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## Barn Cat Buddies continues mission of placing kittens

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

Animals seem to have a positive effect on many people. Nursing homes have pet days that brings smiles beyond measure to men and women who no longer have a private home to keep a pet in.

For others, a pet in the home is a natural thing. It is like having a special addition in life to care for and one that cares for you as well.

Barn Cat Buddies is an organization that helps to place kittens into homes.

They were organized in 2007, creating their mission statement:

“Barn Cat Buddies, Inc. is a 501C-3 non-profit charitable organization comprised of volunteers with a common mission dedicated

to saving and improving the lives of feral, homeless stray and abandoned felines in the southwest and central regions of Virginia.

Our missions includes the relocation of sterilized feral, and socialized felines to safe alternative placements such as horse farms, wineries, greenhouses, orchards, warehouses or other facilities that agree to follow our relocation protocol.

Additionally, Barn Cat Buddies, Inc. supports ending feline overpopulation through a safe habitat program known as Trap/Neuter/Return where caretakers provide long-term care and monitoring of feral cat colonies.

As advocates of all felines, we believe that cats, as living creatures have

values and are entitled to ethical consideration and protection.”

They do not take house cats that need a new home as their adoptions are mainly kittens that they find with their unsocialized mothers when they are trapping an area.

“We prefer not to return small unsocialized kittens back outside,” advocate Jean Bradley shared. “We foster them till they are big enough to be spayed or neutered and then find homes using Pet Supply Plus in Salem, Facebook and we also work with most of the shelters. Also, The New Castle Record will be sponsoring a ‘cat of the month’ for us starting soon.”

Their group survives by See **Barn Cats**, page 2



COURTESY PHOTO

Barn Cat Buddies will be sharing the picture of a kitten each month that is ready to be adopted by a loving family. This little fella is Benny. He is seven months old and is neutered. He has distinctive Bengal markings, loves back rubs and being brushed. Currently, he is not a lap kitty but as he grows, he could grow to like that too. Contact Barn Cat Buddies at 540-238-5549 to inquire about adopting Benny.



Scott Habeeb, left, presented Gary Lupton, middle, with the \$10,000 check on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

## \$10K award from Code.org given to Salem High Funds to be used for computer science classes

**Aila Boyd**  
a Boyd@mainstreetnewspapers.com

A check was presented last week to Salem High School’s Gary Lupton, a computer science teacher, from Code.org, in partnership with DonorsChoose.

Salem High School was one of 102 schools throughout the country to receive the Computer Science Leaders Prize, which is designed to help further computer science education for students nationwide. The prize was given to one middle school and high school in each state,

in addition to the District of Columbia.

Lupton, who was surrounded by one of his computer science classes, received the check on Wednesday, Dec. 14. City officials, including Mayor Renee Turk, Councilman Bill Jones, School Board Chairman David Preston and Superintendent Curtis Hicks were in attendance.

Scott Habeeb, principal, said, “Because of an application he submitted and the outstanding work that he is doing with our students and

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PHOTOS BY AILA BOYD

A new course titled “Computer Science Discoveries” will be offered at the school next year with the goal of bringing more students into computer science classes.

## Salem Singers spread holiday cheer



COURTESY OF SALEM CITY SCHOOLS

The Salem Singers from Salem High School stopped by City Hall last week to spread holiday cheer by singing some Christmas carols. Page 6 has additional holiday-related school photos and some local letters to Santa.

## Salem Presbyterian Church welcomes new pastor Vogado comes to Salem from North Carolina church



Vogado

COURTESY PHOTO

Salem Presbyterian Church announced earlier this month that the Rev. Christopher Vogado would be joining the church as its new pastor. He comes to Salem from New Hope Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, North Carolina.

“I’m happy to be at Salem Presbyterian,” Vogado said. “This congregation has a deep commitment to serving the community which is definitely one reason I felt called to come to Salem Presbyterian. The congregation has a proud and strong history of being rooted in Salem, but their focus is about the future and being relevant to the needs of others around the church. It’s an outward focused congregation, which welcomes all people to join in their ministry. Their warmth as a church is obvious to me both outside and inside the walls of the physical building. It’s a joy to see what is next and where God is presently leading us together!”

Vogado, a worship leader and musician, was ordained as a

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Happy Holidays

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# Rudy chosen as Brethren executive

**Frances Stebbins**  
Correspondent

The Rev. Daniel L. Rudy of Roanoke will become the next District Executive Minister for Church of the Brethren congregations in much of Virginia

and North Carolina. Pastor of the Ninth Street Church of the Brethren in Southeast Roanoke since 2011, Rudy will begin his duties February 6 of next year.

He will succeed the Rev. Dr. David Shumate who was hon-

ored earlier this month on his retirement from the district executive position after 30 years. Shumate was ordained to the ministry 40 years ago.

In the five weeks between Shumate's departure and Rudy's start, the Rev. Emma

Jean Woodard of Roanoke will serve half-time as the district executive.

The Virginia District office is in Roanoke. A major denomination in Western Virginia with a smaller number of congregations in North Carolina,

the Church of the Brethren is one of the historic "peace churches" which originated in Germany around 500 years ago. The District Executive coordinates many human service ministries including Camp Bethel in Botetourt County.

## Barn Cats

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getting a few small grants but mainly by personal donations.

Their website is [www.barncatbuddies.org](http://www.barncatbuddies.org) or

check them out on Facebook. The president is Judy Zeimer who can be reached at either address or call (540) 238-5549.

Their mailing address is PO Box 111, Salem, VA 24153.

"So far this year we have spayed or neutered

over 500 cats and kittens and adopted into homes or barns 91 of them," Bradley said. "Anyone interested in helping, can find

information at the above addresses or call me at (540) 330-9828."

*Editor's note: Going*

*forward a picture of a kitten that is available for adoption will appear each month in The Salem Times-Register.*

## Grant

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our students are doing, our school was selected as the recipient of a \$10,000 grant to put towards computer science."

The funds will be used to purchase equipment, including computing devices, spe-

cialty tables and robots. "I'm excited to see how this makes a positive impact on our enrollment in CS courses and how that in turn gets more students excited about using computer science," Lupton said. "The hope is that the

classes will inspire more students to go on to study computer science and eventually work in a CS-related field."

Lupton explained a course titled "Computer Science Discoveries" will be offered next year for students who aren't

interested in computer science but are willing to learn more about the field. The funds will be used to help launch that course, in addition to help purchase items needed for Lupton's existing courses.

"I want to see even more of

our students take computer science," Lupton said.

Habeeb added, "Dr. Lupton has gone above and beyond to make sure we really have a warm and inviting, challenging, inclusive environment for computer science."

## Vogado

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pastor in the Presbyterian Church USA in 2014. The lifelong Presbyterian was born and raised in Maryville, Tennessee.

He graduated from the University of Tennessee with an undergraduate degree in religious studies in 2008.

