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Council reappoints two School Board Members

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Council reappointed two Salem School Board Members at the Sept. 27 meeting, proclaimed the date "Murray Cook Day" and recognized the Salem Sheriff's Office for its fifth professional accreditation.

Appointments of the School Board Members came after a 15-minute closed session at the end of Monday night's meeting. The appointees are Dr. Nancy Bradley, who has served 12 years on the School Board, and Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez, who is filling the six months of Dr. Mike Chiglinsky's term after his death earlier this year.

Bradley is the mother of three SHS graduates and is a professor of elementary education at Vir-

ginia Tech.

One of Sizemore-Hernandez's sons graduated from Salem High School, the next is completing SHS and working in a vocation and the third is now a fifth-grade student at South Salem Elementary. She works as a professional relations coordinator for the state's Disability Determination Services.

Julie Parsons also applied for the School Board. She has children in the school system and is a former Salem School employee. All three spoke to Council at the Sept. 13 meeting.

The Council vote Monday night was unanimous for Sizemore-Hernandez, but 4-1 for Bradley, with Vice Mayor Jim Wallace dissenting.

"I think Dr. Bradley is well qualified...but at the same time, I

think it is important to have new ideas on the School Board and new perspectives," Wallace said.

Mayor Renee Turk recognized the City of Salem Sheriff's Office for earning its fifth accreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. Sheriff April Staton and nine of her staff were present to accept the award. She praised Accreditation Manager Deputy Derek Mays for his hard work on keeping track of and completing the 926 standards the office does for accreditation.

Mayor Turk also proclaimed Sept. 27 as Murray Cook Day. Salem resident Cook is an internationally-known sports field designer. Among his accomplishments are doing the first-ever

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM
Council reappointed Salem School Board Members Dr. Nancy Bradley and Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez at the Sept. 27 meeting. Their new terms will begin Jan. 1.

Glenvar High School celebrates Homecoming



PHOTO BY KENNY FORD

Glenvar High celebrated Homecoming last Friday when the Highlanders defeated Carroll County in football, 28-0. Highlander royalty was crowned at halftime and the following were recognized, left to right, Prince Garrison Franco, Princess Sarah Kate Tozier, Queen Carly Wilkes and King Stephen Barber, Jr.

Small-scale earthquake shakes Salem, nearby areas

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The City of Salem, Roanoke County, Montgomery County, Blacksburg and other neighboring areas all experienced a small-scale earthquake on Monday around 9:40 a.m. Within minutes, the Virginia Tech Seismic Network detected the quake.

Initially thought to be a mining blast by some, the National Earthquake Information Center confirmed that it was indeed a quake. The US Geological Survey later confirmed that the quake measured at 2.4 on the Richter magnitude scale.

While earthquakes of this magnitude are considered weak, they can still be felt by people. Some Salem residents described the ground shaking between 9:30 and 9:40 a.m.

Coincidentally, Steve Withers was on his way to get a milkshake when he felt the ground move. "Over the years, I've realized that when I start my week with a strawberry

shake, a positive domino effect tends to happen," he said. "I was reaching for my wallet when I felt something. I was shocked to learn later that it was in fact an earthquake."

One minute, Andrew Crosswell was jogging through Longwood Park with his dog. And the next, he said, "I felt something slightly move. I didn't know what it was at first because I was too busy jamming to a J. Cole playlist. When I found out later that it was a quake, I thought that was cool."

It has been a decade since Virginia experienced a massive earthquake. On August 23, 2011, a 5.8 magnitude quake that centered in Louisa County was felt a great distance away from the epicenter.

Michael Joplin, 41, says he wasn't living in Virginia at the time, but remembers hearing about that Louisa County quake on the news. Monday's quake is the first one he says he ever experienced. As soon

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New owner wants help on Hickson Lock & Key history

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

For more than 100 years the two-story wooden building at the southwest corner of Colorado and Seventh Street has been a part of the community. Years ago, it was Salem Mercantile and for about the last 30 years, Hickson Lock & Key.

Now the building's new owner is looking for help from the community in finding photos or descriptions of the exterior, which once was painted with "Drink Pepsi," owner John Lipscomb said.

He is restoring the building with hopes of it perhaps becoming a store again, he said, and has already uncovered the pressed tin ceiling that comes partially down the walls.

"The architectural detail on the front is really nice," Lipscomb said, "and a lot of fluting on the woodwork." He added that some



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Known for the past 30 years as Hickson Lock & Key, this building at the corner of Colorado and Seventh was once Salem Mercantile. The new owner is asking for help from the community in finding photos or descriptions of the old exterior.

of the corners beams were put together with wooden pegs.

"We're keeping as much of the historic building as we can. The sign on the side dates back to the origins of the building," he added. "We plan to renovate the upstairs as an apartment as it had been years ago."

The refurbished building could be a lot of things, Lipscomb added. "I think it will be very attractive for someone to use as a specific store type use."

He did not know what the store's name had been, but noted it was Bud's Auto Parts before Hickson's.

A plea to members of the Salem Virginia History Facebook page produced several memories.

Susan Gray said it was Salem Mercantile when she was young. Patsy Horne Conner recalled a liquidation sale where her par-

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Hotdog Social Benefit enjoys much success



Phil Walker, one of the cakewalk winners.

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Members of the Shiloh Union Church, Catawba residents and other caring folks gathered at the church on the afternoon of Sunday, September 26, for a Hotdog Social Benefit. This is an annual affair, with the proceeds going to a local resident or family in need.

Proceeds from the meal and the Chinese auction have been donated to Jesse Sowers and his family. Sowers is the young Roanoke County farmer who was seriously injured in a recent

tractor accident. Although Jesse is making great progress, his recovery will take several months.

Pam Garman, one of the organizers of the event, said, "We are always surprised and gratified by the generosity of people who are so willing to help out those in need, even those they don't actually know. This proves that there are still many caring and loving people, especially in our local area."

-Submitted by Ann G. Harrell

Public asked to report pine snake sightings

If people have seen a pine snake slithering around their property, the Virginia Tech Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation wants to know.

The nonvenomous snake was last seen in Virginia more than 30 years ago, and researchers want to get an idea of how many are currently in the state for management and conservation.

According to a press release from Virginia Tech, northern pine snake populations currently inhabit New Jersey, Tennessee and the Carolinas, while southern populations are in Florida and Georgia and coastal regions of Alabama and Mississippi. Researchers think there may be some in Virginia, as there are several areas that would provide ideal habitats for them.

They prefer places with sandy, well-drained soils or rock ridges, and they spend most of their lives just below the ground.

"One of the challenges when you have an animal that's so secretive, sometimes its rarity is actually a product of the fact that it's very hard to see and observe," explained Dr. Kevin Hamed, an assistant professor of wildlife conservation and collection curation at Virginia Tech. "The numbers aren't very abundant, and where they're living in that underground environment, people aren't around to see them when they're active."

He explained that pine snakes are valuable to the ecosystem because they eat

small mammals - particularly ones that burrow underground and disrupt crops, gardens and lawns, such as moles.

"The pine snake is helpful in keeping those populations in check," Hamed said.

Virginia Tech is collaborating with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources and the U.S. Forest Service to collect data on the snake. According to the DWR, pine snakes have previously been spotted in Augusta, Bath, Botetourt and Craig counties - but their range could be much wider, expanding into the Shenandoah and Giles areas. Observations typically are reported from April to October in other states.

Hamed emphasized that despite having a loud, intimidating hiss when cornered or frightened, pine snakes are harmless - they're more frightened of people. However, as with any wild animal, people should not attempt to catch them.

"Just take a picture with your phone," he advised. "In case you misidentify one, we don't want anyone to possibly be bitten."

Pine snakes average about 50 inches long, and their patterns typically have black blotches on a white background or brown blotches on a tan or yellow background. They're easily confused with two other nonvenomous snakes in Virginia—the eastern hog-nosed snake and the eastern rat snake.

-Submitted by Dr. Hamed

German manufacturer to establish first U.S. operation in Virginia

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that SCHOCK GmbH, the inventor of quartz composite sinks, will invest \$85 million to establish its first U.S. manufacturing operation. Virginia successfully competed with Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina for the project, which will create 355 new jobs.

Governor Northam met with company officials in Regen, Germany, in May. SCHOCK GmbH will occupy the Lot 8 Shell Building, a 95,500-square-foot facility on 14.7 acres in Patriot Centre Industrial Park.

"We are excited to welcome SCHOCK to Virginia," said Governor Northam. "This important European company is choosing to invest in Virginia because of our highly skilled workers and our outstanding business climate. When a global leader like SCHOCK selects Virginia as its gateway into the United States, that's a sign that this is a great place to do business. We look forward to a successful partnership for many years to come."

The Commonwealth has secured more than \$48 billion in capital investment and has created 91,000 new jobs since Governor Northam took office in January 2018. Virginia has attracted major investments from leading companies like Amazon, Facebook, and Micron, and many other prominent businesses who are choosing to deepen their roots in the Commonwealth. Governor Northam has announced 839 total new economic development projects.

Founded in 1924 and headquartered in Regen, Germany, SCHOCK invented the quartz composite sink in 1979. SCHOCK has been a leading innovator in the field through its commitment to product development and traditional craftsmanship for more than 40 years. The company holds over 100 patents. SCHOCK offers a broad product portfolio comprised of over 200 sink models in more than 40 colors within its product lines CRISTALITE® and CRISTADUR®, including its CRISTADUR® GREEN Line sinks, which are made of approximately 99 percent natural, renewable, or recycled raw materials.

"This substantial investment and the creation of over 350 high-quality jobs is a tremendous economic boost for Henry County and the entire region," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. "Martinsville-Henry County has made a commitment to infrastructure, education, and workforce in the region, and we are confident the company will benefit from these efforts. We welcome SCHOCK to the Commonwealth and thank the company for this major investment."

SCHOCK will complete its operation in phases. Phase one will be completed over a five-year period, during which the company will establish the manufacturing capability to produce quartz composite kitchen sinks in their new Virginia location.

"For SCHOCK, this expansion is very special—it's our first production site outside Germany," said SCHOCK Chief Executive Officer Ralf Boberg. "The facility will serve the strongest growth market for our product category and allow us to meet demand for colored kitchen sinks with local 'Made

in the USA' products. We are thrilled to have found the ideal location in Henry County. As an industrial business hub, the region has a well-qualified and dedicated workforce—one of the key success factors for us as a company—and its geographic location and interregional infrastructure are perfect for our needs."

