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# Salem Kiwanis Club celebrates 100 years of community service

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When an organization invests in the community, the possibilities are endless. The Salem Kiwanis Club, established in 1921, recently celebrated 100 years of community service. Former and current Club members gathered at Longwood Park on September 14 to celebrate the milestone.

Seeing so many familiar faces created a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. The roughly 40 current Club members range in age from late 20s to middle 90s.

Mary Cross joined the organization in 2007. That year, her husband was the President. Today, Cross holds that distinction and presides over the Club meetings. She also presides over the Board of Directors and the various Committee Chairmen.

“Our Kiwanis works with or organizes various events such as



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

**There are approximately 40 current Salem Kiwanis Club members ranging in age from late 20s to middle 90s.**

the Salem Christmas Parade. Twice a year, we recognize the First Responders of our community. At election time, we hold forums for the candidates to speak and for the community to attend and ask questions,” Cross said. “We also assist various organizations financially such as 4-H Summer Camps, Challenger Little League, Salem Food Pantry, Mrs. Dorsey’s Clothes Closet and the Salem Museum.”

Iris Park currently serves as a Board Member. When she speaks about the organization, she does so with great reverence. “I help review strategic plans and goals and monitor the organization’s services and programs. My most cherished memories are the fellowship with past and present members, events such as the Christmas

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# Henry Street Music Festival brings entertainment, fellowship and more to the Roanoke Valley

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On September 18, thousands of Roanoke Valley residents, including members of the Salem community, attended the Henry Street Music Festival. Formerly known as the Henry Street Heritage Festival, event organizers decided to rebrand the annual gathering this year.

The festival, which began at 3 p.m. at Elmwood Park and lasted for approximately seven hours, celebrated African American culture with crafts, merchandise, cuisines and of course, music.

Said event organizer Kiana Price Marshall on her

television show *Living Local*, “Most years this festival feels like a family reunion. But it truly felt like a homecoming after not being able to have the festival last year.”

Tickets were \$20 for 13 and older, and free for those 12 and under. In large part because of the Delta variant, organizers encouraged attendees to wear a mask, and required the unvaccinated to mask up.

Anticipating a hot afternoon, many participants made sure to bring chairs and plenty of water bottles. The revenue generated from the festival will provide resources to support the ongoing programs and operations of the Harrison

Museum of African American Culture.

Urban Luv, She’s International Boutique and DePaul Community Services were just some of the vendors spread out through Elmwood Park.

Over the years, musicians like Ruben Studdard, Jagged Edge, Slick Rick, Doug E. Fresh and Jon B. have performed at the festival. The music lineup this year consisted of four local and regional bands: Touch of Class Band of Roanoke, Applebutter Soul from Lynchburg, Signature Sounds from Greensboro and Spectrum Band from

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PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

**This year’s festival celebrated African American heritage with crafts, merchandise, cuisines and of course, music.**

# Roanoke College resets published tuition price to help more students

*- Tuition reduced by 28 percent and launching new center for “purpose, life and career exploration” -*



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Established in 1842, Roanoke College has approximately 2,000 students today that represent about 25 countries.**

Roanoke College recently announced a series of measures that will strengthen the value and accessibility of a Roanoke College education, including a new published tuition price of \$33,510. This news is accompanied by the announcement of additional support for student exploration of purpose, life and career at the College.

Beginning in the fall of 2022 for all new and returning students, Roanoke College will reset its published tuition price from \$46,510 to

\$33,510, aligning the College’s published tuition price closer to what students actually pay.

“I’ve seen many families make decisions based on published tuition prices without knowing that scholarships and financial aid often make the cost of college much more attainable,” said President Michael Maxey. “By lowering the cost barrier, we will put the real value of a Roanoke College education in sharp relief, enabling more to gain from our distinct vision for creating student and graduate

opportunities for lives lived on purpose.”

“Providing a clearer picture of what families actually pay will be helpful to everyone who wants to thrive at Roanoke College,” said Dr. Brenda Poggendorf, vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions and financial aid. “While we’re proud of our commitment to providing scholarships and financial aid, which will not change, we also know that publishing a price that is much high-

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# Dream job leads to dream trip

To say life is very special is an understatement. For those who are fortunate enough to live their dreams, life is a blessing beyond measure. Such is the case for Arnold “AJ” Speaks, a native son who at 46 recently returned from a dream trip covering the 2020 Olympics in Japan as a senior producer for the Miami Heat.

The trip to Japan was very special to AJ for several reasons. One could say it was a two-fold blessing wrapped in a mission.

“AJ was so excited because he was not only in Japan for the Olympics but he was also going to race history where Arnold Sr. and I were married and partied 50 years ago,” his mother Diane explained. “Japan is also where his sister Tiffany was born.”

Seems the spirit of adventure and enterprise runs in the family. Diane Speaks is somewhat of a household name around town, as owner/operator of She’s International, a local boutique that offers upscale apparel influenced by her global travels as a former flight attendant.

“I really didn’t know that I wanted to work in professional sports early

on. Like a lot of people, I had aspirations to be a professional athlete myself,” AJ said during a June 2021 interview.

“My job is to find the best way to tell stories and with the Marlins and the Dolphins I wanted to learn something new.” I love football, I love baseball and I wanted to do something with both,” he said and express his desire to rise through the sports broadcasting ranks – and did he ever.

Although AJ was born in Baltimore, his formative years were spent in Roanoke where he graduated from Northside High School and went on to attend Fort Union Military Academy (Va). The path he followed to success was paved with hard work, focus and luck – a tried and true formula that led to the breaks that kept opening doors for him.

While in high school AJ attended journalism workshops at the Roanoke Times and shortly thereafter his focus shifted to broadcasting. Instrumental in his efforts to become a newscaster were WDBJ-TV sportscasters Mike Stevens and Steve Mason who both took AJ under their collective wings as an intern



**AJ Speaks poses at the stadium where the 2020 Olympics were held in Tokyo, Japan from July 23 through August 8.**

at the station.

After graduating from high school (1993), AJ attended Fort Union Military Academy (Va) and said it was the best decision he ever made.

“I was just a lazy undisciplined kid and my post graduate year really helped me to get focused. From there I was able to get into colleges that I would never have been able to get into.”

AJ was accepted at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ where he got a lot of experience as an intern at radio stations that later exposed him to the “Big East,” a multi-sports collegiate athletics conference. That experience led to a “pivotal internship in

the big league in a pool of interns with HBO Sports.

One day while still in school at Seton Hall, opportunity knocked when a certain intern bailed on a project with the network. HBO reps called AJ and offered him the job that led to his rise as a production assistant with HBO Sports.

“Internships are a good thing because you get to learn what you like and what you don’t like so I strongly encourage people to engage in internships in all sorts of fields so you get a taste of everything that will show you where your passion really lies,” he said.

To that, many will



**AJ Speaks with Miami Heat basketball star Dwayne Wade.**

agree that a great portion of human progress and prosperity is built on the experience and effectiveness implemented through internships.

AJ rose through his field propelled by internships and also credits sports journalists like Roy Firestone of ESPN fame who had major influence on the manner through which he fashioned his own technique.

“Roy Firestone had a unique interview style where he would get athletes to open up to him,” he said. “Roy played a big part for me because I saw him on TV, I saw that he was really good at his job and I looked at that job as something

that I could possibly do so I aspired to be like Roy Firestone.”

For years now AJ has traveled extensively as a television broadcast producer for the NFL, MLB and NBA. His dynamic career in sports broadcasting has landed him positions with the Miami Heat, Miami Dolphins, Miami Marlins and others. He said once, his dream was to go to every Olympics since being there as a fan in 2000. As fate would have it he finally made it back this year working his dream job and figuratively brought home the “gold,” in memories.

*-Submitted by S. Rotan Hale*

## Young Roanoke County farmer seriously injured in tractor accident



**Jessie Sowers and his father, Calvin, planting broccoli, getting ready for the Farmers Market.**

On Labor Day, Jesse Sowers, a young Roanoke County farmer, was seriously injured while raking hay on a Catawba farm.

While going up an incline, the tractor stalled, rolled back and jackknifed, causing the tractor to turn over on Jesse.

Jesse's injuries include a broken pelvis, crushed right femur, broken bones in left leg between knee and ankle, multiple ligament damage in left knee, multiple spinal fractures in lower back, and two broken ribs. His recovery time has been estimated at six to 12 months.

The Sowers family is well-known in the area – Jesse works at Boone Tractor near Dixie Caverns, while Jesse's mother, Kristy, sells produce and baked goods at the Catawba Valley Farmers Market. The family rents farmland in the Catawba area.

The Shiloh Union Church is holding a Hot-dog Social Benefit, with all proceeds going to Jesse, his wife, Laura, and their two young sons. This event will be on Sunday, September 26, at 4:00 p.m., at the church located at 7509 Newport Road, Catawba.

In addition to the hot dog meal, music will be provided by County Connection, old-fashioned cake walks and a Chinese Auction. A few of the items in the auction include a quilt handmade by Elva Sirry (always a sought-after item), handmade deer antler knife with sheath,

Walnut Hill Farm pork package, handmade purse from Alice Ricucci, movie night basket, various gift baskets, large barnwood-framed photo and “So God Made a Farmer” poem from Ann Harrell, handmade walking stick, handmade basket, handmade “turned” American flag writing pen, deer antler writing pen and fall and holiday décor.

The Sowers family hopes that the community can support this event. In addition to the live music, hot dogs, cakes, pies and useful items in the Chinese Auction will be available for purchase.

Most activities will take place outdoors, so attendees are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather and bring their own chair.

Those who can’t attend but would like to support this young family, they can see Pam Garman at the Catawba Valley Farmers Market on Thursdays or mail a check to Pam at 8870 Newport Road, Catawba, VA 24070. Checks should be made payable to Shiloh Union Church with a notation “For Jesse Sowers Fund.”