After a stint in a

riverboat cruise jazz band, Vogado entered Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and received a graduate degree in divinity in 2013. He also met his wife, Rachel, at Columbia. She is also ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church

USA, with a passion to use the arts to articulate faith and deepen spirituality.

Prior to his pastorate at New Hope, Vogado served as pastor of Williams Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina from 2015-

2017, and as a chaplain resident at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis from 2014-2015 in cardiac, palliative care and behavioral health units. Before that, he worked in churches in Kingsport, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia, serving youth and young adults

and as a worship leader and musician.

"The search process took nearly two years," said Fran Ferguson, chair of the pastor nominating committee. "We were impressed with Chris' energy, his Bible scholarship and insightful preaching, and

his friendly, outgoing personality."

Vogado plays the guitar, dulcimer, upright and electric bass and mandolin, with an eclectic taste in music that spans Bluegrass, Jazz, Classical, and other styles. His other interests include kayaking and being outdoors, Nascar, social justice issues, backyard astronomy, and his two cats.

Located on the corner of Main and Market Streets in downtown Salem, Salem Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest worshipping congregations in Salem. Special candlelight services will be held on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. Worship will be held on Christmas—and every Sunday—at 11 a.m. The church says all are welcome to attend.

*-The Salem Times-Register*

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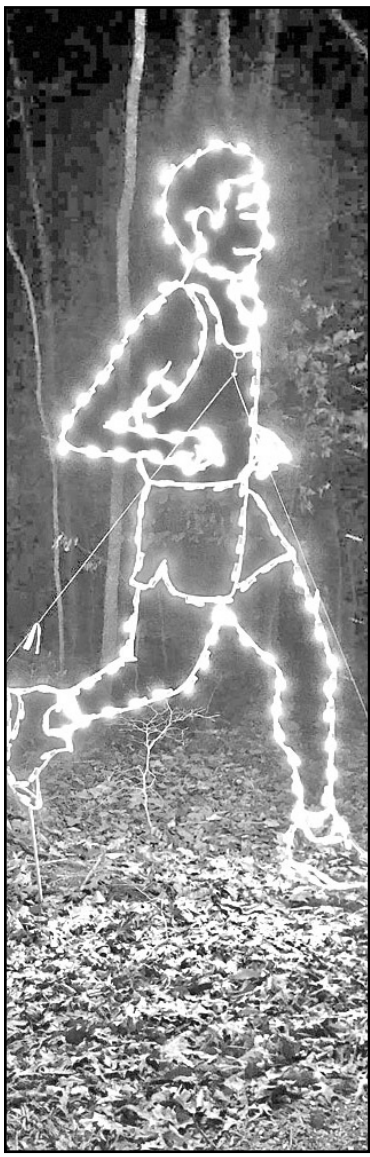
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**Illuminights:** Illuminights runs through Dec. 30 for More information and to purchase tickets, visit: [www.roanokecountyparks.com/545/illuminights](http://www.roanokecountyparks.com/545/illuminights).

**Stampede Championship Rodeo:** The event will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 and 7 and 2 p.m. Jan. 8. For 55 years, the Salem Championship Stampede Rodeo brings the perfect mix of sporting event and family entertainment. When the 2023 edition of the rodeo rides back into Salem, fans can expect more of the same non-stop excitement they have come to love. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.salemciviccenter.com/Events/ArtMID/1693/ArticleID/2687/Stampede-Championship-Rodeo>

**DMV2Go:** The service will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23.

**Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting:** The meeting will be on Jan. 27 at Roanoke College at 8 a.m.

**Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce Awards Business Awards Breakfast March:** It will be on March 17 at 8 a.m. at the Salem Civic Center.

**2023 Mother's Day Brunch Fundraiser:** The event hosted by Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries will be on Saturday, May 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hidden Valley Country Club. It will benefit ACT Packs for Children, Student Led Food Pantry, Summer Feed & Read and Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet.

**51st Annual Spring Home Show:** The show will be at the Salem Civic Center 2-6 p.m. Friday, March 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 25 and 12-5 p.m. Sunday, March 26. Tickets will be sold at the door.

2023 Senior Fun & Health

**Fair Day:** The event, which is open to the public and free, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the Salem Civic Center.

**Roanoke Symphony Orchestra:** The Music of John Denver: The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$31, \$34 and \$45.

**Foreigner:** Greatest Hits Tour: The performance will be at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$39.50, \$55, \$69.50, \$85 and \$125.

**Roanoke Symphony Orchestra:** Pink Floyd—Dark Side of the Moon: The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$31, \$34 and \$45.

**Public meetings:** The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on March 15 at 7 p.m.

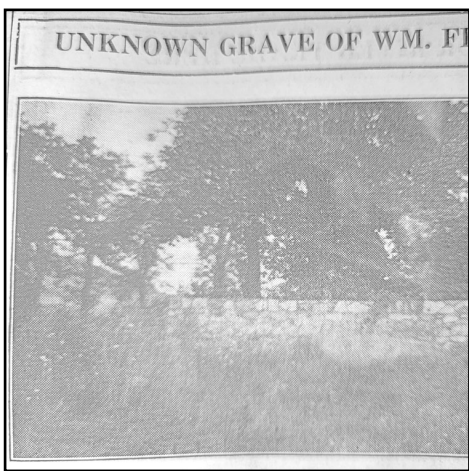
The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### FLEMING ONE OF COUNTY'S GREATEST MEN

Performed Outstanding Services In This Section And Is Regarded As Soldier, Surgeon and Statesman

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

With the exception of Andrew Lewis the most noted son of this county was probably Col. William Fleming, who performed great service both as a soldier and a statesman for this country during the French and Indian war and during the Revolutionary war. In 1781 he was chairman of the Council of State, an office which is somewhat similar to that of Lieutenant Governor today so that when Thomas Jefferson resigned as governor he was acting governor of this state for a short time.

His remains are buried and Bellmont, where the Blue Hills golf course is located one mile northeast of the city of Roanoke. The grave is preserved but no conspicuous monument marks the place of his burial.

Colonel Fleming was born in Jedburgh, Scotland, on February 18, 1729, the son of William Fleming, a prominent Englishman. Col. Fleming's grandfather was the man who had informed the English of the approach of the Spanish Armada and as a reward for this service was given a large English estate called Westmoreland. The father of William Fleming became financially embarrassed and sold the estate, accepting a political appointment in Scotland.

**Good Education**  
In his youth Col. Fleming received a very good education since he had a private tutor as a boy and later graduated in medicine from the University of Edinburgh. He immediately joined the English navy as a surgeon upon graduation. In one of the wars with Spain he was captured and taken to Spain as a captive. In a Spanish prison he suffered agonizing misery and would probably have died had it not been for the fact that a Spanish woman provided him with food and clothing. He was imprisoned in a place that had a courtyard adjoining this woman's house. From her window she was able to furnish him with supplies which enabled him to withstand the treatment at the hands of the Spanish authorities.

