of 151 in ABC stores.  
The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) is a major source of revenue for the commonwealth, contributing more than \$2.6 billion to the general fund in the last five years. Virginia ABC currently operates 395 state stores, and provides alcohol education and prevention programs for people of all ages. Its Bureau of Law Enforcement oversees approximately 19,000 ABC licensed establishments. Now marking its 88th year, ABC remains committed to progress and innovation in carrying out its vision of bringing good spirits and excellent service to Virginia.

# Feeding Southwest Virginia CFO awarded Best Small Nonprofit CFO award

Submitted by Feeding Southwest Virginia

On June 16, fifty-one CFOs from around the Commonwealth gathered in Richmond and were nominated for four award winning categories, representing a variety of nonprofits, government agencies, and for-profit businesses, both public and private. Feeding Southwest Virginia's CFO, David Argabright, won the award of Small Nonprofit/ Government Virginia CFO of the year. Virginia Business President and Publisher Bernie Niemeier said during the award ceremony, "The job of chief financial officer is a challenging one. They champion both growth and downsizing; they take on risk through acquisitions. They must have the highest degree of accountability, and they must provide CEOs with solid advice, whether the

news is good or bad. Recognition and support from above is always important." We at Feeding Southwest Virginia are thankful for David Argabright. He has been stewarding his role for seven years. Feeding Southwest Virginia is a member of Feeding America®. For the last four decades, the Food Bank's ultimate mission is to: nourish neighbors, engage community partners, and develop solutions to address food insecurity. The primary function of the Food Bank is to secure and distribute large quantities of food for our neighbors. Approximately \$30 million worth of food and grocery-related products are channeled annually through more than 380 partner feeding programs in our 26-county, 9-city region. Visit [www.feedingswva.org/](http://www.feedingswva.org/) for more information or like us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @feedingswva.

# Turbyfill

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2019. It is a pleasure to see our members return to our complex and to our nation's capital for the first time in three years. We will together rejoice in our vibrant mission of service, fulfilling our joyful obligations to the memory of our ancestors." LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfill has served the NSDAR since becoming a member in 1986. She has held numerous state chairmanships and has served as State Corresponding Secretary, State Organizing Secretary, and State Regent. In addition to serving as State Regent, she has been the chair of five national committees: Pages' Event, Americanism, Chapter Achievement Awards, Celebrate America!, and Public Relations and Media. Turbyfill holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Dickinson College. She also has served as C.A.R. Senior Society President and as a Senior State Society officer in four positions. Turbyfill has been the Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry Board Member for five years and

president for one year, an English tutor to a Bhutanese refugee and her family, and is the Turbyfill Family Historian. The DAR Continental Congress is a time-honored annual event that has been held in Washington, D.C. since the organization's founding. Members from across the country and around the world gather at the DAR National Headquarters to report on the year's work, honor outstanding award recipients, plan future initiatives and reconnect with friends. To learn more about its important work, visit [www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org). The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With nearly 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.

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# Grant appointed senior advisor to the president for strategic initiatives

~Dr. Richard Grant will serve in this special role as a member of the College's leadership team.~

Submitted by Roanoke College News

Roanoke College President Frank Shushok announced today that Dr. Richard Grant will serve in a special role as Senior Advisor to the President for Strategic Initiatives,

effective immediately. Dr. Grant will report to President Shushok, work closely with Dr. Kathy Wolfe, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, and serve as a member of the College's leadership team.

Grant's priorities will be to lead and support a highly collaborative college-wide task force to improve Roanoke College student success, focused on retention and graduation rates. These efforts will focus on all aspects of the student experience including academic engagement, sense of belonging, and overall well-being. In his new role, Grant will be responsible for managing high-level projects that enhance and improve student outcomes.

"I am grateful to Dr. Grant

for taking on this critical role, his successful tenure at Roanoke College, most recently as Interim Dean, will be enormously helpful as we work

to achieve our collective hopes for students and Roanoke College," President Frank Shushok said. "Our goal at Roanoke College is to enable every student to succeed."

Grant will also work closely with Dean Wolfe and other stakeholders to advance the PLACE, the center for Purpose, Life and Career Exploration. He will work to ensure that

every student has opportunities that best align with their personal interests and career aspirations.