*-Submitted by Ann G. Harrell*

## OSIG welcomes new medical officer to work with DBHDS

The Virginia Office of the State Inspector General recently announced Dr. Jennifer Knips as its new medical officer. In this new role, Knips will identify areas of risk

and review medical care related to critical incidents and patient safety at facilities operated, licensed or funded by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and

Developmental Services. She will review data relevant to significant events, injuries, abuse, neglect, deaths and program deficiencies relevant to all programs at

DBHDS facilities.

“I am thrilled to have Dr. Knips on board to assist in evaluating the quality of care provided in these health facilities serving our at-risk population,” said OSIG Healthcare Compliance Manager Keith Davies. “Knips has a good deal of experience in caring for vulnerable populations.”

Knips completed her medical school training at the University of Missouri-Columbia and then went on to complete internal medicine

training at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. She served as Chief Resident for an additional year before subsequently joining the faculty at EVMS. During her tenure there, Knips practiced inpatient and ambulatory internal medicine and became passionate about early interventions for metabolic syndrome, diabetes and the treatment of obesity.

*-Submitted by Kate Hourin*



**Dr. Jennifer Knips**

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The City of Salem has been monitoring the potential spread of COVID-19, and like you, we have been processing a great deal of information. The safety of citizens, school children and visitors is always the number one priority from the Salem Civic Center to City Hall. Emergency Management team members are in constant contact with the Virginia Department of Health, the Roanoke-Alleghany Health Department and area health professionals at our local hospitals. During this time of uncertainty, people are encouraged to monitor the website ([salemva.gov](http://salemva.gov)) for official city details on closings or cancellations. This site will be updated daily whenever there is new information.

## FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Salem Host Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., dinner and a program, Salem Civic Center.

## SECOND MONDAY

Paint Bank Ladies

Auxiliary meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Contact 540-897-5346 for more information.

## EACH TUESDAY

•Salem Chess Players meet at the Salem Senior Center, 110 Union Street in Salem from 7-11 p.m. Open to anyone 16 years or older. Instructions are available.

•Salem Kiwanis Club meets 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch, Salem Civic Center.

•Knights of Columbus hosts bingo for charity. Proceeds support local charities including RAM House, Madonna House, the Roanoke Rescue Mission, Saint Francis House, food pantries and various youth projects. Games are played from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Gator Hall, at 5301 Williamson Road, near Happy's Flea Market.

•Infinity Acres Ranch Fundraiser from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at 321 E. Church Street in Blacksburg. Tickets are \$8 while children eight and younger can

eat for \$4. For more information, contact 276-358-2378.

•All ages are welcome to TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) at 5:15 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center. For more information, contact Linda at 540-389-4207.

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

•From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a chair caning and basket weaving class will occur at the Salem Senior Center. While free, attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. For more information, contact 540-375-3054.

## FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY

Glenvar Rotary Club meets 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. for lunch in Richfield Living's Town Center Anser Dining Room. Guests welcome.

## THIRD TUESDAY

The monthly meeting for National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Roanoke Valley

Chapter #226 locations and times will now vary. Learn more details by emailing us at [nawicroa226@gmail.com](mailto:nawicroa226@gmail.com).

## THIRD WEDNESDAY

Alzheimer's /Dementia Caregiver Support Group at 2 p.m. at Salem Terrace at Harrogate.

## FIRST THURSDAY

Roanoke County Woman's Club meets at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at College Lutheran Church in Salem. New members are welcome.

## EACH THURSDAY

•The Salem Senior Center's Social Club, known as the 49ers Plus Club, originally started the senior program in Salem over 40 years ago. They have different speakers and/or activities practically every week. New members are always welcome to show up at the Salem Senior Center at 11 a.m. Contact 540-375-3054 for more information.

•The Salem Rotary Club meets from 12 to 1 p.m. for lunch in Salem Civic Center. Guests

welcome.

## EACH SATURDAY

•Salem Farmers Market from 9:30 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Select vendors will have country sausage, cage-free eggs, grass-fed beef, cage-pasture-raised chicken, homemade rolls, pieces of artisan bread, muffins, seasonal greens and more.

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 28 - THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

The Shiloh Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Salem will be celebrating their 75th Annual Union Revival. Shiloh Baptist Church will be the host church and due to the pandemic, services Tuesday and Wednesday will be virtual and streamed live on Shiloh's Facebook page and will be available on their conference call line (434) 300-4249. Thursday evening will be an in-person

worship service and services will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m. The guest evangelist will be the Reverend Dr. Lee Pusha, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va. Pastor Adrian E. Dowell and Pastor Melton W. Johnson invites the community to worship in this historic revival.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

A blood drive at the Salem Moose Family Center will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested individuals are encouraged to register online with Red Cross beforehand.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Parsons' Music Promotions will be presenting a gospel music celebration at Living Well Church of the Nazarene, 4335 W Main Street, at 7 pm. The event, sponsored by John M Oakey & Son Funeral Home, is in loving memory of Marvin Parsons. No admission charge for the outdoor event.

# POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged August 31-September 13. Arrest indicates an accusation, and defendants are presumed innocent unless found guilty in court. Police do not release the names of persons under the age of 18.

## Those arrested and their

## charges were listed as:

August 31 - Jace A. Lee, 20, failure to appear; and Jessenia P. Lopez, 33, contributing to delinquency of minor.

September 1 - Eric P. Mabes, 35, contempt of court

September 2 - Scott M. Mangieri, 44, DUI

September 3 - Anthony S.

Young, 33, possession of controlled substance; David A. Clayton, 31, violation of probation; and Charles L. Holland, 36, failure to appear.

September 4 - Alan A. Andrews, 54, public intoxication; Darnall Swann, 60, public intoxication; and Robert A. Sweeny, 43, public intoxication.

September 5 - Melinda D. Viar,

39, contempt of court; and Clinton K. Robertson IV, 19, DUI.

September 7 - Henry E. Lewis, 57, shoplifting

September 8 - Tonya R. O'Quinn, 38, attempt to defect a drug/alcohol screening test; and Kimberly M. Adams, 48, obtain money/good by false pretense.

September 11 - Christian L.

Simmons, 24, public intoxication.

September 12 - Ethel M. Divers, 59, assault and battery; and Malcolm A. Firebaugh, 20, failure to appear.

September 13 - Tyheem J. Brooks, 45, domestic assault and battery; Keith T. Hackney, 69, abduction; and Robin E. Stigall, 57, public intoxication

# Salem Museum's 23rd Annual Ghost Walk returning in October



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**The Ghost Walk is dedicated to the memory of Joe LaRocco and Willie Robertson, who were much beloved Ghost Walk characters for many years.**

East Hill Cemetery comes alive after dark just once a year! The Salem Museum welcomes the liv-

ing back to the cemetery once again on October 1 and 2. Tour the historic graveyard and meet no-

table characters from Salem's past. These walking tours are family-friendly, fun and informative, but

not scary. You'll learn...

•What the first European explorers found here

•General Andrew Lewis' story from his wife's point of view

•History of Preston Place, Salem's oldest home

•Who fired the last artillery shot at Appomattox

•How a formerly enslaved person made a new life

•Stories of 20th century notables: Knox Martin, John Payne, and Alfreda Peel

Tours leave the Museum every 15 minutes from 6 to 8pm. Advanced tickets are recommended. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for children three and younger. Tickets are available at the Salem Museum or online at [SalemMuseum.org](http://SalemMuseum.org).

seum.org. Ticket tip! The 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, and 7:45 tour times tend to be less crowded.

Masks are currently required for groups when inside the Museum, and recommended when standing near others outdoors. This year's Ghost Walk will be entirely outside, concluding in the cemetery. Guests must stay with their groups to be escorted back across Main Street to the Museum's parking lot. In case of rain, the event will be held inside the Museum and masks will be required at all times.

Good walking shoes are recommended: this is a walking tour of just over a half-mile. As the name "East Hill" implies, the route goes up and downhill, although the walk is

not strenuous, and has a number of stops along the way. The Salem Museum is located at 801 E. Main St, Salem, VA. This year marks the Ghost Walk's 23rd year. All proceeds benefit the Salem Museum.

The Ghost Walk is generously sponsored by Sherwood Memorial Park, BLANCO, Chick-fil-A (Salem), MKB REALTORS, RM Johnson & Sons Jewelers, and SERVPRO.

Tickets are available online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ghost-walk-east-hill-cemetery-2021-tickets-169350876029>

-Submitted by  
Frances Ferguson,  
Salem Museum Executive

# Landowners encouraged to contribute acorns for 2023 hardwood seedling crop

Statewide expansion of hardwood habitat is the grand prize for a unique scavenger hunt open to all Virginia landowners.

The Virginia Department of Forestry is collecting a variety of acorn species and nuts that can be planted at its Forestry Center. The seeds from these nuts will produce 2023's hardwood seedling crop and be sold to

Virginia forestland owners, typically to reforest open lands.

State foresters said seedlings sprouted from Virginia-grown acorns generally produce trees that will best thrive in Virginia's climates. But some of those seeds are hard to procure in abundance. Species needed include black oak, black walnut, Chinese chestnut, chestnut oak, live

oak, northern red oak, pin oak, southern red oak, swamp chestnut oak, swamp white oak, white oak and willow oak.

"Virginia Farm Bureau and other associations helped us get about \$300,000 from the (state's) general fund last General Assembly

session to expand our Augusta nursery," said Ed Zimmer, deputy state forester. "A lifting machine, sprayers and irrigation pipe will allow us to expand about seven acres of fields there for the 2023 planting crop, so we're tripling the amount of acorns we're ordering from bulk pro-

ducers. We hope to have about 1.3 million hardwoods and 2.3 million conifers."

