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Rail equipment manufacturer to expand in Salem Wabtec to invest \$2.7 million to increase capacity, creating 38 new jobs





The investment will create 38 new jobs.

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Wabtec Corporation, a manufacturer for the heavy rail and rail transit industries worldwide, will invest \$2.7 million to expand its existing Graham-White facility in Salem to accommodate the relocation of its pneumatically controlled braking systems manufacturing lines, according to a July 19 announcement from Gov. Glenn Youngkin. Virginia beat out Missouri, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Mexico for the project, which will create 38 new jobs.

"Wabtec Corporation's expansion of its Salem facility fuels the resurgence of high-quality manufacturing jobs in Virginia, and we thank the company for its longterm commitment to the Commonwealth as a valued employer," said Youngkin. "The Roanoke Region offers the skilled workforce and custom solutions to support Wabtec's continued growth, and we are confident they will thrive for the next 100 years in Virginia." "We are proud that Wabtec Corporation is able to relocate its braking systems production lines to the Salem plant due to the robust manufacturing talent in place in Virginia," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. "The growth of our existing businesses is vital to the Commonwealth's economic vitality, and we thank Wabtec for strengthening Virginia's manufacturing sector and creating 38 new jobs."

"As a leading global provider of transportation solutions, we are proud of our long history of manufacturing excellence in Salem and delighted to be expanding our operations there," said Mike Fetsko, President of Wabtec's Freight & Industrial Components business. "Wabtec's collaborative relationship with the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the business-friendly approach from state and local agencies, provided us with the confidence to make this significant investment. With new products and additional high-quality manufacturing jobs, our expansion in Salem represents

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our continued commitment to the community and its key role in supporting Wabtec's future growth."

"With a century-long relationship in the region, it was important for area leaders to ensure Wabtec's continued success. We applaud Wabtec's leadership selecting Salem as a site for continued growth for many years to come. In addition, we thank the local and regional efforts by the City of Salem, Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board, Center for Manufacturing Excellence in SWVA, and Roanoke Regional Partnership," said Dave Robbins, City of Salem EDA Chair.

"This expansion is a testament to the region's continued competitiveness in transportation equipment manufacturing," said John Hull, executive director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership. "Wabtec, through its Graham-White plant, has been actively manufacturing in the Roanoke Region for

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Roanoke College Science Center explores big plans







The students pictured are student researchers, chemistry majors, psychology majors and biology majors doing various labs and experiments on campus.

Megan O'Kuly Contributing writer

In a landmark endeavor, Roanoke College is poised to embark on a transformative journey with a visionary project: the Science Center. Representing the apex of extensive collaboration across the campus community, including a dedicated faculty advisory group, and backed by \$50 million in donations, this state-of-theart facility is set to revolutionize science education and research at the college.

At the heart of the project's initial phase is the replacement of the Massengill Auditorium, a \$30 million endeavor that plans to break ground in 2024. Anticipated to take approximately two years to complete, this innovative facility will not only enhance

Psychology, biology and environmental studies, among other popular majors, will find a new home in the new Science Center at Roanoke College.

the campus landscape but also elevate the standard of science education to new heights.

The Science Center's visionary approach is centered around strategic planning by commencing with the replacement of the Massengill Auditorium which has the lowest foot traffic and will be the least disruptive to the day-to-day activities of the college. The facility will be equipped with cutting-edge teaching and learning spaces, ushering in a new era of scientific exploration and discovery. This stands in stark contrast to the original buildings constructed in the 1970s, now being replaced, which lacked the infrastructure to accommodate the technological advancements of the digital age.

A key feature of the Science Center is that every Roanoke College student will benefit from the PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROANOKE COLLEGE Roanoke College Vice President of Advancement Kimberly Blair said, "We are excited to bring to life a scientific transformation on campus with a modern Science Center that embraces the future. We are confident that this new journey will take us to the heights we all aspire and meet society's most pressing needs."

innovative courses to be housed within the center. Psychology, biology and environmental studies, among other popular majors, will find a new home in this dynamic facility, providing students with unparalleled opportunities for hands-on research and collaborative learning.

"The new state-of-the-art science center will bring together students and faculty from across the sciences, allowing for collaboration in both research and in the

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Council votes to hire consulting firm to look for city manager

Meg Hibbert

Contributing writer

At the July 24 meeting, Salem City Council voted 3-1 with Councilman Randy Foley dissenting to hire Berkley Group to begin the process of looking for a new Salem City Manager. On July 7 City Manager Jay Taliaferro announced he will retire Nov. 1 after working for the city in a number of positions for 32 years.

Councilman Bill Jones was absent from Monday night's meeting.

Taliaferro has been city manager since December 2019 and before that was assistant city manager for 19 years. He started his career with the city as a staff engineer in 1991, and then was city engineer. He comes from a tradition of service to the city, as his late father, Jim Taliaferro, was the mayor of Salem from 1974 to 1996.

Jay Taliaferro has been commended for how he piloted the city through the COVID-19 pandemic that started six months after he became city manager.

At the July 24 Council meeting before the vote, Councilman Foley raised questions about the process of recruiting a new city manager.

"I have a lot of questions. I am frustrated I have not been asked a single question by the other members

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of Council. I am the only one who has done it (been through the process of hiring a city manager, when Taliaferro was hired). I want to know if there is going to be any public input. We haven't discussed any salary range."

Mayor Renee Turk explained "Berkley Group would be doing interviews with every member of Council to know what members want. There has been no discussion so far."

Vice Mayor Jim Wallace told Foley, "I think a lot of your concerns will be addressed."

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

Virginia Department of Education—Learn About the Apprenticeship Program: The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce will hold a workshop luncheon presented by Kim Radford, on the Career and Technical Education apprenticeship program and its impact on local students and employers. During this seminar, attendees will discover a world of exciting hiring opportunities made possible through the apprenticeship program. With Kim Radford's expertise and insights, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of how the program operates, its benefits, and how to navigate its intricacies. It will take place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center on Aug. 1. Lunch will be provided to all attendees who registered for the workshop.

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.

2023 Movies at Longwood: "Sonic 2" will be shown at Longwood Park on Aug. 11. The movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m., and admission is free for all ages.

Pickin' In The Park: The annual concert will be Saturday, Aug. 19. Junior Sisk will return for this year's concert.

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.

PAW Patrol Live! "The Great Pirate Adventure": The event will be at the Salem Civic Center Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$42.

Theory of a Deadman and Skillet: The bands will

perform at the Salem Civic Center on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$40.50.

Mannheim Steamroller: Chip Davis, founder and creator of Mannheim Steamroller, will celebrate over 35 Years of his annual Christmas concert tour during a Sunday, Dec. 3 performance at 7 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. It is the longest running concert tour in the entertainment industry. Tickets can be found at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at Ticketmaster.com.

Public meetings:

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

See more at www.salemtimes -register.com



John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home Giving back to the community with Red Cross Blood Drive

John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on **Monday**, **August 14**, **2023**, **from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** in the funeral home chapel. For more information about donating call 800-733-2767. Use the following link **to directly schedule an appointment:**https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/ drive-results?zipSponsor=JohnMOakeyandson

"Hosting a blood drive coincides with John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home's core values of giving back to the community," said Dave Vanderpool, Manager and Funeral Director. "With a simple blood donation, we have the ability to help save the life of someone who could be a coworker, loved one or neighbor."