After his release in Spain he came directly to this country arriving at Norfolk in 1755. He immediately

entered the army as an ensign of the First Virginia regiment of which George Washington was a colonel and he was likewise regiment surgeon. He was promoted to the rank of captain when stationed at Staunton and when he was engaged in the battle of Point Pleasant he ranked as a colonel.

It was at Point Pleasant that he suffered injuries that rendered him incapable of serving during the Revolutionary war. At Point Pleasant he was shot twice below the elbow and once in the chest. Although very badly wounded he endeavored to take command of the fight against the Indians when his two superior officers were killed. This action caused his lungs to protrude through the wound in his chest and it was thought he would not survive.

On reaching his home in this county he made the following notation in his diary: "Reached home in safety, being just three months gone. Praise be to God."

He had moved to Bellmont in 1770 and in April, 1773, was married to Nancy Christian. Three sons and three daughters were born to this union and all became citizens of more or less prominence.

For several terms he served as state senator from this district. Because of the fact that he bore the same name as another man who was a member of congress it has been assumed by some historians that he was a member of that body but that is not a fact.

Had it not been for the fact that he suffered lasting injuries at the battle of Point Pleasant he would probably have had a far more brilliant military career and his political career might have been one of more note.

Although he played a conspicuous part in the early history of this section no pictures of him are available today. That is probably one reason why he has not been given the acclaim that is due a man who performed such useful service for his adopted state and country.

-Prepared by Lisa King

## POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of December 13, 2022 – December 19, 2022

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
12/13/2022	Linwood L. Shaffer Jr.	64	Possession of Controlled Substance
12/13/2022	Harry E. Bowes 3 <sup>rd</sup>	45	Entering Property of Another to Damage It
12/14/2022	Jessica A. Boyer	35	Failure to Appear
12/14/2022	Kevin A. Hodge	32	Domestic Assault & Battery, Violation of Protective Order
12/16/2022	James M. Moore	42	Possession of Controlled Substance
12/16/2022	Randall S. Akers	33	Trespass on School Property
12/19/2022	Aaron L. Nedd	40	Domestic Assault & Battery, Strangulation of Another
12/19/2022	Timothy S. Strader	45	Domestic Assault & Battery
12/19/2022	Casey N. Pacetti	29	Criminal Trespass

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of December 13, 2022 – December 19, 2022

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
15-DEC-2022	1000 BLK E Riverside Dr	Grand Larceny
16-DEC-2022	2800 BLK W Main St	Grand Larceny
18-DEC-2022	800 BLK Bowman Ave	Strangulation of Another

## SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

Home entertainment changed forever in the 1970s with the release of the first home video game systems. These new systems created an industry that continues to captivate children and adults.

Toy company Mattel wanted to enter this emerging industry, but did not want to compete with home consoles. Instead, they focused on developing the first handheld game devices, which launched in 1976. They were a success, and by 1978 thousands were being sold per week.

The sports games were particularly popular, with the Football and Baseball titles still fondly remembered. The Baseball game also introduced a new concept: a portable game for two players. Today, these games are a source of nostalgia for those who played them throughout the 1970s and 80s.



COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM

**Mattel Electronics Baseball Game from 1978**

You can play this Mattel Electronics Baseball game this week as part of the Salem Museum's Hands-On History program.

This month, visit the Museum to see "Toys of Christmas Past." Join us Dec. 22-23 and 29-30 to

pull on a glove and play with historic toys. In December, Hands-On History is sponsored by Jim and Caroline Wallace. Salem Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Dec. 24-26, and located at 801 E. Main St.

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news and photos to

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# OPINION

# Give the gift of reading this Christmas

A book lover's dream plays itself out every year in Iceland where books are traditionally exchanged on Christmas Eve, and you spend the rest of the night reading and eating chocolate with a hot drink in hand. The event is called Jolabokaflokkur, otherwise known as the "Christmas book flood."

The event dates back to the end of World War II when Iceland gained its independence from Denmark. Paper was one commodity that was not in short supply when everything else was scarce due to ration-

ing during the war. Icelanders shared their love of reading when other gifts were hard to find. Since 1944, the Icelandic book trade has published a yearly catalog (title translated as 'Book Bulletin' in English) which is delivered to every household in mid-November. People use the catalog to order books to give friends and family for Christmas.

The book, "How to raise a reader," by Pamela Paul and Mario Russo, authors of the New York Times Book Feature, shows you how to instill

## Library Corner

**Benita VanCleave**  
Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

the joy and pleasure of taking time to read. The book is divided into four sections, from baby through teen, with useful advice on every page including ways to engage a reluctant reader.

In summary:  
Reacquaint yourself with reading. You must be a reader

to raise a reader.

Read aloud everyday from any book to your newborn. The content doesn't matter. They just need to hear your voice.

Make reading aloud to toddlers a practice anytime throughout the day as well as at bedtime. Being read to is important for a child's cognitive development and your shared closeness makes them identify reading as special.

Continue to read aloud to your children even as they become more independent. Ask

questions about what they are reading and ask their friends what they are reading to encourage sharing new authors.

Introduce your child to a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books according to their interests and to expand their knowledge. Let children read they are interested in.

Get your child a library card and make regular visits to check out books. Take the time to sit and read together in the new children's area at the Salem Public Library.

## Say what?



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

You may not have heard of the company Microvast Holdings before, but you've certainly heard of the People's Republic of China – controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

Earlier this week, in my capacity as Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I along with

the Ranking Member of the full Committee sent a letter to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Jennifer Granholm, asking for more information as to why DOE awarded TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS to Microvast Holdings. A company that, by its own admission, is regulated and controlled by the People's Republic of China. Say What?

This is an electric vehicle battery manufacturing company. Now it is true its U.S. base is in Texas, but it is controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

Shockingly, amid public and widely acknowledged national security concerns, the Department of Energy awarded this grant just

two months ago.

What is even more shocking, is that it was not difficult to discover the company's ties and reliance to the Chinese Communist Party. A simple search through their U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings was all it took.

In fact, according to the tech investor website Nanalyze, nearly 80% of Microvast's revenue assets are located in China.

Microvast disclosed the Chinese Communist Party's control over its operations in their publicly available SEC filings:

"THE CENTRAL AND LOCAL PRC [People's Republic of China] GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO EXERCISE A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE OF CONTROL AND INFLUENCE OVER BUSINESSES OPERATING IN CHINA..."

"The PRC government exerts substantial influence over the manner in which we must conduct our business activities and may intervene, at any time and with no notice. If the PRC government at any time substantially intervenes, influences or establishes new policies,

regulations, rules, or laws, such actions may result in a material change to our operations and/or the value of our common stock."

As a member of the Subcommittee on Energy, I've witnessed first-hand DOE Secretary Jennifer Granholm acknowledge the energy and national security threats the Chinese Communist Party poses when involved in our supply chain. Why then would her agency award TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS to a U.S.-based company functionally controlled by the Chinese Communist Party?