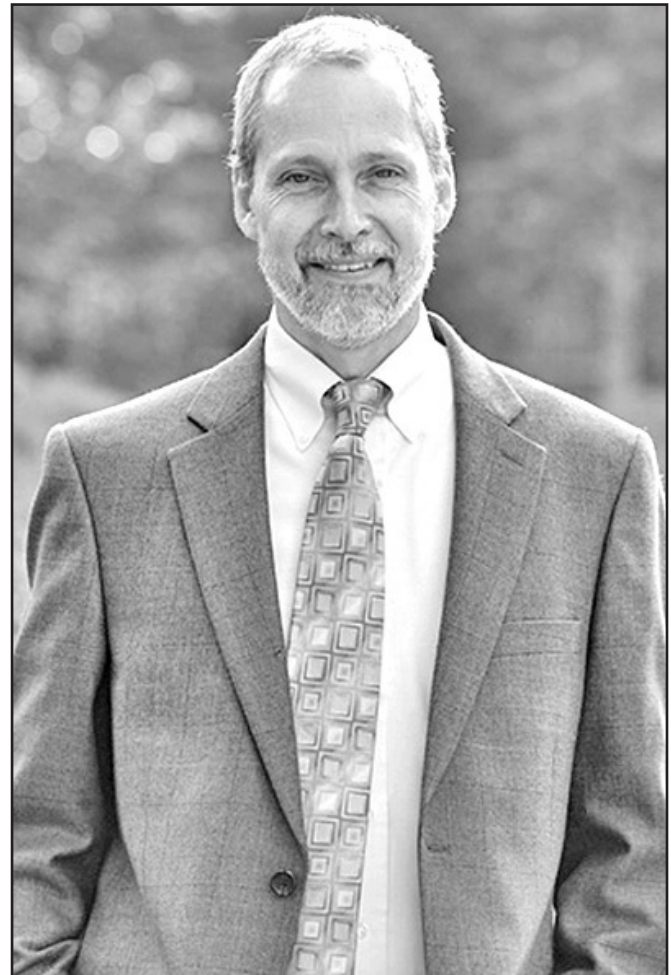
"Dr. Grant and I are of one mind regarding the importance of purpose and well-being exploration for students, faculty, staff and the institution. I'm excited to work closely with him to advance student success and belonging," said Dean Wolfe.

"Creating a framework for our students to explore and discern their strengths, identify goals and determine pathways

toward those goals is rewarding work. I look forward to further elevating and enhancing the way we connect students to meaningful lives and careers," Grant said. "Helping our students confidently express how their Roanoke College education helped them develop valuable marketplace skills will benefit our students and our community."

Grant served as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean of the College for the past year. Prior to this role, he was Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Engagement for six years and Director of Experiential Learning for the three previous years.

During his 26 years on the faculty, Grant has taught the full spectrum of physics courses, contributed several courses to the general education curriculum, supervised many student researchers and interns, and served as advisor for major and non-major students. He was also the principal driver behind Roanoke's Purpose initiative and author of the most recent Quality Enhancement Plan.



Dr. Richard Grant

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## VDOT

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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 6-24-22) \* 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 7-1-22) \* 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 7-1-22) \* 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 CLOSURE** July 11-16: A nighttime left lane closure will be in place on I-81 southbound between mile marker 106-104 beginning Monday night, July 11 through Saturday morning, July 16. These closures will take place nightly between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

**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 POTHOLE 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.



## REAL ESTATE TAX PAYERS

Kristie D. Chittum, the Commissioner of the Revenue, would like to inform those individuals that were 65 or older or permanently disabled as of December 31, 2021, that they may be able to apply for the tax freeze during the months of July and August. Taxpayers must meet ALL the following qualifications:

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- The gross income from all parties living in the residence and/or named on the deed is \$50,000 and under.
- All assets, excluding the home you are applying for, is \$100,000 or under.

Applications are in our office and online at [www.salemva.gov](http://www.salemva.gov). Assistance in completing the required tax freeze application is provided in our office by appointment. Please contact our office at 540-375-3019 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with any questions.