The short amount of time it takes to donate can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical condition. We urge eligible donors to join us in the selfless act of giving blood. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative and A negative. According to the Red Cross, type O negative is the universal blood type that can be safely transfused to anyone and is often used to treat trauma patients.

We hope to see you on August 14th!

Police report





Weekly Arrest Report

Week of July 18, 2023 - July 24, 2023

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
07/20/2023	Julia C. Lovelace	54	Domestic Assault & Battery
07/21/2023	Leanna M. Aldridge	35	Obstructing Court Order
07/22/2023	Mark W. Graham	55	Public Intoxication
07/22/2023	Antwon R. Wilson	34	Public Intoxication
07/23/2023	Damien L. Barton	21	Illegally Possessing Firearm, Violation of Protective Order
07/23/2023	Desiree C. Hutton	21	DUI
07/23/2023	Lisa A. Moyer	37	Public Intoxication
07/24/2023	Margaret S. McGuire	74	Failure to Appear

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of July 18, 2023 - July 24, 2023

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED		
20-JUL-2023	100 BLK Bowman Ave	Grand Larceny		
21-JUL-2023	1000 BLK E Main St	Grand Larceny		
24-JUL-2023	1700 BLK Salem Commons Ln	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle		

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over a century. It is encouraging to see a longstanding manufacturer expanding production and providing strong employment opportunities."

"Wabtec's Graham-White plant has a storied history in Salem and we are thrilled for what this investment will do for the 38 Roanoke families that will directly benefit from these new, quality jobs," said Senator David R. Suetterlein. "It's critical that Virginia continue to pursue policies that make it easier to start and expand businesses in the Commonwealth."

"I applaud Wabtec's decision to expand their manufacturing operations in Salem," said Delegate Joseph P. McNamara. "The Roanoke Region has a rich tradition of providing good-paying, blue-collar jobs. I commend all stakeholders, from VEDP to the City of Salem, for their efforts in facilitating new opportunities

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classroom. The facility will be a space for students of all majors, whether in the sciences or taking a general education class, to gain experience learning with their heads, their hands, and their hearts as they head off to jobs, graduate school, and professional programs throughout the country," said Chris Lassiter, a biology professor.

The impact of Roanoke College's science-related initiatives on the local community is already evident in current programs, such as the food forests partnership

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Foley responded, "I want the process to be transparent.'

In other matters at the July 24 meeting, Salem City Council:

Met in a closed session for more than an hour Monday night with two representatives of an undisclosed business or industry. No action was taken when Council returned to open session, and the two for our citizens."

Since the early 1900s, Wabtec has partnered with transportation companies to develop heavyduty pneumatic and electro-pneumatic valves and accessories. The company is a leading global provider of equipment, systems, digital solutions, and valueadded services for the freight and transit rail industries, as well as the mining, marine, and industrial markets. Its Graham-White facility, which currently employs more than 200 in Salem, Virginia, manufactures air dryers, valves, gages/flowmeters, and braking equipment for rail freight, rail transit, truck, and bus industry customers.

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with the City of Salem and the Roanoke Regional Partnership to secure the project for Virginia

and will support Graham-White Manufacturing's job creation through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP), which provides consultative services and funding to companies creating new jobs in order to support employee recruitment and training activities. As a business incentive supporting economic development, VJIP reduces the human resource costs of new and expanding companies. VJIP is state-funded, demonstrating Virginia's commitment to enhancing job opportunities for citizens.

The City of Salem, Roanoke Regional Partnership, Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board, and Center for Manufacturing Excellence in SWVA will provide custom programs to support the company's expansion in Salem, including talent recruitment, marketing assistance, and workforce training.

with the City of Salem. This project has garnered immense excitement, harnessing the college's scientific expertise to create sustainable and eco-friendly solutions for the region, leaving a lasting, positive impact on the environment and its inhabitants.

Roanoke College Vice President of Advancement Kimberly Blair said, "The college has been working diligently with our faculty, loyal alumni, and donors to support this new chapter in the Roanoke story. We are excited to bring to life a scientific transformation on

campus with a modern Science Center that embraces the future. We are confident that this new journey will take us to the heights we all aspire and meet society's most pressing needs."

For more information about the Science Center project, including insights into the vision, reputation, and interdisciplinary collaboration highlighting this remarkable initiative, visit the college's project page, https://www.roanoke.edu//science_center for more information.

men declined to give their names when a Salem Times-Register reporter asked;

Held a public hearing and approved on first reading a rezoning request by Brittany Haddox and property owner Julliard Enterprises to rezone 1201-1203 Texas Street from Highway Business District with conditions to HBD without conditions. Haddox said she wants to open a law office specializing in labor

disputes in half of the building and offer the other side for another business use;

Received the abstract of votes cast in the June 20 Democratic Party Primary;

Reappointed Vicki Daulton to the Salem • Planning Commission and NPDES Citizens' Committee for a term ending July 26, 2027.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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PHENOMENAL GROWTH IN PERIOD OF FEW YEARS **IS WILLIAMSON ROAD SECTION OF THE COUNTY** One Of Most Populous Areas In Roanoke County – Modern Improvements Noted

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

The Williamson Road section of Roanoke County is an unincorporated community of between three and four thousand people and is regarded as the county's most populous development within the past decade. The border on the south is the corporation line of the City of Roanoke, and the entire section is divided by a wide boulevard extending from the city limits in a northwesterly direction for a distance of almost two miles, designated in the State Highway System as route 11 or the Lee Highway, but better known locally as "Williamson Road" from which the section on both sides takes its name. The section contains a total of 3.6 square miles. Much of the territory embraced in the section has been known for more than half a century as "The Watts' Farm". This land in the early history of the county was owned by Col. Edward Watts, and from 40 to 50 years ago was the property of the late J. Allen Watts.

Other Owners



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Beginning January 1, 1937, payments increase to \$6,000 a year until 1951, payment increase to \$7,000 a year until 1956. On January 1, 1957, payment is increased to \$10,000 with a like amount each year until 1962, when the last bonds are to be paid. The bonds bear interest at 4 per cent with the interest payable semi-annually, January 1, and July 1, of each year.

In order to meet the above payments and raise the necessary revenue, and provide for necessary services and expenses of operation, the Board of Supervisors, exercising the power invested in it by law adopted a complete set of rules and regulations governing the operation of the system. Stripped of legal phraseology the most important of the regulations follow:

Regulations

All landowners upon whose property buildings have been erected or to be erected must make proper sewer connections prior to August 1, 1937. Failure to do so is punishable by a fine of \$50 and a like amount for each succeeding month of such failure. The expense of all such connections must be made by the property owner. Proper connections must be made by the owners or builders of new houses erected after June 1, 1938, at the time of erection of such new houses at the owners expense under a penalty of \$10.00 for each and every day such connections are not made. After August 1, there shall be no private or septic tanks constructed in the sanitary district where connections can be made with the sewage system and the maintenance of a privy, septic tank or cesspool is punishable by a fine of \$2.50 to \$5.00 for each day such use is continued. The following monthly rates have been established by ordinance with quarterly payments by property owners or tenants:

Among other owners of lands now included in the section in days gone by, may be mentioned Mrs. Kate Carter, Mrs. W. P. Horne, Edward Nininger, Nathan Nininger, "Billy" Coon, and near Tinker Creek the S. D. Read farm. On the extreme southern end of the Williamson Road section was the Williamson farm, more recently designated as "the Luken's Place." Practically all the lands or farms have in more recent years been subdivided into building lot sand laid off into streets by some thirty or more promotion and development companies. Among these companies may be mentioned: Frankin Court, Glen Eden, Huntington Court, Riley Heights, Lindbergh Court, Greenway Court, Queensburg Heights, Liberty Land Company, Laurel Terrace, Goodview, Guilford, Evandale, Oyler Addition, Oakland Terrace, Williamson Grove, Powers Addition, Williamson Court, Floraland, Airlee Court, James Addition, Angell-Backner Addition, Bluestone Addition, Haffen Addition.