The public can help with that effort by col-

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# OPINION

# Give Light ~ Always Refugees ~

[This is a memory from the many decades the author has been privileged to write for daily and weekly newspapers circulating in Western Virginia.]

With news of the arrival in Roanoke of some refugees from the distressed nation of Afghanistan, I'm reminded that this is the fourth instance in my lifetime that this has occurred.

{A refugee, it's been pointed out, is a person who has left his/her native country because of fear of persecution. An immigrant has left voluntarily in the hope of bettering a life situation elsewhere.}

•Those who came around 1946 were of the latter type. The year that I finished high school in Orange, Virginia, and prepared to enter the Richmond Professional Institute (now Virginia Commonwealth University) was the first year fully post-World War II. Europe was still devastated by active fighting and the Holocaust. Countless people had

been displaced and humanitarian agencies like Church World Service (CWS) made possible resettlement.

Our St. Thomas Episcopal Church, working with others in the closely-knit town, brought several Polish citizens to our semi-rural Piedmont community. My mother, an independent poultry farmer, engaged one young man to help her with some especially hard work. He brought with him his small son who sat on our woodpile and waited for his father. The man thanked my mother profusely; she was touched.

I suppose they were resettled on one of the large farms that make up much of the county. I had many more things to think about.

•A decade later, shortly after the birth of our first child, four young men arrived in Roanoke following the abortive Hungarian rebellion against the oppressive Soviet Union. They got a lot of attention in the daily papers for which we

## Frances Stebbins Correspondent

were working. To set them up in boarding houses or apartments, they needed household essentials. I recall taking some unneeded baby furniture to a warehouse downtown. Soon, a few family units came, and some remained permanently. The poor rebelling Hungarians were soon crushed; it would be 30 more years before the Soviet Union crumbled though dissidents, like the daughter of dictator Josef Stalin, made news later as an affluent refugee.

•My closest association with refugees came around 1976 after the inconclusive Vietnam conflict finally came to an end. The small Williamson Road area parish I was then attending, St.

James Episcopal, took on the responsibility of resettling a family from Laos. When they arrived, Linthong Thammavong, his wife and a young daughter, Vilay, were put up in a house nearby. They, and the owner of the house, began attending the sponsoring church. We members were encouraged to help them with basic needs.

They spoke no English, but preschooler Vilay picked up some words quickly. Her father was placed in a cleaning job at a shopping mall across the city and he needed a way to get there. I drove him a number of mornings, and someone else brought him home. No communication, but gestures.

In a year or two, the family increased with the birth of a son, but tragically, the young Laotian mother succumbed to cancer a few years later. I suspect the family stayed in Roanoke, but I never heard of them again.

•In years following, the

folk at St. James Church have had a ministry to a group of displaced people from the African nation of Sudan who have had a weekly Sunday afternoon service and participating in some parish events. And in Salem, some efforts have been made to assist refugees through the Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries (SAEM) cooperative church group.

Always, churches have taken a lead in helping strangers from oppressive or impoverished lands find a new home in our area. Commonwealth Catholic Charities is well known as a central coordinating point since many refugees come from nations where that church is deeply embedded in the culture.

My newsletters from Baptist, United Methodist, Church of the Brethren and Episcopal congregations in the past month have carried articles on the need to help in the resettlement of Afghan folk into the community.

# The Question of Boosters

Dr. Cynthia Morrow

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director

Fueled by the highly transmissible Delta variant, the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts are currently in the midst of a surge of cases of COVID-19. In June, we saw a low

for the year of about 80 new cases each week, but by early July, that number had jumped to over 200 new cases per week. We're now in the 11th week of this most recent surge, with over 950 new local cases reported this past week alone.

This dramatic increase in cases in just two months understandably generates concern for individuals across our districts; for healthcare providers, for school administrators and staff, and for local businesses and restaurants. In short, across our community, people are concerned. And we are concerned, too - that's why we are strongly urging everyone over the age of two to wear a mask at indoor gatherings, continue to avoid crowds for the time being, and of

course, for everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated if they have not yet done so.

We have heard a lot about boosters lately. On September 17, a subcommittee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended booster doses of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for people who are older than 65 and people who are at risk for severe disease associated with COVID-19 infection, but there are still a lot of steps that need to be taken before boosters become available in Virginia.

We need to remain patient as we let the process continue. The FDA needs to review the subcommittee's recommendations this week. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee of Immuni-

zation Practice needs to make their recommendations this week and then the CDC Director needs to approve those recommendations.

Only then will the Virginia Department of Health provide guidance based on all of this information. Because we have this robust system of checks and balances in place, we can have confidence in the safety and effectiveness of the three approved COVID-19 vaccines; and also, if it is approved, we can have confidence in the Pfizer booster shot. As we await these decisions, we and our vaccine partners (such as pharmacies and doctors' offices) have been preparing to make the booster shots available if they are approved.

It is important to know that if/when a booster dose is recommended for you, there is no rush to get it right away. If you are fully vaccinated, you still have strong protec-

tion against severe illness, hospitalization, and death, including against the Delta variant. Over the next few weeks, there will be plenty of vaccine available for anyone who is eligible.

Finally, and most importantly, we need to continue to focus on increasing the vaccination rates for people who are not yet fully vaccinated. The only way to get out of this pandemic and to reduce the risk of even more dangerous variants, is to have as many people fully vaccinated as possible. In the meantime, wear your mask when you are indoors, physically distance when you can, avoid crowds, and wash your hands. Regardless of where we come from, regardless of our beliefs, we are tired of COVID-19. We may be grieving, angry, or scared, but we are not powerless. Together, and only together, we can beat the pandemic.

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## Tuition

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er than what our students actually pay can be confusing to prospective students and their families, and that's why we are resetting our price."

Along with changes to tuition, Roanoke Col-

lege also announced the launch of a center for Purpose, Life and Career Exploration, a "PLACE" dedicated to helping students explore lives of meaning and purpose through mentorship, experiential learning opportunities and career preparation.

"Research shows that Roanoke College graduates are significantly more likely than graduates from other colleges to find meaningful careers and feel their job is important," said Dr. Richard Grant, interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. "And there is growing scientific evidence showing that having a strong sense of life purpose is important to emotional and physical health and career success. This is one of the many reasons why we are creating a dedicated space on campus to help

further our students' connections to purpose in life and career."

The new tuition, for all current and new students, takes effect at the start of the 2022 academic year. Roanoke College's financial aid and scholarship packages will be adjusted in line with the new tuition, meaning current students and their families can expect to pay the same net tuition price as they currently pay, plus a smaller-than-usual annual tuition increase. Due to the new, lower tuition base, the annual tuition increases students pay over time will be lower than they would have been before the adjustment.

"Roanoke College is stronger than ever. We've recently added or expanded academic programs in public health, data science, engineering science and education

and management. We've introduced new athletics, including men's and women's swimming, men's wrestling and men's volleyball, and we are expanding our men's and women's track and field program. We're investing even more in mentorship, experiential learning opportunities and career preparation through the launch of PLACE," said President Maxey. "We're setting students up for success and helping them find a sense of purpose in their lives — and that is what we want students to think about when they think about Roanoke College. We want them to consider the best overall fit, not an obstructive sticker price."

For more information, visit [roanoke.edu/pricerreset](http://roanoke.edu/pricerreset).

-Submitted by Public Relations Department

## Acorns

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lecting and donating acorns. September and October are the best months for collecting in most areas of the state. This year's deadline for receiving acorns is October 15.

"Acorn collection can be a fun activity for both children and adults," Zimmer said. "And it provides an opportunity to learn more about Virginia tree species."

Foresters said acorn collectors should look for healthy trees by avoiding those with bulges or insect infestation, and those that appear diseased or deformed.

Make sure each burlap or paper collection bag of seed is labeled with the species, source location and date. Do not mix nuts from different species in the same bag. Store collected nuts in a cool area (not a freezer) for no more than 10 days before delivering to a VDOF office. Bags also can be mailed directly to the Augusta Forestry Center at 90 Forestry Center Lane, Crimora, VA 24431.

-Submitted by Nicole Zema, VFBF Communications

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19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder  
20. Actress Tomei  
21. Explosive  
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23. Cruelties  
26. Country singer Brad  
30. Make very happy  
31. Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal  
32. Albanian currency  
33. Subatomic particle  
34. Type of salt  
39. 007's creator

CLUES DOWN

1. Crease  
2. "Honey" actress Jessica  
3. Broad volcanic crater  
4. Product safety watchdog  
5. Southern Colombian city  
6. Part of a church  
7. Perceptible by touch  
8. Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges  
9. Hairpiece  
10. Variety acts  
11. "Mystic River" actor Sean  
13. Remove salt  
17. Went out with  
24. Type of bread  
25. Popular Eagles song  
26. Philosophy degree  
27. Yes vote  
28. Passports and licenses are two  
29. No seats available

CLUES DOWN

35. Pounds per square inch  
36. A way to launch an attack on  
37. The lowest cardinal number  
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52. Canadian flyers  
53. Houston university  
54. At some prior time  
55. Red, swollen mark

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# Kiwanis

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Members held their hands over their hearts during the Pledge of Allegiance.



Salem Mayor Renee Turk addressing those in attendance as Mary Cross looks on.

Parade and our wonderful guest speakers," Park said.

Each year, the Club offers two scholarships to seniors at both Glenvar and Salem High School who have achieved academic excellence. If not a four-year university or college, recipients can

attend a community college or technical program.

"These scholarships are in memory to honor Kiwanians or members of the community who are no longer with us, but have served our community for many years," Cross said. "The scholar-

ships are presented at one of our meetings and the students and their families are invited to join us for the presentation."