## Ann Marie Green

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emphasized. Green pointed out she was the county's community spokeswoman, and headed two different departments when both were tackling big tasks. For the last four years before she retired, she was head of Roanoke County's Human Resources Department. Green had started with the county as its public information officer in 1989, then was director of general services.

The 65-year-old emphasized that in addition to her background in local government, "I have new ideas. I think that's a positive for me."

Green decided to run right

before Memorial Day, she said. Why now? "I don't have as much on my plate now," she said, referring to the death of her husband a year ago after years of declining health.

Green is the mother of two grown children, Emily, 31, who is a Roanoke County Social Worker in child protective services; and Adrian, 27, a water treatment operator for the regional water plant at Spring Hollow Reservoir.

Green plans to continue going door-to-door as she did when she collected qualifying signatures, and said she hopes some of the local civic organizations will have

candidate forums or give candidates the opportunity to talk to their members.

"I think the more people you talk to, that's how you get your case out," Green said.

She holds a law degree from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where she joined a law practice. Later Green began working as an aide for the city manager of Alexandria, Va., her hometown, and realized she loved working in local government. "I liked being able to make that direct impact and improve people's lives," she concluded.

# Enrollment now open for DMV’s Mileage Choice Program

~Drivers have new option to save money and spread out payment of the Commonwealth’s Highway Use Fee~

Submitted by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

Drivers looking to save money have a new option – enroll in the new Mileage Choice Program the next time you renew your vehicle registration.

The program is a voluntary option for drivers of electric, hybrid or fuel-efficient vehicles who pay the Commonwealth’s highway use fee.

Instead of paying

the fee up front at registration renewal, customers who participate in the Mileage Choice Program will only pay for the actual number of miles they drive throughout the year. Customers who drive less than 11,600 miles per year (the number of miles the average Virginian drives each year) will save money. For those who drive more, they’ll never pay more than their highway use fee.

Customers can

enroll in the Mileage Choice Program when it is time to renew their vehicle registration and must sign up prior to renewing. The sign-up process is easy:

1. Enroll: Before renewing your vehicle registration, create an account with Emovis. You will need your vehicle information and a valid credit or debit card to set up an account. Emovis will send you a device to place in your vehicle to report mileage.

2. Install the device: When you receive the mileage reporting device, follow the directions provided by Emovis to install the device in your vehicle and fully activate your account. You will also need to download a smartphone app to record an initial odometer reading.

3. Drive: The miles you drive will be recorded by the device, up to the amount of the highway use fee.

“We continue to not

only provide options for Virginians at DMV, but look for innovative and efficient solutions to save our customers time and money,” said Acting DMV Commissioner Linda Ford. “By choosing to participate in the Mileage Choice Program, customers may pay less, but will also spread out their highway use fee instead of paying one lump sum annually.”

The Virginia General Assembly instituted the highway use fee in 2020

to ensure drivers of fuel-efficient and electric vehicles contribute their fair share toward covering wear and tear on the Commonwealth’s highway system. The legislation also created the Mileage Choice Program as a mileage-based alternative that will never cost customers more than the annual highway use fee.

To sign up or learn more about the program, visit [dmvNOW.com/VAMileageChoice](https://dmvNOW.com/VAMileageChoice).

# Virginia Department of Corrections debuts new victim notification tool

Submitted by the VADOC

The Virginia Department of Corrections’ (VADOC) Victim Services Unit has debuted its new state-of-the-art notification program for crime victims.

The Notification and Assistance for Victim Inclusion (NAAVI) is a new, user-friendly, and victim-oriented

system, designed to alert crime victims of any change in the status of one or more inmates. Users can register online to receive updates via email, text, phone, and/or mail as long as their perpetrator is incarcerated within the VADOC.

Once registered, crime victims can customize their online profile and specify how and when they are notified

concerning VADOC inmate status changes NAAVI provides notification in English and Spanish and includes inmates who have been sentenced to serve 12 months or more. NAAVI does not notify of status changes for probationers or parolees, or inmates housed in local or regional jails. If the inmate is currently incarcerated in a jail, victims

can register for notifications through VINE.