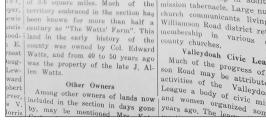
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In the matter of churches, both the Methodists and Baptists have large congregations and comfortable houses of worship in addition to a mission tabernacle. Large numbers of church communicants living in the Williamson Road district retain their membership in various city and county churches.

Valleydoah Civic League

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may be attributed to the activities of the Valleydoah Civic League, a body of civic minded men and women organized some seven years ago. The league holes monthly meetings and oftener if necessary to consider many questions pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the community. This league is accredited with having erected street signs and with the numbering of houses on various streets. The league was a prime mover in the establishment of the \$150,000 sewer system just completed and now in operation. There has been an advisory committee from the beginning of the sewer agitation which has conferred with the county Board of Supervisors on all questions pertaining to the final completion of the modern sewer system. By special ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors this committee has been increased to five members who serve the community without pay. The duties prescribed for this group is to advise with and make suggestions to the Board of Supervisors and to the superintendent and engineer as to the operation and management of the sewerage system.

Of particular interest to the property owners at this time is the action of the Board Of Supervisors on Monday, May 9, 1938, in the acceptance of the sewage system from the contractors and adopting an ordinance providing rules and regulations for the operation, financing, maintenance and administration

of same.

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Sanitary District

section This is officially known and designated as Williamson Road Sanitary District No, 1. Bonds in the aggregate amount of \$150,000 bearing date of November 1, 1936 were issued and sold to pay the cost of construction of the sewage disposal plant, with payment provided in the ordinance as \$5,000 follows: on January 1,1942 and a like amount for each of the years 1943,1944.1945, and 1946.

Rates

Residence, \$1.00; tourist home, \$1.50; duplex houses, \$2.00; apartment house-each apartment, \$1.00; tourist camps, first bath unit, \$1.00-each additional bath unit, 10 cents; service stations, \$1.50; service garages, \$1,00; business houses, \$1.00-each additional bath unit, \$1.00; schools, \$5.00; cleaning and dyeing plants and barber shops same as business house rates. Churches and church owned parsonages are exempt.

Provision is made for connections by property owners outside the sanitary district at a cost one and three fifths greater than the above schedule of rates.

The conduct of the system is to be in charge of a superintendent-engineer appointed by and to serve at the will of the Board of Supervisors. This official must execute a surety bond in the sum of \$2,000 for the faithful discharge of his duties.

The Water Supply

Perhaps the greatest factor in the development of the Williamson Road section has been the abundant water supply of pure spring water from free flowing springs in the vicinity. A more detailed account of the activities of J. N. Phelps who is accredited with the building and maintenance of the water system will be found in another column of this newspaper.

Another factor in the sections development is the large furniture manufacturing firm of Johnson-Carper established in 1927, employing under normal conditions about 425r people, many of whom have built and occupy homes nearby.

Another enterprise that has been active in the development of Ŵilliamson Road is the Hedge Lawn Nurseries started about 15 years ago by J. W. Wharton and extending along the main thoroughfare for a distance of 350 yards.

Quite a number of thriving retail business concerns including grocery and drug stores , service stations, restaurants, apartment houses, tourist camps, cleaning establishments, beauty parlors, etc., all are doing their share in making this a fine section in which to live. -Prepared by Lisa King **O**PINION

Don't be a sloth: The Summer Reading Program wraps up in August

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community Benita VanCleave



Sir Lancesloth loved visiting the Children's Garden.

Sir Lancesloth, special visitor and library ambassador from Cromwell Belden Public Library in Cromwell, Connecticut, hung around the Salem Public Library for some photo ops this past week. Sir Lancesloth is



Volunteering as a parking lot greeter.

S-L-O-W-L-Y spreading library goodwill all over the country on his tour of public libraries! He made special appearances in the Salem Library's social media posts during his visit. Library staff had fun with his visit, and



Hanging out at the book drop while the library was closed.

he is heading now to his next library.

Sir Lancesloth said to tell you to keep reading and visiting the library In August! A list of programs in August will be available Aug. 1.

Reader: Reckless driving continues despite speed limit signs

East Riverside Drive is now clearly marked with 25 mile per hour speed limit signs. But in the past three weeks between 5 and 6 pm three park animals, two geese and one duck, have been killed in the 800 block of East Riverside Drive where the drivers have clearly been driving recklessly to hit these slow-moving animals. What if a child was standing in the same place in this residential area that borders the park?

Another dangerous thing that happens time and time again is when one car is stopped for park animals to cross the road, an aggressive driver stopped behind them will suddenly veer around and speed on. Totally the

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opposite of following traffic safety rules, totally reckless (Compare this to someone doing this while people are in a crosswalk and you will see it more clearly).

It is well past time to put rumble strips or speed humps in the roadway at the 800 block and 300 block (near the park entrances) of East Riverside Dr. (even if the rumble strips have to be removable and replaceable according to snowplow requirements). I mention this, because the Street Department of Salem, although very helpful and cooperative, has told me they are concerned about the weather. Then use the other option mentioned (that works well in the country of Norway) for traffic calming, these are "speed humps" these are not graded as aggressively as speed bumps, but they slow the driver down. If they can be used with the weather in Norway, they can be used in Salem. People violating the law and routinely killing park animals due to their hit and run reckless driving is not acceptable. It is debilitating to a sense of community for those who care about wildlife and are concerned about the hazards that these reckless drivers pose to children.

Despite the impressive and rapid action of Police Chief Mike Crawley to correct the problem something has to be done to prevent this when police are not present. There needs to be a way to slow these people down that pay no attention to speed limit signs. One of the main ways to accomplish this are removable and replaceable rumble strips or it seems much better to grade out a series of speed humps as used in the cold weather nation of Norway.

-Garrett Sayre

Locals celebrate July 4 in front of pig

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Annie Lin and her son, Jerry, dressed up in patriotic attire from head to toe and posed for July 4 photos in front

of the painted pig that sits on the corner of W Main and Bruffey streets.

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SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

Hot July days make us dream about the beach, but once upon a time, there was a Mermaid in Salem! The Mermaid, or "Mair Maid"—as Andrew Jackson, the future US president, wrote when he lodged there in 1807—was an inn and tavern on the Great Road through Salem.

The earliest tavern in Salem, the Mermaid was located a short distance west of the town limits, which today would be about where Burwell crosses Chestnut Street a block south of Main. In 1816, to lure customers away from the other inns in town—The Globe, The Leather Bottle, The Star and Garter, The Eagle, The Bull's Eye, and others—the Mermaid's operator added a bonus attraction: a quarter-mile horserace track near the tavern.