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with the Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development Corporation to secure the project for Virginia. Governor Northam approved a \$1.7 million grant from the Commonwealth's Opportunity Fund to assist Henry County with the project. The company is eligible to receive state benefits from the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program, administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Support for SCHOCK's job creation will be provided through the Virginia Talent Accelerator Program, a workforce initiative created by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System and other higher education partners. Funding support came from the Northam administration and the Virginia General Assembly. The program, which launched in 2019, accelerates new facility start-ups through the direct delivery of recruitment and training services that are fully customized to a company's unique products, processes, equipment, standards, and culture. All program services are provided at no cost to qualified new and expanding companies as an incentive for job creation.

"SCHOCK is an absolutely perfect fit for Henry County," said Henry County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Adams. "We are excited to have SCHOCK join the county's corporate community and look forward to what the future will bring."

"I am pleased to see that SCHOCK has selected the Patriot Centre Industrial Park in Henry County for its first U.S. manufacturing operation," said Congressman Morgan Griffith. "The jobs projected to come to the Martinsville-Henry County area over the next several years will be a great contribution to the community. I congratulate Governor Northam's office and all the state and local leaders that helped make this happen."

"The Patriot Centre Industrial Park's manufacturing facility was created to attract high-paying jobs to the Martinsville and Henry County communities, and now that investment is paying dividends for our community," said Senator William Stanley. "With the addition of SCHOCK GmbH to the Patriot Centre, Southside continues to demonstrate to industries that our region is the best place to do business in a 21st-century economy."

"The creation of hundreds of new jobs from this investment is excellent news for the people and communities of Henry County," said Delegate Les Adams. "I am pleased to join with others in welcoming SCHOCK GmbH to our region and congratulate all those involved in bringing this new investment."

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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as it happened, Joplin sent out a text to some loved ones to see if they felt anything. "Some of them said they did,

while others said didn't feel anything. All that matters to me though was everyone's safety," he said.

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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) 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.

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.

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.

Be sure to 'Like' the Salem-Times Register on Facebook.

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged September 14-20. 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:

September 14 - Joshua L. Marshall, 30, threatening-brandishing; Joshua L. Claytor, 31, violation of probation; and An-

gel M. Stewart, 31, violation of probation.

September 15 - David S. Willie, 47, shoplifting; Brandon S. May, 41, attempt to defect a drug; and Emily R. Bowman, 31, shoplifting.

September 16 - Jacob E.

Bayne, 37, damage property September 17 - Wesley B. Killen, 43, criminal trespass; and Blake E. Hayslett, 33, conceal merchandise.

September 18 - Kimberly C. Swidrak, 38, obstructing justice; Matthew T. Whitt, 34, criminal

trespass; and Peggy J. Harper, 42, violation of protective order.

September 19 - Summer D. Stassin, 19, public intoxication

September 20 - Mitchell F. Howell, 30, strangulation of another, evading police, shoplifting, failure to appear.

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts offering booster doses of Pfizer vaccines

The Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) will offer COVID-19 vaccine boosters of the Pfizer vaccine in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For adults aged 18 and older who qualify, booster doses may be obtained any time after six months from the date of the second Pfizer CO-

VID-19 vaccine. Boosters have not been approved for people who received Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines.

Booster doses should be considered for the following people at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series who meet the eligibility criteria:

•People aged 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings, and

•People 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions.

"COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness decreases slowly at six months, but people still have strong protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death" said health districts director Cynthia Morrow, MD, MPH. Because vaccine protection decreases gradually over time, there is no

individuals to get a booster dose right away.

While RCAHD is continuing to prioritize efforts to encourage all eligible persons to get their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine if they haven't already, officials are happy to be able to provide boosters to individuals for whom boosters are recommended, as well as to other adults who may benefit from a booster including:

•People aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions, and

•People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting, based on their individual benefits and risks.

-Submitted by Christie Wills, Communications Officer

Shared Stewardship Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture officially signed

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced the reopening of Green Pastures Recreation Area. The Commonwealth of Virginia will work with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service to restore and manage Green Pastures as a satellite of nearby Douthat State Park.

This area was one of the few federal outdoor recreational areas throughout the country that was set aside exclusively for African Americans during the segregation era in the 20th century.

The Governor and federal officials signed an historic Shared Stewardship agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States Department of Agriculture to coordinate a response to the increasing ecological challenges and natural resource concerns throughout Virginia. The memorandum of understanding establishes a framework for state and federal agencies to improve collaboration as they strive toward their mutual goals of reducing wildfire risk and taking action against threats to forest and ecosystem health.

"Segregation affected every aspect of life for Black Virginians, including when and where they

could access recreation spaces," said Governor Northam. "People would come from all over to Green Pastures for cook-outs, church outings, and celebrations with friends and family. Through this federal partnership, we will protect the land of this historical site and share the Green Pastures legacy with a broader audience."

The Civilian Con-

servation Corps began building Green Pastures in the Alleghany Highlands in 1938. From 1940 to 1950, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service operated the area as a segregated site for African Americans. Virginia and West Virginia opened segregated state parks in 1950. In 1963, the Forest Service changed the park's name

to Longdale Recreation Area. Under the new Historic Property Lease

between the Forest Service and the Virginia Department of Conser-

vation and Recreation, See Pastures, page 4

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Acorns/Reopenings/Holy Days ~

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

In the front yard of my small Salem home, a Chestnut Oak tree arose from the roots of one which may have fallen in the infamous derecho windstorm of nearly a decade ago. This fall, the welcome tree has its first heavy crop of acorns as the God of nature continues to regenerate.

Across our street, my neighbor's tall oak - a different variety - is also dropping a heavy crop of nuts.

Earlier in a more rural time of my life, I heard that a lot of nuts predicted a cold and snowy winter. Will it be so? Better get ready. This is a year of extremes.

A new friend, who came last year from a warmer climate, was amazed at how quickly weather can change in Western Virginia. In early fall it's not unusual for a cold and windy day to follow one of sweating while cleaning off the garden.

pandemic and daily efforts to get as many people as possible vaccinated, most churches with which I have contacts are trying to move ahead to something resembling what was familiar in 2019 before what seems to be a 100-year medical catastrophe came upon us.

Members of Unity of Roanoke Valley, who worship on a high hill just north of Salem, are planning a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of its founding. The congregation has had several pastors since 1971, many of them women.

The annual CROP Walk, which raises funds to combat hunger locally and throughout the world, is expected to take place on Sunday, October 10. It's popular with teens and active retired folk; I went on my first one in the early 1980s, but I'll leave it to those younger than I.

At First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Salem, a Caregivers Class is scheduled on October 3 and 17 on Sunday nights. And on October 24, the congregation is honoring its pastor, the Rev. Dan Netting, on his 20 years of service to them. Netting, who also has given some time to ministering to inmates of

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

the Salem and regional jails, still sends me a thoughtful commentary by Postal mail each week.

At St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville, a sign of the times is an effort to raise \$16,000 for the installation of an electronic system to live-stream worship services. Many members have grown so accustomed to getting their Sunday religion by their computers that it's probable they won't make as much effort to be in the building.

Others, like myself, want to be in the presence of the church friends who are my family since nearly all the blood kin have passed on. As one minister observed the past Sunday, the pandemic has taken many friends, but new ones are always there to be welcomed and incorporated into an existing congregation.

Sunday schools for chil-

dren and adults have resumed in some churches where they are a major part of learning as well as a time to connect with others. Soon the "coffee hour" fellowship period will be resumed in my own congregation. In early June of this year, however, I observed in a column inspired by the press service of an American denomination that soon all the Sunday fellowship events would be normal again.

That didn't happen. We keep wearily waiting and wearing our masks.

Each fall, Jews around the world observe several holy days. I grew up in my small Piedmont Virginia town knowing none of God's Chosen People, as Scripture calls those of the Hebrew tradition. My education increased enormously when I enrolled in a city professional institute in Richmond where I soon came to know several students who attended one of the synagogues or temples in the capital city.

As the long-time Religion writer for the daily Roanoke newspapers, my education was further enhanced by rab-

bis of our valley's two congregations, Beth Israel, the more traditionalist, and Temple Emanuel, a Reform group. The holy days mark significant events in Jewish history such as Passover in the spring which Christians learn was significant to Jesus in the days before His Crucifixion and Resurrection. It commemorates the deliverance of the Hebrew people from bondage to their masters in ancient Egypt.

The fall holidays of Rosh Hashanah (the New Year), Yom Kippur (the day of Atonement) and Sukkot (the Festival of Booths) are this month being observed by one of my cousins, who lives at 71 with her husband in Columbus, Ohio. The only member of my late mother's family still in touch with me, she was of a conservative Presbyterian household and years ago much disappointed her mother by marrying a Jew.

She recently messaged me that she adopted Judaism, and in recent years it has come to mean much to her; she was going to be busy with the age-old observances.

And so, we live and learn as the years pass.

Despite the continuing

Pastures

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Green Pastures will now be known by its historic name.

"Restoring and reopening Green Pastures has long been a priority under Governor Northam's Historic

Justice initiative," said Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Matthew J. Strickler. "I am pleased that we have been able to work with state and federal partners to pay appropriate trib-

ute to this place, and ensure it is accessible and properly remembered to all Virginians."

"The signing of this Shared Stewardship Agreement is emblematic of the long-standing relationship between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Commonwealth of Virginia," said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Bettina Ring. "The United States Department of Agriculture and the Virginia Department of Forestry have collaborated on the Virginia Interagency Coordination Center, forest health initiatives, water quality protection, urban and community forestry, and longleaf pine restoration. Working with and through each other, we can help ensure we have healthy forests, healthy people, and healthy communities across the commonwealth."

"Through Shared Stewardship, we have an unprecedented opportunity to work together to set landscape-scale priorities, implement projects at the appropriate scale, co-manage risks, share re-

sources, learn from each other, and build capacity to improve forest conditions," said United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Associate Chief Angela Coleman. "This collaborative approach will have direct and positive effects on land management practices for Virginians."

"The Natural Resources Conservation Service is pleased to join our sister agency, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, in renewing our commitment to partner and prioritize programs based on local needs," said United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Terry Cosby. "Leveraging funding and expertise enables us to do more to conserve natural resources, improve water quality, and protect biodiversity than we could ever hope to accomplish individually, and we hope to replicate this approach in every state across the nation."

"The Department of Conservation and Recreation will be responsible for restoring, operating and maintaining this as part of the Virginia State Parks system," said

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Director Clyde Cristman. "It's critical to acknowledge that Green Pastures was originally built because African American families were excluded from taking advantage of the outdoor recreational opportunities at Douthat State Park—only 11 miles away—and other public places in the central Appalachian region."

