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City Council Elections: What you need to know

~ Two Council seats are up for grabs alongside the 2022 House of Representatives midterm elections ~



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Councilman Randy Foley



Councilman John Saunders



City Council challenger Hunter Holliday



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Potential Council challenger Anne Marie Green

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Virginia is one of two states that holds an election every year. 2022 is a midterm election year nationally; in Salem, constituents this year will vote on their next federal representative for the VA-9 Congressional District as well as City Council. The primary election for the House of Representatives will take place on June 21, 2022, while the general election for both the House and Salem City Council will take place on Nov. 8, 2022. As per a recent Council decision, the local

general elections are held in November this year rather than the previous May date.

Out of the three Council seats (not including mayor and vice mayor), there are two up for grabs this year: that of Councilman Randy Foley and that of Councilman John Saunders, both of whom are running for reelection. Also running for an open seat is Hunter Holliday, president of Veteran Events Management, Inc., and a member of the Salem Republican Committee. He is running as a Republican, while Councilmen Foley and Saunders are not tied to a particular

party identity. Currently collecting signatures for eligibility as of presstime, also hoping to run for a seat is longtime former Roanoke County official Anne Marie Green, the current president of Roanoke nonprofit Council of Community Services.

Councilman Randy Foley was first elected to City Council in 2006 and served as the mayor of Salem from 2008 to 2020. A Salem native and Air Force veteran, Foley serves on the following Boards and Committees: Board of Directors of the Roanoke Regional Partnership, Roanoke Valley Broadband Advi-

sory Committee and the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority (Alternate). Foley is a member of Salem's First United Methodist Church and the Rotary Club of Salem.

Councilman John Saunders was first elected to City Council in 2018. Also a Salem native as well as Roanoke College alumnus, Saunders began working at the Salem Civic Center when he was 12 years old, leading to a career as the Center's assistant director from 1983-2016. Saunders, who also served as the city's director of civic facilities for 20 months before retiring in

February of 2016, is a founding member of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame, a former member of the Glenvar Rotary Club and a member of a number of national organizations, including the Country Music Association.

Hunter Holliday is a Salem native and 36 year-veteran of the U.S. Army, Army Reserve and National Guard. He is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Association of the United States Army, Salem Republican Committee and Salem

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Hiker dies after fall from McAfee Knob



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After two days without an update on the hiker that fell from McAfee Knob on Sunday, Roanoke County Fire & Rescue has confirmed that Paul Classen, a 23-year-old man from the Netherlands, perished from injuries sustained on May 29 after falling approximately 50 feet from the summit of McAfee Knob in the Masons Cove area of Roanoke County. Though not reported until Tuesday, Classen apparently passed away in the hospital shortly after his rescue.

Roanoke Co. Fire & Rescue responded to the scene at around 6 a.m. on Sunday after receiving a report of a hiker fallen off the mountain. The crews reached Classen nearly an hour later and provided aid before carrying him to the summit. From

there, the crew and Classen were taken by helicopter to Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Three all-terrain vehicles and about 30 fire & rescue personnel and three police officers were used in this rescue operation. Fire & Rescue has not released any additional details regarding Paul Classen's identity or family and will not provide any further updates on this story.

McAfee Knob is a geological feature located near the peak of Catawba Mountain with an elevation of nearly 3,200 feet above sea level. The area is highly popular with tourists and hikers, with McAfee Knob itself being famous for its stunning panoramic views. Mountain hiking can be an incredibly dangerous activity and can result in serious injuries or death even when proper precautions are taken. Always be prepared when hiking and follow local safety guidelines and regulations.



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The treasures were abundant at the American Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show.

Civic Center sparkles at Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

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The Salem Civic Center was shining brightly from Friday, May 27 to Sunday, May 29 as it hosted the American Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Hosted in the Center's auditorium, the show featured dozens of vendors and thousands of precious and semi-precious gems, stones, metals, meteorites, beads and handcrafted jewelry.

From holistic arts to purely aesthetic tastes, tables were lined up and down the auditorium filled with carved minerals for decoration and wellness. Jewelry tables held stunning rings and necklaces while craft vendors sold tiny and large carved animals and wall decor. Hundreds of geodes lay open on the tables, with gently textured minerals open to the curious touch of customers who would leave with the

entrancing rocks later in the day. Shelves of insects encased in ancient amber bubbles delighted children and made excellent ornaments at make-your-own-necklace vendors. Science fans were excited by artisans with blocks of metal carved in the shapes of their periodic table blocks. All comers to the event found themselves unable to look away from the myriad treasures, and many spent much more than they intended to on the expertly carved sculptures and centerpieces. The space was packed with people throughout the weekend.

Vendors at the Salem show included Amber America, Artistic Dynasty, Baron Jewelry, Bary Gems, Beads In Vogue, Bradley Prospecting, CECILIA Gems With A Smile, Dragonfly Jewelry, Higher Self Connection, J&J Jewelry, Jewelry By DeiSign, Lost

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Low-wage earners eligible for discounted internet under new program

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No longer a luxury, for most households across the nation, high-speed internet is now a necessity. Thanks to the Biden Administration, securing high-speed, cost-efficient internet at home just got much easier for millions of people.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is the largest high-speed affordability program in US history. A simple gist of how it works is as follows: the FCC benefit program will ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for school, work, healthcare and more.

Limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household, the ACP will provide a discount of up to \$30 per month toward high-speed internet service. Included in the \$1 trillion infrastructure package that passed through Congress earlier this year is \$14.2 billion specifically allocated for the ACP.

“High speed internet is not a luxury any longer,” President Biden said during the unveiling of the program in the White House Rose Garden. “It’s a necessity, and that’s why the bipartisan infrastructure law included \$65 billion to make sure we expand access to

broadband internet in every region of the country.”

According to a study by the Pew Research Center, 43 percent of adults who make less than \$35,000 a year lack internet access. Because both parents of Kapri Daughton, a college sophomore, earn six figures annually, she has never had to worry about not owning the most up-to-date laptops and the best internet access that money can buy. “I know how blessed I am. If my parents were in a different tax-bracket, my life would be completely different,” she said. “I try to share my resources with my friends whenever they ask. No student should lack internet

access. I find that concept unfathomable.”

At the height of the pandemic, high school students Jessica Coleman and April Walker were often late on classwork assignments because neither had a stable internet connection at home. The best friends constantly relied on each other to complete whatever was asked of them.

“We did whatever was required to get the job done. Sometimes we would sit in a parking lot and use whichever free Wi-Fi was available,” said Coleman before Walker added, “It taught us how to be resourceful. When adversity hits us in the future, we know

that we have each other to get through anything that comes our way.”

Households that earn roughly \$60,000 or less annually are eligible for the program. Confident that she will qualify, Lisa Johnson says the money she’ll save each month will go towards purchasing more groceries. “Every penny counts. This program will help me put more food on the table for my family,” she said.

Some 48 million households nationwide are expected to benefit from the ACP, including a plurality of families throughout the City of Salem. More information can be found by visiting fcc.gov.

School Board announces administrative appointments

~New principals for WBMS, Mt. Pleasant and Mountain View elementary schools announced~

Submitted by Roanoke County Public Schools

The Roanoke County School Board has formally announced several administrative appointments for the 2022-2023 school year.

Todd Kageals, current principal at William Byrd Middle School, has been named as the new director of facilities and operations. Kageals has 16 years of administrative experience and 28 total years of experience in K-12 education.

Dana Stevens, current teacher at Mt. Pleasant Elem., will serve as the new principal at William Byrd Middle School. Stevens has been with Roanoke County Public Schools for 33 years with nine years of administrative experience.

Jill Lane, current principal at Garden City Elem. in Roanoke City, has been named the new principal at Mt. Pleasant Elem. Lane joins RCPS with 17 years of administrative experience and 27 years of experience in education. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Radford

University and a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Virginia.

Valerie Close, current asst. principal at Green Valley Elem., will serve as the new principal at Mountain View Elem. Close has four years of administrative experience and 16 years of experience in education. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Radford University and a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration also from Radford University.

Laura Zebosky, current teacher at Green Valley Elementary, has been named the assistant principal at Glenvar Elementary. Zebosky has been with Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS) for 17 years and holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Radford University and a Master’s Degree in Education from James Madison University.

Heather Riganti, current teacher in Montgomery County, will serve as a new assistant principal at Hidden Valley Middle School. Riganti comes to RCPS with five years

of teaching experience. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Colorado State University, a Master’s Degree in Education from Ashland University and an Educational Specialist Certification from Virginia Tech.

Crystal Waggoner, current dean of students at Hidden Valley High School, has been selected as an assistant principal at HVHS. Waggoner holds a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Virginia and a Master’s degree from Liberty University.

Leanna Rippey, current teacher in Botetourt County, will serve as a new assistant principal at Northside High School. Rippey joins RCPS with nine years teaching experience. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Radford University and a Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Virginia and a Master’s Degree in English Literature from Radford University.

Kevin Richardson, current history teacher at Hidden

Valley High School, has been selected as the new dean of students. Richardson has been with RCPS for 19 years. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Appalachian State University and a Master’s Degree in Education from James Madison University.

Sarah Bayer, current math teacher at Hidden Valley Middle School, will serve as the supervisor of math for the school district. Bayer has been with Roanoke County Public Schools for eleven years. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Roanoke College and a Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Virginia.

Tammy Sauls, current principal in Roanoke City, joins RCPS as the new supervisor of science. Sauls brings 13 years of administrative experience and 19 total years of experience in education. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Roanoke College and a Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Paula Newbill, current teacher at Green Valley

Elementary, has been selected as the new supervisor of world languages and ELL. Dr. Newbill has been with RCPS for nine years. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Virginia Tech, a Master’s Degree from Middlebury College and a Doctorate in Education from Virginia Tech.