It is well known at this point in time that the Chinese Communist Party's laws and regulations require many U.S. businesses operating in China to partner with local Chinese entities. This exposes U.S. companies' confidential proprietary and technological business information to the People's Republic of China for their use.

In fact, the current FBI Director Christopher Wray at a recent speech publicly cautioned companies about partnering with Chinese businesses, "When you deal with a

Chinese company, know you're also dealing with the Chinese government."

He candidly warned in the same remarks, "The Chinese government is set on stealing your technology—whatever it is that makes your industry tick—and using it to undercut your business and dominate your market."

Business operations in Communist China are much different than most of the rest of the world. To encourage what the Chinese Communist Party calls the "modern enterprise system with Chinese characteristics," it requires many state-owned and privately owned companies, and some foreign joint ventures, to create "Party Member Groups" within each companies' management structure. Among other things, these committees promote the Chinese Communist Party's economic plans.

I have written in the past about how the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package spent more new money on green policies than roads. Proponents claimed that some of the billions of dollars being spent would explicitly boost domestic manufacturing capabilities with

the goal of freeing American supply chains from China. And the bill even directed DOE NOT to issue grants to companies that use battery material supplied by or originating from a foreign entity of concern or companies subject to the jurisdiction or direction of China.

But DOE did it anyway – say what?

Hard to believe! I intend to discover what steps DOE took, if any, in investigating Microvast's operations in China, what coordination the agency exercises with our national intelligence community before issuing such grants, and what percentage of DOE grant dollars have gone to other companies that are controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

Awarding taxpayer dollars to a company with known and self-proclaimed ties to the Government of the People's Republic of China raises serious concerns about DOE's ability to manage the billions of dollars that have been put under their control and protect those dollars from exploitation by the Chinese Communist Party.

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# Christmas can begin

*{A Reflection}*

The holiday concert by The Salem Choral Society just gets better and better.

Over the decade or more that I have attended the event, directed by S. Reed Carter IV, the quality of the singing in Salem Presbyterian Church seemed higher as the program was presented the past Sunday.

Since I'm limiting my driving these days, I was privileged to get transportation with friend and news writing colleague Meg Hibbert who also sings tenor in the choir.

She had to be at the event an hour before the 4 p.m. starting time, so I had the chance to not only hear the final rehearsal of one selection but also to witness preparation of the historic worship area.

That included the erection of a window screen against the weak afternoon sun. A choir

member climbed a tall step-ladder to fasten the screen in place; fortunately, no one was hurt when the screen slipped from its anchoring and fell to the floor. A second try to placement was successful.

In one of the last selections, "The Work of Christmas," listeners are urged to get out into the world to do what is needed for others after the holiday with its beloved and familiar symbols—evergreen trees, angels, stars and perhaps music—has passed away for another year.

That's how I felt as I sat in my preferred spot on a pew near the front. There I can watch the skillful and familiar pianist Rachel Fauber as she accompanies the choir.

In Sunday's concert Pam Elgin joined her at the keyboard in three familiar songs of the season, "Ding, Dong Merrily

## Frances Stebbins Correspondent

On High," "Angels From the Realms of Glory" and "The First Noel."

Carter doesn't confine his program to the lovely and familiar carols, but, as he remarked when introducing a number, he's not fond of much popular Christmas music.

{I'm with him there, not mentioning titles, but everyone to his/her taste. After all, secular Yuletide songs have been around since certainly the Nineteenth Century, for my mother taught me some of them many decades ago.}

At the Dec. 11 program, much was familiar to me. There are always many familiar faces, for Salem area music lovers have learned of the high

quality of the annual production.

There are many white-haired—and bald—folk in the congregation; a few bring grandchildren. Late-comers can ascend to the balcony, for being one of only a few worship buildings in use in the city dating from prior to the Civil War, simply designed "Salem Pres" is from a different day.

All its room is needed when the choral group performs.

Attired in black—my companion feared tripping in her flared-leg satin pants in our short walk from parking—the approximately 50 singers include about as many altos as sopranos. They are augmented by five tenors—three men and two women—and seven basses.

A special feature Sunday was the selection, "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" as Autumn Edson played its accompaniment on the French Horn. The director, tracing its history, said it's one of his favorites.

All such treats come with

a price, and though there is no admission charge, Carter does appeal for donations. He noted that there's a small membership fee to belong, and a number of Salem area businesses and individual donate regularly.

I found the variety of music interesting. Though, as said, the comic and clearly secular songs are omitted, the familiar popular melodies by Irving Berlin are there as well as a Spiritual or two from the Black tradition.

Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights at 7 resuming for the season on Jan. 31 at an entrance at the rear of Salem Presbyterian Church, North Market and East Main Streets. More information is available on the church's web site.

The Spring Concert at Salem Presbyterian is scheduled Sunday, April 30, at 4 p.m. For the popular Patriotic Concert held on July 2 a larger site and time will be announced later.

Now Christmas can begin!

# VDOT ROADWATCH

## INTERSTATE 81

**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 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.

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**WORK ZONE SPEED:** With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

**RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

**LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141.

Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136.

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.

**I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE** - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County is OPEN as of Friday, December 16.

**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. The old bridge is being demolished. 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.

**SLOW ROLLS:** A slow roll operation may be in place daily, Monday through Friday, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Slow rolls scheduled for Wednesday, December 28 and Thursday, December 29.

**ROUTE 605:** Intermittent flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

**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.

**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

**INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD** -On Route 11

(Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. Expected completion end of 2022.

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

A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

**I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY 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.

**I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY**- Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

**INTERSTATE 77 (CARROLL COUNTY)**

**I-77 PAVING OPERATIONS** - Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 77 between mile marker 24 and 0. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

**I-77 BRIDGE DECK AND MAINTENANCE REPAIRS** - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 77. Right and left lane closures may be in place northbound or southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Right and left lane closures in place on I-77 southbound, mile marker 13.5 to 12.5 over Route 702 and I-77 northbound, mile marker 11.5 to 12.7 over Route 702. Height restrictions are in place at 14' 6".

## ROANOKE CITY

**13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR** - A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2-mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot-wide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023.

**TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE:** Northbound traffic will be switched to the northbound lane of 13th Street. Southbound traffic will still be detoured around the work zone.

## ROANOKE COUNTY

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## BEDFORD COUNTY

**ROUTE 608 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** - Beginning September 8, a bridge replacement on Route 608 is underway. The bridge is located 0.20 mi south from Route 793 (Watson Road) to 2.30 miles north from Route 122 (Moneta Road). The road is closed and a detour is in place. The road is scheduled to reopen in late fall 2023.

**ROUTE 221 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS** - A project to improve safety and operations at three signalized intersections is underway. Two intersections are on Route 221 in Bedford County in the Salem District and one is at Route 460 Business (Timberlake Road) and Route 622 (Waterlick Road) in Campbell County in the Lynchburg District. In Bedford County, this project will improve two adjacent signalized intersec-

tions in the Forest area on Route 221 at Route 1425 (Graves Mill Road) and at Route 1426 (Gristmill Drive). Most work will be performed during nighttime hours, Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. - 7 a.m. the next morning. Drivers may see shoulder and lane closures during daytime hours on the weekends. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2023.