"We look forward to welcoming all to Green Pastures as an outpost of Douthat State Park," said Virginia State Parks Director Dr. Melissa Baker. "Once restoration work is complete, visitors can once again gather with family and friends and enjoy a connection with the outdoors while learning about its important history."

State and federal agencies will align their priorities for the surrounding George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, as well as other Virginia forests, under this Shared Stewardship Agreement. They will work to improve forest conditions in the face of urgent challenges, such as fire, flooding, insect and disease outbreaks,

and invasive species.

"The Virginia Department of Forestry is proud to be among the Southern states who have signed a Shared Stewardship Agreement," said Virginia State Forester Rob Farrell. "We are grateful to our federal partners for their support of Virginia's vision for sustainably managed forests and anticipate future successes together."

"The restoration of Green Pastures and the signing of a Shared Stewardship Agreement provide a tremendous combination of benefits for our outdoorsmen and women and our wildlife resources," said Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Executive Director Ryan Brown. "This will enhance efforts under our agency's Cooperative Agreement with the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, which is the oldest such agreement in the nation, and the preservation of Green Pastures will properly recognize the passion for the outdoors held by all Virginians, past and current."

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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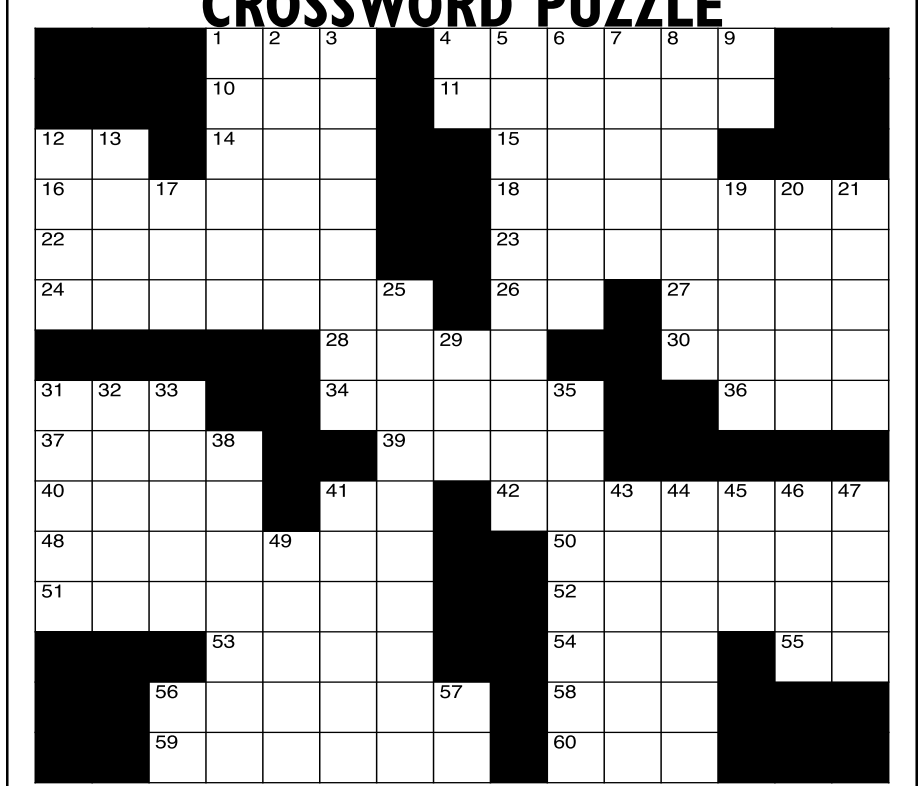
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Numbers cruncher
 - 4. Creator
 - 10. A type of center
 - 11. About spring
 - 12. Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
 - 14. Precursor to the EU
 - 15. Something that can be cast
 - 16. Gold-colored alloy
 - 18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
 - 22. A hard coating on a porous surface
 - 23. A type of detachment
 - 24. Filmmakers need them
 - 26. Promotional material
 - 27. ___ Blyton, children's author
 - 28. Short, sharp sound
 - 30. Feeling of intense anger
 - 31. Popular TV network
 - 34. Island entry point
 - 36. Disfigure
 - 37. College army
 - 39. One who's revered
 - 40. Long, winding ridge
 - 41. Football stat
 - 42. Stealing
 - 48. Hawaiian island
 - 50. More raw
 - 51. In one's normal state of mind
 - 52. Daniel LaRusso's sport
 - 53. Tropical American monkey
 - 54. Measures heart currents
 - 55. Midway between south and east
 - 56. Knotted again
 - 58. Born of
 - 59. Value
 - 60. Soviet Socialist Republic
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mother tongue
 - 2. Removes potato skins
 - 3. True
 - 4. Early multimedia
 - 5. The making of amends
 - 6. Discovered by investigation
 - 7. Small arm of the sea
 - 8. More seasoned
 - 9. Atomic #81
 - 12. Type of pear
 - 13. Chemical compound
 - 17. One's mother
 - 19. Vietnam's former name
 - 20. Snow forest
 - 21. Church officer
 - 25. Hardens
 - 29. Ancient
 - 31. Advertising gimmick
 - 32. Subatomic particle
 - 33. Not fresh
 - 35. Loosens
 - 38. Religious symbols
 - 41. Film
 - 43. Orthodontic devices
 - 44. Grilled beef sandwich
 - 45. Journalist Tarbell
 - 46. Brooklyn hoopsters
 - 47. Japanese social networking service
 - 49. Romantic poet
 - 56. Dorm worker
 - 57. Poor grades

History

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ents bought jeans for her. "They had a zipper inside the right-hand pocket," she wrote. "I hated those pants because they weren't like everyone else's jeans...but now it seems like it would be a great design."

Elizabeth Wade Bowles said she lived in the apartment upstairs after

college, from 1991 to 1993.

Lipscomb said if he can find a photograph of the exterior with the Pepsi sign he would pay to get it professionally painted again.

Anyone with information or photos of the building can contact Lipscomb's office at 540-563-9903.

Council

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On Monday, Mayor Renee Turk recognized the City of Salem Sheriff's Office for earning its fifth accreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. Present to accept the award was Sheriff April Staton and nine of her staff.

pitcher's mound in the Soviet Union, being a Disney turf consultant, designing turf for Olympic games, the grass at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and this year, designing a regulation field

next to the famed "Field of Dreams" from the film of the same name.

The mayor noted that the next Council meeting will be with Salem's Economic Development Authority on Oct. 11 in

the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center. Future meetings will probably be held there Turk said, because there is more space to spread out to meet COVID guidelines.

Dairies to receive additional assistance through new USDA program

More than \$2 billion in federal aid has been committed to U.S. dairies throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and an additional \$400 million now is available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Dairy Donation Program.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jewel Bronaugh announced Aug. 25 the establishment of the program, which aims to facilitate timely dairy product donations while reducing overall food waste. The DDP became effective Sept. 2.

Through the program, eligible dairy operations will partner with nonprofit feeding organizations to distribute dairy products to those in

need. Dairy farmers, cooperatives and processing facilities that produce retail dairy products are eligible to participate.

The \$400 million designated under the program is designed to help offset the costs associated with processing and donating qualified dairy products.

Eligible producers, co-ops and processors will be reimbursed for the cost of milk used to make donated products, as well as some associated manufacturing and transportation costs.

"The benefits of the Dairy Donation Program are twofold - it supplements other financial support for producers while providing nutritious

dairy products to American families," said Bronaugh, who previously served as commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services before her USDA appointment.

"When there is surplus milk production, we encourage the milk be donated instead of being dumped," she continued. "Together, we can help someone in need, minimize food waste and support the U.S. dairy industry."

According to USDA, the DDP is part of a wider stimulus package that will help the U.S. dairy industry respond to the ongoing pandemic, improve existing programs and establish new ones.

Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, noted USDA's continued investment in U.S. dairies could be positive for Virginia producers.

Banks said local farmers could benefit directly from the program if their cooperative or processor is eligible for participation. They may benefit indirectly as the program increases volume and consumer demand for dairy products.

"It can be a challenge to donate dairy products, because the processing required to make those products - as well as the refrigerated transportation and storage - can be

expensive," Banks said. "The DDP will make it easier for farmers, co-ops and processors to make those donations and recoup some production and transportation costs."

Program details are available at ams.usda.gov/ddp, and interested parties can apply by submitting a Dairy Donation and Distribution Plan Form.

Once approved, eligible businesses can submit reimbursement claims for dairy product donations dating from Jan. 1, 2020. Operations participating in the Milk Donation Reimbursement Program will automatically be enrolled in the DDP.

-Submitted by Tony Banks

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These Jewish leaders were preparing for Passover and had no time for such a wait. In their piety, they refused to enter the home of a Gentile, yet had no problem sentencing an innocent man to die.

These leaders allowed rules and tradition to regulate their lives. They lost sight of the purpose behind many of their traditions. In doing so, they were unable to recognize their Savior.

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Quicklook: John 18:28-32

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Honor has no bounds

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

People who serve others often know no bounds to honor their comrades. The Salem Fire and EMS Truck 1 and the Roanoke Fire and EMS Ladder 2 recently showed this with extreme measures on Thursday, September 16.

As the fallen soldier Army Staff Sergeant Ryan C. Knauss, was escorted on Interstate 81 in north Salem at 10:15 a.m. so that the Fire and Rescue teams could post a huge 25-foot flag in between their two ladder trucks as well as have many who stood on the bridge to salute as Sgt. Knauss's procession drove under the bridge.

The Salem Police Department assisted by blocking the Red Lane Bridge that crosses I-81 in north Salem at 10:15 a.m. so that the Fire and Rescue teams could post a huge 25-foot flag in between their two ladder trucks as well as have many who stood on the bridge to salute as Sgt. Knauss's procession drove under the bridge.

Leading the processional through Virginia to take Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss to the Arlington National Cemetery were the State Police Motorcycle Troopers.

Knauss was amongst the other 12 military service persons who were killed in Afghanistan on August 26 during the attack on The Kabul Airport. He was only 23, yet a soldier who gave his life.

Salem Fire Chief John Prillaman shared that they only found out about the processional the evening before.

"It came from another chief, south in Abington. He found out about the escort and sent the information to the Virginia State Fire Chiefs. It escalated from there," he said. "Others agreed to do additional intersections, with hopes that on every underpass there would be a fire fighter and a flag."

Prillaman added, "We honor a fallen fire fighter with the raising of the flag on our ladder truck."

