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Salem mother and son attend bill signing *Legislation to help those with developmental disabilities*

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Salem resident Annie Lin took her son Jerry Wu, who was born with Down Syndrome, to a bill signing ceremony late last month in at Round Hill Elementary School in Roanoke where Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed legislation to support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

"My son and I were so lucky to be there," Lin said. Wu wore his Special Olympics Virginia shirt and an American eagle tie. "Everyone was so excited."

While at the ceremony, Lin and Wu asked Youngkin to sign two basketballs. "We are so lucky. Thank you so much to the governor. We had so much fun at the event," she said.

"The bills I'm signing today will improve the lives of so many Virginians, including those with developmental disabilities, who contribute so much to the culture and success of our vibrant Commonwealth," Youngkin said. "We must continue to strive to equip our students with the skills to compete and education is such an important part of that process."

The bills that were signed into law included HB 1963, which regards providing greater financial flexibility through waivers to individuals with developmental disabilities, HB 1554, which requires each public high school to publicly identify on its website the faculty member responsible for special education transition planning, and SB 1430, which requires the Department of Education to convene a stakeholder work group to make recommendations on reducing barriers to



Gov. Youngkin signs one of Wu's basketballs.

and improving the access of paid work-based learning experiences for English language learner students.

Sen. David Suetterlein, who represents Salem, was a patron for all three bills.

Suetterlein said, "In Roanoke today, Governor Youngkin signed three of my bills into law that will provide greater transparency and flexibility for Virginians with developmental disabilities and opportunities for English learner students. I would like to thank Governor Youngkin and the many advocates including The Arc of Virginia, the Roanoke City School Board, and the Commission on Youth for coming together around these ideas that will improve the lives of so many Virginians. We are always strongest when we work together and each of these bills will further



COURTESY OF ANNIE LIN
Annie Lin, center, took her son, Jerry Wu, to a ceremony last month in which Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed legislation into law in support of those with developmental disabilities.

empower Virginia families to thrive."

Children hunt for Easter eggs at Salem Civic Center



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF SALEM

Salem's annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Wednesday, April 5 at the Salem Civic Center instead of the usual location at the Moyer Sports Complex, due to construction work. Children ages 3-10 were invited to participate in the hunt. In addition to searching for eggs, children were able to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

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Roanoke County supervisors announce \$130M funding for school capital projects

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ROANOKE COUNTY—The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors announced last Friday a proposal that will provide Roanoke County Public Schools \$130 million to fund a new career and technical education center and make improvements to two elementary schools.

The county noted this is the largest amount of funding it has ever provided to the school division. It added the funding will enable the division to complete all three projects sooner than expected. The funding will be available starting in early 2024.

The division identified the critical needs for a new career and technical center in Roanoke County, as well as renovations to W.E. Cundiff Elementary School and Glen Cove Elementary School.

The county noted the current center has to turn away students each year due to capacity issues.

"Our business community has shared their desires for well-trained students to enter the workforce immediately," said Board of Supervisors Chair Martha Hooker. "A new CTE facility will expand the programs offered, provide more opportunities for students and meet the needs of our business community. Ensuring our children's success and sustaining our local economy is critical."

W.E. Cundiff and Glen Cove Elementary Schools were also identified as schools in need

of renovations to help facilitate learning. The supervisors agreed there are issues at these two schools and that improvements of the open-classroom spaces are needed.

The county said that the supervisors and county staff worked for months to find solutions within current and future funding streams that would also allow them to meet the capital needs across all county programs, and remain fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars. In the last four months the supervisors provided two funding proposals to the Roanoke County School Board intended to meet the desired needs.

The new proposal will provide \$80 million to be utilized for the new center and \$50 million to be utilized for improvements to Glen Cove and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools. Planning has been underway for the three projects, including recommendations from renovation studies for the elementary schools and the purchase last year of 28-acres of land to build the new center.

"As a former educator, I understand the importance of providing an environment that encourages growth and learning, and provides the foundation for our future," added Hooker. "I'm proud that we have been able to secure this record amount of funding for our school system. We've paved the way for them to advance their capital projects and ensure the educational needs of our students are met."

The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors will approve the new funding proposal at a future board meeting.

Skating community pleads with Council for new skate park

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

More than two dozen skate enthusiasts piled into Monday night's Salem City Council meeting to plead for a new skate park to be built in Salem. The 30-year-old skating facility in Moyer Sports Complex was torn down after renovations began in September for the softball complex and addition of pickleball courts.

They were particularly distressed, members of the skating community said, because Council made no announcement about the skate park being demolished and not included in plans for the new \$27.5-million complex expected to open in 2024.

Space where the skate park was located at the Moyer entrance will be used for 10 pickleball courts, with three more where the former food pantry building was located at the Eddy Street Bridge.

Three people spoke during the Citizen Comment period

at the beginning of the 6:30 p.m. meeting. Laura Saunders told Councilmembers how the skate park provided recreation and interaction for children, teens and adults.

"Our skate community is heartbroken with the decision to eliminate the skate park," said Saunders, whose 9-year-old son, Kyle, was a frequent skater at Moyer and has hopes of becoming a professional scooter rider.

"We have a petition more than 2,400 people signed... The skate park was part of our lives, and vital for our physical and mental health," she said, adding that it provided a refuge from the stress of people's everyday lives, and gave kids a reason to put down their electronic devices.

"Age, gender, race did not matter with skaters," she said. "Consider what we have lost," Saunders said, in closing.

Although Council has said pickleball and the Moyer Sports Complex will bring in revenue in lodging, meals and other expenditures by

visitors, Saunders said a skate park provides similar

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT
Laura Saunders, mother of a 9-year-old skater, makes an impassioned plea to Salem City Councilmembers Monday night, asking for a new skate park to be built in Salem.

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

Salem Spring Holiday Market: The market will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. Admission is free.

JDRF One Walk, Greater Blue Ridge: The walk will be held on April 16 at the Salem Civic Center and Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium. There will be 1, 2, and 3 mile walk routes around the Salem Baseball Stadium, Salem Civic Center and Roanoke College's Elizabeth Campus. McFadden and Friends will provide live musical entertainment. There will be a Kids Corner of activities as well as tables of information about T1D and the devices used in its treatment. The Salem Red Sox will have food and beverages available for purchase at their concession stands. Mugsie and Diesel will be available at the photo booth. Drawings will be held for some amazing prizes. People may register to be a walker or a team captain in the walk at walk.jdrf.org/greaterblueridge.

Roanoke Valley Sports Club: Roger Ayers: The event will be in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center on Monday, April 17. Social time will be at 5:45 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:15 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. The price of attendance is \$22.50 for members, \$28 for non-members and \$10 for children ages 4-12. Reservations are required: 540-353-1103.