“The new system represents a dramatic move forward for VADOC’s Victim Services Unit as we continue to improve the support and resources we offer to crime victims,” said VADOC’s Victim Services Director Amber Leake. “NAAVI will provide the victims of crime in Virginia the

opportunity to access all of the essential post-sentencing services and information they may Need.”

More information can be found at the Victim Service page on the VADOC website. An introductory video is available on VADOC’s YouTube channel in English and in Spanish.

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# Roanoke College and Carilion Clinic partner to serve the growing health care sector

*-Partnership will advance education and workforce development to improve community health and well-being in the Roanoke Valley.-*

*Submitted by Roanoke College News*

Roanoke College and Carilion Clinic announced a new partnership to advance educational opportunities and workforce development for Roanoke College students and Carilion employees. The partnership will mobilize public health resources to serve the populations most in need in the Roanoke Valley.

“In many ways, our region’s success has been built on a foundation of partnerships between health care and higher education,” said Jeanne Armentrout, Carilion Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. “Carilion has benefited from hiring many

talented Roanoke College graduates in the past. Their skills and abilities, combined with a passion for serving others, make them an excellent fit for our culture and mission.”

The Roanoke College-Carilion Clinic partnership will: Utilize Roanoke College’s health-related curricula, such as the public health studies program, the business program, research initiatives and Carilion’s expanding medical education collaboratives, to address community health, well-being and the region’s growing community of healthcare professionals; Build a pipeline for non-clinical healthcare professionals through innovative internships and technical training that prepares students and graduates

for careers, demonstrating Carilion’s and Roanoke College’s position among the founding stakeholders of the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers; Create continuing education opportunities at Roanoke College for Carilion employees, drawing on existing and new training options in technology and administration; and track and measure program goals, including increased placement of non-clinical professionals in up-and-coming healthcare careers and career development training for Carilion employees to meet the needs of both organizations and the Roanoke Valley.

“Roanoke College and Carilion Clinic understand the deep connections between health, wellness, education,

employment and the regional economy,” said Dr. Shannon Anderson, coordinator of public health studies at Roanoke College. “The partnership will build on shared goals and values and find ways to serve the needs of the most vulnerable in our community by leveraging the resources of both organizations.”

Partnership efforts are centered on improving community health, preparing students for careers in the health care sector and supporting professional development for Carilion’s workforce.

Also, Roanoke College will explore how new majors and academic programs can address the ever-changing needs of all health care employers and the growing biomedical and biotechnology

ecosystem in the region.

“This expanding partnership between Roanoke College and Carilion Clinic illuminates the power of higher education and professional health care to support critical community needs through meaningful work,” said Roanoke College President Michael C. Maxey, who is retiring in July. “There is no greater purpose than serving our communities and fellow citizens. I know President-elect Shushok is committed to regional growth and meeting partnership goals. I am excited to witness the ways Roanoke College and Carilion will carry out this partnership to launch productive careers and serve the growing healthcare sector.”

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## FUTURE HIGHLANDERS

Glenvar High School boys' soccer coach Josh Jones held his annual soccer camp at Highlander Stadium the week of June 20. A large group of future Highlanders turned out despite some very hot weather and everyone had a great time while learning the fundamentals of the game. Left above, the group of elementary school kids take time out for a group picture with the coaches and players who put on the camp. Below left, the middle school group does the same.



## Gators have final home swim meet on Monday

The Stonegate Swim team will be back home next Monday, July 11, to host the Ashley Plantation team in the final home meet of the season.

Salem was at Castle Rock on Tuesday of this week, swimming a day later than usual with the 4th of July falling on a Monday. Last week the Gators played host to Read Mountain and remained undefeated in RVAA action with a 1,233 to 1,063 win.

Highlights included River Whitt with a first bronze in the 25 butterfly for six and under swimmers. In the 7-8 division Barrett Putman took first bronze in both the boys' 25 breaststroke and 25 fly while Izzy Supinach took first gold in the 25 breast and first silver in the 25 butterfly. Isaac Now won first gold in the 13-14 boys' 50 breast.

The Hidden Valley County Club team played host to Ashley Plantation this week and will be at Read Mountain next week. Strokes for July 11 include 25 free and 25 breast for 6&under and 7-8 year old swimmers, 50 free and 100 individual medley for nine years old and up and 200 medley relay for 9-12 year old swimmers.