Pictures were posted on The City of Sa-

lem - City Hall Facebook page. Countless comments flooded with honorable thank you's to the first responders, Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss for his service and prayers for his family.

"We are honored that we could pay tribute to him in this manner," they shared.

Other comments included: "Thank you for your ultimate sacrifice, Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss; Thank you! We stand together with our fellow man, Very proud of our collaborative efforts of our community in honoring this brave fallen soldier,"

"Wow, what a beautiful tribute that was so deserved. A life lost in an unnecessary and tragic way, So, proud to be from a town where heroes get the respect they deserve! Thank you for doing this for him,"

"Thank you, Salem for honoring Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss. Makes me proud to live in Salem with my family. Thank you, Staff Sgt. Knauss for your service and my families' hearts are with you and your family. May Sgt. Knauss rest in peace., Pure class,"

"Thank you, Salem and Roanoke 1st Responders. God bless you Sgt., Wow, what a heartfelt tribute. Thank you, Salem and Roanoke, for honoring this hero."

Craig County's EMS Director Jim Cady said, "Unfortunately, we did not know he was passing through the Valley. We send our respects, and we also thank those agencies that did show honor to Him."

Solemn respect filled the air after the procession passed, taking ten of the men and women who just held a heartfelt salute, to fold the American flag.

"Anytime we get a chance to honor someone that gave their life, it is huge for all of us," Prillaman said before adding, "We are first Americans. It is a great opportunity to pay our respects to someone like that, being a part of Virginia's fire service coming together, all up the interstate corridor."



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OBITUARIES

Doyle, Mildred Estelle Bottenfield

Mildred Estelle Bottenfield Doyle, 92, of Roanoke, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, Sept. 20. She was born in Bath County, Virginia, on Nov. 10, 1928, to the late Clarence A. and Jane Bottenfield.

She was predeceased by husband, Fred E. Doyle, Jr., sons: Robert L. Doyle and Stephen M. Doyle, sisters: Dorothy Stille Buckholtz, Lucille Koogler (Paul), brothers: Carl Bottenfield, Clarence Bottenfield, Jr. (Betty), and Bryan Bottenfield.

Mildred is survived by daughters Brenda Robbins (Ken Dalton) and Debra Fuqua (Thomas); sons Fred "Burch" Doyle, III and W. Gregory Doyle, daughter-in-law, Carol Doyle; eight-grandchildren Michelle Bloom (Greg), Matthew Doyle (Lauren), Trevor Doyle (Janet), Ashley Pinkerton (William), Amanda Hughes (Nathaniel), Mallory Stribling (Andrew), Casey Doyle and Brooke Doyle; eight great-grandchildren Robert "T.J."



Watkins, Kenzie Watkins (Brian Cuddy), Kristina Prince, Hailley Doyle, Elena Sweeney, Charles Stribling, Stone Doyle and Griffin Stribling and three great-great-grandchildren Luciana Berrios, Ava Prince and James Cuddy, brother Herman Bottenfield (Carol) and sisters-in-law Jackie Bottenfield, Betty Bottenfield and Nancy Doyle and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mildred and her husband, Fred, were life-long residents of Salem and together owned and operated Doyle's Auto Cool.

The family received friends beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Lotz Funeral Home, 1330 E. Main Street in Salem. Graveside services followed at 12 p.m. at Sherwood Memorial Park 1250 E. Main Street in Salem. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice, 2408 Electric Rd., Roanoke, VA 24018.

Smith, Shelby Hodge

Shelby Hodge Smith, 83, of Salem, died on Tuesday September 21, after a long illness. The family received friends at John M. Oakey and Son in Salem on Thursday, September 23, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. A memorial service was held on Friday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Salem, followed by interment at Sherwood Memorial Park.

Shelby was born on May 4, 1938, in Hinton, West Virginia, the daughter of Ernest W. Hodge, and Wanda Hartwell Hodge. She attended and was a cheerleader at Talcott High School in Talcott, West Virginia. Shelby soon moved to Salem and worked for several local businesses, including Newberry's, ITT, Poly Scientific, Powell Pharmacy and General Electric before joining her husband at their family business Smith and Company Accounting. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Salem where she volunteered regularly and served on the Board of Trustees.

Raised in West Virginia, Shelby grew up without indoor plumbing or electricity. She earned a GED after getting married before she completed high school. These early struggles made her extremely proud of her later successes in life, including the accounting business she built with her husband and sending all her children to college and on to successful careers of their own. She was most proud of the family she built and doted on her



grandchildren who were her greatest joy.

In addition to her parents, Shelby was predeceased by husbands Robert "Bob" F. Smith and Steve Galanes, sisters Janie Jeffries of Salem, JoAnne Hopkins of Clifton Forge, Jackie Dooley of Roanoke, and her brother Robert Hodge of Ironto, Virginia.

Shelby is survived by her devoted children: daughter Kay Mook and son-in-law Rex Mook of Salem; son Richard Smith and friend Danielle Whitmire of Salem; daughter Jennifer Shail and son-in-law Todd Shail of Dalton, Georgia, and daughter Robyn Ellis and son-in-law David Ellis of Salem. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Alisa Burns and her husband Chris Burns, Emily Mook, Madison Smith and his wife Casey Smith, Devon Smith and his wife Sierra Smith, Audrey Lewis, Rose Ellis, Charlie Lewis, Henry Ellis, and Jack Ellis, and great-grandchildren Camden Burns, Violet Burns, and Emmaline Smith.

She is survived by her brother Jerry Hodge and sister-in-law Sandra Hodge of Forest, and brother-in-law Ronnie Dooley of Roanoke. Shelby also had many special nieces and nephews and played a significant role in bringing joy to their lives.

Shelby's family is grateful for the care and attention of the staff at Heritage Roanoke, and several caregivers who tended her in the last year of her life, including Lisa Conner, Karen Dowell, Melissa Hatcher and Kim Shears.

Governor's High School Voter Registration Challenge starts this week



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Gov. Northam has said that schools across Virginia have set a goal to register 65 percent of eligible voters.

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced the start of Virginia's sixth annual Governor's High School Voter Registration Challenge.

"Our democracy depends on voting, and it should be as easy as possible," said Governor Northam. "Our landmark 2021 Voting Rights Act of Virginia makes voting easier and more accessible. This challenge helps ensure young people have the resources they need to become active and civic-minded citizens for life."

The Governor's High School Voter Registration Challenge encourages schools to register as many of their voting-age population as possible. High schools that register at least 65 percent of their eligible senior class will receive a congratulatory certificate from the Governor. The annual competition, created in 2016, is the result of a collaboration between the Office of the Governor, the Secretaries of Administration and Education, the Virginia Department of Elections, and the League of Women Voters of Virginia.

The Governor's Challenge helps high schools comply with a 2020 law that requires Virginia public high schools to facilitate voter registration during the school day. Students born on or before November 2, 2003, can register to vote in this year's November

2nd general election.

"We are always excited to be a part of this event," said Secretary of Administration Grindly Johnson. "This contest is a great way to introduce the next generation of Virginia voters to the electoral process. We hope that it continues to encourage students to be enthusiastic about making their voices heard and contributing to our democracy."

There are many ways to register to vote. Volunteers or local election officials will provide voter registration opportunities for students in public and private high schools. Virginians are automatically registered when they access services at a Department of Motor Vehicles office or on the DMV website. Additionally, Virginians can register to vote by submitting paper applications to their local general registrar by mail, in person, or by completing the online form on the Department of Elections' website.

"We remain committed to assisting high schools throughout the Commonwealth in meeting their obligations to register qualified students, whether in person or virtually," said League of Women Voters of Virginia President Deb Wake. "We believe each qualified high school student who registers to vote is given a strong start to exercising and understanding their valuable rights as a citizen of Virginia. We encourage high schools to give students an opportunity to register before the October 12 deadline for the November 2nd general election."

Resources to help schools educate and register students are available through the Department of Elections and the League of Women Voters of Virginia. Schools participating in the Governor's Challenge can get credit for each student who registers to vote via the Department of Elections' Citizen Portal by using their school's unique URL that can be found on the League of Women Voters of Virginia website. For more information, contact Janet Boyd, Voter Services Director for the League of Women Voters of Virginia, at HSVRChallenge@lwg-va.org.

The Governor's Challenge will conclude in the last week of April 2022.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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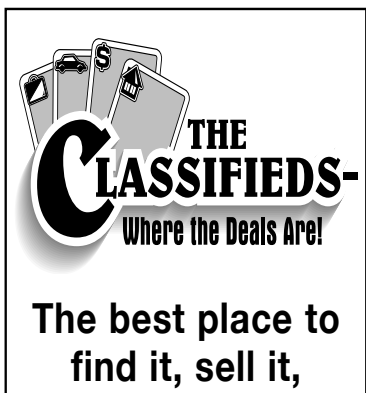
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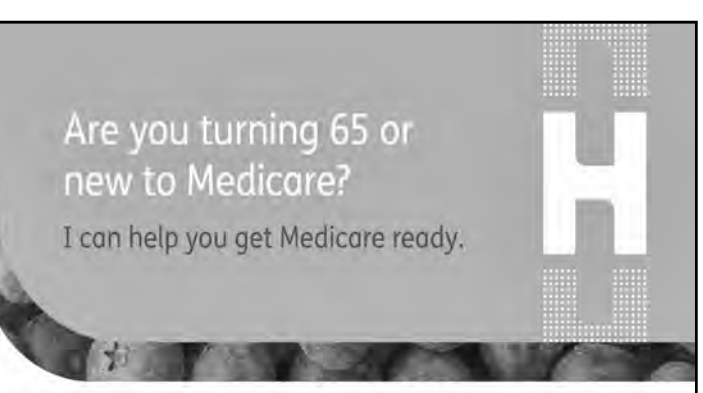
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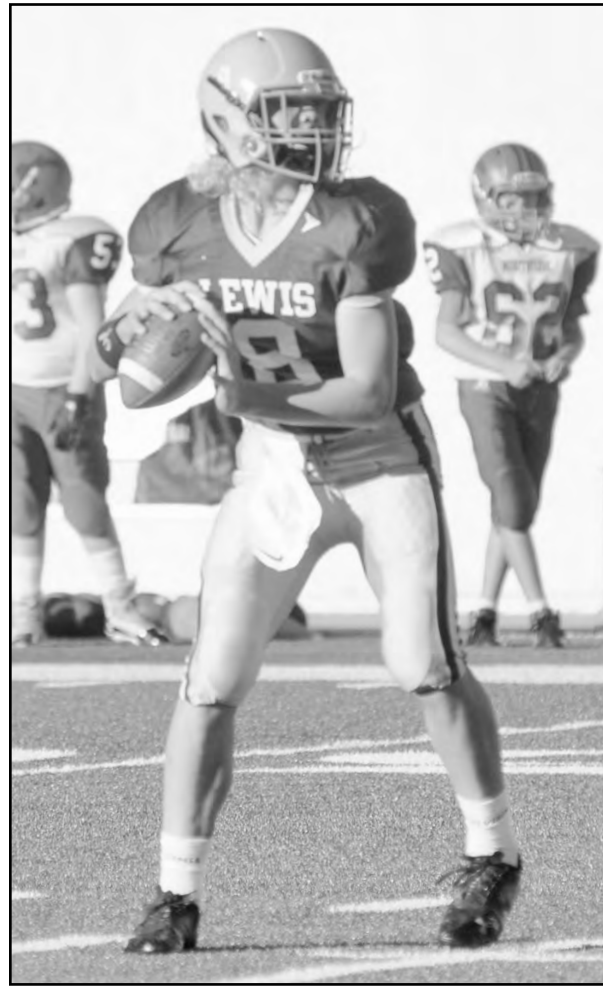
The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School football teams both have games today at home. The Wolverines will host Cave Spring at Salem Stadium at 5 pm while the Highlanders will host Central Academy at 6 pm at Highlander Stadium.