BBB Shred & Secure Your ID Day: The day will be at the Salem Civic Center from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 22.

DMV2Go: DMV2Go will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 24.

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.

Roanoke Valley Holistic Expo: The expo will be at the Salem Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

Blue Ridge Sports Car Club: The free event will

be at the Salem Civic Center Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 at 11 a.m. each day. More information can be found at www.brr.scca.org.

71st Ernest "Pig" Robertson Fishing Rodeo: The City of Salem Parks & Recreation Department will hold the fishing rodeo for children ages 3-8 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at Lake Spring Park. Additional dates include Monday, May 1 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for special needs children, Wednesday, May 3 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for nursing home residents and Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. for children ages 9-12.

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.

Family Service of the Roanoke Valley: 3rd FSRV Bike, Car & Truck Show: The event is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the Salem Civic Center. It's free for spectators. Vehicle registration is \$25.

3rd Annual Relay for Life Car Show: The event is 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at the Salem Civic Center. While open to the public, vehicle registration is \$20.

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.

3rd Annual Salem Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show: The event is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, May 26, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 27 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 28 at the Salem Civic Center. Attendance is \$8 for adults, \$3 for ages 11-17 and free for ages 10 and under with a paying adult. Tickets are good for all three days.

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.

Salem Fair: The Salem fair will be at the Salem Civic Center June 28-July 9. It will be open from 4-11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

Salem Gun & Knife Sale: The event will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 15 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 16 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for those 12 and under with a paying adult.

Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit with special guest S.G. Goodman: The event will be at the Salem Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9. Tickets are \$47.50, \$62.50, \$87.50 and \$132.50.

36th Annual Mopars In The Valley Car & Truck Show: The free event will be at the Salem Civic Center from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.

Public meetings:

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on April 12 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on May 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on June 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

SNOW OF 1890 SET RECORD IN ROANOKE COUNTY

Thirty-Six Inches Measured By Joe Webber—"Cooled Off" Boom

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

In the last century this vicinity was accustomed to more snow than at present but the biggest snow on record within the memory of men now living was on December 16, 1890. That winter is still recalled as the time of the "big snow" for traffic was blocked on all the surrounding roads and the town was isolated, for snow reached to the tops of fences. For several days many of the residents stayed at home and did little but clear away a path to the pump or clean snow from their walks.

Beginning to fall on the afternoon of December 16, by night a foot of snow was to be seen on the ground. By midnight it had attained a depth of two feet and still falling. That night the Salem Odd Fellows staged a banquet and when this was over shortly after midnight some of the members had a hard time plotting through the deep snow to their homes.

Was Three Feet Deep

By morning the snow measured three feet. Joe Webber, now of Roanoke, who was clerking in a Salem drug store at that time, took a measurement with a yard stick and the snow on December 17 measured exactly thirty-six inches. So heavy was the snow that the roofs on two buildings caved in at Roanoke. When one roof crashed a man was killed and another badly injured.

This snow is still remembered as putting a damper on the frenzied boom which was in progress at that time. Investors from outside points

had been flocking into Roanoke and Salem for the purpose of looking over sites as a matter of investment or for the building of a home. When the big snow came these people were unable to get out and look over their prospective sites with the result that their ardor was cooled.

This big snow was not widespread but covered a good portion of Roanoke, Montgomery and Floyd counties. It snowed all during the night and continued until well along in the forenoon of December 17.

While this was the heaviest single snow on record that is remembered, the winters during the early days were colder than at present and more snow fell than is the case now.

Albin H. Magee says that when he was a boy, the snow generally stayed on the ground all winter. Sometimes the snow melted during a thaw but as a rule more snow would come so that it was unusual for there not to be snow on the ground during the winter time.

Mr. Magee says that the rivers and creeks used to freeze over as a rule about Thanksgiving Day and stay frozen until March. Boys then enjoyed skating during practically the whole winter.

It was not unusual to have weather below zero but few records of such cold weather have been kept. Few people had thermometers back in those days and Mr. Magee says that he was about grown before he ever saw a thermometer.



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POLICE REPORT



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of April 04, 2023 – April 10, 2023

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
04/04/2023	Kristian M. West	27	Assault & Battery, Entering Property of Another to Damage It
04/05/2023	Eric R. Preston	34	Public Intoxication
04/05/2023	Bryce K. Holland	24	Assault & Battery, Threatening-Brandishing
04/05/2023	Douglas R. Dickson	58	Possession of Controlled Substance
04/06/2023	Cobey D. Madden	23	Failure to Appear
04/06/2023	Alex Rios	51	Violation of Probation
04/06/2023	William E. Martin	55	Domestic Assault & Battery
04/07/2023	Shanoka N. Ellis	26	Carrying Concealed Weapon
04/07/2023	Katelyn N. Tiedemann	25	DUI
04/07/2023	Natasha R. McNabb	34	Possession of Controlled Substance
04/08/2023	Alexander K. James	33	Domestic Assault & Battery
04/08/2023	Steven D. Knisley	28	Burglary, Grand Larceny, Petit Larceny
04/10/2023	Destiny S. Jones	33	Grand Larceny
04/10/2023	David T. Abner	37	Failure to Appear
04/10/2023	Cassandra Y. Christley	39	Public Intoxication
04/10/2023	Madeline D. Grochowski	46	Neglect

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of April 4, 2023 – April 10, 2023

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
04-APR-2023	1900 BLK Electric Rd	Assault on Police Officer
04-APR-2023	1500 BLK Electric Rd	Grand Larceny
04-APR-2023	800 BLK Union St	Damage Property
05-APR-2023	0 BLK N Broad St	Grand Larceny
06-APR-2023	800 BLK W Main St	Shoplifting
07-APR-2023	400 BLK Ingle Ct	Neglect
08-APR-2023	1900 BLK E Main St	Burglary, Grand Larceny
09-APR-2023	2600 BLK W Main St	Burglary
09-APR-2023	300 BLK Apperson Dr	Burglary

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- Missing Man Flyover
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- Mary Miller Jordan Founder of I AM HERD with her own Mustangs Performing at Liberty.

12:30 - 2 PM - Terry and Raymond
2 - 5 PM - Martin and Kelly Band

SUNDAY April 23

11 AM - Gates Open
12:22 PM - Opening Ceremonies
12:30 - 2 PM - Tate Tuck Band
2 - 5 PM - Eric Wayne Band

For more information or to buy tickets, visit us online at:

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Easter

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Council

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potential because people come from out of town to skate. Before the meeting, two teenage skateboarders and one adult skated in the middle of Broad Street. Others held signs for No Pickleball.

Catherine Elliott spoke next, saying she and her family had been going to Moyer for as long as she could remember. "I began roller skating last summer and immediately fell in love with the sport and I am by no means a talented skater. But gliding on that blue concrete with the wind in my hair, all my worries melted away."