**ROUTE 715 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** - A bridge replacement project over Norfolk Southern Railroad has Route 715 (Lowry Road) closed. The bridge is located 0.085 mile south of Norfolk Southern Railroad to 0.048 mile north of Norfolk Southern Railroad on Route 715. Message boards will alert drivers. This replacement will change the current single lane steel and wooden bridge to a two-lane concrete bridge. A detour will be in place. Travelers will use Route 671 (Timber Ridge Road) to Route 221 (Forrest Road). The detour will remain in place until project completion which is scheduled for February 2023.

## BOTETOURT COUNTY

**DALEVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT FOR FIELDSTONE DEVELOPMENT ACCESS** - Lane closures northbound and southbound on Route 220 in Daleville will be in place for construction of a median with crossover, a right turn lane and a new traffic signal. This work is associated with construction of the Fieldstone Development. Lane closures will be set up on various days into early next year, 2023.

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## CARROLL COUNTY

**ROUTE 645 CULVERT REPLACEMENT** - Partial removal and demolition of the

# CHRISTMAS IN SALEM



Andrew Lewis Middle School held a Christmas concert last week.



All three grades at the middle school performed during the concert.



The concert served as a demonstration of the progress the students made over the past semester.



G.W. Carver Elementary School and East Salem Elementary School partnered with several organizations and businesses in Salem last week to provide gift cards, toys, clothes, toiletries and non-perishable food items to students during the holiday season.



A total of 96 G.W. Carver families received food bags and wrapped gifts, while 86 East Salem families received products and presents. Many of the families who received items would have otherwise not had enough food to eat or presents to open during the division's winter break.



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This year's collection effort was boosted by employees of Salem Parks and Recreation, who dropped off bags for students at all four of Salem's elementary schools, in addition to the food pantry at Andrew Lewis Middle School.

## LETTERS TO THE SANTA

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy this year. What do the reindeer eat while you're delivering presents? I would really like more Legos for Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless!  
Love,  
Barrett

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I have been doing good in school and at home. How are your reindeer doing? I would like a big monster truck RC car for Christmas, please. I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Brantlee

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I help do a lot of work. Can I come to the North Pole? May I please have Legos? Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Aleena

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I made all "E's"

I want to tell you I have been good this year. I even donated my toys to other kids. I want to ask if you share cookies with the reindeer? I would like a new bike. Merry Christmas, Santa!  
Love,  
Cash

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I helped mommy take care of sissy. Has my elf been good? I want a Barbie Dreamhouse and play-doh set. Merry Christmas, Santa!  
Love,  
Abby

Dear Santa,  
I think I have been super good this year. I have been a very good big sister. Can I ride in your sleigh? I would really love to get a real ballerina costume for Christmas. Merry Christmas because you do love Christmas!  
Love,  
Lauren

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been very good this year. I made all "E's"

on my report card! Do your reindeer eat hay? I would like Magic Mixies for Christmas. Merry Christmas, Santa Claus!  
Love,  
Aleigha

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I helped Mckinleigh when her throat hurt. How do elves hide so good? I would like magnets for Christmas. Thank you for coming! Merry Christmas, Santa!  
Love,  
Charlotte

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. What I would like for Christmas is a color reveal Barbie doll and a stuffed animal reindeer. I would also like an American Girl doll with clothes. Thank you Santa!  
Love,  
Maia

Dear Santa,  
I want a snow globe. I want a Nintendo Switch. I think you can tell that I will be good next year.  
Love,

Cooper  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a unicorn.  
Love,  
Pearl

Dear Santa,  
I want a big stuffy unicorn and a little penguin from the North Pole. I'll give you cookies and milk for the reindeer and some carrots.  
Love,  
Zoe

Dear Santa,  
I would want a toy dog. I would want a little live pet dog. I want a rainbow corn.  
Love,  
Cora

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie set with a doctor and two babies, a barbie doll play set with a playground, and kid pretty cool too.  
Love,  
Abby

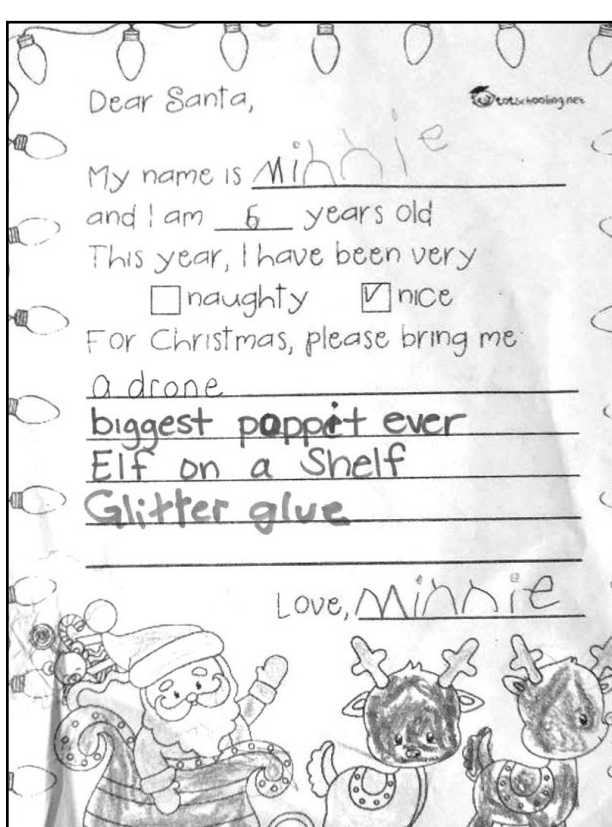


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A kindergartner at South Salem Elementary School wrote this letter to Santa.

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**CRAIG COUNTY**

**ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MEADOW CREEK** – Temporary signals control traffic across the bridge and will be in place throughout the project. Construction will begin on the northbound side of the bridge and once completed, work will switch to the southbound side. In addition, a section of Route 646 (Allen Street) between Route 650 and Route 311 will be closed during construction and a signed detour will be in place. All traffic will be detoured to Marshall Street and Kanawha Street to access either 311 or the homes located off Allen Street. Speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph in the work zone with a width restriction of 9 feet. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra travel time through the work zone. Weather permitting, the bridge is expected to be open to traffic by the late spring 2023.

**T R A F F I C SWITCH:** On September 22, traffic was switched from using the southbound lane to the northbound lane while work continues. Southbound lanes are closed. Temporary traffic signals will continue to direct traffic and message boards will notify drivers.