Graham Conner is off the block for Stonegate at a meet in Salem.

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## Tamburello is officially named Maroon women's lacrosse coach

After serving this past season as the interim head coach, Zach Tamburello has had the interim tag removed and has been named head women's lacrosse coach. Roanoke College director of athletics Scott Allison made the announcement after conducting a nationwide search to fill the position vacated by Mary Schwartz last August.

"Zach has played an important part in our success over these past four years and what we were able to accomplish this spring." Allison on the hiring, "He's earned this opportunity."

As the interim head coach, Tamburello helped to guide the Maroons to a 16-5 overall record. In the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Roanoke finished 2nd behind Washington and Lee with a 7-1 mark, falling to the Generals in the ODAC Tournament Finals. After receiving Roanoke's first NCAA Tournament bid since 2009, Tamburello guided Roanoke to a tournament opening win over Bryn Athyn (23-4) before falling to, eventual Final Four participant, Gettysburg (8-9).

In the final IWLCA Top 25 rank-

ings, Roanoke finished at #24. Under his guidance, Roanoke would see two All-Region and one All-American in addition to a pair on the IWLCA Senior All Star Game invitees.

"I am excited to continue my time at Roanoke College. I want to thank Scott Allison and Tom Rambo for their support and giving me this opportunity to be the next head coach of this program." Tamburello continues, "I am especially grateful for the young women who make up this team. I can't wait to continue building off the success we had as a team last year."

Tamburello came to Roanoke College prior to the 2018 season after one year as the lead assistant at Pomona-Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif. During his four seasons as an assistant with the program, Roanoke College had 18 All-ODAC, six VaSID All State, and six NCAA All Region players.

In addition to coaching, Tamburello has gained extensive experience working camps all over the country at some of the top college and universities; Stanford, Florida, James Madison, UNC, and Oregon just to name a few.

## Roanoke College is starting competitive cycling program

Tom Rambo, dean of students at Roanoke College, has announced that RC will launch a competitive cycling program for women and men. Rambo broke the news at the recent announcement concerning the 2022 USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships, which were held in the valley last week.

Although cycling as a sport will be new to Roanoke College, there is a strong connection between Roanoke College and cycling. Roanoke College women's soccer captain Shelley Olds '03 became a world class cyclist after graduating from the College in 2003. She was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team and competed in the 2012 London Olympics.

"I am ecstatic about the news that Roanoke College will have a collegiate cycling team," Olds said. "There couldn't be a more perfect location for competitive cycling. The terrain and beauty of the Roanoke area is an easy draw for both recreational and amateur cyclists of all ages. I think many student-athletes, current and prospective, will see this as an incredible opportunity to enhance their collegiate experience as well as their athletic growth and development."

"I will be rooting for the team, and I know that anything that Roanoke College commits to, they end up doing very well. I have no doubt that the collegiate cycling team

will be well-run and extremely successful."

Roanoke College has registered both men's and women's teams with USA Cycling, competing this fall as a club sport. The teams, for men and women, will elevate to varsity status within a few years and at that time will compete as part of the Atlantic Collegiate Cycling Conference (ACCC).

"USA Cycling is excited to have Roanoke College back on board after more than a 10-year hiatus," said Justin Evans, USA Cycling's Collegiate and Interscholastic Programs Manager. "The new leadership is pushing the program in the direction of success, so we are excited to see how this program grows from their restart as a club and the transition to varsity in the coming

semesters."

The College will begin the search for a cycling coach this summer. There is already interest in the program and the College is recruiting students to take part in the booming cycling culture in Virginia's Blue Ridge. One recent addition to that culture is Virginia's Blue Ridge TWENTY24, a national cycling team that aims to prepare female cyclists for the Olympics. The team is based in the Roanoke Valley.

"The Virginia's Blue Ridge TWENTY24 team is recognized as a valued recruitment platform for young athletes heading to college, with eight professional athletes and 27 junior athletes currently in the program," said Nicola Cranmer, founder and general manager of Virginia's Blue Ridge

TWENTY24 cycling team. "I'm thrilled that Roanoke College will be an additional pathway to education for cycling students. The timing is perfect with USA Cycling Amateur National Championships coming to Virginia's Blue Ridge in the coming weeks, and this is a super opportunity for students to experience first-hand what the area has to offer."