Kiersten Jones explained to Council "one of the reasons my boyfriend and I moved to Salem and bought a house was because of the skate park. It was three-fourth of a mile from the park, which people also used for roller blading and riding their scooters."

"People can't continue to complain about skateboarders if there's not a place for it," Jones said.

After the speakers, Mayor Renee Turk told skate enthusiasts "We understand what you are saying and are working on a resolution to the situation...Salem takes care of its young people."

Turk added that some Councilmembers and City Manager Jay Taliaferro have been talking with Roanoke City representatives about the possibilities of a shared skate park.

City Information Officer Mike Stevens issued statements to media in advance of the meeting about the Moyer Sports Complex and the skate park in particular.

"As you know, Salem earned its 'Virginia's Championship City' title by hosting championships of all types, ranging from football to lacrosse to softball...One of the fastest-growing recreational and competitive sports in the nation is pickleball...Not long after the groundbreaking, the city reached out to its architects to inquire about a change order for the section of the complex where the skatepark was located, and decided that adding 10 new pickleball courts would be an excellent use for the space and fit the competition theme for the complex much better."

That would give Salem a total of 25 pickleball courts, including those planned, the six already at the Oakley Field



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

More than two dozen members of the skating community attended the April 11 Salem City Council meeting, to show support for building a new skatepark in Salem.

complex on East Main Street, and the six courts Roanoke College is considering. The total would enable to pursue regional and national pickleball tournaments, Stevens said.

Outside the meeting, Jones' boyfriend, 32-year-old Pierce Humphrey said skaters are now having to go to Roanoke, Radford, Pulaski, Bedford, Christiansburg, Rocky Mount and even Lynchburg and Lexington to skate. "Wasena Skate Park in Roanoke is not in good repair," he added.

Stevens' statement added that city staff members including Parks and Recreation Director John Shaner have held discussions with skateboard enthusiasts "who are also excited about the park returning in a new location." enthusiasts, who also are excited about the park returning in a new location.

G&H Contractors began a preliminary layout of what the pickleball courts would look like in mid-December and the architects at LOSE Design got involved in early January of this year, Stevens said. City Council members were kept abreast of the proposed changes.

He also said that although final figures are not in, building pickleball courts would be less expensive than a new skatepark.

VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81
INTERSTATE 81 LANEWIDENING 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 and southbound I-81:

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a traffic shift with narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

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.

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MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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Miniature oil paintings by Kate Woods

These beautiful paintings depict two different bird scenes, one with a couple of birds and their nest and one with a bluebird on a birdhouse. What is incredible about these pieces is that they are less than 3 inches tall! They were painted by Salem artist Kate Woods. She created these miniature oil paintings with her reference images of the birds on the back, resulting in a double-sided piece of art.

Kate Woods was an influential artist in Salem during the mid to late 20th Century. She was best known for her miniature oil paintings, like the ones pictured. She was a founding member of Art in the Alley, a Salem tradition for many years where artists came together to showcase and sell their art.

You can see some of Kate Wood's miniature paintings on display this weekend as part of the Salem Museum's Hands-On History Saturday program.

In April, the Hands-On History theme is "Art of Spring," featuring works of five Salem artists. On Saturdays, visitors can pull on a glove and touch a piece of history with their own hand. Salem Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and located at 801 E. Main St.

New Tavern Stage summer music series announced at Explore Park

Roanoke County—Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Explore Park and Twin Creeks Brewpub announced this week that they have partnered to present a new summer music series at Explore Park. The Tavern Stage Summer Music Series will take place the second Friday of each month from May to September at Explore Park's new Tavern Stage.

The Twin Creeks Brewpub lawn will open from 6-10 p.m., with live music from 7-9 p.m. The band lineup includes popular regional artists featuring southern rock, R&B, blues, country, Funk, pop and retro sounds in an outdoor setting. The music series will launch May 12 with Shoobies, a tropical island style hits band with steel drum sounds in the style of Jimmy Buffett and Zac Brown Band. The complete 2023 schedule and band listing is as follows:

- May 12 – Shoobies
- June 9 – Empty Bottles
- July 14 – Eric Wayne Band
- August 11 – Solacoustix
- September 8 – Christian Q & The Groove

Admission is free and organizers are encouraging visitors to bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the sounds of summer on the Twin Creeks Brewpub lawn. Food and beverage options will be available on-site at Twin Creeks Brewpub.

Visit www.RoanokeCountyParks.com/TavernStage for music series updates.

-The Salem Times-Register

Doors Open - 6 PM
Live Music - 7-9 PM

May 12 Aug 11

June 9 Sept 8

July 14

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OPINION



Ben Cline
Congressman

A leader must take responsibility for their decisions, yet this week the Biden Administration deflected blame for the disastrous and chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan. Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg indicted former President Trump on 34 felonies even though the matter had been turned down repeatedly in previous investigations. Further, as Communist China heightens its aggression against Taiwan, House Republicans renewed our commitment to support the people of Taiwan. Back home, I was glad to continue my "Coffee with Your Congressman" town hall tour and had the pleasure of visiting the 29th Division Museum in Verona as well as the Shamrock Farms plant. My office also announced that we are currently accepting applications to participate in the annual Congressional Art Competition. Finally, I hope that you and your family had a blessed and joyous Easter.

Biden Blames Others Rather Than Take Responsibility

The Biden Administration released their long-awaited report on the disastrous withdrawal of Afghanistan that left 13 American service members dead, hundreds of Americans abandoned, and billions of dollars in U.S.

military equipment left behind -- now in the hands of the Taliban. The Administration can deflect responsibility all they want and blame it on the former president, but the fact is this crisis happened under Biden's watch, against the advice of top military leaders. Gen. Mark Milley, chair of the Joint Chiefs, and Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, commander of U.S. Central Command, said they believed the complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan would be a mistake, and that they recommended keeping at least 2,500 troops there. Former Obama Secretary of Defense Robert Gates put it bluntly when he said, "I think [Joe Biden] has been wrong on nearly every major foreign policy and national security issue over the past four decades." Sadly, he is not wrong as this chaotic and deadly withdrawal demonstrates.

A Dangerous Precedent

As a former prosecutor, I recognize that the facts and the law must drive each case and the decisions surrounding it. Sadly, Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg has allowed politics to drive his decision to prosecute former President Donald Trump and ask a grand jury to charge him with 34 felonies. The charges that Bragg is pursuing arise from a novel legal interpretation of actions surrounding Trump's business records. The decision to pursue these charges had already been rejected by the previous prosecutor, by the DoJ, and by the Federal Election Commission. Until Trump announced his presidential campaign for 2024, even Bragg himself had rejected calls to prosecute him. Only after political pressure from the left grew too strong did Bragg decide

to go to the grand jury seeking these charges against Trump. The House Judiciary Committee is seeking information about the use of federal taxpayer funds by Bragg in his politically motivated investigation of Trump, and we will continue to pursue the facts on behalf of the American people.