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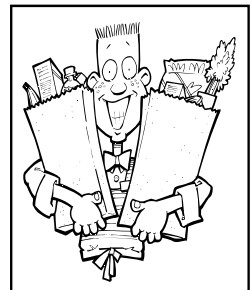
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Above, left to right, Salem's Josiah Persinger and Peyton Lewis, Glenvar's Jackson Swanson and Salem's DaRon Wilson are off in the 55 meter dash at the meet at Roanoke College last Saturday. Below, Cathryn McCroskey of Glenvar hands off to Jade Evans in a relay event.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## SHS, GHS athletes run at Roanoke College Invt.

The Salem and Glenvar indoor track teams competed in a high school invitational at the Roanoke College Kerr-Cregger Indoor Track last Saturday. Many schools attended the Holiday Track Classic in Salem.

Glenvar took 21 athletes to the meet. Senior Sydney Loder placed first in both the girls' 55 high hurdles and the 300 dash. Avone Noel placed second in the boys' pole vault with a jump of 9'6" and state qualified. Heath Bowker took second in the boys 300 dash and ran on the boys' 4x800 team, placing third with a time of 8:56.66 and giving them a state qualifying time. Caeden Bowker, Charlie Horrell and Davis Norman were also on that team.

Jackson Swanson and Brooklyn Woolwine both had an outstanding day, with Jackson state qualifying for the boys 55 dash and Brooklyn state qualifying for the girls 55 hurdles.

For Salem, Peyton Lewis, Josiah Persinger and DaRon Wilson went one-two-four in the 55 meter dash and Lewis and Persinger both state qualified while Wilson ran a region qualifying time. Lewis, Persinger and Wilson teamed up with Dominic Wright to win the 4x200 relay and Wright was fourth in the triple jump, qualifying for regions. Dontay Davis was third in the shot put and qualified for the region meet.

In the girls' meet Melissa Vinod had her best time in the 55 dash and Erin Armistead and Lyndsy Rothkopf both had season's bests in the 500.

Salem and Glenvar are now off until January 7th when they return to the track to run at Liberty University.



## Maroons sweep weekly ODAC track awards in field events

The Roanoke College indoor track team swept weekly honors as Grace Fowler was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference women's Field Athlete of the Week and Joseph Eldridge was named the Men's Field Athlete of the Week.

Fowler, a junior from Lewisville, N.C., put together a strong season-opening performance in the throws.

She finished second overall and was the top Division III competitor in both the shot put and the weight throw. She heaved the shot 11.32 meters (37-1.75) to take over the top spot in the ODAC so far this season. In the weight throw, Fowler flung the implement 14.46 meters (47-5.25) to rank second in the ODAC.

Eldridge, a freshman from

Chattanooga, Tenn., opened his collegiate career with a win. He led a first-through-fourth finish in the pole vault, clearing the high bar at 4.05 meters (13-3.5) to best teammates Edward Rygalski and Dominic McCombs by 0.15 meters for the event victory. Eldridge's clearance ranks second in the ODAC sits just outside the top-50 in NCAA Division III.



## Glenvar girls pick colleges for sports



Two Glenvar High School athletes announced their intention to continue their education and play collegiate sports last week. Claire Griffith (seated left) will head to Bridgewater to play for the Eagles volleyball team and Rhyann Harris (seated right) will play basketball for Emory & Henry. Joining them for the occasion were teammates, coaches and friends. Standing, left to right, are Jamie Forster, Daisy Ann Dawyot, Hannah Hylton, Emily Rohrback, Luke Rohrback, Glenvar volleyball assistant Jen Rohrback, GHS head volleyball coach Mark Rohrback, Cara Butler and Sydney Loder.

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## Brian Hoffman Column

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Anyway, my neighbor had the game and I wanted one for myself for Christmas. I let my desires be known and was hoping to open a package on Christmas morning and be playing by noon when my mom was cooking our Christmas dinner. Only thing is, Santa didn't bring one.

I don't remember what was under the tree that year but it wasn't an electric football game. I'm sure it was something nice, as my very middle class parents always made sure my sister and I had a good Christmas. However, I have to admit I was a little disappointed.

Then my grandparents showed up for dinner. I looked out the window as they walked up the snow-lined sidewalk to our front door and what, to my surprise, did I see? My grandfather was holding a large, rectangular package that was just about the right size for electric football. As I ripped off the paper I was not only thrilled to see it was, indeed, the game, but it was the high end of the line model.

Apparently, that was par for the course for my grandparents. My mother often said her dad was frugal with his money, but when he bought something he bought the best. For an example she always mentioned how she didn't get a bike until she was 14 years old, but when she got one it was the best you could buy. In fact, our family still has that bike.

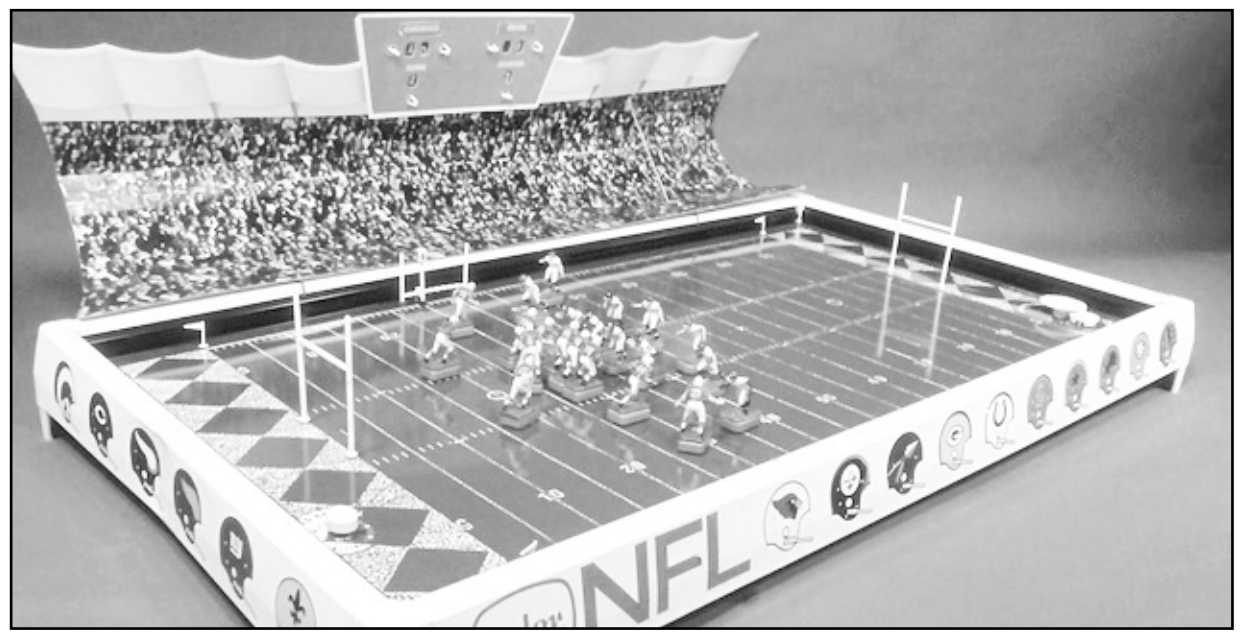
The football game was a sight to behold. It had three dimensional characters, posed in different positions like linemen, linebackers and running backs. The playing field was larger than my friend down

the street's game and instead of a metal field it was cork board with cool graphics surrounded by a metal base. It even came with a grandstand that could be attached around one side of the field and a large scoreboard behind the end zone. I played that game many, many times, sometimes with friends but often just by myself.