As a Club ages, so do its members. In recent years, membership to the Club has declined significantly. "If an individual is

interested in joining the Club, they can look up Salem Kiwanis on the internet and visit our site. There, they will see we meet at the Salem Civic Center on each Tuesday of the month," Cross said. "This site will give times of the meetings and show

events and projects the club is doing for the period."

Park says she is glad she joined the Salem Kiwanis Club and never once regretted her decision. The same thing, she said, goes for my fellow members.

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See the Creator's magnificence in a fiery sunset glinting off the ocean. Fill your senses with His beauty flowing from a meadow alive in spring flowers. Recognize His splendor as stars light the night sky.

Precious time spent resting in the presence of the all-knowing, all-powerful, ever-present God strengthens a person's soul. Filling mind, soul, and spirit with His goodness and grace calms the spirit. Contemplating His protection and provision, remembering His love and sacrifice, and resting in His mercy refreshes the mind.

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him (Habakkuk 2:20).

Many look to government, possessions, or other people for security. They are reminiscent of those who carved impotent gods from idols of wood and stone—worshiping created things and ignoring their Creator. But nothing substitutes for God's wise care.

Take the time to sit quietly and remember who God is and what He has done. Bask in His presence. Be wrapped in the security of His perfect love.

Thought for Today: Be still and know that He is God.

Quicklook: Habakkuk 2:18-20

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# Festival

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Kianna Price Marshall speaking to the audience.

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Emily Moore and Jorge Santos of DePaul Community Resources were on-site to provide information about their organization.



More than a dozen musicians graced the stage and left a favorable impression.



Members of the community filled up Elmwood Park to support the festival.

High Point. A theatrical tribute to historic Henry Street was also on the bill.

Ask five different attendees what they enjoy most about the festival and likely, five different responses will be given.

"I love the variety of vendors the festival always has. Each year that I attend, I come across new entrepreneurs that I end up supporting," James Paul said. "This year I purchased some lo-tions for my wife, a dress for my mother and some African garments for myself."

Explained Havana Woods, "I love music just about as much as I love oxygen. Getting to experience different acts grace the stage over the years has been a real treat for me. Two of the bands this year I had never heard of until they performed. After their set, they made a new fan."

What Bryan Carter loves most about the festival is that it provides an opportu-

nity to catch up with friends and loved ones. "I've kept in touch with family and close friends during the pandemic, but there is nothing like seeing them in person," he said. "We stayed the entire time and greatly enjoyed ourselves from start to finish."

One didn't have to be an African American to enjoy last Saturday's festival. At an early age, Abigail Clarkson's parents emphasized the importance of learning about different cultures and ethnicities.

"I am obviously white, but I've never felt uncomfortable or mistreated at the festival," she said. "The exact opposite actually. I make sure that I ask questions when I don't know something, and people are always more than accommodating. I would not have the life perspective that I do today without attending events like the Henry Street Music Festival every year."

## OBITUARIES

### Nelson, Jacqueline Duke "Jackie"

Jacqueline Duke "Jackie" Nelson, 85, most recently of Virginia Beach, Va., passed away on September 6, 2021, after a long illness.

Jackie was born on August 21, 1936, to Frank and Jessie (Wheeler) Duke. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Priscilla D. Evans; and nephew, Charlie Nelson.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, T. Garth Nelson; her daughters, Jane Nelson Herbert and husband, Doug, of Bethesda, Md. and Cynthia Nelson Barnhurst of Virginia Beach, Va.; grandchildren, Allison and Erin Barnhurst of Virginia Beach, Va., Garth Herbert and fiancée, Taylor Becker, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Katie Herbert of Iowa City, Iowa; aunt, Hazel Shelor; niece, Lisa Baar and husband, Eric, and her children, Meredith and Spencer Scavone; and nephews, Frank Page, Tom and Lee Nelson; as well as many other relatives.

Jackie and Garth met in 1955 in Salem after Garth returned from the service and began a life togeth-



er dedicated to family, friends and church. They had many lifelong friends from childhood and high school with whom they shared fun times and special memories. They moved to Richmond when their daughters were small and made many dear friends with whom they remain close to this day. They became very involved at Bon Air Presbyterian Church, where they were members for more than 50 years. They fondly remembered their time volunteering at Wednesday Night Suppers.

Many thanks to those who helped to care for Jackie in the last years of her life, especially the staff at Pelican Health Nursing Home in Virginia Beach.

A graveside service will be held at Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem on September 25 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Bon Air Presbyterian Church in Richmond, or a charity of your choice. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

### Vorst, Leon August

Leon August Vorst of Fairhope, Alabama (formerly of Salem) passed away on September 16, 2021. He was born September 20, 1939, in Middle Point, Ohio, to Andrew Joseph Vorst and Marie Wilhelmina Wurst Vorst, who preceded him in death.

He was also preceded in death by his older brother, Eugene Vorst of Middle Point; sister-in-law Patricia Mueller Vorst of Middle Point; wife Janie Webb Vorst, of Salem; Goddaughter and niece, Karen Vorst Barnes of Middle Point; and nephew Clark Dyer.

He enjoyed a long career as a Mechanical Engineer in various contexts, starting out with General Motors and the Gemini Space Program in Dayton, Ohio; then Gardner Denver in Grand Haven, Michigan; and finally, Hayes, Seay, Mattern, and Mattern (AECOM) in Roanoke, where he eventually retired as Associate Vice President.

Leon's surviving family includes his loving wife: Shirley Vorst, Fairhope, AL; and children: Laura Vorst, Falmouth, VA; Eric Vorst, Falmouth; Kyle Vorst and wife, Neeta Karki Vorst, Vinton, VA; Holly and Inge Johnson, Fairhope;



and Kathryn Orr, Richmond, VA, all of which he adored and was very proud of.

He also has several grandchildren: Jarod Harrington, Andrew Vorst, Leon Vorst, Nina Rose Vorst, Aaliyah Vorst, Sanskrit Vorst, Ryan Johnson and Madison Johnson, and he thoroughly enjoyed sharing in their lives and attending all of their sporting, dancing and many other events.

Remaining also are Leon's sister Janet Vorst Dyer and husband Terry Dyer of Springfield, Ohio, and sister Marilyn Vorst Seck and husband Joe Seck of Atlanta, Georgia.

And, he is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and -nephews, and extended family.

Leon was an avid Virginia Tech and Notre Dame Fan, golfer, sports fanatic, church member, gardener, card player, square dancer and Salem Little League Baseball board member and Player Agent. He also enjoyed playing sports in his youth while growing up on his family farm which remains. He will be deeply missed by all of his family, friends and everyone whose lives he touched.

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**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING CONSOLIDATE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) PROGRAM YEAR 2020**

The City of Radford has completed its Consolidate Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year. The report includes an assessment of expenditures in relation to community objectives, progress on HUD financed activities, and an analysis of persons benefiting from activities.

A citizen comment period will run from September 20, 2021 through October 4, 2021. A copy of the CAPER may be found on the City's website or in the City Manager's office. Questions or comments should be directed to Melissa Skelton, Community Developer at [melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov](mailto:melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov) or in person at City Councils meeting on September 27, 2021 at 7pm, located at 10 Robertson St., Radford.

**Legals - Montgomery County**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM 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:

A. Major Home Occupation Conditional Use Permit for a single-chair salon in the Agricultural zoning district at 725 Stafford Drive on Tax Parcel 405 - ((A)) - 8. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Rezoning from R-3, Multi-Family Residential and B-3, General Business to B-3, General Business by the Montgomery Museum & Lewis Miller Regional Art Center (Montgomery Museum of Art and History) at 300 Pepper Street SE on Tax Parcel 527 - ((A)) - 235. The property is designated as Parks/Open Space. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at [www.christiansburg.org/youtu](http://www.christiansburg.org/youtu) be and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/publichearings](http://www.christiansburg.org/publichearings).

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at [awarren@christiansburg.org](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org) with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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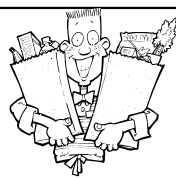
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"I had a friend here from Florida for my son's wedding and he said it was the most exciting game he ever saw," said Clifford. "But you hate to lose a game like that. Give them credit, they made the plays when they had to."

Wolk finished with 413 yards passing, just seven away from the school record held by Levi Mullins. Aiden was 24 for 33 with four touchdown passes.

Dagan Williams had 10 catches for 173 yards



**Glenvar's Aiden Wolk has good protection as he looks for a receiver against Hidden Valley. Wolk threw for 413 yards against the Titans, just seven yards short of the school record.**

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while Swanson had nine for 176 and Mason Anderson had four catches for 33. Hanks had 113 yards rushing on 21 carries and Wolk ran 21 times for 97 yards.

The win allowed Hidden Valley to remain undefeated at 4-0 while

Glenvar lost for the first time, falling to 3-1. The Highlanders will be back home this Friday for their Three Rivers District opener against Carroll County, and it's also Homecoming. Carroll is off to an 0-3 start with losses to

Grayson County, Galax and George Wythe, in double overtime, last week.

"They have a good quarterback and they're much improved," said Clifford. "They lost some close games, it won't be easy."

## AL, Glenvar football

Andrew Lewis and Glenvar are both scheduled to play middle school football games this week.

Lewis is scheduled to play Northside on Wednesday. However, as of press time middle school officials were considering moving the game to today, Thursday, with bad weather looming on Wednesday. Glenvar has a game scheduled with Christiansburg today, at Christiansburg at 5:30 pm.

The Highlanders played at Shawsville last week and won, 40-0. Cooper Mullins led the attack at quarterback and is also the kicker for the Highlanders. Rawlin Hanks, Ranger Swanson, Joey Loder, and Lerone Alexander scored touchdown for Glenvar.

The Lewis eighth grade team had a game with Hidden Valley cancelled, but the seventh graders played on Monday and beat Northside, 46-12, to run their record to 5-1-1 on the season. The seventh graders are at Cave Spring Middle School next Monday, September 27.