We Need Leadership, Not Playground Tantrums

House Republicans know that to tackle America's skyrocketing debt, we cannot raise the debt limit without ensuring spending cuts. Unfortunately, as the debt ceiling deadline looms, President Biden is irresponsibly refusing to come to the negotiating table with Speaker McCarthy over the debt limit. Our system is built on negotiation and compromise, not refusal to give and take.

However, I'm hopeful that reasonable minds will prevail, and the president will work with us on this critical issue.

Resilient Support for Taiwan

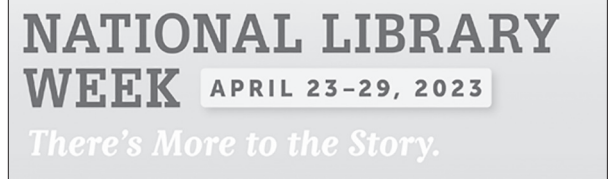
This week, Speaker McCarthy met with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen and reiterated House Republicans' support for the people of Taiwan. We share a commitment to democracy and the ideals of peace and freedom with Taiwan, which is an imperative bond especially as the Chinese Communist Party continues their aggressive intimidation tactics against Taiwan. True-to-form, the Chinese liaison to Congress wrote to Speaker McCarthy and threatened that China will not "sit idly by" as the U.S. shows support for Taiwan. But rest assured, the United States of America does not take orders from China, and I will continue my resolute support for the people of Taiwan.

Celebrating National Library Week

Salem Public Library encourages all community members to visit the library during National Library Week, April 24-29, to explore all they have to offer. Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture books and large print to audiobooks and eBooks.

But there's so much more to the story of libraries and we want to hear yours! Email us a childhood library memory, an instance when the library provided resources you needed, or just your thoughts on the library's role within our community. Include a picture of yourself with your library card or reading your favorite book to library@saalemva.gov. We'll share photos and testimonials online or in the library during National Library Week.

If you haven't checked out the Salem Public Library lately, you're missing the full story. Stop by for a visit



COURTESY IMAGE

to celebrate with them during National Library Week, April 23-29.

Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, story times, meeting room space, programs and more. Salem Public Library offers a wide array of programs and classes and resources,

including a seed library, a Resilience Library collection of materials and a bimonthly newsletter intended for adult caregivers and those interested in healthy aging topics and resources. A Library of Things to check out includes guitars, a ukelele, ergonomic gardening tools, Birding backpacks, Light Therapy lamps, and creative pen tablets (compatible with Windows, Mac, and Android).

And libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, avenues for gaining literacy skills, and support for job seekers and opportunities online for continued adult education.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

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Poems and harmonicas



Frances Stebbins
Columnist

{Frances Stebbins has been writing about Western Virginia events, especially those relating to faith communities, since 1953. Her column now appears monthly.}

Although I have been writing for pleasure since the age of 9 and have tried several different forms of literary expressions, poetry has eluded me.

Only one that I have written has satisfied me enough to be submitted for printing. And since I recently experienced the seventh anniversary of the death of my youngest child, C. Harvey Stebbins Jr., it seems appropriate to quote it here.

*Daffodils bloomed the day he was born.
Spring came early that year.
Daffodils bloomed the day we said goodbye
On a March day a half-century later.
In the years between, his friends were all older.
They liked his honesty, reliability, loyalty.
Never social, he lived to himself
Alone in his soul.
May he know the sunshine now.*

I have enjoyed poetry all my life and I wish I could

compose verse that satisfies me, but I am conscious that there is the poetry of the great writers, such as that produced by the 19th century English reflector on glorious yellow daffodils, William Wordsworth, and most of what we untalented folks produce. In other words, some poetry is good, but there is nothing worse than some that isn't.

Recently, I felt the urge to read some good poetry. On my bookshelf was a small volume entitled "A Little Treasury of Favorite Poems." It's an anthology with the latest edition dating from 1978. There are some selections from the work of that made it into textbooks some of us studied in literature classes long ago including "Soliloquy" from the famous William Shakespeare play, "Hamlet."

But there are others that, to me at least, are sentimental and moralistic, proving to what levels verse can sink. But the little book brought back its own memories, for it bears on its fly leaf a dedication from my late husband Charlie who gave it to me for a birthday.

Charlie never read poetry. He said he couldn't understand it with all its flowery language, and since he was not musical either, the rhythm that makes such poetry what it is was lost on him.

Nevertheless, in the 27th year of our marriage, we experienced what we came to refer to as "the Awakening." That's a story too long to explore here, but we began to talk to and listen to each other with renewed joy.

For many years thereafter, we were active in an organization to "make good marriages better beginning

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- Airborne (abbr.)
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- Rugged mountain ranges
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- American Idol runner-up Clay
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- Even's opposite

CLUES DOWN

- Sharp mountain ridge
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- Ottoman military title
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- Disfigure
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- Portray in a show
- Wrongful act
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- State of agitation
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- 007's creator
- The NBA's Toppin
- Midway between north and northeast
- Examples
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- The habitat of wild animals
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with our own.” It’s still promoting better marriages and is, in fact, known by that name. But as a result of these events, Charlies and I decided to make special efforts to learn more about each other and affirm our relationship.

He agreed to try to understand poetry better since reading some of it was one of my pleasures. I don’t know that the effort was successful, but the small anthology with its dedication was the result.

I also consulted the literature textbook I brought for my freshman English class at Richmond Professional Institute in our capital city soon after the close of World War II when returning servicemen, their tuition and books paid for by a grateful government, flooded the unusual urban campus.

The book, “Today’s Literature,” dated from 1935. It was issued by a company that specialized in textbooks, The American Book Company, and was styled “An Omnibus”

of mainly writing of those who were still living in the 20th century.

The book contains a number of love poems by Helen Hoyt including one “Telephoning” which became especially meaningful to me when I met Charlies as a journalism student two years later.

[More investigation of the book reveals that Hoyt was the wife of W.W. Lyman, one of the editors of the anthology. Full disclosure as is often written now.]

The poem is still good.

Never having had music lessons, I am a self-taught player of the harmonica, a humble little pocket instrument regarded probably as a toy by the more professional. Currently I own two, and they have their history.

Both are double-reed Tremolo which give off a particular

melodious sound. And when, hopefully, our church can resume regular, brief worship services in several Salem nursing homes, I’ll take my little “mouth harps” along.

The antique harmonica I purchased for 25 cents in a Ben Franklin “dime store” in my childhood in the Piedmont Virginia town of Orange. Its metal case reveals that it was made in Germany in the Hitler days of 1935. It reposed in my cedar chest from the time I laid it aside around the end of World War II until early in this century.