Virginia's Blue Ridge is home to excellent cycling assets as America's East Coast Mountain Biking Capital including a Silver-level Ride Center designation from the International Mountain Bicycling Association. Region-wide the area has excellent road cycling on the Blue Ridge Parkway and greenways as well as emerging gravel trails.



Cyclists are off and peddling in last week's 2022 USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships, that had a starting point at the Botetourt Sports Complex on Thursday and Friday. The event covered four days of racing on area streets and trails.

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# CHEERS!!!

The West Salem Elementary School gym was full of pep last week as the Spartan cheerleaders and coaches conducted the annual "Cheer Camp," sponsored by the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation. Above, the girls pose for a group shot and, right, they learn some moves from the high school girls.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



## AAA All-Stars

The Salem District 7 AAA All-Stars. Front row, left to right: Ivan Barlow, Cannon Cowling, Alijah Robinson, Nick Winterer, Kam Smith and Evan Stroud. Middle Row: Grant Martin, Landon Bell, CJ Goens, Wilson Dick, Tyler Coe and Aaron Brower. Back row, Coaches Blake Bell, Jud Cowling and Jimmy Winterer.

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## Salem AAA All-Stars open state on Friday

The Salem District 7 champion AAA All-Stars will open state tournament play this Friday at Patrick County-Southside Park in Martinsville. Salem will play in the six team Dixie Youth Division 2 tournament.

Action begins at 2:30 pm Friday when Dinwiddie American takes on Cumberland. Amherst will play Emporia-Greenville at 5 pm and Salem will play in the final game of the day at 7 pm against Lunenburg. The tournament is double-elimination and is scheduled to run through Tuesday, July 12, with an "if game" on July 13 if necessary.

The Glenvar coach-pitch team was also scheduled to play this weekend, but the Glenvar team had to pull out of the tournament due to a lack of players committing to attend.

# Taylor tears it up in first year of softball at Emory & Henry

Lydia Taylor, a 2021 graduate of Glenvar High School, had a sensational freshman softball season playing at Emory & Henry College.

Lydia had 15 home runs and 54 runs batted in while playing in 42 games, all as a starter. She had 13 doubles and a triple to finish with 113 total bases and a slugging percentage of .890. She had a .417 batting average with 33 runs scored, breaking the school season record for home runs, total bases and slugging percentage.

Taylor hit safely in 37 games, starting the year with a 12-game streak and adding a 13-game streak between March 19 and April 7. She posted 15 multi-hit contests and drove in multiple runs on 15 different occasions over the course of the season.

After the season Lydia was named team Most Valuable Player as well as the Offensive Most Valuable Player. Post-season honors poured in for the Glenvar grad as she was named VaSID first team all-state at shortstop, National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-Southeastern Region shortstop, D2CCA All Southeastern Region shortstop, NFCA finalist for the D2 national Freshman of the Year and NFCA Academic All-American. Lydia was one of just eight finalists for the national Freshman of the Year award, and the first ever from E&H.

Emory & Henry finished the season at 26-17 as the Wasps transitioned to the NCAA Division II ranks. As of July 1 Emory & Henry officially joined the South Atlantic Conference.

Two years after leaving the Division III Old Dominion Athletic Conference Emory & Henry College is now officially a member of the Division II South Atlantic Conference. E&H is the 13th school in the SAC, which was founded in 1975 as an eight-member, football-only conference, and has since grown to sponsor 24 sports for the upcoming 2022-23 academic year.



Glenvar grad Lydia Taylor was the team MVP for Emory & Henry in her freshman season on the team.

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# Red Sox return home from 12 game road trip on Tuesday

The Salem Red Sox will finish their 12 game road trip this week with games against the Delmarva Shorebirds in Salisbury, MD. The Shorebirds are a farm team of the Baltimore Orioles.

The Sox are in the midst of the 12 game road swing due to the Salem Fair taking up the Memorial Ballpark

parking lot in Salem. The Red Sox went 4-2 in Lynchburg last week before losing the first game of six in Salisbury on Monday, 4-3. It was a rare Monday game due to the 4th of July falling on a Monday. The Sox were off Tuesday and will play single games against Delmarva Wednesday through Saturday at 7:05 pm before

wrapping up the trip with a 5:05 pm game Sunday.