The Lewis eighth graders ran their record to 5-0 on the season with wins over Northside Middle School, 36-14, last Thursday and Liberty Christian Academy, 39-0, on Monday night, both at Salem Stadium. The Northside win was led by the inside running of Brayden White, who reached the end zone four times, and fullback Jayden Burton, who scored one touchdown. The defense against Northside was outstanding with defensive ends Skylar Phillips and Anthony Snead bringing a strong pass rush.

The game against LCA was likewise a strong defensive performance with Tre Dawyot and Jesiah Hines intercepting two passes each and Coen Logan intercepting one pass and taking it in for a touchdown. Logan also caught two touchdown passes from quarterback Brody Dawyot while White rushed for two more scores.

The 7th grade football team moved to 6-1-1 on the season with a 35-0 win over Cave Spring on Monday night. They were scheduled to play at Clifton Forge Wednesday.

Glenvar played Christiansburg at Christiansburg last Thursday and won 53-0. Scoring came from Jacob Campbell, Cooper Mullins, Cale Vaughan, Joey Loder and Ranger Swanson.



Brody Dawyot of Andrew Lewis drops back to pass in last week's win over Northside.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Orange you glad you picked Syracuse

The Syracuse Orangemen defeated Liberty last week and one of the biggest Orange fans in the area is glad they did. Diane Miller won the football contest and Syracuse is one of the reasons why.

Diane tied several others with four losses, but she was closest to the high point total of the week, which was 63 by Christiansburg. By the way, Christiansburg plays Salem this week.

Miller also picked Syracuse, as she usually does when the Orangemen are on the contest. Had she picked against her favorite team she wouldn't have won, but the Orange pulled out a 24-21 victory to win Diane a 50 dollar gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and a blizzard from Dairy Queen.

For last week's "Quick Change" question I asked you to predict the score of the Dallas-Philadelphia game on Monday night. If you're an Eagles fan, like I am, it wasn't pretty. The Cowboys humbled my Eagles on national television, 42-21, and the closest to the score was Wayne Dillman, who picked the Cowboys to win 33-17. Wayne will receive an oil change from Valvoline for figuring the 'Boys would stomp the Birds.

For this week's Quick Change question give me your prediction on the game between Syracuse and Florida State. Put your guess, including the final score, in the space provided and the closest to the actual score will receive a free oil change.

Good luck on that one Diane. —Brian Hoffman



Jayden Wood of the Salem Junior Spartans runs for a big gain in a game at Spartan Field.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC field hockey has noon game Saturday

The Roanoke College field hockey team saw their three game winning streak come to an end last week with a 2-1 loss to Wilson College in Salem. The Phoenix remained undefeated at 8-0 with the win.

Half way through the first quarter Wilson was able to dribble into the Maroon's circle for the first time and send a backhand past the goalie to give the Phoenix a 1-0 lead. After the goal, Roanoke would attempt 15 shots the remainder of the first half but could not score the tying goal.

Trailing 0-2 in the final quarter, Roanoke would finally get on the board. On RC's 20th shot of the afternoon, Katherine Martin picked up a ball sent towards the goal by Krista DeModna and cut the deficit to 2-1. The final 10 minutes of play would see Roanoke have a pair of chances but shots by Martin and Emilee Wooten were turned aside as Wilson picked up the win.

The loss evened Roanoke's record at 3-3. Lynchburg was scheduled to play RC in Salem Wednesday night and this Saturday St. Mary's will be here for a noon game.



Rec. Basketball Registration ends October 10

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 Oct. 17.

Salem Recreation Department ups pay to attract more 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.

RC soccer men tie Yellowjackets, 0-0

The Roanoke College soccer team will host Eastern Mennonite on Friday night at Kerr Stadium for "Senior Night" as a part of RC's "Family Weekend."

The Maroons were 5-2-2 after playing to a scoreless draw at Randolph-Macon Tuesday night. Roanoke dropped a 1-0 decision to Emory University last Saturday in Charlotte, North Carolina, a neutral site. After a

scoreless first half the Eagles would break the tie and score the only goal of the afternoon for the 1-0 non-conference win.

In the closing seconds, Roanoke got a chance to tie but the Vincent Lamina header was saved to deny the Maroons. Zach Behe registered four saves in goal for Roanoke.

The Maroons will host Lynchburg next Wednesday, October 6, at 7 pm.

Maroon women host R-M Sat.

The Roanoke College women's soccer team will host Randolph-Macon this Saturday at 2 pm in an Old Dominion Athletic Conference game at Salem Kerr Stadium.

The Maroons were 6-1-1 prior to a Wednesday game against Randolph College, as results were too late for publication. Last Saturday in Lexington the Maroons battled host Washington & Lee to a 1-1 tie in a thriller that went down to the final seconds. With less than 15 minutes left to play, the Generals netted the go ahead score. However, with just seconds left on the clock Roanoke got the equalizer and the match headed to overtime. After 20 extra minutes neither team could break the tie and the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Down 1-0, just seven seconds remained when Emma Woods set up Makayla Metzler off a corner kick for the game tying score for RC. In the two extra periods Washington and Lee out-shot Roanoke 4-0 but only one of the shots was on goal.

The Generals would enjoy a 21-6 advantage in shots taken but the Roanoke defense only allowed 11 of the shots to be on the Maroons goal. Carrington Lippi played all 110 minutes on her way to a nine save afternoon.



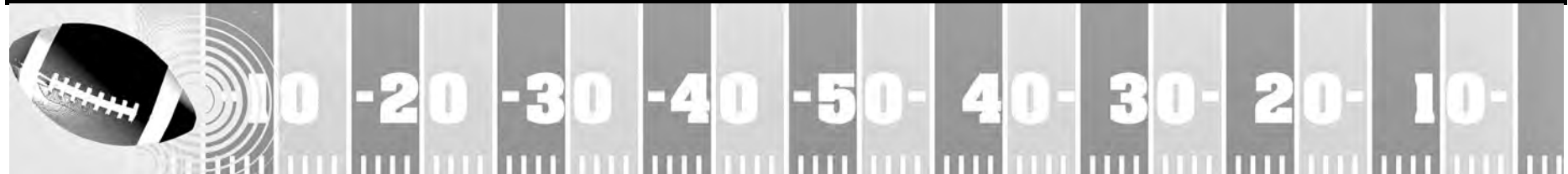
Hokies down Richmond

The Virginia Tech football team defeated visiting Richmond, 21-10, at Blacksburg's Lane Stadium Saturday to improve to 3-1 on the season. Above, Tech's Tayvion Robinson is on his way to a 60 yard punt return for a touchdown to give Tech the lead in the second quarter. Left, Salem High grad Dr. Rachel Turk was on the sidelines for the Spiders. Rachel is the school psychologist for the Richmond athletic department. Also on the sidelines was Salem's Avery Close, bottom right in street clothes. A redshirt sophomore tight end for the Spiders, Avery injured his knee during the spring and is recovering from surgery. The Hokies are off this week, returning October 9 for a home game against Notre Dame.

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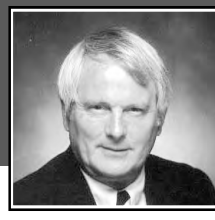
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The Quick Change (see story)

Highlanders win volleyball district opener against CC

The Glenvar volleyball team won their Three Rivers District opener on Tuesday night by a score of 27-25m 25-16 and 25-12. The win lifted Glenvar to 4-2 overall.

Glenvar in the win. Hannah Hylton had 14 blocks and Sydney Loder had seven kills and four blocks for GHS. Cara Butler and Audrey Conner combined for 33 assists.



Glenvar's Audrey Conner sets one up.