A newer version of the same type I bought for \$40 at the late Ridenour Music Store in downtown Salem. Of later vintage, it was still made in Germany by the M. Hohner Company. It came with an attractive plastic case and sounds much like the earlier version.

Both these little instruments have grown with me through many decades of history.

VWCC invites K-8 students, families to April 15 STEM Day

ROANOKE – Four floors of fun activities will fill four hours of Saturday, April 15, for STEM Day at Virginia Western Community College, a program designed for elementary and middle school students. The free event runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Virginia Western STEM building at 3080 Colonial Ave. in Roanoke.

Virginia Western faculty in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are teaming up with community partners to introduce their fields to the college students of tomorrow in fun ways. This outreach is open to any K-8 student in the college’s service region, which encompasses Roanoke, Salem, Roanoke County, Craig County, Franklin County and southern Botetourt County.

Hands-on activities include Raspberry Pi’s for gaming and coding; 3D printing; robots; dissections, DNA extractions, specimens and anatomical skeletons; animal models including a cow and horse hoof; rocks of Minecraft; sound and glass; Non-Newtonian fluids; slime; leaf and tree activities; and more.

Chemistry professor Lanette Upshaw is coordinating the event. Upshaw said she and other faculty members have helped area schools host STEM Nights. After one such event at Back Creek Elementary, she had a new idea. Why not “bring people here to campus,” she said, “and get young kids excited about

STEM?”

Central on campus, the Virginia Western STEM building is the college’s newest facility. This 72,000-square-foot space, designed to provide the most ideal 21st century learning environment, opened in 2019. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the STEM building’s potential for events such as this one is only now coming to fruition. Not only can students learn about STEM topics, they can see and use some of the state-of-the-art equipment and tools available throughout the building’s lab space.

“We are thrilled to welcome our community onto our beautiful campus to experience the many STEM opportunities that are available to our students,” said Virginia Western Dean of STEM Amy White. “We hope many people will come and visit with our outstanding faculty, enjoy lunch provided by our community partners and experience four floors of discovery and excitement. This showcase is a testament to the commitment of our faculty and staff to celebrating STEM in the Roanoke region.”

STEM Day activities will span the subjects of chemistry, mechatronics, geology, physics, biology, agriculture, engineering, math, information technology, biotechnology and astronomy.

Community partners will boost the learning opportunities for students – and help satisfy hunger during the event. The Roanoke County Sheriff’s Office will provide free hot dogs. Children will have the chance to see Virginia Tech’s formula race car and motorcycle team, and the Virginia Department of Forensic Science will have educators on site. High school STEM clubs from around the Roanoke Valley also will participate.


Another community partner is Novozymes, an innovative international company with a very local commitment. The STEM Division is pleased to have them as a participant in this event, which adds to a history of partnerships between Novozymes and Virginia Western.

Students in public, private and home schools and their families are welcome, and parking is free. Children will need an adult accompanying them during the event.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 170 CAMBRIDGE DR, DALEVILLE, VA 24083

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 19, 2021, in the original principal amount of \$299,475.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 210003873. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on May 15, 2023, at 12:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF THE FOLLOWING LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 2 (BLOCK 7), ACCORDING TO PLAT OF SECTION NO. 4, CAMBRIDGE, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 56, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-360977-1.

Help Wanted - Construction

DD Kerns Construction Co., Inc.

is currently accepting applications for welder/fabricators, fabrication foreman, diesel/heavy equipment mechanic, skilled carpenters, carpentry foreman, skilled laborers, experienced dry wall workers, experienced industrial concrete workers, and block-layers. All work is local, year round, and paid weekly. Benefits include: health, vision, dental, life insurance, short-term/long-term disability insurance, paid vacation and retirement IRA. Pay is based on experience. Candidates must have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a drug screening. We are accepting applications Monday-Thursdays 8:00am to 5:00pm at 505 S. Lexington Ave. Covington, VA 24426. 540-962-4994

Help Wanted - General

Process Automation Engineer - Models sought in Roanoke, VA, by TMEIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

to dvlp, verify, & implmt algorithms & transfer functions that define the electro-mechanical operation of industrial machinery, primarily metal rolling mills. Min. Req: Bach's of Science Deg in physics, material science, mechanical engg, electrical engg or foreign equiv deg. 2 yrs' exp in dsngng &/or commissioning process automation/models s/w are in heavy industry, such as steelmaking, aluminum, or other process industries. 2 yrs' exp w/ High-Level Prgrmg Language, such as C++ & objectoriented prgmg exp using the Microsoft dvlpmt environment. Must travel domestically & internationally, up to approximately 15% of the time, w/ limited notice. Telecommuting is allowed. Send resume to recruitment@tmeic.com. Ref# 8005

Project Manager sought by TMEIC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

in Roanoke, VA. Lead & manage matrix team to complete execution of projects w/ typical project cycles exceeding 1 yr. Min Req: Bach's in Mechanical, or Metallurgical Engg or related field or foreign equiv & 24 months of exp specifying, dsngng, or commissioning electrical & automation systems for the renewable energy, oil & gas, mining, power generation, metals, material handling, or paper industries. Proficiency in MS Project & MS Word, Excel, Outlook, &

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4260 Read Mountain Rd., Cloverdale, VA 24077

Tax Map No. 107(4)30 In execution of a Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2007, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument No. 070005965, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below. All that certain tract or parcel of land being 1.007 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc., dated March 12, 2003, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, in Plat Book 28, page 58. Date of Sale: April 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Location: outside the Botetourt County Circuit Court, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. Terms: CASH; a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence. OPTIONS: 1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser. 2. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect. Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property. John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

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Mowing Bid The Craig County Fairgrounds Association

is accepting sealed bids for mowing and weed eating for the 2023 mowing season. Regular mowing services will be May 2023 thru November 2023. Bid forms can be picked up in the Treasurer's office located in the Craig County Courthouse at 182 Main Street in New Castle, VA. Sealed bids need to be returned to the Treasurer's office by April 19th, 2023.

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Notice to Craig New Castle PSA customers who are on the sewer system.

To reduce sewage flow into our system, the Authority has had a policy that sump pumps tied into the sewer system are not allowed. The authority will conduct inspections at the beginning of this spring to search for such connections. When found, the customers will be notified in writing to remove such connections from the Authority's System. The customer will have ninety days from such notification to correct this situation or receive a surcharge of \$ 20.00 per month added to their sewage payment until the problem is resolved.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1. Consider the requests of Patane, LLP and Walter S. Kearns, Jr. and Laurel P. Kearns, property owners, for rezoning the properties located at 1640 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-6) and 1630 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2- 5) from RB Residential Business District to LM Light Manufacturing District. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:

H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. MRS. M K LANGHORNE REPS, ET AL., respondent(s).