And now the Salem Museum's connection:



an early innkeeper at the Mermaid was none other than William Williams (pictured), who later would go on to build Salem's first courthouse, and—in 1842—built the historic home that is now the heart of the Salem Museum! His portrait is on display as part of the "Through Their Eyes: Moments That Made Salem" gallery. Learn what he thought of the tavern business in Salem and Roanoke County in the early 1800s.

BITUARIES Jenkins, Robert Ellis

Robert Ellis Jenkins, 83, of Salem, VA., passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, with his loving family surrounding him. His death followed several years of challenging health issues, yet he kept his positive outlook and love for life and those he held close to his heart.

Bob was born in Brooklyn, NY. His parents, Ellis Avery, and Mabel Gesner Jenkins preceded him in death.

He is survived by his children, Glenn R. Jenkins of Floyd, VA. and Katherine S. Jenkins of Kauai, HI; his former wife and lifelong friend, Diane Giessler; sister, Margaret "Peggy" Guglielmetti of NJ.; niece, Christina McNamara of NJ.; and nephew, Robert Guglielmetti of CO.

Bob graduated from East Rockaway High School on Long Island, NY in 1957. He graduated from Roanoke College in 1961 with a degree in Biology. He was a brother in Sigma Chi fraternity. He attended Virginia Tech in a Masters Program and then was employed at The Smithsonian Institute in the Ichthyology laboratory. The following year, he entered a Doctoral Program at Cornell University. Although he had on-going studies with other fish species, it was at this time his interest in Sucker fish peaked and he chose them as the subject of his 800+ page Ph.D. thesis. He returned to Roanoke College in 1968 to teach and continue his research. In the late 70's he worked at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. for 2 years. However, missing the mountains, friends, and trout fishing in cool waters he returned to Roanoke College. He retired from RC in 2007 after 40 years of service.

only finished his first marathon but completed the course in less than 3 hours which automatically qualified him for the Boston Marathon. Like most activities in his life, he never did anything halfway. He went on to run many long-distance races including the Boston Marathon where he finished second place in the Masters division with a time of 2:24:08. Bob ran crosscountry for Roanoke College and because of his many other athletic accomplishments was inducted into the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame



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(both awarded in 1992), and the establishment of the Robert E. Jenkins Undergraduate Scholarship by the Virginia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, which has been awarded annually since 2003. Bob's research continued for the entirety of his life, was his greatest passion, and brought him much joy.

Bob was introduced to fishing by his dad at a young age and fly fishing for native trout quickly became his favorite pastime. He enjoyed tying his own flies to mimic the patterns of insects that inhabited the streams and assessing stream conditions and what was hatching before ever making a cast. He most always practiced the art of catch and release, with an occasional trout and eggs for breakfast if he knew the fish were harmed.

Bob had an amazing memory for details and was a great storyteller. He loved watching sports of all kinds, and his favorite team was the Brooklyn Dodgers. He nurtured his flower gardens and became enthralled with exotic

Recipe of the week

I recently took my dog, Betsy, to the farmer's market and seeing the cucumbers made me think of the summers I spent with my grandparents in Arkansas. On every summertime lunch and supper table there was a bowl of cucumbers, onion, and tomatoes in a vinegar sludge. I say sludge because that is what it looked like to 5-year-old me. My grandma explained that it was a "salad" and good for me. That was the kiss of death to me, anything good for me was not good tasting in my kid's mind. As I grew older, my tastes changed and this was a dish I looked for on the table. When I became a teenager, the task of slicing the cucumbers and onion fell to me and I asked my Meme what measurements she used because I wanted to write down the recipe. She said, "Just make it until it tastes right." Not a very helpful answer, but I tried to figure it out. So, through trial and error I eventually figured out what "tastes right" to me is. I use plain Greek yogurt instead of sour cream in my version. There are two versions, one with a creamy dressing and one plain. My mom usually made both, and yes, my mom did not have a written recipe either and I got the same answer from her when I asked. These crispy, crunchy, and tangy salads accompanied most meals.

Cucumber salad (in sludge)

1 large cucumber sliced thin

1 clove garlic minced

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon black pepper 1 Tablespoon tarragon vinegar

Sour cream or plain Greek yogurt

Mix cucumber and garlic with salt and allow to stand at room temperature for at least 1 hour. Add in vinegar and pepper. Mix in sour cream or yogurt as desired and chill until ready to serve. (Add a little at a time until the consistency you like).

Cucumber salad

1-pound seedless cucumbers thinly sliced (2-3) If using cucumbers with seeds just scrape them out.

1 ½ teaspoons sugar 1/12 teaspoons kosher salt

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2/12 Tablespoons red wine vinegar

¹/₂ small onion, thinly sliced

In a medium bowl, toss the cucumber slices with sugar and salt. Let stand for 5 minutes. Stir in vinegar and onion. Refrigerate for 10 minutes and serve.

Tips: Add sliced tomatoes. Add a teaspoon of red pepper flakes for a kick. Change the type of vinegar- try rice wine vinegar or just plain white vinegar. Substitute the sugar with artificial sweetener, monk fruit or honey. As my grandma said, "Just make it until it tastes right to you."



During his tenure at VCU in Richmond, Bob began training for Richmond's first marathon. Much to his surprise, he not accomplishment was the completion of the definitive book on the "Freshwater Fishes of Virginia". During his tenure at Roanoke College, he established himself as the world's leading authority on sucker fish and played a key role in bringing this rare species back from the brink of extinction. Bob's research and particularly his care and involvement of students and research are among the reasons for Bob's several accolades including the Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science (1989, awarded by the Virginia Museum of Natural History), the Sesquicentennial Distinguished Alumnus of Roanoke College and the Professional Achievement Award of Roanoke College



First Birthday in Heaven Debbie McMillion Weeks July 24, 2023

Heaven has never welcomed a sweeter daughter and Earth has never lost a more precious soul. Debbie was the most kind and loving girl we could have ever wished for.

Our love through eternity, Mom, Robin and Family - Stan and Family daylilies. He enjoyed observing all kinds of wildlife, but birds were a close second to fish. He was an aquarist and created aquariums with schooling fish and live plants that mimicked natural habitats. He was fascinated with dinosaurs and had a large collection of books on the subject. Bob was an avid reader of everything but especially enjoyed a great novel. His favorite movie was "Field of Dreams". He was passionate about bicycling and enthusiastically followed the Tour de France. Bob loved music and would often be heard driving around town listening to his favorites, "Pink Floyd" and the "Grateful Dead".

Bob left an indelible mark on the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A "Celebration of Life" is planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2023, starting with a service in the Antrim Chapel on the Roanoke College campus followed by live music, storytelling, food, and drink in the Olin Courtyard and Amphitheater until 3 p.m.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey. com.





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Last Wednesday, Kazim Shriner's presented plaques to ServPro and Parkway Brewing Co. for supporting the organization and its golf tournament.



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Virginia Western Community College becomes affiliate of Bee Campus USA Bee Campus Committee raises awareness about pollinators' plight

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College announced this week that it has become the first Virginia Community College System (VCCS) affiliate of the Bee Campus USA program, designed to marshal the strengths of educational campuses for the benefit of pollinators. Virginia Western joins many other cities and campuses across the country united in improving their landscapes for pollinators.

Virginia Western's Bee Campus Committee consists of a multidisciplinary team of faculty and staff, as well as an enthusiastic group of students, according to Heather Butler, Biology program head and committee chair of the Bee Campus Committee. The committee has been awarded an Innovation Grant for the upcoming academic year to develop a Bee Campus website, campus and community outreach activities, and an inventory of the campus' native plants and pollinator-friendly landscaping. The group has also established three beehive colonies on campus, which are thriving in their new location.