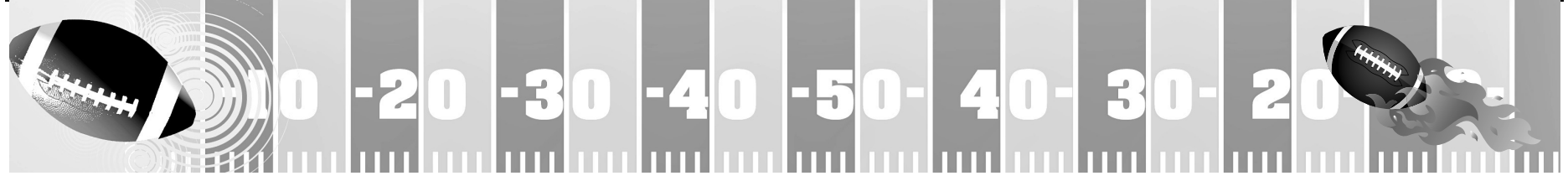
I don't know what happened to that football game. I also had one of those hockey games and I know what happened to it. I took it to college one year and it was played 24 hours around the clock at my fraternity house before someone broke it beyond repair.

Upon "googling" electric football I was surprised to see that they still make the game. The Tudor company has a site where you can purchase a game customized to your favorite NFL team. The field has the name of your team in the end zone and the logo on the 50 yard line, and you can even order the players in NFL uniforms. It will set you back over \$300 and I imagine some of the figures still go around in circles.

Why you would buy that game today when you can play NFL Madden, I have no idea. However, I do know back in 1962 one little boy got a present he still remembers fondly 60 years later.



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I've included 11 college bowl games in this week's contest, including the two NCAA semifinal games. In addition you need to pick the eventual NCAA champion, the AFC and NFC champs and the Super Bowl champion.

There was a time when I struggled to find enough bowl games to put on the contest, but now we have close to 50. Everyone and his brother sponsors a game with names like the Gasparilla Bowl, the Guaranteed Rate Bowl, the Cheez-It Bowl and the Duke's Mayo Bowl in Charlotte. Folks were worried when the NCAA put in a playoff system that the bowls would no longer be meaningful. Well, I suspect the reason the bowls are no longer meaningful is that there's so darn many. It used to be you had a great season if you made a bowl. Now, it's a bad season if you don't.

We'll throw in an extra prize for our final contest, a year's subscription to the Salem Times-Register along with the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and the Blizzard from Dairy Queen. And, we'll also have a round of golf at the Salem Municipal Course for the winner of our "19th Hole" question. For this week's question pick the winner and loser of the Super Bowl along with the final score. Put it in the space provided and we'll announce the "Super Winner" the week after the Super Bowl game.

Due to early Christmas deadlines we don't have last week's winner to announce this week, as I didn't have time to correct them on a short week. However, be assured it will be in the December 29 issue.

Also, note that the first bowl game on this week's contest isn't played until December 29, so as long as you get your entry in, or postmarked, by December 28 it will be eligible to win.

Merry Christmas everyone, and enjoy the bowl games.

—Brian Hoffman

## SHS wrestlers are 1st

The Salem High Ironmen dominated a dual wrestling tournament at Stuarts Draft last weekend before breaking for the holidays. The Spartans won five dual matches to take first place in the eight team dual tourney.

"We finally wrestled to our potential," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "It was a good little confidence boost for us."

The Spartans opened with a 60-24 win over Spotswood, then shut out host Stuarts Draft, 78-0. In the third match Salem defeated Staunton High, who had a full team, 72-12. Salem beat Parry McCluer, 54-28, to reach the final, then beat Staunton again, this time 65-16, to win the championship.

Salem had six wrestlers who went undefeated for the day, Ty Porter, Caden Thomas, Hayden Smith, Dakota McGlothlin, Elvin Ramos and Thomas Miles.

The Spartans will take a brief break for Christmas, then return to the mats December 29 for the two-day Takedown the New Year tournament at Heritage High on December 29 and 30.

## Highlanders will wrestle in Grundy tournament this week

The Glenvar wrestlers swept a home meet last week when they hosted Blacksburg and Cave Spring at the Highlanders' gym. The Highlanders will be in a tournament at Grundy this week before breaking for the holidays.

Against Blacksburg Glenvar took a 54-24 win. With a number of kids out with minor injuries Glenvar wrestled Jake Cline, Ethan Flowers, and Wesley Heltzel up a weight class and Jake secured a first period fall against the 165 pound Titan Toughman runner-up. Flowers also picked up a first period fall at 190 against a solid Blacksburg wrestler.

"Our younger wrestlers continue to improve," said coach Jason Cline. "Joey Loder stepped-in and

## Glenvar boys take 1st at Wytheville meet

The Glenvar High swimmers made the trip to Wytheville last Friday evening to compete in the Wythe County Invitational along with nine other teams from Southwest Virginia. This was a championship scoring meet with the top six finishers in each event scoring points for their team, and when all scores were tallied the Glenvar boys' team took the title.

Top three finishers in the boys' meet were Glenvar with 73, Marion at 57 and Carroll County with 52. The Glenvar girls' scored 30 points, finishing 5th while edging out a tough Giles team by a single point. Overall nine new personal records were set, four new state championship qualifying times were swam and three new school records were established.

Finishing in the top six and scoring points for the Highlanders were the boys 200 medley relay team of Avery Thompson, Zander Honaker, Connor Wilkes and Landon Cairns, winning the event, with the girls' team of Addie Cockram, Claire Griffith, Adrianna Hall and

Jasmine Bane finishing fourth. Landon Cairns finished fourth in the boys 100 butterfly and teammate Adrianna Hall took second for the girls. Griffith finished 2nd in the girls 100 freestyle, then Wilkes won the 500 freestyle for the boys and Hall again placed second for the girls.

The boys 200 freestyle relay team of Kees VanGerven, Tucker Henderson, Davis Norman and Lucas Birdlebough touched the wall fourth while the girls' team of Cockram, Bane, Hall

and Griffith finished sixth. VanGerven and Birdlebough placed fifth and sixth in the boys 100 backstroke while Cairns won the boys 100 breaststroke while Cairns won the boys 100 breaststroke with Thompson placing third and Henderson fifth.

The swim of the night for Glenvar was the boys 400 freestyle relay. Thompson, Honaker, Cairns and Wilkes blew away the competition by more than 13 seconds, winning the event and setting a new school record and cutting a state championship qualifying time. The boys are

now qualified in all three relay events swam at the State Championship.