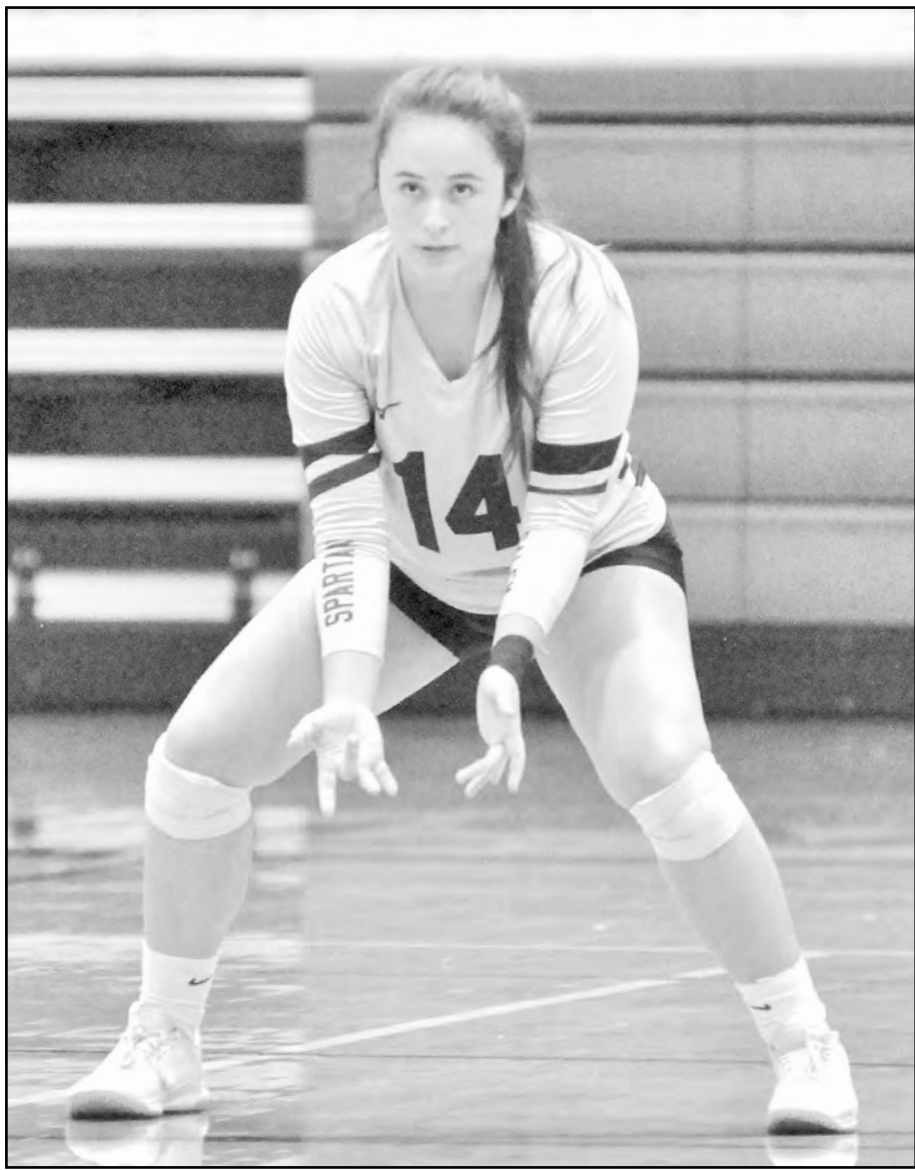
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The Highlanders were scheduled to wrap up their non-district season Wednesday night at Northside. Last week at home the Highlanders defeated the Vikings in straight sets, 25-13, 25-8 and 25-11.

"We looked good and I was very pleased with our consistent energy level and progress in all facets of the game," said coach Mark Rohrback. "Hopefully we can keep that rolling this week."

Bailey Conner and Claire Griffith led the team with 10 kills each. Hylton and Griffith had eight digs each and led the team in serve receive. Both setters, Butler and Audrey Conner, played well for the Highlanders.

Glenvar's scheduled game at James River tonight has been rescheduled for next Monday, October 4. Then Alleghany comes here on Tuesday and the girls go to Floyd a week from tonight.



Salem's Emma Johnson prepares to receive a serve in Monday's win over Fleming.

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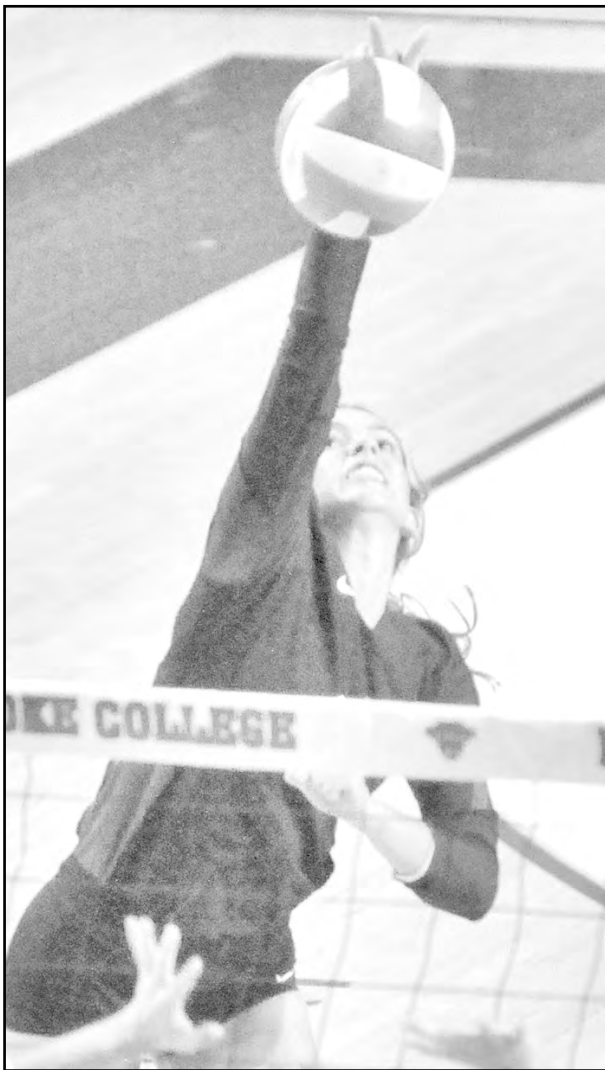
Maroons drop matches in Lynchburg

The Roanoke College volleyball team traveled to Lynchburg for an Old Dominion Athletic Conference tri-match last Saturday and lost two matches to host Lynchburg and Eastern Mennonite.

Against Lynchburg the Maroons lost in four sets, 25-21, 23-25, 25-20 and 25-13. Ryanna Clark had 10 kills with Parker Moody and Angel Ross adding eight apiece. Kennedy Clemmer had 19 digs and four service aces while Olivia Newman added 23 assists.

Against EMU the Maroons lost in three, 25-19, 25-22 and 25-19. Moody had 10 more kills and Newman added six kills to go with her 15 assists.

The two losses dropped RC to 5-13 on the season. The Maroons were scheduled to play at Virginia Wesleyan on Wednesday night. They're home to play Bridgewater next Wednesday, October 6, at 7 pm at the Cregger Center in Salem.



Rylee Mayer of Roanoke College goes up for a spike.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC's Zulauf is ODAC Runner of the Week

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference announced the weekly cross country performers of the week on Tuesday and Roanoke College's Chamberlain Zulauf was named Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week.

Last week Roanoke traveled to Winchester to compete at the Hornet Harrier, hosted by Shenandoah University. The Maroons finished 2nd behind DeSales on the 8K course at Kernstown Battlefield. Zulauf led a Roanoke back-to-back-to-back finish

for the 4-5-6 spots. He crossed the line in a time of 27:33.9, just 11 seconds behind the winning time, and 22 seconds better than his time at the WildCat XC Invitational back on September 11th.

The women also finished second in the meet. Hannah Koepfinger paced Roanoke with a time of 25:32.8 and finish 3rd overall among 38 runners.

Roanoke will travel to Louisville (Ky.) next Saturday for the Lou Cross Country Classic.



Glenvar's Daniel Zearfoss was eighth overall at the Alleghany Invitational last Saturday.

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Spartans win two in a row

The Salem High volleyball team has a chance to get back to .500 tonight when the Spartans play host to Patrick Henry at the Andrew Lewis Middle School gym.

The Spartans are 5-6 overall after winning their last two matches, both by three sets to none. Last week in Roanoke the Spartans swept Roanoke Catholic in three, 25-12, 25-22 and 26-24. Reese Redford had seven kills for the Spartans to go with 13 digs and a pair of aces. Ella Walker had five kills and three blocks at the net while Emma Johnson had 14 digs and two serving aces.

On Monday at Lewis the Spartans made it two in a row with a 3-0 win over visiting William Fleming, 25-13, 25-10 and 25-5. Kennedy Scales had eight kills to lead Salem while Mia Esworthy had a half dozen aces and three kills. Redford had 10 digs, four kills and three aces.

The Spartans were scheduled to play home against Pulaski on Tuesday but the Cougars called and asked to postpone that match. No makeup date was announced.

AL, GMS volleyball play today

The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School volleyball teams are both in action today with Lewis at Cave Spring Middle and Glenvar at Clifton Forge.

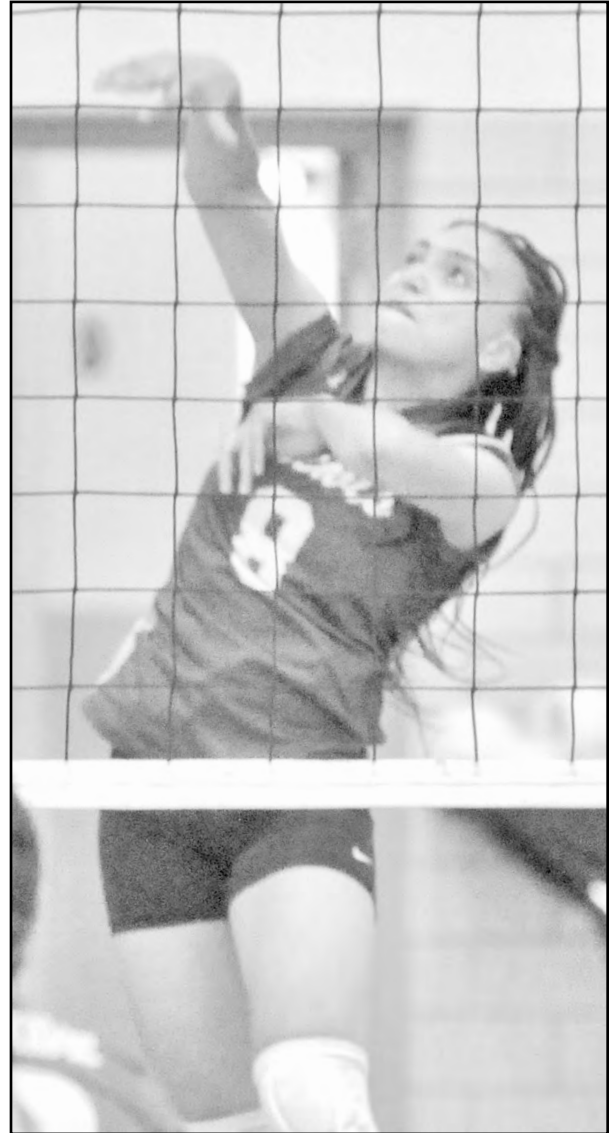
Lewis beat Northside in two close sets on Monday at Northside, 25-21 and 25-22, coming from behind in both to win. The Wolverines beat Hidden Valley and Blacksburg last week, both in two sets, and the Wolverines are now 10-4.

"We are playing some of our best volleyball right now," said coach Perry Manning. "I am very proud of their work. Captains Rylee McNeil and Cait Abi-Sabb have done a great job keeping the team focused."

Glenvar Middle beat Christiansburg in three sets last week.

"Our team served so well," said coach Stephanie Butler. "As a team, we only missed one serve in three sets. That's quite an accomplishment."

Glenvar lost in two to Central Academy on Monday.