Through Monday the Sox were 40-36 on the season and 5-5 in the second half standings. They finished the first half of the 132 game Carolina League schedule with a 35-31 record.

Salem is back home next Tuesday, July 12, to begin a six game series with the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers, a Chicago White Sox farm team. The

team breaks from July 18-21 for the Major League All-Star week of festivities, returning July 22nd for a three game weekend series with Lynchburg.

Blaze Jordan is currently leading the Sox with a .301 batting average. Niko Kavadas led the team with 14 home runs and 48 runs batted in before being called to High A while Eddinson Paulino leads the Sox with 53 runs scored and 14 stolen bases.



Blaze Jordan is hitting over .300 for the Salem Red Sox.

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## Glenvar puts eight on All-State soccer teams, Drew is girls' Coach of the Year

The Glenvar soccer teams both went to the Class 2 state finals this spring and the recently released Virginia High School League All-State teams reflect that success. Glenvar had three girls and the Coach-of-the-Year on the girls' all-state team and five all-state selections on the boys' team.

Glenvar coach Kyleigh Drew was named the state Coach-of-the-Year in Class 2 after leading the Highlanders to the state championship. First team all-state selections from Glenvar included three underclassmen, sophomore Giuliana Stanley at forward, junior Rhyann Harris at midfield and sophomore Megan Pomerleau on defense.

All three were also on the All-Region 2C first team along with defender Kennerly Nichols. Second team all-region Highlanders included senior forward Kailah Finley, junior midfielder Faren Wilson, sophomore midfielder Davin Tate and freshman keeper Keira Booze.

Glenvar dominated the All-Three Rivers District team with Stanley,



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Harris, Pomerleau, Wilson and senior forward Jordan Crouch on the first team. Booze and sophomore defender Brooke Smyth were named to the All-3RD second team.

For the boys' soccer team senior forward Riley Geddes, senior defender Maddox Fisher and junior midfielder Colin Clapper were all named first team All-State in Class 2. Junior forward Jacson Shepherd and sophomore defender Zach Curfiss are second team all-state selections.

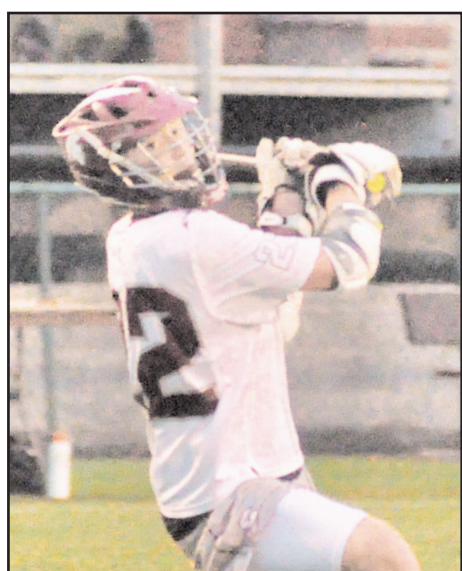
In Region 2C Geddes was named the Player-of-the-Year and Highlander coach Josh Jones is the region Coach-of-the-Year. Joining Geddes on the first team are Fisher, Clapper, Shepherd and Curfiss, and Glenvar had no one on the second team.

In the Three Rivers District Geddes was Player-of-the-

Year and Jones was Coach-of-the-Year. First team all-3RD players are Geddes, Fisher, Clapper, Shepherd, Curfiss and freshman forward Wesley Feliciano. Second team all-district included senior Christian Housh at midfield and sophomore Jake Williams on defense.

Glenvar was shut out in All-State and All-Region baseball and softball. All Three Rivers District baseball honors went to senior Clay Caldwell as a second team selection in both the outfield and at large.