New state qualifying times set were Claire Griffith in the 50 and 100 freestyle, Connor Wilkes in the 500 freestyle and the boys' 400 freestyle relay team. New School records established were Wilkes in the 500 freestyle, eclipsing teammate Cairns time set just two weeks ago. In the 50 freestyle Wilkes topped his own school record and the boys' 400 freestyle relay improved of the record they set just three days earlier.



Glenvar's Adrianna Hall swims the freestyle event.

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## Spartans sweep meet in Hollins pool

The Salem High swim team had a swim meet against four teams at Hollins University last

week. The Spartans swept the meet and had some strong performances at the Hollins pool.

First places for the Salem girls included the Eliza Fleenor in the 200 Free and 100 Fly, Lauren

Baba in the 200 IM, Jaedyn Jenkins in the 50 and 500 Free and Ashley Kay in the 100 Back.

Boys firsts included Walker Peterson in the 200 and 500 Free, Cole Bowen in the 50 Free, Joren Poush in the 100 Fly and 100 Back, Davis Griffith in the 100 Free and John Atkins in the 100 Breast.

Salem also swept the relays. The girls teams consisted of Jenkins, Reece Mangus, Fleenor and Baba in the 200 Medley, Gracie Michael, Mangus, Baba and Laci Barnes in the 200 Free and Michael, Jenkins, Barnes and Fleenor in the 400 Free.

The boys' winning relay teams included Bowen, Blake Perez, Atkins and Poush in the 200 Medley, Peterson, Atkins, Bowen and Poush in the 200 Free and William Marable, Aidan Poush, Perez and Peterson in the 400 Free.



Joren Poush is off the block for the Salem swim team.

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Left, River Smith of Glenvar (foreground) battles in his match with Blacksburg last week. Right, Jake Cline is on top and in control as he remained undefeated.

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Action from Salem's basketball win over Christiansburg last week. Left to right; Grant Clemens shoots a corner three, Clayton Davidson drives the lane and Marvin Fields scores despite some tight defense from a Blue Demon defender.

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## Salem basketball teams sweep Blue Demons in River Ridge games

The Salem High basketball teams swept Christiansburg last Friday, with the boys winning at home and the girls getting a big win on the road.

The boys took a 66-52 win in Salem. The Spartans opened a 37-23 lead at the half and held on to win. The Demons closed to within five at 55-50 in the fourth quarter but the Spartans went on a 10-0 run and never looked back.

Salem out-rebounded the Demons, 45-25, led by Cam Boles with 10 boards. Marvin Fields led the Spartans with 14 points, hitting six of seven shots from the field. Boles and Bryce Carver had 10 points each, Josiah Moyer had five assists and Boles had three steals.

The Salem High girls' basketball team improved to 4-2 when they pulled out an overtime win over Christiansburg last Friday, 49-41, in Christiansburg.

My'la Green led the Spartans with 14 points. Madison Smith had eight, Emme Custer had seven and Summer Bayne had six points. Salem outscored the Demons 12-4 to pull away in the overtime period.

The girls were scheduled to host Hidden Valley on Tuesday but results were too late for early Christmas deadlines. The girls return from the break next Wednesday, December 28, with

a home game against Staunton River.

The boys will host Staunton River tonight to wrap up their pre-Christmas basketball schedule. The Spartans came into the week at 4-4 and had a game at Hidden Valley Tuesday, but again results were too late for Christmas deadlines.

A week from today the Spartan boys will return from Christmas break with a home game against Liberty.



*Brian Hoffman*

### Electric Christmas

Merry Christmas everyone.

As you know, this is the most wonderful time of the year. We have early sports deadlines this week so your sportswriter can have Christmas with family, so if something is missing from the sports section we'll catch you up next week.

Like many of you, I've always loved Christmas. There's nothing like the joy of a child on Christmas Eve, anticipating the arrival of Santa. It's great when you're a child, and when you get older it's just as great to watch the children, maybe even better.

I can remember one particular present when I was a child, and it's right up there with my first bike. I wanted one of those electric football games that were so popular in the 50s, 60s and 70s, way before the EA Sports folks put out the John Madden game. That Madden game is about as close to real football as you can get without putting on a helmet.

When I was a kid my neighbor down the street had one of those electric football games and we spent hours sitting on the floor playing. If you've never played, it's a simple premise. Each team has 11 little players and a football field hooked up to something that makes the field vibrate. One player arranges his men in an offensive formation and the other does the same on defense.

The play starts when you flip the switch that makes the field vibrate, and the players move around on the gridiron. The play ends when a defensive player bumps the man with the ball, resulting in a tackle.

There's a lot of strategy to the game. First of all, you have to know your little players. Some of them will go straight and some of them will just go around in circles. Usually the guys that go straight are the backs and the ones who just go around in circles are linemen.

Most of the time you're going to run the ball in electric football, as passing is very difficult. You have one "passer-kicker" who is shared by both teams. It's a two-dimensional metal player, and to pass you put the magnetic football in his raised hand, pull it back, and try to hit a receiver with the ball when you let go. It's almost impossible to complete a pass, sort of like Russell Wilson this season.

As for the kicker, it's somewhat the same concept. You put the magnetic football on his foot and when you push down on a lever it kicks the ball. You can easily kick the ball the entire length of the field, but it's tough to put it through the goal posts, so normally you would go for it on fourth down and go for two on extra points. In other words, "just run the ball." I expect offensive line coaches love this game.

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Above, Glenvar's Elijah Carter pump fakes and scores against Christiansburg last week. Left, Lawson Simmons scores three of his game high 20 points.

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## GHS boys are in the NIT next week, girls are home with Auburn tonight

The Glenvar girls and boys basketball teams both won games last week as they head toward Christmas break. The boys won at home against Christiansburg and the girls won at Staunton River, both on Thursday.

The Glenvar boys outscored the Blue Demons 24-7 in the third period to break the game wide open after leading 22-13 in a low-scoring first half. Senior Lawson Simmons had his season high with 20 points, including two three-pointers. Brody Dawyot had 11 points, Elijah Carter had nine and Reed Hutchison and Gabe Ford had half a dozen each for the Highlanders.

With the win Glenvar improved to 5-1 on the season. The Highlanders will play in the Northside Invitational next week at Northside High School, opening with a 2:30 pm game against Liberty Christian on Wednesday, December 28. The tournament is a three-day affair with the championship, runnerup, fifth and seventh place games on December 30.

The Glenvar girls edged Staunton River last week, 45-42. Glenvar trailed 31-28 after three quarters but outscored the Eagles, 17-11, in the final period to pull out the win. Rhyann Harris led the Highlanders with 15 points, McKenzie Harris had 13 and Kaelon Thompson had half a dozen.

With the win the girls improved to 4-2. The Highlanders had a game at Northside on Monday but it was too late for early Christmas deadlines, and today they'll host Auburn in their final game before the Christmas break.