## Salem Rec. ups pay to lure new officials

The City of Salem Department of Parks and Recreation is giving a pay raise to officials for youth and adult sports in hopes of attracting more quality individuals.

"We've been having a hard time trying to cover games this year for various reasons and have increased officials' pay in hopes of attracting some new people," said Scott Hall of the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation. "Sports mean a lot to people in Salem, but we can't have games if we don't have officials."

New rates, per game, are now \$70 for youth baseball and softball, \$45 for football, \$35 for youth basketball, \$30 for flag football, adult softball and adult touch football, and \$25 for coach-pitch. Scorers for youth basketball will now receive \$14 per game.

Anyone interested in applying can call the sports office at 540-375-4094.

## Youth basketball registration

Registration for recreation basketball in the city of Salem is now underway. Girls and boys ages six to 18 are eligible for leagues conducted by the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation.

Registration will be held through Sunday, October 10. There are several ways to register. You can go to the city online site with the link Youth Sports Registration, you can register by phone by calling 540-375-4094 or you can go to the recreation office in person at 925 Union Street, across from the skate park, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm during the week.

Cost is \$40 for Salem residents and \$90 for tuition paying Salem students who are currently enrolled in a Salem school.

Registrations will be accepted through October 10 and there will be a one week "late sign-up" period at the conclusion of registration. During this time, participants may still sign up but will be charged a \$25 late fee in addition to all league fees. Registrations will not be accepted after the late sign-up period.



### Last but not least

The last shall be first in this week's football contest.

On Monday I sat in my favorite chair correctly a stack of contest entries while watching the Packers defeat the Lions and with all but one entry left I thought I had a winner. Several folks had five misses but one was closer to the high point total of the week, which was 59 by North Carolina against Virginia.

But alas, the final entry turned out to be the winner. Dickie Jennings of Chamberlain Lane missed just four games and he's the winner of the 50 dollar gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and the large blizzard from Dairy Queen. I wish I would have corrected my entry first, because then I could have stopped every time I got to five wrong on all the others.

For last week's Quick Change question I asked you to pick the score of the Tech-Virginia game. The final score was 27-21 when the Mountaineers held the Hokies with a goal line stand in the final minute of play, and the closest to that score was Ron Jordan, who picked WVU to win 28-20. Ron will get a free oil change from Valvoline of Salem, right across from our office on West Main Street.

For this week's Quick Change question give me your prediction on next Monday's game between the Eagles and Dallas. That's always a big one at our house and I'm nervous already because the Cowboys have looked really good the first two weeks. Put your prediction, including the score, in the space provided and the closest to the actual score gets a free oil change from Valvoline.

--Brian Hoffman



*Sandlot Football at Spartan Field*

**Spartan Field was the site of a sandlot tripleheader last Saturday morning as Salem recreation football teams competed on a hot September day. Above, C.J. Goens of the 8-U Salem Wolverines beats a Vinton defender to the pylon to score. Below, Luke Sorrells of the 10-U Salem Spartans finds running room between two Cave Spring defenders.**

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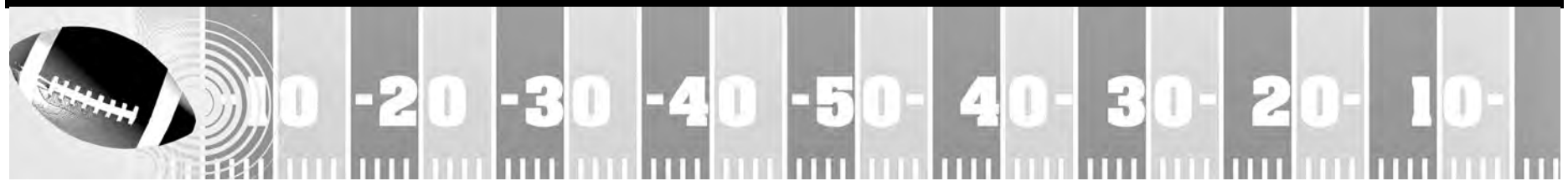
## LAXTRAVAGANZA

**Roanoke College was the site for last week's "Laxtravaganza" as Maroon lacrosse players from the past 50-plus years gathered for a weekend of fun. The group had an alumni game on Friday, a social on Friday night and a golf outing on Saturday with hopes of making this an annual event. Here alumni players pose for a group shot at Kerr Stadium.**

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-Be sure to include your name, address, and high point total for the week. High point total is decided by the most points scored by ANY ONE TEAM in the games listed for the week. High point total is used to break ties only, and all decisions will be final.

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# Spartans at Roa. Cath. tonight

The Salem High volleyball team will try to get back to their winning ways when they take

on Roanoke Catholic in Roanoke tonight.

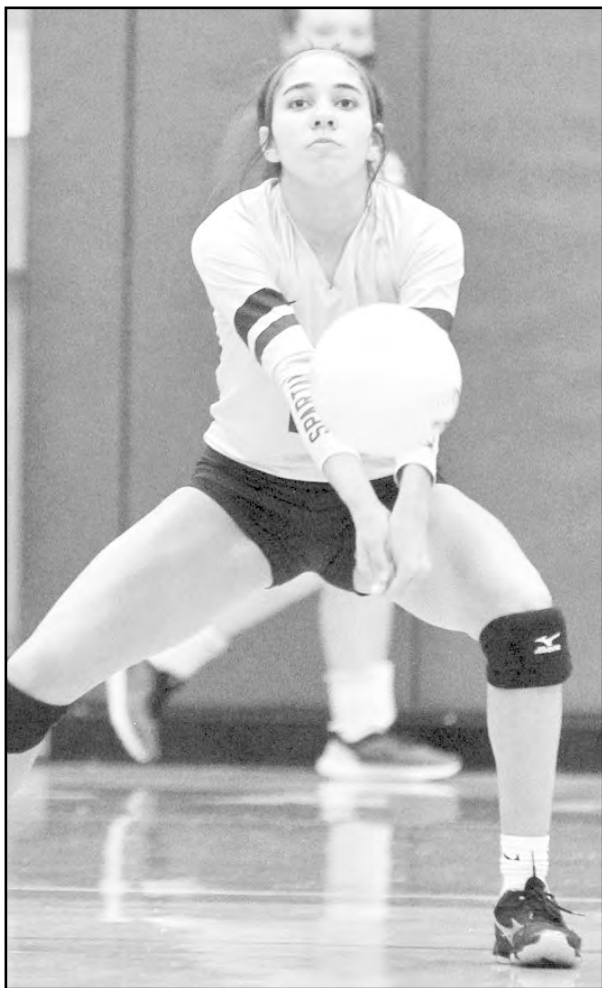
The Spartans are 3-6 after a five set loss to Cave Spring at the Andrew Lewis Middle School gym on Tuesday night. Salem led in sets twice before the Knights prevailed, 22-25, 25-16, 20-25, 25-16, 15-5.

Statistically, Salem was led by Kennedy Scales with nine kills, 11 digs and three aces. Reese Redford had 14 digs and three aces while Emma Johnson had 12 digs and Ella Walker had five kills and four blocks.

Last Thursday in Blacksburg the Spartans dropped a match in three sets. The host Bruins won 25-6, 25-22 and 25-17.

Salem was led by Redford with nine digs and an ace. Walker had four kills and four blocks at the net.

The Spartans will be back home for back-to-back games on Monday and Tuesday of next week, hosting William Fleming on Monday and Pulaski County on Tuesday.



Salem's Kennedy Scales gets a dig in last week's match at Blacksburg.

PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

# Wolverines win three matches

The Andrew Lewis Middle School volleyball team had a good week. The Wolverines swept a doubleheader from Pulaski, then beat Read Mountain and William Byrd.

Lewis won in three sets against Read Mountain, coming from 13-11 down to win the third and deciding set 15-13. The Wolverines beat Byrd in two sets,

25-22 and 25-23.

Lewis is scheduled to play Blacksburg at home on Wednesday of this week and Hidden Valley at home on Thursday. The Wolverines come into the week at 7-4.

"We are very proud of the way the girls are playing right now," said coach Perry Manning.



Emma Collins sets one up for Lewis.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

# SHS, Glenvar in Alleghany Invitational

The Salem and Glenvar cross country teams will be competing in the Alleghany Invitational, hosted by Alleghany High School, this Saturday at the Jackson River Sports Complex in Covington.

The event includes seven different races, beginning with an Elementary School run for both boys and girls at 9 am. The middle school boys will run at 9:30 am, followed by the girls at 10 am. The varsity races will be at 10:30 am for the boys and 11:15 for the girls and jayvee races will wrap up the day beginning at noon.

The Jackson River Sports Complex course is extremely flat, with only 67 total feet of elevation and a groomed grass surface, multiple clean bathrooms, concessions and a large parking area. It was the location of the 2018 Region 3D and 2020 Region 2C Championship races.

# RC women bounce back from first soccer loss to beat Pfeiffer

The Roanoke College women bounced back from their first soccer loss of the season with a 2-0 win over Pfeiffer at RC last Saturday.