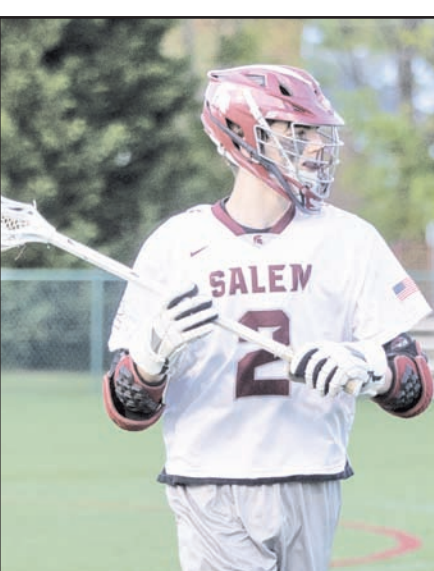
In softball, senior Savana Luper was first team All-Three Rivers District in the outfield while second team all-district honors went to senior Sophie McCulley on the mound, senior Sarah Kate Tozier in the outfield and sophomore Izzy Shearer in the infield.



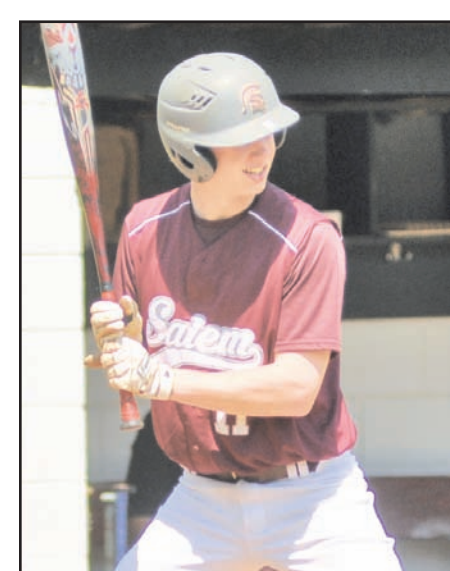
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## Seven Spartans named to All-State teams

Salem High School had seven athletes make the Class 4 All-State teams that were recently released by the Virginia High School League, including two members of the boys' lacrosse team who were selected to the first team.

Graduated seniors Jake Massey and Will Hicks were both named first team selections on the All-State lax squad. Massey was named at attack while Hicks was a first team selection on defense. Salem's Tanner Dallas, also a senior, was named to the second team at midfield.

On the All-Region 4D team Massey, Hicks and Dallas were all named to the first team along with senior midfielder Kyman Kinney. Second teamers from Salem were Carson Williams on defense, Micah Brown at long stick midfield and Trey Joyce in goal.

For the girls' lacrosse team All-Region 4D first teamers were Addi Blanchard at attack, Zoe Blair at midfield, Reese Redford on defense and Brynn Bowen in the cage. Second teamers were Chloe Butt at midfield and Natalie Major on defense.

Salem had three girls selected to the Class 4 second team all-state in soccer, senior Annie Bond at forward, senior Audrey Hayes at midfield and junior Allison Kessell in goal. All three were named first team All-Region 4D and second team all-region Spartans included senior defender Kenley Coleman, freshman Avery Mangus at midfield and sophomore Brooke Bowers at forward. Junior defender Zada Craig was honorable mention.

On the River Ridge District team Bond, Hayes and

Craig were named to the first team. Bowers, Mangus, Coleman and sophomore forward Abby Pitts were second team all-region.

In boys' soccer freshman Logan Lavinder was a first team All-Region 4D choice. Second team honors went to senior Evin Lainez at forward and sophomore Max Benne in goal. Matteo Collins, Graham Fischer and Carter Work were all honorable mention.

In baseball senior Hunter King was named to the Class 4 second team All-State. Hunter was a first teamer on the All-Region 4D team and senior Trent Judd was named as a first team pitcher.

The All-River Ridge District team had Judd and King on the first team. Senior Hunter Bayne was second team all-district at third base and senior Ben Bowers was a second teamer at short.

In softball Salem had one All-Region 4D second team selection, freshman Cora Sparger in the outfield. Honorable mention went to senior Lily Lawson at first and DP-Flex, Sparger was named on the mound and fellow freshmen Caitlin Wells was at At-Large and Cora Robinson was named in the outfield and also At-Large.

Salem had no first team selections on the All-River Ridge team. Second teamers were Sparger, Lawson, Robinson, Wells and junior Bayleigh Booth at shortstop.