Gabby Crawley of Andrew Lewis powers one over the net.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem, Glenvar cross country teams to run at the Salem golf course next Wednesday

Both teams competed at the Alleghany Invitational last Saturday

The Salem Municipal Golf Course will convert from fairways to greenways next Wednesday when the SHS cross country team hosts a meet on the sand and rolling hills off Academy Street.

This has become an annual event, but just three teams competed in the spring due to COVID restrictions. On October 6 four full teams will run along with one girl from Appomattox. Salem will host Glenvar, Cave Spring and Lord Botetourt with the girls running at 4:30 pm, the boys at 5:15 pm and the jayvee race at 5:45 pm.

Both Salem and Glenvar teams ran in the 8th annual Alleghany Invitational last week at the Jackson River Sports Complex in Covington. The Lord Botetourt boys and Fort Defiance girls were team winners.

Salem's boys came in ninth among 16 teams while Glenvar was 11th. Salem's Tommy Henzey ran a personal best 5K time of 17:42. Ramsey Corbin of Fort Defiance finished first in 16:14.

Also scoring for Salem were Walker Peterson in 31st, Jordan Poush in 45th, Lance Toapanta in 60th and Alex Helems in 69th among 120 total runners.

For Glenvar, Daniel Zearfoss was eighth over-

all with a time of 17:02.06. Davis Norman was 32nd, Charlie Horrell was 84th, Aiden Woodie was 92nd and Tucker Henderson rounded out the scorers at 110.

In the girls' race Salem took eighth among a dozen teams, led by Ryan Long in 25th with a time of 21:23.69. Also scoring were Katelyn Crumpacker in 37th, Elizabeth Bocock in 40th, Brooke Bowers in 43rd and Abby Pitts in 46th place. The winning time was 19:12 by Ella Johnston of Lord Botetourt.

Glenvar did not have a full team, as Carly Wilkes and Emma Pope were unable to attend. The Highlanders were led by Joanna Killeen with a 60th place finish. Molly McCroskey was 67th and Emma Speight was 97th.

Salem won the boys' jayvee race and place four runners in the top 10 as Ty Hicklin took second, Zane Easter was third, Carter Black was ninth and Conner Reburn was 10th. Francisco Benuelos-Alvarez rounded out the top five for the Spartan jayvees.

The SHS girls took third in their jayvee race, won by Lord Botetourt. Callie Conner led the Spartans with a 12th place finish.

Salemmites among charter class of Roanoke Regional Tennis Hall of Fame

Tommy McDonald, Chris O'Keefe honored for their talent both on the court and as coaches

Two Salemmites who are well-known among tennis enthusiasts in the Roanoke Valley were inducted into the charter class of the Roanoke Regional Tennis Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 18. A total of 12 members, including Salem's Tommy McDonald and Chris O'Keefe, enjoyed a weekend of festivities, including the induction banquet at the Hidden Valley Country Club.

"It's so nice to be honored by your peers," said O'Keefe, a 1980 graduate of Salem High who still makes her home in the city. "I still play with a regular group three times a week and teach about 25 hours a week."

McDonald is a 1990 graduate of Salem High, and he also still makes Salem his home. Like O'Keefe, he was honored to be named to the charter class of the Hall of Fame.

"Absolutely," he said. "It was very satisfying to be named in general, but to be in the first class made it even more special."

Tommy has been playing tennis virtually all his life. As a sophomore at Salem High he was the 1988 state doubles runnerup when the Spartans were still playing in Class AAA. In 1989 the Spartans moved to Class AA and he was the state singles and doubles runnerup, and in 1990 he played on the state doubles championship team.

In 1989 McDonald won the Virginia Sanctioned State singles and doubles championship for all levels in the 18 and under age group, and joined his mother, Charlotte, to win the Mother/Son Doubles Championship for the entire South, advancing to the US Open.

A three year co-captain at East Carolina University, Tommy won over 75 singles matches and, during his senior year, was 3-0 against the ACC with wins against North Carolina, Wake Forest, and UVA while playing number one singles.

After college he was the five-time champion of the US Cellular Prize Money tournament at Hunting Hills from 1996-2000, as well as winning adult state championships in Texas, Arkansas, and Virginia. He won over 75 singles matches on the ATP Pro Satellite tour from 1994-96, traveling throughout the United States, Australia and Spain.

As a coach McDonald was assistant men's coach at Virginia Tech under Jim Thompson, where he won two Conference Championships and the NCAA Regional, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen in 1999.



Left to right, Hall of Famer Chris O'Keefe, Tommy McDonald's presenter Dave Petersen, Hall of Famer McDonald and Chris' son, and presenter, Patrick O'Keefe.

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He was the Head men's and women's coach for the University of Arkansas-Little Rock in the Sun Belt Conference for seven years from 2001-2008, where he was the winningest coach in school history with over 230 wins and had a 100 percent graduation rate while coaching numerous Academic All-Americans.

Tommy moved back to the valley in 2008 to take a job as Managing Director at the Davenport & Company Investment Firm. However that didn't keep him off the court, as he won his second National Championship when his men's 5.0 team won the National Championship in Indian Wells, CA. He had won his first National Championship in the Mixed Doubles(Open Level) in 1998 in Tucson, Arizona.

Tommy and his wife, Roseann, have two children, Savannah, 19, and Charlie, 16. Tommy is also President of the Salem Educational Foundation since 2012 and a member of the boards of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Roanoke Rotary Club.

"I have been blessed with longevity and good health to play this long and thankful to all my family, coaches, friends, teammates, and former players that

helped me get this far," he said.

O'Keefe's list of credentials are equally impressive. The former Chris Nelson was a standout player at Salem High from 1978 to 1980 before heading to Radford University, where she compiled a 91-34 record while playing number one singles all four years. She taught tennis at the Shipyard Racquet Club in Hilton Head Island, SC from 1985 until '88, returning to the valley to become the assistant head pro at the Roanoke Country Club in 1988.

Chris held that position until 2009, when she joined the Hidden Valley Country Club as Director of Tennis. Chris has been the Teaching pro at Hidden Valley for the past six years, and among her prized pupils are her two sons with husband Mike O'Keefe, Patrick and Harrison.

The boys were teammates on the 2011 Salem High state championship team and both have gone on to impressive tennis careers. Patrick, who played at Radford University, recently accepted a position as Director of Tennis at the Sea Pines Resort in Hilton Head and Harrison, who was a standout at the University of South Carolina, is employed by the USTA.

Patrick served to introduce his mother at the Hall of Fame banquet. It was her second Hall of Fame honor, as Chris is also a member of the Radford University Hall of Fame.

"I was very humbled and honored to be part of the first class of inductees," said Chris. "Patrick inducted me so that was very special, too. I have been teaching tennis for 40 years now and I still enjoy it."

McDonald was introduced by former Salem High coach David Petersen. That was very fitting, as Dave coached both Tommy and Chris when they were students at Salem High.

"When Tommy asked me to introduce him I told him I would be honored to do so," said Petersen. "Tommy was not only a tremendous player, he was also a leader who pushed the other players to improve. He made everyone around him better."

"Tommy always gave 100 percent whether on the court or during conditioning. He pushed himself to improve throughout his high school career and he was a fantastic young man who represented himself, his family and Salem High School to the highest of standards."

"Chris came to Salem in the very early stages of our newly formed girl's tennis program, when the team was striving to be competitive. She was the difference maker during her senior season for Salem and for all future teams. Chris raised the bar for the program and was the first girl player to be awarded a scholarship. Her work ethic was spectacular as was her love of the game, her talent as a player and her personality."



Tommy McDonald(left) and Chris (Nelson) O'Keefe were inducted in the Roanoke Regional Tennis Hall of Fame on September 18th.



Salem golfers qualify for state

The Salem High golf team qualified for the Class 4 state tournament with a second place finish in the Region 4D tourney Monday. Blacksburg won the regional at the Hidden Valley Country Club.

The top two teams in the region advance and Blacksburg has been the top team in the River Ridge District all season, so several teams figured to battle for the second spot. The Bruins didn't disappoint with a team score of 284 to win the region, and Salem came in second at 295, 10 strokes ahead of third place Western Albmarle.

"I told the kids that was a heck

of an accomplishment," said Salem coach Thad Snyder. "There was a lot of pressure on them, playing on their home course. I think there's more pressure in the region than in the state, because in the region you know you have to play well to make the state whereas in the state there's no where else to go. The kids played solid and smooth."

Spartan freshman Kathryn Ha was co-medalist with Blacksburg's David Zhang and Samantha Skinner. All three shot 69, which is two-under par at Hidden Valley. Blacksburg had four scores of 74 or better, shooting even par as a team.

"I think they had a few members from Ryder Cup on their team," joked Snyder.

Macy Johnson had Salem's next best score at even-par 71, followed by Trey Joyce at 77 and Hunter King at 78 to round out the Salem scoring. Josh Kiser shot 79 and Taylor Davis came in at 86. Alex Rea, a normal starter for Salem, did not play but is expected to be back for the state tournament on October 11 and 12 at the Glenrochie Country Club in Abingdon. The Class 3 tournament is Monday and the Class 4 tournament will be Tuesday.



Glenvar's Brendan Magruder watches his drive.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar golfers eighth at Region 2C tourney

Floyd County and Patrick County qualified for the state Class 2 golf tournament and Glenvar finished eighth among a dozen teams at the Region 2C tournament Monday. The tournament was held at the Olde Mill Golf Club in Carroll County.

Glenvar shot a team total of 415. The top two teams advance to the state and fellow Three Rivers District member Floyd won the tournament with a team score of 339. Patrick County was second with 349.

Glenvar's top score was a 95 by Jacson Shepherd, followed by Mason Hylton at 102. Also scoring were Brendan Magruder and Adam Harvey, both at 109. Aiden Hylton and Grayson Shepherd both played but didn't score, carding 112 apiece.

"Sadly, our season ended with no one qualifying for States from Glenvar," said Glenvar coach Blaine Mills. "The team had a great season overall and I'm excited to see what next year can bring for the team with everyone returning."



Salem's Taylor Davis follows through on a shot at Monday's Region 4D golf tournament at the Hidden Valley Country Club.

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Highlanders shut out Carroll, Friday's game with River ppd.

Just one week after giving up 55 points to Hidden Valley the Glenvar defense got their swagger back with a shutout win over Carroll County last Friday. Glenvar took a 28-0 win over the Cavaliers on a Homecoming night at Highlander Stadium.

"It was pleasing to come back and get a shutout after giving up that many points," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "I was happy for the kids. They played hard and I don't think they allowed more than 50 yards when you count tackles for losses."