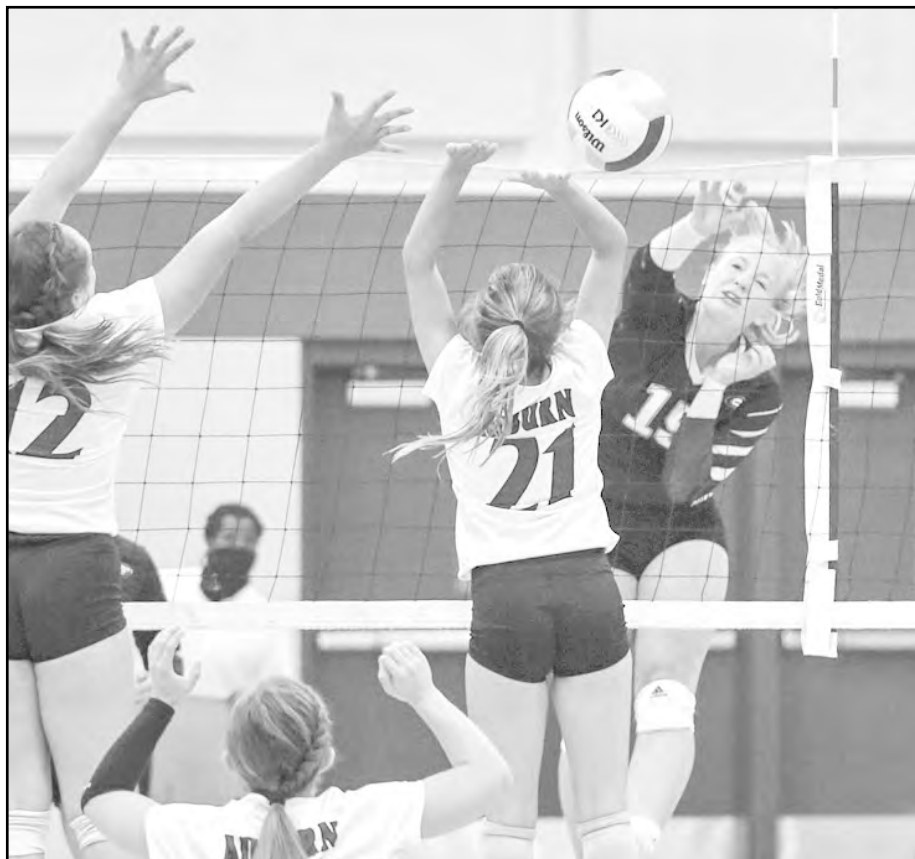
The Maroons were 5-0 before falling at Christopher-Newport last Wednesday, September 15. Three days later in Salem the Maroons returned to their winning ways when they welcomed a winless Pfeiffer squad to Kerr Stadium.

On their second corner kick of the evening, Emma Woods sent a pass across the front of the goal where a pair of Maroons looked to put the shot away. Mia Clary was poised to head the ball into the right side of the net, but before she could make contact Makayla Metzler used her left foot to blast the ball into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

At the 33:51 mark of the opening half, a ball was sent down the sideline into the deep right corner. Eliza Ryan won the race to the ball and sent a perfect centering pass into the box where Logan Tyler beat the keeper to make it 2-0. That was all the offense that the Maroons would need as the defense would only allow a pair of Falcon shots on goal throughout the match.

In goal, Carrington Lippi made two saves before giving way to Taylor Gallik as the duo combined for the Maroon's fifth shutout of the season.

The Maroons were scheduled to play host to the University of Lynchburg in Kerr Stadium on Wednesday night. On Saturday they go to Lexington for a 1 pm conference match with Washington & Lee.



Glenvar's Claire Griffith spikes one by two Auburn blockers in last week's match.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY AKERS

# Auburn edges Glenvar in 5 again

The Glenvar volleyball team rebounded from a close loss at Auburn last week to defeat Class 3 William Byrd at Glenvar High Monday night. Glenvar won in three sets, 25-20, 25-15 and 25-12.

Cara Butler led Glenvar with six serving aces and eight digs. Hannah Hylton had 17 digs and Sydney Loder had eight blocks at the net.

The win gave Glenvar a 3-2 record on the season and both losses have been five-set marathons against Auburn, the spring season Class 1 state champion. In a prior match at GHS Glenvar outscored the Eagles in total points but lost the match, and last week in Riner they lost the rematch in an equally tough battle. Glenvar won the first two sets, 25-23 and 26-24, before Auburn rallied to win the next three, 25-17, 25-19 and 15-9.

"We just missed too many serves," said Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback. "We missed 18 serves and that's very unusual for us. We only missed five against Byrd Monday and we've had matches where we only missed two or three. It wasn't just one girl, it was the whole team."

Rohrback couldn't put his finger on what the problem was.

"They have a nice gym with great lighting," he said. "We were hitting a lot of them long for some reason. When you miss serves it's hard to get into any kind of rhythm."

Bailey Conner had 20 kills in this match while her sister, Audrey Conner, had 29 assists. Hylton had 12 kills.

"This was just our fifth match and it was the 14th for Auburn, and playing matches is crucial to becoming a polished team," said Rohrback. "Certainly we wanted to win, but our goal for the season is not to win our fifth match. We're still working on stuff to get to our goal at the end of the season."

Glenvar was scheduled to host Northside on Wednesday, and the Highlanders will open Three Rivers District play next Tuesday at Carroll County.

# RC is 5-10

The Roanoke College women's volleyball team won one and lost three in the Ginny Hunt Kilt Classic in Wooster, Ohio last weekend.

Roanoke fell to Bluffton, 3-0, and host Wooster, 3-1, on Friday before splitting two matches Saturday. The Maroons beat Geneva three sets to one but were shut out by Denison, 3-0, to fall to 5-10 on the season.

In the win over Geneva Roanoke was dominant in the opening set, cruising to a 25-8 win. After splitting the next two sets, The Maroons broke open a close fourth frame and closed out the Golden Tornadoes, 3-1.

Parker Moody and Kayleigh Eason led the Maroons attack with 11 kills apiece. Peyton Kirchner added eight kills and four assisted blocks while Rylee Mayer recorded one solo and five assisted blocks. Olivia Newman accounted for 31 of RC's 46 assists with Kennedy Clemmer and Linsey Bailey each had 16 digs.

The Maroons were scheduled to open conference play on Wednesday of this week at Washington & Lee, followed by two ODAC matches at the University of Lynchburg on Saturday. RC will play host Lynchburg at noon and Eastern Mennonite at 2 pm.



Kennedy Clemmer serves one up for RC.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

# Maroon soccer men are 5-1-1

The Roanoke College men's soccer team is 5-1-1 after tying Mary Washington in Fredricksburg last Saturday, 1-1.

The Maroons continued a five-match road swing with a trip to Mary Washington after defeating Hamden-Sydney on Wednesday night of last week, 3-0. In Fredricksburg Roanoke scored first but a late first half goal would see the score tied, 1-1, at the break. Neither team would score in the second half, nor did the tie get broken after a pair of extra periods, resulting in a 1-1 draw.

Liam Camilleri scored Roanoke's

goal off an assist by Dylan Berk. With just over seven minutes remaining in the first half the Eagles would net the equalizer and that was all the scoring for the day. Zach Behe went the distance in goal for the Maroons and recorded six saves.

The Maroons were scheduled to play at Pfeiffer on Wednesday and this Saturday they continue their five game trip in Charlotte, NC with a game against Emory at 2 pm. Roanoke will play at Randolph-Macon next Tuesday before returning home to host Eastern Mennonite on Friday, October 1 for "Senior Night."

# Roanoke hockey sweeps weekend

The Roanoke College field hockey team is 3-2 after sweeping two weekend games in Sewanee, Tennessee. The Maroon ladies shut out two, beating host Sewanee on Saturday, 6-0, and coming back Sunday to down Rhodes College, 1-0.

On Sunday a penalty shot awarded in the first quarter saw Roanoke take the advantage and hold it through the remainder of the first half. The Maroons outshot the Lynx and thanks to a trifecta of saves, Roanoke held on for the 1-0 win.

At the 10-minute mark of the matchup, Roanoke was awarded a penalty corner that led to an Emilee Wooten scoring chance. The shot was saved but a penalty in the box gave Roanoke a penalty shot. Wooten was able to beat the Rhodes goalie for an 1-0 advantage and that goal held up for the remainder of the game.

Hannah Roerden picked up the shutout, her second in as many days, recording saves on each of the three shots on goal that she faced.

The Maroons will return home to face Wilson College Saturday at 2 pm on the turf of Kerr Stadium in Salem.



## Brian Hoffman



### Don't call 'em Redhogs

Watching the Washington Football Team play on Thursday Night Football last week I was interested to see if anyone slipped up and called them “Redskins” by mistake. If it happened, I didn’t hear it.

Prior to the season it was announced that fans will no longer be allowed to wear Native American inspired ceremonial headdresses or face paint at home games. I guess shirts and hats with the old logo were still permitted, and I really don’t see how you could stop it. Once it gets cold are you going to tell people they can’t wear their expensive coats and jackets with the name Redskins or the logo associated with the team for so many years? I think there must be some kind of constitutional right that covers that. Is there a “freedom of apparel” amendment?

I was watching closely last Thursday to see how many old logos I could see in the crowd. At one point Terry McLaurin scored a touchdown and jumped into the crowd behind the end zone. I freeze-framed the TV to see how many Redskins logos I could see and you know how many I found? “None,” to my surprise. Oh well, it’s still not cold.

Within the past couple weeks the final choices for the new Washington team came to light. Apparently the final eight are, in alphabetical order, Armada, Brigade, Commanders, Defenders, Presidents, Redhogs, Redwolves and, alas, the current name Washington Football Team.

I’m not sure which one I’d prefer if I were a fan of the team. “Washington Football Team” is gaining some momentum, but the word is that won’t be the choice. To me it sounds like a soccer kind of name, where many of the teams don’t have nicknames. Did anyone suggest “Washington United?” The logo could be Mitch McConnell and Nancy Pelosi holding a football between them.

My favorite, which didn’t even make the top eight, was “Red Tails.” It was the name given to the all-black Tuskegee Airmen from World War II. It kept the “Red” in there and honored a group of heroic pilots. I thought it was a good name, but apparently it didn’t draw a lot of favor with the people who get to decide.