Case No. CL22-1408

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RADFORD CITY RENTAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE AND VIRGINIA HOUSING OPENING WAITING LIST TO ACCEPT HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER APPLICATIONS

The Radford City Rental Assistance Office and Virginia Housing will open the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Applicants can apply starting at 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. The program will take applications online only. The website to apply is virginiahousing.apply4housing.com. The Radford City waiting list area covers Radford City. Two hundred applicants who apply will be chosen randomly by lottery to be added to the waiting list. Not everyone who applies will be added to the waiting list. Applicants will receive a confirmation number once their application is submitted indicating the application was received. Receiving a confirmation number does not guarantee you will be added to the waiting list. You may apply using a laptop or desktop computer or mobile device. Anyone can apply on behalf of another applicant. You may check to see if you were chosen in the lottery on April 28, 2023, after 12 pm by going to the following website: virginiahousing.apply4housing.com/status. You will not be able to check your status if you have previously applied to a Virginia Housing waiting list. Applications will not be taken by phone, mail or in person. If the applicant is a person with a disability and they require an accommodation in order to apply, please contact the Radford City Rental Assistance Office staff for assistance to apply during the opening time period. For more information about the application process, please contact the Radford office at 540-731-3663 or visit www.virginiahousing.com.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: An unbuilt right-of-way vacation request by Clayco LLC for an ordinance vacating unbuilt rights-of-way on Angle Drive SW from First Street SW to West Main Street for a length of approximately 400 linear feet, on First Street

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SW from Angle Drive SW to Chrisman Street for a length of approximately 365 linear feet, and a remnant piece of right-of-way located off the unbuilt portion of First Street SW for a length of approximately 88 linear feet between Tax Parcel No. 526-18-15,16 and Tax Parcel No. 526-18-2A.

Information on the preceding ordinance, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations. Written comments may be sent to the preceding address; please allow adequate mailing time.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 084-A 48 Account NO. 031018

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, with the appurtenances thereunto, situate, lying and being in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, containing 112 acres of land, more or less, described as Tax Map Number 084-A 48, S F R, Booth Rd.

And being the same real property conveyed to Margaret K. Langhorne from Robert T. Ellett, clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, by Deed dated June 1, 1889 and recorded in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 29 at Page 91 on July 30, 1889.

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SALEM-GLENVAR SOFTBALL

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Last week in Buchanan the Spartans fell to

those same James River Knights at the Salem Civic Center, 7-3. Salem held a 3-1 lead after



Salem's Taelyn Woodward makes a running catch in the outfield against James River. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

one inning as Taelyn Woodward highlighted the rally with a two out, two run hit off River ace Austyn Moran.

That lead held up until the fourth when two out RBI singles by Jenna Pugh and Lexi McCullough gave the Knights a 4-3 lead. The Knights would tack on a run in the fifth and a couple insurance runs in the seventh for the win.

Bayleigh Booth and Cora Grace Sparger split time on the mound for Salem. Booth and Catherine Henderson had two hits each.

On Tuesday the Spartans dropped to 3-7 with a 7-6 loss at Cave Spring, as the Knights scored in the bottom of the seventh for a walk-off win. The Spartans are scheduled to play William Fleming at the Salem Civic Center tonight in a 7 pm start tonight, following a middle school game between Andrew Lewis and Northside.



Trace Monroe pitches for the Spartans in last week's game at William Byrd. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

SHS-GHS BASEBALL

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Highlanders come into that game at 2-5 after dropping a 3-1 decision at Northside last Thursday.

Salem is 5-3 after losing a 14-7 decision against Cave Spring at Billy Sample Field Tuesday. That followed a game at William Byrd last week that Salem had to forfeit after winning on the field, 8-0, in what appeared to be a big win for the Spartans.

Lefty Trace Monroe pitched for the Spartans and gave up just five hits to a stout hitting Byrd team, walking one and striking out 14 in six and two-thirds dominant innings. He was relieved by Wilson Rakes to get the last out of the game with Monroe's pitch count climbing, and that was the problem. First year Salem coach Jimmy Winterer was under the impres-

sion the VHSL rule for pitches was not to exceed 120 when the pitcher faced his last batter. However, the rule is actually 110 pitches and when Monroe finished the game with 124 the Spartans were called on it and forced to forfeit the game.

"I won't make that mistake again," said Winterer, as the Spartans were tagged with a loss after playing a terrific game at Walthall Park, which is always a tough place to win.

None of the statistics will count, wiping out a great shutout effort by Monroe and some good days at the plate as well. Caleb Furnage was three-for-four with two runs scored, James Buckles had a double and drove in two and Rakes had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI, all for naught.

SPARTAN-HIGHLANDER SOCCER

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to give Salem a 3-1 lead. Glenvar made it 3-2 on a corner kick by Tate that Avery Steger converted but that would be the final score.

Salem also dropped a 3-1 game to Lord Botetourt last week, and on Tuesday the Spartans played at Cave Spring and battled to a 1-1 tie as Allison Kessel had 10 saves. The Spartans are now 2-4-1.

Glenvar bounced back with a 9-0 win at Giles on Tuesday as Campbell Hardin had a three goal hat trick, all assisted by Wilson. Faren, Megan Pomerleau, Jules Stanley, Anna Vecellio and Tate all had one goal each and Wilson ended up with five assists as Glenvar improved to 5-1. The Highlanders were scheduled to play at James River Wednesday.

In boys' action the Spartans gave the Highlanders their first loss with a nail-biter at Spartan Field last Friday, 2-1. Again, it was Glenvar's first loss of the 2023 season after the Highlanders finished as state runners-up last year.

This game was scoreless at the half. Salem jumped on top when Graham Fischer scored 17 minutes into the second half with a perfectly placed shot from about 30 yards out off an assist from Luke Farmer. Graham then scored again, off a Buddy Reed assist, two minutes later for a 2-0 lead.

Glenvar closed the lead to 2-1 with 18 minutes remaining when Colin Clapper played a ball across the goal and Bryce King headed it in. That's the way it finished as the Highlanders dropped to 5-1 and Salem improved to 5-2. Max Benne had six saves for Salem and Marco Gustafson had eight for the Highlanders.

"This was our first regular season loss since 2019," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "We wanted to challenge our guys this season with a more competitive schedule. Hopefully by doing so we will be better prepared for the playoffs. Only time will tell."

Glenvar was scheduled to host James River on Wednesday. The Three Rivers District rival Knights came into the week undefeated thus far.

Salem had a 1-0 win over Lord Botetourt in Daleville the night before the Glenvar win. Reed scored the game's only goal.