Tonya Judd of the Horticulture program and Mark Cohen of Facilities Management, both members of the Bee Campus Committee, take pride in the college's commitment to minimizing hazards to pollinators by using nearly no neonicotinoids or other potentially dangerous pesticides. To raise awareness about the plight of pollinators, Virginia Western's newly established Bee Campus Committee plans to publish a webpage to disseminate information to the campus and external communities including Virginia Western's Integrated Pest Management Plan, a list of native plants incorporated into the campus landscape including their bloom time and habitat needs, links to student and faculty research into pollinator issues, and information about upcoming events.

The Bee Campus Committee is excited about the opportunities for student research and servicelearning. Faculty, staff, and students already have worked together to study and create pollinator habitat with native plants. More than six Biology and Horticulture courses include pollinators in their course content, and removing invasive species on campus will be an important student and faculty initiative as the committee develops its objectives.

Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA are initiatives of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, a nonprofit organization based in Portland, Oregon, with offices across the country. Bee City USA's mission is to galvanize communities and campuses to sustain pollinators by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants, and free of pesticides.

"The program aspires to make people more PC — pollinator conscious, that is," said Scott Hoffman Black, Xerces' executive director. "If lots of individuals and communities begin planting native, pesticidefree flowering trees, shrubs and perennials, it will help to sustain many, many species of pollinators."

Pollinators like bumble bees, sweat bees, mason bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, hummingbirds, and many others are responsible for the reproduction of almost ninety percent of the world's flowering plant species and one in every three bites of food we consume.

"How each city or campus completes the steps to conserve pollinators is up to them," said Bee Campus USA coordinator Laura Rost. "Affiliates play to their own strengths, designing pesticide reduction plans, improving habitat, and holding events ranging from garden tours to native plant giveaways to bee trivia nights. Each campus must renew their affiliation each year and report on accomplishments from the previous year. Other institutions of higher education are invited to explore completing the application process outlined at beecityusa.org."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MALLORY WHITE Honeybee on a coneflower in the Virginia Western Arboretum native plants garden.



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY WHITE

Virginia Western faculty member Jenifer Kurtz (in beekeeping gear) gets bees situated after the Bee Campus Committee moved three nucleus colonies of bees into their new home on campus Friday, May 5.



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letic Club. Leave message 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Please come visit us in person or get to know about us first by visiting our web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net. Updated each week with a new sermon by Mike Mazzalongo, four minutes of video showing our nearly six acres of land and our beautiful, functional inside facilities, articles, events, news from Christian sources around the world and here locally plus much, much more. See how many ways Dale Ridge is "Reaching Out There" to the Roanoke Valley with the "Good News of Jesus. By clicking on "visit us virtually" real time access to our Worship services is available via your computer, a tablet or smartphone: Just follow the instructions. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe the Holy Spirit is a gift to every Christian upon their response to the Gospel as demonstrated by the 3000 obedient souls in (Acts 2:38). We believe Jesus is the only author of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Have you been looking for a church family that is progressive, outside the box thinkers, led by the Holy Spirit into all truth. (John 16:13). You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. (John 13:35) Real time contact thru our website via email. SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST - 401 West Main Street. 540-389-2400. Minister Taylor Plott; 10:00am Sunday Bible Study; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office. WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Minister Neil Richey, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:000 PM. **CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH - 955** Bird Lane, Salem, Va 24153, 389-5639. Pastor: Scott Hudson. Sunday School 10:00AM, Worship 11:00AM; Bible Study 6:00PM.

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INDEPENDENT

RESTORATION CHURCH - a Community on Mission Following Jesus into the World - 10:10am Sundays at the Salem YMCA - 1126 Kime Lane, Salem - 540-384-1601 - www.restorationsalem.org. Watch Live at: YouTube: Restoration Church-Salem, VA. Facebook: RestorationChurchSalem

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION,

Streets, Salem VA. Pastor: Roger D. Counts, 540-389-3818. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship11:00 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - 447 Dalewood Avenue, Salem, 986-0062, Pastor Carl Goodman. Coffee Bar 9:00 a.m., Connect Groups 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Children & Student Ministry 5:00-6:30 p.m.; Thursday 7:00 pm Young Single Adults, Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 10:30, Lifegroups meeting throughout the week. www.lbcva.com.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2721 120'Clock Knob Rd., Salem, Pastor: Tim York; Sundayschool, 9:45AM, Sunday morning worship,11:00AM, Sunday evening, 6:00PM, Wednesdayevening, 7:00PM.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH - 4339 Daugherty Road, Salem, Greg Irby, Pastor, Church: 380-3567; Home: 389-7240, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship Services 11:00AM & 6:00PM, Mid-week PrayerMeeting Wednesday 7:00PM, www.templebaptch.com.

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

BETHEL BAPTIST - 1601 S. Colorado St., Salem, Pastor Hilton Jeffreys, 389-2376, Sunday: Connect Groups meet at 9:30am; Worship Service starts at 10:30am. You can stream live with us at 10:30am on Facebook, YouTube, our App & Website (www. bethelbaptistva.com). Tuesday mornings we have Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.; Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm we have TeamKid for kids 3 years old through 5th grade, Amplify Youth (6-12th grade), Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study at 8:00pm.www.bethelbaptistva.com

MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev.Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sundays: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed:7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST - 703 Hemlock RoadN.W. Roanoke, 342-6492. Roy E. Kanode, Pastor.Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Awanas 5:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30p.m.; Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m.; Praiz Kidz 6:00p.m.; Family Night Activities 6:30 p.m. website:www.ridgewoodbaptist.com.

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - Salem Campus: 1226 RedLane Extension, Salem, 387-3200, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. North Campus: 7640 AlpineRoad, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. Southwest Campus: 3585 Buck Mountain Road, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM &11:00AM. www.fcclife.org.

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DALE RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke, 24019; beside the Botetourt Ath-

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SALEM CHURCH OF GOD - 600 Craig Avenue, Todd Stiffler, Pastor, 387-2068, Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship and Kids Church 10:30 am, Wednesday Bible Study and Classes at 7:00 pm. www.salemcog. church

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831.www. firstchristiansalemva.com. Adult and Children Sunday School - 9:45 am, Worship - 10:45 am. Nursery Provided for both. Everyone welcome

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 2931 West Main Street, Salem - Pastor Matthew Cox -380-4636 - website: www.flccsalem.org. Sunday: 9:30am Adult Study Group, 10:30am Worship, Youth & Children's Church. All are welcome!

ECKANKAR

ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

EPISCOPAL

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 226 South Broad Street, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. Sun-daySchool 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship Service11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM.