It’s important to get a name that will make for cool uniforms. I expect they’ll keep the burgundy and gold color scheme, and why wouldn’t you? Even the current Washington uniforms, without a nickname, are pretty classy, even though they look like Brookville. When I see Logan Thomas out there he doesn’t look much different than when he was a Bee.

It will be interesting to see which name the team picks, but they better be careful. You can find something wrong with just about anything these days. I understand why Aunt Jemima was offensive to African Americans, although she made a darned good pancake syrup, and yes I can even understand

why the name “Redskins” is offensive to Native Americans. Certainly that smiling Wahoo that was in Cleveland for 100 years might not be the best characterization of the folks who lived here before my ancestors took their land.

But Mr. Potato Head? I just don’t see the problem there.

Not long ago it was announced that Mr. Potato Head is now going to be just “Potato Head.” If he would have been Potato Head to begin with, that would be just fine, but to drop the Mister is a mystery as to why that is deemed necessary.

For one, you already have a Mrs. Potato Head, so it’s not a gender equality thing. You remember Mrs. Potato Head from the Toy Story movies. She was voiced by Doris Roberts, who played the mother on the “Everyone Loves Raymond” television show. Funny lady.

The Potato Heads have been around a long time. I actually had one when I was a kid. You get the plastic potato shell that comes in two sections, where you can store the nose, mouth, ears, etc. inside the shell. When I was a kid, the idea was that you actually could take a real potato and make characters by pushing the stems of the lips, ears and whatever directly into the spud. Of course, it’s not going to last as long as the plastic one but potatoes are cheap. Just don’t try it with a tomato.

So what’s next? There are lots of “Mister” items that could be considered gender offensive. How about “Mr. Bubble” for one? He’s been around for over 50 years, are you going to let him get in the tub with your naked three year old daughter? He should now be called, “Bubble.”

The ice cream man in our neighborhood when I was growing up had soft serve products and was called “Mr. Softie.” I guess now his truck should just say “Softie” on the side. Just asking for a stickup, you think?

You can go down the list. Mr. Clean should be just “Clean,” and ninety percent of the time it’s the woman using him. At least that’s the way it’s always been in my family, although that statement in itself might seem offensive to some women.

Anyone remember when Milton Berle was called “Mr. Television?” Well, he would be just “Television” if he were alive today.

And then there’s “October.” You know, Reggie Jackson who surely offended people by being called “Mr. October.” Anyone remember who “May” would be? Of course it’s Dave Winfield, who Yankees owner George Steinbrenner once insulted by calling him “Mr. May” in reference to his poor showing in the playoffs.

Baseball is full of offensive Misters. How about “Mr. Met?” There’s a “Mrs. Met,” but that didn’t save Mr. Potato Head, did it?

And then there’s Bob Uecker, who Johnny Carson once dubbed “Mr. Baseball.” If you say Mr. Baseball is coming on the show everyone knows who it is. But if you say “Baseball” will be on the show tonight, who knows what that means? And what would the late Joe DiMaggio think if his favorite product, “Mr. Coffee,” would change to be just “Coffee.”

There are endless ways to offend people. Rowan Atkinson’s comedic character “Mr. Bean” should now be called “Bean.” Mr. Goodbar will just be “Goodbar” and if you like Batman you’ll want to see



the episode where “Freeze” is the villain, not “Mr. Freeze.”

And don’t get me started on Dr. Seuss. One of the things that was apparently offensive in a Dr. Seuss book was a cartoon of an Asian man and he happened to be holding a bowl of rice and chopsticks. Tell me, what restaurant have you EVER been in that gave you chopsticks that didn’t serve Asian food?

You can’t have Uncle Ben sell you rice and you can’t have an Asian cartoon character eating it with chopsticks. Yes, it takes a lot of effort not to offend someone in 2021.

Good luck Washington Football Team, and you might want to stay away from Redhogs.

## SALEMITES

### LEON VORST

I was sad to learn of the passing of Leon Vorst, who was President of the Salem Little League when he lived in Salem. Leon died last week in Fairhope, Alabama.

Leon loved baseball and worked hard for the kids during his days in Salem. His son, Eric, was a lefthanded pitcher for the Salem High baseball team. Eric now lives in Falmouth, VA.

Leon would have been 82 on Monday of this week.

### ETHAN WALKER

Speaking of lefties, Salem High pitcher Ethan Walker recently committed to play at Longwood University. Ethan is a rising senior for the Spartans.

### MAXX PHILPOTT

I was sad to learn that Maxx Philpott will miss the entire 2021 football season after a knee injury. Maxx is a 6’0”, 310 pound defensive lineman at Virginia Tech from Glenvar High. He walked on with the Hokies and red-shirted during the 2019 season. In 2020 he played in nine games and was put on scholarship. Good luck to Maxx with hopes we’ll see him out there again next season.

### BRIDGEWATER FOOTBALL

Salem High grads Viante Tucker and Noah Beckley and Glenvar’s Bradey Loder are members of the Bridgewater football team this fall.

Beckley is a redshirt-senior quarterback for the Eagles who played four games last season and threw for 210 yards and a TD and also rushed for 141 yards and a score. He’s currently on the injured list.

Tucker is a junior receiver who was first team All-VaSID at kick return last season. He had six receptions in the first two games this year.

Loder is a sophomore running back. He played in four games in last year’s abbreviated season and has played in two games this year.

The Eagles are at Emory & Henry this Saturday.

## Sox let five run lead, playoff spot slip away in final game of season

The Salem Red Sox let a five run lead slip away in a game they needed to win to make the Low-A East playoffs, and missed out on a chance to host two playoff games this week. Instead, the Down East Wood Ducks grabbed the second playoff spot and will meet top-seeded Charleston in a best-of-five league championship series.

Salem had it right there for the taking. The Red Sox had a one game lead over Down East with each team finishing the regular season with a six game series, Salem at home against Delmarva and Down East hosting Charleston. Salem owned the tie-breaker, so if the two teams finished dead even the Sox would be in the playoffs.

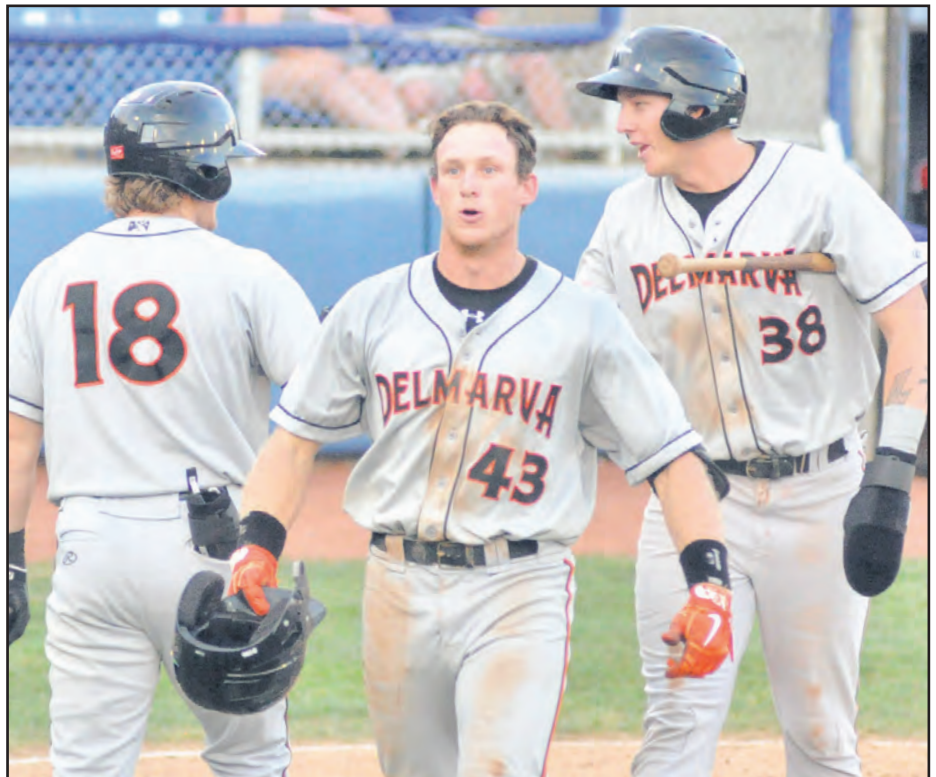
Both teams won their opening games on Tuesday and lost on Wednesday, so Salem maintained the one game lead. But the Sox lost on Thursday, 6-2, and Friday, 13-4, while Down East won both nights to pass the Sox and go one game up. Salem then won on Saturday while the Wood Ducks were shut out by Charleston, 6-0, to put the teams dead even at 71-48 with one to play. However, since Salem held the tie-breaker all the Sox had to do was win

on Sunday to make the playoffs.

Salem was in a great spot Sunday after taking a 6-1 lead after five innings. However, back-to-back errors by thirdbaseman Antoni Flores put two on to open the top of the sixth for the Shorebirds. Robert Kwiatkowski opened the inning in relief of starter Bradley Blalock, who had allowed just one earned run over the first five innings, and Kwiatkowski was the victim of six unearned runs while allowing three hits and a walk. When the smoke cleared Delmarva had a 7-6 lead.

The Sox tied the game in the bottom of the inning, loading the bases and scoring the tying run on a walk. However, the Oriole farmhands got out of the inning without further damage and it was 7-7 after six innings with a spot in the playoffs on the line.

Jacinto Arredondo pitched a scoreless seventh for Salem and Devon Roedahl did the same in the eighth, but Salem failed to scratch as well. Then, in the top of the ninth, Delmarva’s Billy Cook blasted a two-run homer off Roedahl to give the Ducks a 9-7 lead. Salem put two on in the bottom



**Billy Cook(#43) of the Delmarva Shorebirds heads for the dugout after crossing the plate following his two run ninth inning home run against Salem Sunday.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

of the inning but could not score, and when the news came in that Down East beat Charleston, 5-2, the Wood Ducks finished one game ahead of Salem for the coveted playoff spot.