On Tuesday the Spartans improved to 6-2 with a 4-0 shutout win at home against Cave Spring. Fischer had two first half goals, both headers off corner kicks from freshman Logan Lavinder. In the second half Lavinder scored both goals with assists to Fischer and Reed as Salem gained some momentum for Friday's rematch with Glenvar.

"I'm sure they'll be ready and waiting for us after last week," said Salem coach David Atkins.



Salem's Conner Williams(#13) Elijah Clark(#3) and Glenvar's Cooper Mullins(#14) fight for the ball in last week's game. PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

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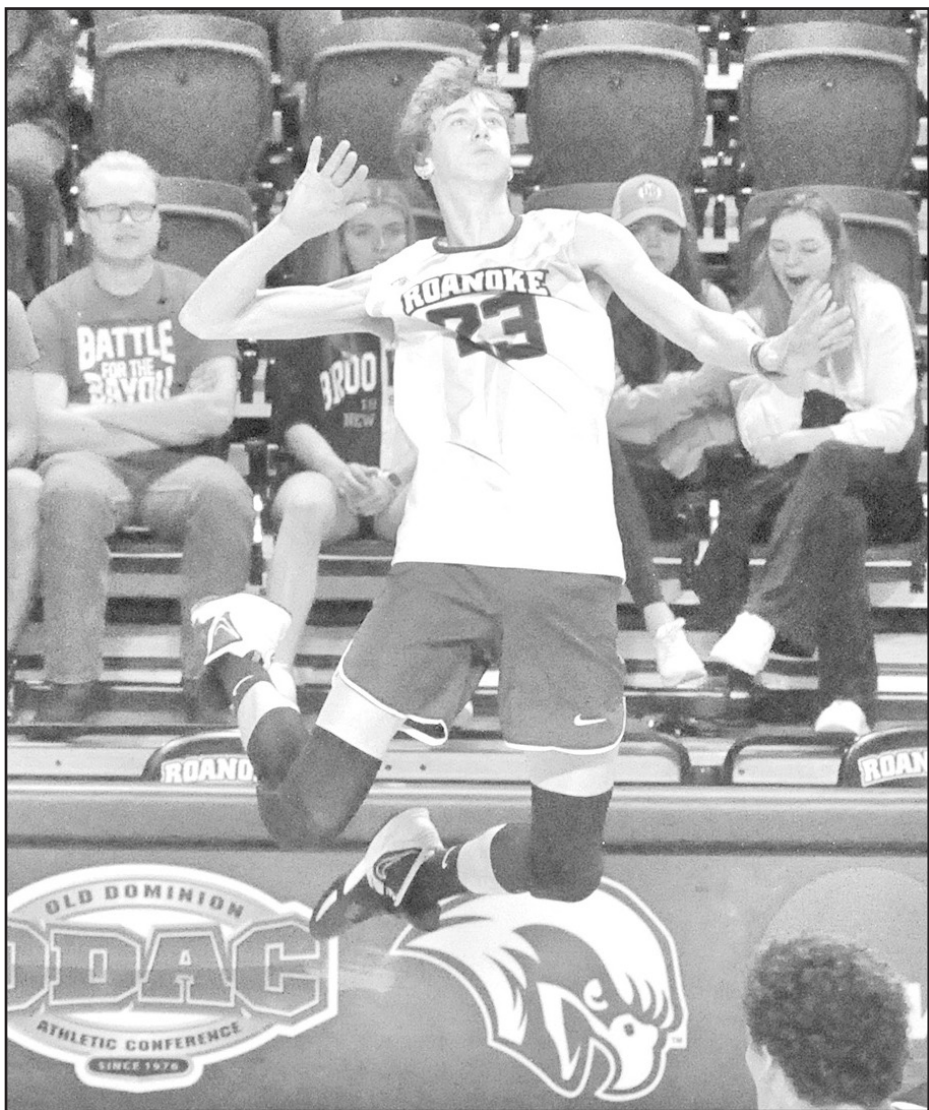
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Michael Cummins led the Roanoke College men's volleyball team in kills during the Maroons' first season.

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Roster of freshmen gives RC high hopes for V'ball future

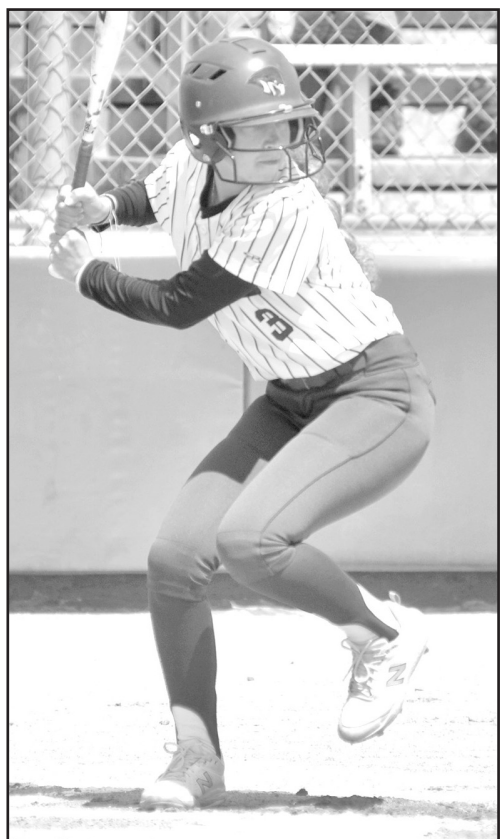
The first year of men's volleyball ended with a season record of 7-17 as the Maroons lost 3-0 decisions to Kean College on Friday and Rutgers-Newark on Saturday at the Cregger Center in Salem.

The Maroons were 5-4 early in the season but slipped to 7-9, then lost their last 10 matches in a row to end the season at 7-19.

Michael Cummins led the Maroons with 210 kills on the season, followed by Jackson Rutkowski with 169. Leo Houser had a team high 482 assists and Kaeden Noble led with 182 digs. Cummins had a team high 27 serving aces.

The Maroons have high hopes for next year as coach Matt Reinsel's team was comprised of 17 freshmen among the 18 players on the roster.

RC softball sweeps Averett



Adrianna Rivera bats for RC at the Botetourt Sports Complex.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Roanoke College senior Jada Karnes picked up her fifth win of the season when the Maroon softball team shut out Averett on Tuesday. Karnes pitched a three-hitter and struck out eight in the first game of a doubleheader sweep as Roanoke took a 10-0 win in Danville.

Catcher Kate Houle led the RC offense with four hits, including three doubles. Morgan Clark, Adriana Rivera and Molly Epperson had two hits each as the Maroons pounded out 14 on the day.

Roanoke completed the sweep in the second game with a 7-0 shutout to improve their record to 10-8 overall and 4-2 in the conference. They were rained out of a doubleheader with Christopher-Newport for the second time last Friday. The Captains are the second ranked team in the nation.