SHILOH BAPTIST- 201 South Market Street. Salem, Rev. Adrian E. Dowell, H) (389-0409). Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. (All classes) each Sunday online via zoom and church conference call line. Wednesday Adult Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. via zoom and church conference call line. Children's Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. Teen Talk Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. via zoom. Saturday Men's Bible Study at 7:00 a.m. via zoom. Saturday Intercessory Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. via church conference call line. Sunday Women's Bible Study Class at 8:30 p.m. via zoom. In-person Worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. or worship with us on line via Facebook or on the church conference call line. In person worship requires CDC guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing. Ushers are available to assist with seating.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

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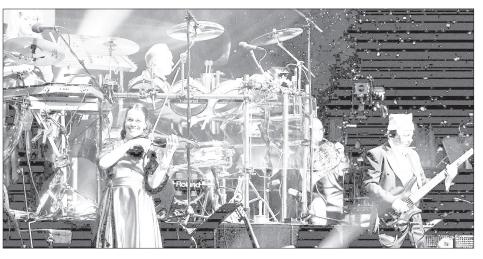
UNITED METHODIST

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Pastor Alan Combs, Traditional Worship - 8:45am, Sunday School - 9:45am, Genesis Contemporary Worship 10am; Traditional Worship - 11:00am. www.fumcsalemva.org.

LOCUST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 3415 Locust Grove Lane, Salem, 380-4303, Pastor Logan Hollenbeck. Each Sunday Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.

To list your church, contact Randy Thompson at 540-230-1129 or email advertise@ourvalley.org

Mannheim Steamroller coming to Salem Dec. 3



COURTESY PHOTO Mannheim Steamroller will be at the Salem Civic Center on Sunday, Dec. 3. Chip Davis, founder and creator of Mannheim Steamroller, will celebrate over 35 Years of his annual Christmas concert tour during a Sunday, Dec. 3 performance at 7 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. It is the longest running concert tour in the entertainment industry.

Tickets can be found at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at Ticketmaster.com.

"I remember when I came out with my first Christmas album in

1984 followed by our first tour. Back then, many in the music industry said focusing on Christmas just wouldn't work," said Davis. "Now, over 35 years later, we are still going strong. I want to thank our fans for making us part of their holiday tradition, especially after the hardships of the last few vears. Today we often see multi-generational families join us during the holidays each year."

A Grammy Award winner, Mannheim Steamroller has sold more than 41 million albums, with over 31.5 million in the Christmas genre. Their holiday CD's have become synonymous with Christmas and occupy top positions on Billboard's Seasonal Chart every year. This year's show will feature classic Christmas hits from the Mannheim Steamroller holiday albums along with multimedia effects in an intimate setting.

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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 and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

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

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 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. ROUTE 605 – There will be intermittent lane closures on Route 605 under the bridge maintained by flagging operations.

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

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.

ROUTE 605: Alternating lane closures and flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 81. 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-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 170 to 95, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following mornin00g. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Interstate 581

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.

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. Alternating lane closures maintained by flagging operations may be in place. The project is expected to be completed in August 2023. Roanoke County

STARKEY ROAD AND BUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD ROUNDABOUT – A road project to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Route 904 (Starkey Road) and Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) is underway. Drivers should be aware of a new three-way stop to be implemented in the work zone at the intersection. A flagging operation will be in place between the 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the intersection of Starkey Road and Buck Mountain Road. The new roundabout is expected to be open to traffic sometime this summer. Once the roundabout is open, drivers should still expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic for final paving, additional concrete pouring and pavement marking until the project is finished. Final completion expected in late spring 2024.

LANE CLOSURES WITH FLAGGING OPERATIONS: Lane closures with flagging operations will be in place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the summer. Lane closure times of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will resume on Monday, July 31 to allow preparation for school to begin.

THREE WAY STOP: Stop signs will be in place on each road approaching the intersection. This means drivers on Buck Mountain Road who do not stop currently will be required to stop while the intersection is under construction.

TRAFFIC SHIFTS: In addition, drivers should also be alert to traffic shifts and changing traffic patterns while the roundabout is under construction.

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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 through a permit. Lane closures will be set up on various days and noise disturbances may be in place through July 2023.

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TO THE DEFENDENDANTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES, This matter before the Botetourt County Cirvcuit Court upon the filing of a Motion for Quiet Title on the 15th day of March, 2023, asking that the Court to confirm the ownership of real property located in Botetourt County known as Tax Map No. 108-1A comprising approximately 5.971 acres, currently titled I the name of Jennifer M Arrington and Aaron M. Musselwhite, as more particularly described in the Deed dated July 7, 1997 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt in Deed Book 533, Page 865.

It appearing to the Court that because all parties with a potential claim to said property are unknown and based off the Affidavit filed by Plaintiff's counsel in this case, it is hereby Ordered that this Order of Publication shall be posted as an Order of Publication at The Botetourt Circuit Court Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, #120, Fincastle, VA 24090, and published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Botetourt. Any person with an interest in the aforementioned property should appear, answer or otherwise respond to the allegations set out in the Motion in this matter no later than the 15th day of September, 2023. Entered this 25th day of June, 2023. Joel R. Branscom, Judge I ASK FOR THIS: John K. Prillamen, ESq. VSB #81306

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showing that the Respondent Michael Robbins cannot be found and that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain his location and last known mailing address is unknown. Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above-named Respondent shall appear in the Circuit Court of Radford City on or before 31st day of July, 2023, after proper publication of this Order, to protect his interest in this cause. Entered: 6/2/2023 Teste: Melissa White DEPUTY CLERK CIRCUIT COURT RADFORD, VA. Written Answer may be filed in lieu of Court appearance. Reply should be received by 31st day of July, 2023. Kristen L. Mynes (VSB No. 94905) Counsel for Petitioner 323 Second Street SE #700 Charlottesville, VA 22902 (434) 977-2569

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. CA23-04, CA23-05 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM CRYSTAL YVONNE TERRY, petitioner IN RE: Children to be known as: Landon Jordan Pierce Birth certificate:145-16-074993 DOB: 9/21/2016 And Lukas Wayne Pierce Birth certificate:145-16-074992 DOB: 9/21/2016 The object of this suit is to: Enter a Final Order of Adoption allowing Crystal Yvonne Terry to adopt Landon Edward Scott

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Virginia, in re Baby Girl Doe v. Unknown Father The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Unknown Father, legal parent of Baby Girl Doe, a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonable likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that the t Unknown Father appear at

the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2023 JUNE 29, 2023 Amie Blankenship, CLERK

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www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

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High School football practice opens this week

Things will be heating up this week, literally, as high school football practices begin around the valley. Temperatures are expected to be in the high 90s with the first regular season games less than a month away on August 25.

Salem will have a brief prac-tice today, closed to the public, after finishing passing out equipment. The first two-a-days for the Spartans will begin next Monday, July 31, with sessions from 9-11 am and 1-3 pm.

The Spartans have two scrimmages, and this year both will be at Salem Stadium. On Friday, August 11, Salem will host Albemarle in a scrimmage and on August 18 Brookville is here for a Benefit game. Salem will open the season on August 25 at home against Liberty Christian Academy.

Glenvar will open practice today at 3 pm at Highlander Stadium. The first scrimmage will be August 11 at William Byrd, followed by a home Benefit Game with Blacksburg on August 18. The Highlanders open the regular season at home with Galax on August 25.

ALMS practices, equipment info

Andrew Lewis Middle School sports are just around the corner and prospective Wolverine athletes are reminded of the following information.

Football equipment will be handed out starting at 9 am on Thursday, July 27th, at the Salem High Fieldhouse. Football practice starts Monday, July 31st, at 8:30 am. Football practice is held at Salem High.

Volleyball tryouts will start on July 31 at 8 am in the main gym at Andrew Lewis.

To participate students must have a physical on the Virginia High School League (VHSL) form dated after May 1, 2023. The form must be on file in the main office at Andrew Lewis.