The Red Sox finished their first season in the Low-A East league with a final record of 71-49. They were 33-27 at Salem Memorial Ballpark and 38-22 on the road.

## Region 4D golf is Monday

The Salem High golfers are hoping to qualify for the state Class 4 tournament when they compete in the Region 4D tournament at the Hidden Valley Country Club next Monday. Tee time is 10 am.

The top two teams in the regional will advance to the state tourney, which will be held at the Glen Rochie Country Club in Abingdon the first week in October. The top six individuals in the region not on the two qualifying teams will also advance to the state event.

This week Salem competed in the River Ridge District tournament at the Thorn Spring golf course in Pulaski on Monday and finished second. Blacksburg

shot a 285 to win going away, followed by Salem at 311 and Hidden Valley at 313. Kathryn Ha led the Spartans with a 75, followed by Taylor Davis at 77, Macy Johnson at 79 and Trey Joyce with an 80. Ha, a freshman, finished the season long points competition in first place and was named the River Ridge District Player of the Year.

Salem played a non-district match at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club last Thursday and shot 164 in a nine hole match to win by five strokes. Hunter King led Salem with a 79 followed by Alex Rea at 40, Andrew Rea at 42 and Taylor Davis at 43.

## Region 2C tournament at Olde Mill

The Glenvar golfers warmed up for the Region 2C tournament with a head-to-head match against James River at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club Monday. The Knights won on their home course, 325 to 369.

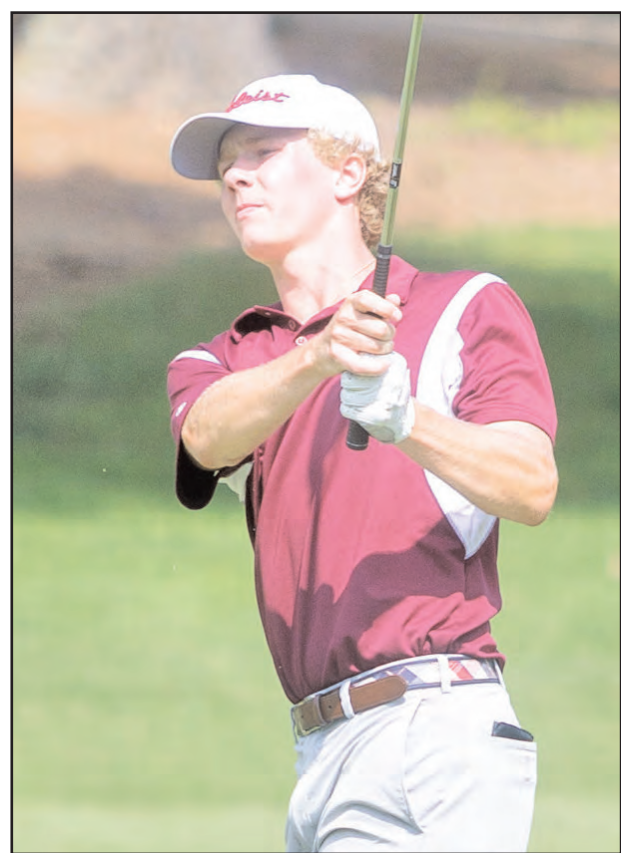
Mason Hylton had Glenvar’s best score with an 83, followed

by Jacson Shepherd at 90. Also scoring for the Highlanders were Aiden Hylton at 94 and Adam Harvey at 102. Brenden Magruder shot 87 but was not among the six who were in the lineup to score.

“That’s one of the best scores we’ve had this year,” said Glenvar coach Blaine Mills. “Mason shot

a team low 83, which is a great way to finish the regular season.”

The Region 2C tournament will be played Monday at the Olde Mill course in Carroll County. The top two teams and top six individuals not on those teams will advance to the state.



**Senior Hunter King led Salem with a 79 at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club last week.**

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Left, Cameron Martindale and Noah Collins combine to tackle a Viking for a loss in last Friday's win. Right, DaRon Wilson has good protection as he looks to pass.

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## Spartans pound Northside, Bruins opt out this Friday

The Salem High football team will be idle this Friday for the second time in three weeks, and they haven't even had their bye yet.

The Spartans were scheduled to play at Blacksburg this Friday night but Blacksburg High officials called on Monday and said the Bruins could not play. COVID concerns was the reason but the Bruins are 0-3 and in the midst of an 11 game losing streak going back to the 2019 season. While Salem officials are hesitant to question their motive it stands to reason that Blacksburg might not want to play the defending state champs. Salem beat them last year, 50-0, and Blacksburg's quarterback was injured and missed the rest of the spring season.

"They've had some COVID issues and I've heard they've had some kids quit," said Salem High athletic director Drew Barrett. "We offered to play them on Tuesday the week of our bye(Oct 12), but they haven't gotten

back on that. They may forfeit. Their AD told me to go ahead and replace them if we could."

Salem already had a game postponed with Franklin County, and that will be made up on Tuesday, October 19, the week after Salem's bye and just three days before the Spartans play Cave Spring. Blacksburg is scheduled to play Christiansburg on October 8th, Pulaski County on the 15th, and Hidden Valley on the 22nd, so they have little room to reschedule even if they resume playing.

Meanwhile Barrett was on the phone trying to find a replacement with no success. One logical opponent was Lord Botetourt, as the Cavaliers had a game with Princeton, West Virginia cancelled this week and a replacement game with Bluefield cancelled next week. The Cavaliers used to play Salem every year and Salem coach Don Holter offered to play in Daleville this Friday, giving Lord

Botetourt a big pay day on a night when they were scheduled to travel. However, Botetourt wanted no part of the Spartans.

"They said they wanted to take the next two Fridays off to get ready for their district games," said Barrett, who also made calls to Orange County, Richlands, and several other schools with no success.

Salem has played just three games thus far and the Spartans are 2-1 after shutting out Northside last Friday, 42-0 in Roanoke County. The Spartans scored in every quarter while outgaining the Vikings overall, 240-111.

The Spartans scored all six of their touchdowns on the ground. Cameron Leftwich had runs of 25 and three yards, Jayveon Jones scored on a couple two yard runs, DaRon Wilson had a five yard run and Isaiah Barlow scored on a 36 yard run in the closing minutes. Wesley Cross was perfect on all six extra points.

Statistically, Leftwich led Salem with 104 yards rushing on 16 carries while Jones had 81 on 11.

"He's running with authority," said Holter of Jones. "He had 81 yards and 77 were after first contact."

Wilson, Jamien Lingenfelter, Chauncey Logan, Jr. and Barlow combined for 116 more yards on 14 carries. Wilson was five for 10 passing for 38 yards, with Logan and Jake Massey catching two each.

On defense Noah Collins was all over the field. He had 13 tackles, including seven solos. Nathaniel McClure had 11 tackles, Cameron Martindale had eight and Carson Williams had six tackles and two interceptions.

"It was a champions' effort," said Holter. "We still have a long way to go, but I love the effort of this team."

Salem's jayvee team beat Northside 56-0 at Salem Stadium last week. The jayvee game with Blacksburg tonight has also been cancelled.

## Hidden Valley prevails over GHS in a wild one Glenvar Homecoming is Friday

If Thursday Night Football on the NFL Network was as exciting as the game Glenvar played last Thursday night the ratings would be much higher. The Highlanders lost a 55-51 shootout to Hidden Valley in a game at Bogle Field that wasn't decided until the final minute of play.

"I've never been involved in a game like that," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "We had four turnovers and a botched punt and we still almost won the game. Our kids went hard and didn't quit."

After giving up 42 points in the first half some teams might have quit. The host Titans scored 21 points in the first quarter and 21 more in the second to lead 42-28 at the half. Glenvar had a 69 yard TD pass from Aiden Wolk to Jackson Swanson, a two yard TD run by Kyle Hanks, an 18 yard TD pass to Dawson Anderson and Carl Muse field goals of 24 and 29 yards for their 28 points, which normally would be enough for a decent lead at intermission.

"We had no pass rush at all," said Clifford. "We made some adjustments at halftime and played better defense in the third quarter."

The Highlanders shut out Hidden Valley in the third quarter but couldn't put any points on the board themselves, setting up a wild fourth period that saw the two teams combine for 36 points. Glenvar scored the first 16 on a two yard run by Hanks and a 41 yard TD pass from Wolk to Dagan Williams that closed the gap to one. The extra point was missed on the second score and the Titans held on to a 42-41 lead with 8:47 remaining.

Glenvar took their first lead of the game on the their next possession, as they marched to the red zone and Muse kicked a 28 yard field goal with 4:04 to go, but the fun was just starting.

Hidden Valley answered with a 25 yard TD pass with 2:28 to go. The Titans failed on a two point conversion and it was 48-44 at that point.

The ensuing kickoff went for a touchback and Glenvar took over on their own 20, down four. It took them all of one play for Wolk to find Williams in the flat, and Dagan turned it up the sideline in front of the Glenvar bench and ran for an 80 yard score just 14 seconds after Hidden Valley had taken the lead. The extra point gave Glenvar a 51-48 edge.

Glenvar pinned the Titans inside their own 20 on the kickoff, and at that point Hidden Valley needed a field goal to send the game into overtime with time running out. However, on third down they completed a pass to the Glenvar 46, then quarterback Sam Dragovich found Ashton Carroll in the middle of the field and the speedy Titan receiver raced to the pylon and

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Glenvar's Dagan Williams(far left) runs by coach Kevin Clifford on his way to an 80 yard touchdown in the final minutes of last week's game against Hidden Valley. Below, Kyle Hanks follows Blaine Bishop(#65) into the end zone for a touchdown.

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