This weekend Roanoke is scheduled to play two doubleheaders, both on the road. On Saturday they'll be at Randolph-Macon for a 1 pm twinbill and on Sunday they go to Virginia Wesleyan for two, also starting with a 1 pm.

Botetourt Sports Complex will be main site for Chance Crawford Tournament this week

Despite ongoing renovations to the tournament's normal home, the James I. Moyer Complex, the 42nd Chance Crawford Benefit Softball Tournament is on schedule for this weekend.

More than 150 teams are set to play games April 14-16 throughout Virginia's Blue Ridge region. The Botetourt Sports Complex in Troutville will serve as the home base for this year's charitable tournament and games will be played at various fields in the cities of Salem and Roanoke and the counties of Bedford, Roanoke, and Botetourt.

In the tournament's four decades of existence, the Chance Crawford has taken in nearly \$1 million, and put that money right back in the hands of individuals with health problems, as well as deserving college students who need financial assistance. These funds are also used to help support youth sports throughout the greater Roanoke Valley.

In addition, the tournament provides a welcome boost to the local economy. Last year, 3,000 players, coaches, umpires, and officials spent a total of 1,922 hotel room nights in the valley. Hotels and motels in Salem, Roanoke and Botetourt County and Roanoke County benefited, with participants staying in over 40 different establishments.

After being cancelled by COVID in 2020, the tournament bounced back and celebrated its 40th year in 2021. Last spring, 167 teams competed for top prizes in the three-day event.

Games are scheduled for the

Botetourt Sports Complex and fields at the Salem Civic Center, Arnold R. Burton, Whispering Pines, Wasena Park, Huff Lane, Norwich Field, Beford Moose Lodge and Oakey Field.

This year's event will feature the following divisions - Men's Upper, Men's D, Men's E, Men's Recreation, Men's 40-plus, Women's Division and Coed.

The Chance Crawford Softball Tournament began in the spring of 1981 to help a young Salem High School quarterback, Chance Crawford, who suffered a spinal cord injury during one of his football games. The purpose of the original event was to raise money to help Chance and his family with the expenses of his education, physical therapy, and other medical needs due to his injury.

After Chance graduated from college, he was elected Clerk of Court for the City of Salem and the Chance Crawford Tournament Committee decided to continue the tournament in his honor but use the proceeds from the tournament to help those in need in the community with their own medical and education expenses.

For more information, please call Salem Parks and Recreation at (540) 375-3057 or contact the Tournament Director Scott Scharnus at sscharnus@salemva.gov You can also visit the Chance Crawford Tournament website at www.chancecrawford.org and check out the tourney on Facebook at www.facebook.com/chancecrawfordsoftball-tournament.

Salem, Glenvar track teams will compete at William Byrd Saturday

The Salem and Glenvar High track teams are scheduled to compete in the "Terrier Team Challenge" track meet at William Byrd High School in Vinton Saturday. The meet is scheduled to begin at 9 am.

The Spartans opened their season last week with two meets. Last Wednesday at Staunton River the Salem teams opened the season with a meet on the Eagles' track.

For the girls, My'la Green took second in both the long jump and 100 meters and was third in the triple jump. Myah Sowder and Genelle Balthazar took third and fourth in the 100, and the foursome of Green, Sowder, Balthazar and Charli Wynn were second in the 4x100 relay. Sutton Semones was third in the shot and sixth in the discus.

For the boys, Trenton Moyer, Dominic Wright and Isaiah Barlow were second, third and fifth in the 100. Freshman runner Nazeser Miller opened the season in style with a first place in both the 400 and 800, making him one of the top athletes in all divisions in Virginia in both races.

The 4x100 relay team of Wright, Miller, Barlow and Bryson Hill won their event. Moyer placed third in the long jump with freshman Coen Logan and Wright taking fifth and sixth. Wright also took third in the triple jump and senior Khalief Johnson was third in the shot and fourth in the discus.

On Saturday Salem distance and mid-distance runners competed in the "Titan Early Bird Meet" at Hidden Valley. The girls 4x800 team of Elizabeth Bocock, Callie Conner, Chloe Underwood and Mary Chamberland took second and the boys 4x800 team of Lance Toapanta, Yuvraj Singh, Dillon Williams and Wes Conner was third.

Walker Peterson placed 3rd in the 1600 meter run and 5th in the 3200 meter run. In the 3200 Zane Easter was eighth and Carson Tucker was ninth.

Glenvar had planned to go to the Lynchburg Twilight Meet on Friday but weather scrapped those plans.

Maroons excel in WildCat Track Festival

Several members of the Roanoke College outdoor track & field teams competed at Randolph College in Lynchburg last Saturday in the WildCat Track Festival.

The Maroons claimed four of the top five spots in the hammer throw, as Abbey Gajtkowski placed second with a distance of 40.93m. Roanoke also produced three of the top five finishes

in the discus, led by Gajtkowski's third-place showing at 32.24m.

For the men, Curtiss Krause placed eighth in the hammer throw at 35.01m and Jayven Bea placed 10th in the discus with a mark of 32.37m.

The Maroons will next compete in the Dennis Craddock Coaches Classic at the University of Lynchburg on April 14-15.

AL track boys still undefeated

The Andrew Lewis Middle School track teams competed at Salem High School last week against Blacksburg, Pulaski County, and Hidden Valley middle schools.

The girls' team finished second to a strong Blacksburg team. Zariah Sanders, who won the triple jump, and Brinklee Hall, who stayed undefeated in the discus, were the leading scorers. Other scorers for the girls' included Ava Shiflett, McKenzie Holland, Jyonna Jackson, Macy Gibson, Maekayla

Scott, Audrey Harmon, Caroline Huff, Rosalie Botos, and Kaylana Brown.

The boys' team remained undefeated on the season. The team was led by triple j winner Davon Jones, who won the 110 meter hurdles and both the long and high jumps. Jordan McCadden took the 300 meter hurdles, Aedon Wiley won the 100 meter dash and Kyshead Arrington was the champ of the 200 meter dash

The Wolverines were scheduled to go to William Byrd today.



LEWIS TRACK

Left, Jocelyn Thomas of the Andrew Lewis track team competes in the long jump at Salem High School last week. Below, Ashton Semones (right in photo) runs a leg of the 1,600 meter relay.

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Middle School teams have games today

Both Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle Schools will be participating in team sports today.

Lewis teams will play Northside. The softball and girls' soccer teams will be at home while the baseball and boys' soccer teams are at Northside.

The Glenvar baseball team will host Christiansburg in a make-up game today at Green Hill Park. The boys' soccer team is home to Central Academy and the Middle School Glenvar girls were scheduled to play soccer at CAMS yesterday.