The Highlanders scored a touchdown in every quarter. Kyle Hanks ran for a 24 yard score in the opening period and quarterback Aiden Wolk connected with Dagan Williams for a 23 yard score in the second quarter to make it 14-0 at the half.

The same players scored in the second half. Wolk hit Williams for a 21 yard TD hookup in the third quarter, and Hanks put some icing on the cake with a four yard run in the fourth.

Hanks finished with 126 yards rushing on 23 carries for the game. Wolk ran eight times for 40 yards and was 11 for 24 passing for 155, including five completions to Williams

for 80 yards. Jackson Swanson had three catches for 50 yards and Mason Anderson had two for 24.

Anderson was all over the field on defense. Mason had 17 total tackles and seven of them were for lost yardage. Shane Gibson had 15 tackles, including three for losses, and Nick Williams had two interceptions.

With the win Glenvar improved to 4-1 on the season, and it was the Three Rivers District opener for the Highlanders as well. Glenvar was scheduled to play at James River in the annual battle for the Virginia Media Rocking Chair this Friday but that game has been postponed due to COVID concerns.

"A person affiliated with the James River High School football program tested positive for COVID-19," said River coach Tim Jennings. "We conducted contact tracing and are following the established CDC and VDH guidelines based on the results of contact tracing. Unfortunately, as a result, we needed to reschedule the game for this Friday October 1."

The game is scheduled to be made up on Monday, October 18. Glenvar's bye week is that week,



Glenvar's Mason Anderson(#10) has hold of a Cavalier while Shane Gibson(#22) and Elijah Carter(#24) rush to assist.

PHOTO BY KENNY FORD

so the Highlanders will now play at Alleghany on Friday, October 15, and at James River three days later. They will then be off until October 29, when they host Radford. Glenvar's

next game is October 8 at home against Floyd.

"I hate to play two games in four days but it's a district game and we didn't want to lose it," said Clifford.

Spartans host undefeated Christiansburg for Homecoming

The Salem High football team lost a game with one New River area member of the River Ridge District last week, but they'll get a chance to play the other one this Friday. Salem will play host to Christiansburg this Friday night for Homecoming.

The Spartans were expecting to play Blacksburg last Friday, but early in the week the Bruins called and said they weren't coming, with COVID concerns as the reason. However, Salem High coaches scouted the Christiansburg game last Friday night and were interested to see a relatively large group of Blacksburg players attending that game.

If the Blacksburg game is not made up, which is the likely scenario, the Bruins will most likely have to forfeit that game. Salem wanted to play, and couldn't find a replacement on short notice or a makeup date that was suitable to both teams.

"When it got to be Wednesday and it was pretty certain we weren't going to play Friday night we just started preparing for Christiansburg," said Salem coach Don Holter.

The extra days of preparation couldn't, as the Blue Demons are 4-0 and off to their best start since 2012.

That year they won their first five games and went on to make the regional final. Their season ended with a 21-7 loss to Salem after upsetting the Spartans during the regular season, 14-13.

Christiansburg is coached by former Glenvar assistant Alex Wilkins, who is in his fifth year as coach. Wilkins took a team that was 1-9 the season before he arrived and went 0-10 in 2017 and 2-9 in 2018 before the Demons started turning things around. They made the playoffs the last three seasons under Alex but have yet to win a playoff game.

Last week Christiansburg hammered Radford, 63-0. The Demon defense had six takeaways, with four interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

"They're well coached and they have good size," said Holter. "They get after you. They play like a hungry football team."

Salem is hungry just to get on the field. The Spartans have played just three games after having postponements with Franklin County and Blacksburg. The first VHSL rankings would normally come out this week, but the league office sent out the following message.

"The VHSL will release the first VHSL Ratings and Top 20 Rankings for the 2021 football season on Monday, October 11, following Week 7 games instead of the traditional Week 5 release. The delay in releasing the ratings and Top 20 rankings is due to the number of COVID-related game postponements, cancellations, and make-up games. By delaying the announcement by two weeks, it will provide more accurate ratings for each region."

Holter figures the Spartans are about sixth in Region 4D this week with several undefeated teams who have played more games. That number should change in the coming weeks if the Spartans can actually play.

Salem's jayvee game was also cancelled last week. The jayvees are playing at Christiansburg tonight.

As mentioned, this week is Homecoming at Salem High. That can be a distraction for some schools, but Holter doesn't see it bothering the Spartans.

"There will be some distractions, but our kids are mature enough to separate the two," he said. "They work so hard, and they realize there would be no Homecoming if there wasn't a football game."

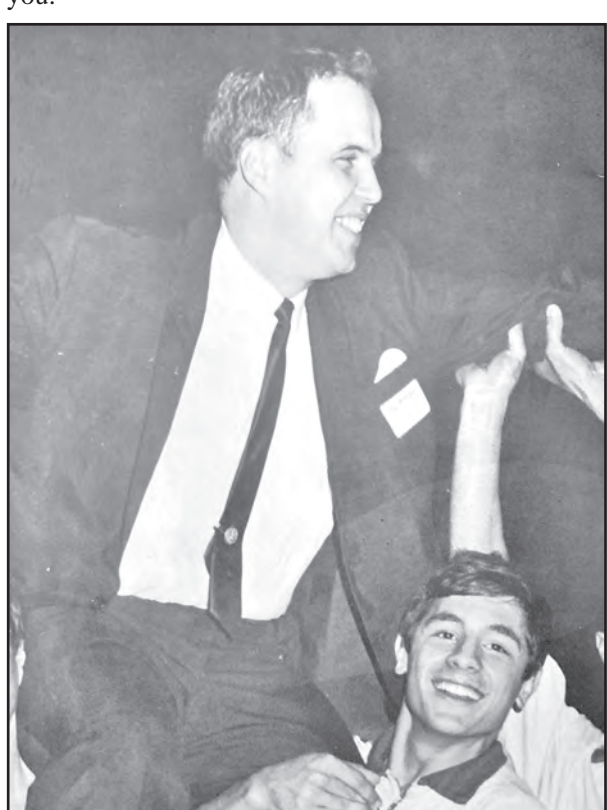
Brian Hoffman



Two basketball coaches who made a huge impact on Salem players passed away in the past week. Dick Miley, who coached Andrew Lewis High to the state championship in 1968, died on September 22nd, and Dee Wright, still the winningest basketball coach at Salem High School, died two days later on September 24th.

Miley was a long time teacher and administrator for the Roanoke County School System, but in Salem he's best remembered as the coach of the 1968 Wolverine team, the first Andrew Lewis basketball team to win a state championship. It was a special group of young men who got together for a reunion every 10 years after the championship, last gathering in 2018 for their 50th anniversary.

"Every 10 years we'd get together and have a picture taken," said Charlie Hammersley, a member of that team. "That team was special. When you win a championship like that there's a bond that stays with you."



Dick Miley is carried off the court after winning the state championship by, among others, the late Steve Mullins.

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Miley, Wright left their mark in Salem

Lewis beat George Washington of Alexandria by one point, 67-66, on a shot at the buzzer by Larry Cecil. It was an exciting game that those who witnessed will never forget.

The Wolverines led for virtually the entire game, but GW rallied late and took a one point lead at 66-65. Coach Miley called time out to set up the final play.

"He set up a play for Denton (Willard), who was our leading scorer," said Hammersley. "They expected Denton to take the shot, but when we broke the press he dished it off to me. I lost the ball, and it went right through a defender's legs to Larry, who put it in at the buzzer. It was one of those shots that rolled around the rim before it finally went in."

Hammersley credited Miley for nurturing that winning team.

"A lot of it had to do with his interest in us," he said. "He worked with us every summer, and that was unusual then. He was way ahead of his time."

"We had some good athletes at Lewis but not a lot of basketball players. He'd spend time with us in the gym in the summer and developed us as players."

Willard, who went on to play at East Tennessee, then returned to Salem to star for Charlie Moir at Roanoke College, gives Dick a lot of credit for his success.

"Dick taught me everything I knew about basketball," said Willard. "He's the one who taught me how to score. He showed me all my moves, and made me believe there wasn't a place on the basketball court where I couldn't score."

Willard also pointed to Dick's work with the team in the summer.

"Back then we were Triple A and we never played teams in the other classifications," he said. "We never played Northside or Cave Spring or Addison during the season, but they had good teams and he'd get us together in the summer to play. We played five days a week for two months, and that's where I really developed."

Miley was admired by his players and kept in touch with them after they graduated.

"He was like a father to us," said Hammersley. "He had a great sense of humor. If I was shooting bad he'd say, 'you've been shooting on that East Bottom goal again, haven't you?'"

Miley wasn't just a basketball coach. Gary Walthall, another member of the '68 team, noted that he coached baseball and cross country, and while he was at Lewis everyone who took driver training had Dick Miley for an instructor.

Walthall went on to coach baseball at William Byrd, where the baseball facility is named for him. The sign on the outfield reads Welcome to Gary L. Walthall Park at Terrier Field.



Dee Wright (right) on the Salem bench with assistant Patty Mater and Spartan Michelle (Byrd) Craft.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

"He told me he went by the field and they need to add something to that sign," said Walthall. "He said it should read 'Welcome to Gary L. Walthall Park at Terrier Field, coached by Dick Miley'."

Wright coached girls' basketball at Salem High for 11 years, beginning in the mid-80s. She came to Salem after winning a state championship at Radford High and serving as an assistant at Roanoke College. She went on to win 187 games with the Spartans, still the most by any basketball coach for either the Spartan boys or girls. Wright's first team at Salem, playing in the Group AAA Roanoke Valley District, went 18-7 after finishing 4-16 the previous season.

Michelle (Byrd) Craft, who still lives in Salem, played for Dee and has fond memories of her days on the team.

"Dee was a tough, but fair, coach who coached us not only on the court, but in life," said Craft. "She was a mentor to so many. There's one word that most of us cringed to hear... 'Baseline.' That meant suicides and lots of them. She will definitely be missed."

Former Salem High athletic director Sandy Hadaway hired Wright, and it turned out to be a great choice.

"Dee Wright was an educator, coach, colleague and friend," said Hadaway. "She had such a positive influence on so many students, student-athletes and peers throughout her professional and personal life. She was a competitor but always taught her student-athletes to win with dignity and lose with dignity and respect. We will all definitely feel a void in our lives. Dee Wright was a rock and force to so many individuals. We will hold so many wonderful memories near and dear to our hearts."

Miley was 85 when he died, Wright would have been 70 in November. Both gone, but their gifts to the people who they touched will live on forever.