FUTURE **SPARTANS**

Salem High football players helped the next generation learn fundamentals of the game at the Salem Department of Parks & Recreation clinic at Spartan Field this week.

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BRIAN HOFFMAN'S COLUMN

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bunch of names at 12-1 including, Ambassadors, Brigade, DCs, Defenders, Red Tails, Senators, Sentinels and Wolves. They even have odds of 100-1 that the team reverts back to "Redskins," but I can't see that happening in this day and age.

My thoughts are, didn't we just go through this? And, if you're a fan of both Salem and Washington, would you like to have both teams have the same moniker?

I'm pretty sure the NFL team will keep maroon as the primary color. The Michigan State Spartans are green but Washington won't change to that with the Philadelphia Eagles just up the road. So, if you have a maroon jacket, shirt or hat with "Spartan Football" you could support both teams at once with the same item. If you're a Salem and Cowboys fan, however, that could be tricky.

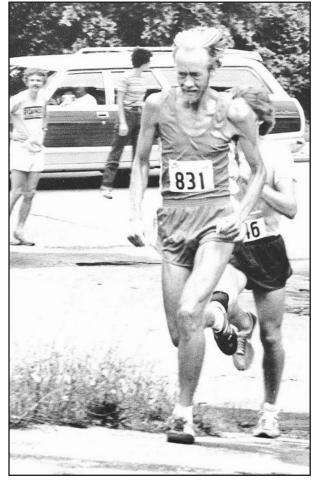
The way I see it, Washington fans are going to be happy with anything as long as Dan Snyder is no longer in charge.

BOB JENKINS WAS A MAN OF MANY TALENTS

I was sad to learn of the passing of Salem's Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Jenkins. He was a man of many talents and a person I admired and enjoyed being around. He passed on July 12 and his obituary is in the paper this week.

In addition to being a biology teacher at Roanoke College Bob was one of the top distance runners ever to come out of this area. A 1961 graduate of RC, Bob lettered in track in 1959 and 1960 after being discovered by legendary Maroon coach Homer Bast during an intramural contest. Jenkins would go on to enjoy success on the track, winning the Virginia Little Eight Championship.

Jenkins would remain involved in racing after graduation, participating in distance road races in which he generally won or placed high in his age group well into his years. In 1980, he entered the Masters division and set a new Virginia AAU 5 kilometer indoor track record, and placed 8th in the prestigious Boston Marathon. He was inducted into



Bob Jenkins was one of the best distance runners ever to come out of the Roanoke Valley. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1980.

Bob's passion for running was matched by his love of fishing. Jenkins graduated from Roanoke College with a bachelor of science and earned his Ph.D. from Cornell University. He was a vertebrate zoologist with expertise in ichthyology. Among his many published works, he co-authored "Freshwater Fishes of Virginia" with former student and fellow Roanoke graduate Noel Burkhead. The volume was one of the foremost resources on fishes in Virginia.

Bob was a biology professor at the college from

1979 until 2007 and served the campus community beyond his retirement. During his tenure at Roanoke he established himself as the world's leading authority on redhorse fish and played a key role in bringing this rare species back from the brink of extinction. It was thought to be extinct until he identified it and brought new attention to the species. In 1992, Roanoke College recognized him with the Professional Achievement Award and the Sesquicentennial Distinguished Alumnus award. He was the Faculty Scholar in 1995

Bob was a colorful person who was well respected for his work as a professor, a scholar and an athlete Henry Bradley was his neighbor on Academy Street in Salem since 1988.

"He was such an interesting guy," said Bradley. "He used the park next to my house to work on his fly fishing techniques. Another neat thing about Bob was his love for the Grateful Dead. He would often sit in his car for an hour after he got home just listening to the music. One of a kind."

Yes, he certainly was, and we were blessed to have him in Salem. He'll be greatly missed.

CLARK WAS A GOOD FRIEND, REAL PRO

Also passing recently was WFIR's Bob Clark, who left us on July 19.

Bob was a "pro's pro" in the radio business. He did sports on the air at Roanoke's WFIR since 1985 until illness forced him to step back.

graduate А of Cambridge School of Broadcasting in Boston, Bob worked in radio in



BOB CLARK

Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and North Carolina before making his home in Virginia. He had a sharp mind and keen wit and I always enjoyed seeing him at events we were both covering for our respective outlets.

If you didn't recognize his face, you probably remember his voice as he did sports, news and commericals for over 35 years on the radio in the Roanoke Valley. He's another I was very lucky to have known.

Sox are home all week

After playing at home just three times in 29 days the Salem Red Sox will finish up the baseball season with 25 of 43 games at home. The Sox opened a seven game series with Lynchburg on Tuesday hoping to make a run at the second half title in the Carolina League split season.

Heading into Tuesday's action the Sox were just a game behind North Division leader Carolina. The second half race is a log jam with just three games separating the six teams from top to bottom in the division.

Salem had a single game Tuesday, then a doubleheader against Lynchburg on Wednesday of this week. Games tonight and Friday begin at 7:05 pm and Friday is a bobblehead giveaway. Saturday is a 6:05 pm start and Sunday the Sox wrap up the series at 3:05 pm.

Last week the Red Sox were at Down East where they took four of six from the Wood Ducks, a Texas Rangers farm team. After splitting the first four games the Red Sox won Saturday and Sunday contests to improve to 12-11 in the second half of the season.

On Saturday Salem broke open a 1-1 tie with four in the top of the eighth and a 5-1 win. Cutter Coffey had three hits for the Sox and Railin Perez, Cody Scroggins and Marquez Johnson combined on a four-hitter with 13 strikeouts. Scroggins, in Salem on a rehab assignment, picked up the win in relief.

On Sunday Salem scored all six runs in the third inning of a 6-4 win over Down East. The Ducks took a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the second but Salem answered in the third, highlighted by a bases clearing double by Jhostynixon Garcia with the bases loaded. Albertson Asigen also drove in a run in the big inning and finished the game with three hits. Jhonny Felix, Perez and Jonathan Brand combined for five innings of scoreless relief with Felix picking up the win and Brand earning



his sixth save.

week with a six game trip to Fredricksburg.

After this week's home series with Lynchburg the Sox are back on the road next Jhostynixon Garcia hit a bases loaded double to lead the Red Sox to a 6-4 win over the Down East Weed Ducks Sunday. PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER



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Gators looking to repeat at City-County swim meet this week

The Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association will hold its annual Duane Whitenack City-County Swim Meet this weekend at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. A total of 13 summer swim teams will compete, including defending RVAA champion Stonegate Swim Club of Salem.

Swimming begins Friday morning with the 10-and-under swimmers, followed by the 11-and-older group in the afternoon. The order of Friday's events are Backstroke, Short Freestyle, Individual Medley and Freestyle Medley.

Swimming picks back up on Saturday, again with the younger kids in the morning and the older swimmers in the afternoon. Saturday's strokes include Butterfly, Breaststroke, Long Freestyle and Medley Relays.

Stonegate finished undefeated in the Monday night meets and is the favorite to repeat as RVAA champion with Olympic Park and several others hoping to dethrone the Gators.





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Salem, Glenvar open 2023 high school golf season in Botetourt Metro Hancock takes over for Snyder as Salem High coach after 23 years

Around 20 teams are expected to participate when the annual Botetourt Metro Invitational opens the high school golf season next week, including Salem and Glenvar. A shotgun start will get the event underway at 10 am Tuesday, August 1, at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.

The Botetourt Metro is a one day event that replaced the old Bob McLelland Metro Golf Tournament. The McLelland Metro was cancelled by the COVID pandemic in 2020 and was not revived. In 2021, BG&SC pro Jeff Sprinkle decided to hold a one-day tournament to replace the event and this will be the third annual Botetourt Metro Invitational.

"We decided to make it a one day tournament to start the season," said Sprinkle. "The McLelland Metro was two days, but that's too long for this early in the season."

Blacksburg won the initial Botetourt Metro in 2021 and Jefferson Forest edged Salem by one stroke to win last season. Sprinkle had 18 teams signed up for the tournament this week and was expecting a few more before tee-off on August 1. Also included in the event will be the awarding of a scholarship in the name of Kip Nininger, a former state wrestling champion who was killed in a car accident in May of 2021. Chris Nininger, Kip's father, is a good friend of Sprinkle's.

Both Salem and Glenvar have signed up for the Metro. Salem will have a new coach for the first time in 23 years as Thad Snyder has stepped down and will be replaced by Blaine Hancock, who has been an assistant on the Spartan team for the past two years.

Snyder was the longest tenured golf coach at SHS upon his resignation. In 23 years with the team he won nine district championships and four regionals despite sharing the River Ridge District with perennial state contender Blacksburg. Four times Thad was named region Coach-of-the-Year and in 2012 he led the Spartans to the state championship in Group AA, the last year the Virginia High School League had just three classifications before changing to six the following year.

Thad leaves behind a legacy of coaching his teams with insight and enthusiasm in a sport where some coaches use the position as a free ride to get on the links

"When I took this job I vowed not to use this as a vehicle just to play golf," he said. "I'll miss the camaraderie with the other coaches and I've been blessed to have been surrounded by some of the best student athletes at Salem High, but it was just time. Every program needs a shot of youthful energy every so often and the program is going to be in great hands with Blaine Hancock."

"I am excited and humbled to be selected as



Thad Snyder, with 2022 Class 4 individual state champ Kathryn Ha, stepped down as Salem High golf coach after 23 seaons. PHOTO COURTESY OF THAD SNYDER

the next golf coach at Salem High School," said Hancock. "I'm thankful to Coach Snyder for allowing me to be a part of the team the last two years and I hope to continue the level of excellence he has established during his 23 years at the helm of Salem's program."

Hancock arrived in Salem in 2020 when he was hired to teach mathematics at the high school, but sports, especially golf, have always been a big part of his equation. He played four years of varsity golf at Tazewell High School and competed on junior tours while growing up in southwest Virginia. In addition, he currently serves as a caddie at the prestigious Ballyhack Golf Club in Roanoke County.

"Being a caddie is somewhat similar to my career as a teacher and coach in that I'm constantly trying to help those around me achieve the best possible outcome," he said. "I know the talent that we have coming back for this season and we have some of the best players, not only in our area, but some of the top junior golfers in the country."

Hancock played baseball, basketball and golf at Tazewell High School before graduating in 2011. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics with a minor in mathematics from Emory & Henry College in 2014, and later secured his Master of Arts in teach-



BLAINE HANCOCK

ing degree from Liberty University. Before coming to Salem, he taught math and was an assistant golf coach at Franklin County High School.

"Each day I want to help our students achieve their goals in the classroom, on the golf course, and beyond," Hancock said. "I'm excited to help the talent we have at Salem High School grow and develop and I look forward to continuing as a math teacher while stepping into this new role as head coach."

During the winter months you are likely to see Hancock running up and down the hardwood. He officiates basketball games on both the college and high school levels for the USA South, the ODAC, Conference Carolinas, the Appalachian Athletic Conference, and the Virginia High School League. Hancock and his wife, Jenna, reside in Salem.

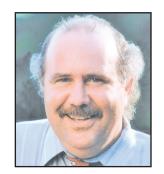
Hancock has hit the ground running. He has a great group returning, led by 2022 individual state champion Kathryn Ha, who is just a junior. Last fall Kathryn shot a five-under-par 67 to win the Virginia High School League Class 4 state golf championship at the Stonehenge Golf & Country Club in Richmond.

"Kathryn is having an incredible summer," said Hancock. "She's played all over and won some big tournaments."

The Spartans also return seniors Taylor Davis and Andrew Rea from last year's core group along with junior Aiden Andrews. The Spartans have been battling for position in preseason practice.

At Glenvar, Shawn Duff is entering his second year as coach of the Highlanders. He has a young team with just three seniors, Ashton Meadows, Adam Harvey and Bryan Barger but he has some underclassmen with varsity experience.

After next week's Metro Salem will play in the Heritage Invitational at London Downs on August 3 and Glenvar will open Three Rivers District play at Cliff View Golf Club on August 7 in a match hosted by Alleghany High.



Brian Hoffman

New Folks in Command

Don't look now, but the Commanders might not be in command too much longer.

The sale of the Washington National Football League team is now official and the word is the new owners are looking to change the name again. As you know, the long-time Redskins were stripped of that name when it was determined not to be politically correct, and went by "Washington Football Team" for a few years. Then, after much consternation, the team was reimaged as "Commanders" beginning with last year's season.

Well, it sounds like the new owners aren't all that thrilled with the name, and when you shell out six BILLION dollars you should be in command, so to speak. According to a story I read over the weekend new owner Josh Harris and cohorts made it clear they are likely to change the mascot name in order to put the Dan Snyder era completely behind. And, I know my Washington football fans are excited about that.

I received an e-mail on Monday from SportsBetting. ag, a popular betting site that puts out odds for all kinds of sports things. They report an 80 percent chance that the name will be changed before the start of the 2024 season, and reverting back to "Washington Football Team" is the second favorite among possible names. The favorite? You're going to laugh if you're a Salem High football fan.

According to the sports betting site "Spartans" is the 6-1 favorite to be the new name of the team once known as the Redskins. "Washington Football Team" is second at 7-1, followed by "Red Hogs" at 8-1 and "Magic" or "Magicians" at 9-1.

Of course, this has nothing to do with the Salem High team. As you may know, NBA basketball great Magic Johnson is a minority owner in the new Washington ownership group and he played at Michigan State, whose teams are "Spartans." That's why Magic or Magicians are also on the list, and I think any of the three would be pretty cool.

Some more names on the betting list, with odds, include Armada at 10-1, Presidents at 11-1 and a continued on page 11



S-R Baseball Hall of Fame inducts five

The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame inducted the Class of '23 on Sunday after co-sponsoring "The Last Inning" games on Saturday along with the Salem Red Sox. The Hall of Fame's Class of '23, along with guest speaker Abe Naff, includes, left to right above; Reggie Poff, Matt Trent, Nick Jones, speaker Naff, Randy Lawrence and Roy Clark. Below left, Glenvar graduate Poff receives his plaque from Hall of Fame vice president Gary Walthall. On Saturday the Hall of Fame announced that Cave Spring's Trey Ludy has been named the Ray Bellamy Award winner as the top high school player in the Hall of Fame's coverage area. Below right, Walthall presents Ludy with a plaque between games of "The Last Inning" doubleheader for high school seniors. The Navy Blue team swept the doubleheader with scores of 16-5 and 9-1. Glenvar's Brendan Magruder played for the Red team. PHOTOS BY JOHN WACHER