Alexandria Michaluk, current teacher at Glen Cove, will become a new supervisor of special education. Michaluk has been with RCPS for five years. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Virginia Tech and a Master’s Degree in Teaching from Liberty University.

“I am excited that these new administrators are serving in leadership positions here at Roanoke County Public Schools,” said Dr. Ken Nicely, superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools. “We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wealth of talent, both from inside and outside our district, and I’m confident each of these administrators will serve as excellent leaders in their areas,” Dr. Nicely said.

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Hollins, Roanoke College welcome nominations for the 2022 Perry F. Kendig Awards

~Since 1985, the honors have showcased the quality and diversity of arts and culture in the greater Roanoke region.~

Submitted by Hollins University

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 Perry F. Kendig Arts and Culture Awards, which recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations in the greater Roanoke region that provide exemplary leadership in or support for the arts.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, July 20, at 4 p.m. EDT. The nomination form and other information can be found at <https://kendigawards.com/>.

Celebrating 37 years of honoring excellence in arts and culture, the Kendig Awards have been co-sponsored by Hollins University and Roanoke College since 2013. This year, the awards presentation and celebration will be held at Hollins in October; more details about the event will be announced at a later date.

Kendig Awards are presented in each of the following categories:

Individual Artist (selected from all disciplines, including dance, literature, music, media arts, visual arts, and theatre)

Arts and/or Cultural Organization Individual or Business Arts Supporter

Individuals, businesses, and organizations from the greater Roanoke region (which includes the counties of Botetourt, Franklin, and Roanoke, the cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the town of Vinton) are eligible, as are past Kendig Award recipients from 1985 – 2012. Programs and full-time employees of Hollins University and Roanoke College are eligible to be nominated as well.

“Hollins University and Roanoke College have actively sought ways for students to immerse themselves in the Roanoke Region’s vibrant arts and cultural community,” said Hollins President Mary Dana Hinton. “Our students are often fortunate to

find themselves working alongside a local visual artist in their studio or in the community, performing in a local theatrical production, or learning about arts administration during an internship at a non-profit organization.”

“When the Perry F. Kendig Awards found itself without a home in 2013, Hollins and Roanoke came together to keep the tradition alive in appreciation to the Roanoke region’s cultural community resources,” added Roanoke College President Mike Maxey. “In addition, Hollins and Roanoke hope that in presenting this annual program it will build an even stronger arts and culture bridge between the campus environment and community at large.”

Named for the late Perry F. Kendig, who served as president of Roanoke College and was an avid supporter and patron of the arts, the awards were presented by the Arts Council of the Blue Ridge for 27 years.

City Council

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Moose Lodge. He is running on a Republican platform of protection of First and Second amendment rights and private sector economic and infrastructure development.

Anne Marie Green is the current president of Roanoke nonprofit Community Services. Prior to her current position, she served as a Roanoke County official for nearly 30 years.

For the VA-9 Congressional District, the current incumbent representative is Republican H. Morgan Griffith. Griffith first assumed this office in 2011 and is running for reelection. Running against him is Democrat Taysha DeVaughan, the first woman to earn a nomination in a VA-9 election, as well as the first enrolled member of an indigenous nation, the Comanche, to seek office in Virginia.

H. Morgan Griffith is a Salem native and a member of the far right-leaning Freedom Caucus in Congress. Prior to his current position, he was the majority leader in the House of Representatives as the VA-8 representative from 1994-2011 following a career as a lawyer.

Taysha DeVaughan is a resident of Big Stone Gap. She is currently a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Council of Environmental Justice, for which she serves as chair. Her run for

office follows a career in community organizing nonprofits such as the Appalachian Community Fund, Southern Appalachia Mountain Stewards and Lonesome Pine Mutual Aid.



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VA-9 incumbent Rep. H. Morgan Griffith



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VA-9 Democratic challenger Taysha DeVaughan

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Submitted by The Advancement Foundation

On Wednesday, May 25th, The GAUNTLET Business Program & Competition™ held the 8th Annual GAUNTLET Graduation & Awards Ceremony. The GAUNTLET class of 2022 attracted a record 153 entrepreneurs from communities across the Roanoke Valley, Shenandoah Valley, and Southside. After 10 weeks of classes, 66 businesses moved on to compete for their piece of over \$400,000 in cash, grants, and in-kind prizes/services.

The GAUNTLET Business Program and Competition™ is powered by the Advancement Foundation, a nonprofit founded in 2007, which serves as a catalyst to attract our region's assets with the commitment of partner agencies, economic developers, sponsors, donors, grantors, GAUNTLET alumni, mentors, and regional innovators making this all possible.

Since the GAUNTLET classes began in February, our confident graduates have purchased \$760,000 in commercial real estate. Over the next 24 months, they will spend \$502,000 in leasing commercial

property; they will create 263 new full time jobs and create profit revenues of \$3,382,324.

At the end of the day, our communities are far better for having fostered diverse business development. Whether scalable high growth companies or Main Street enterprises, the vibrant quality of life, a robust and sustainable economy are all outcomes of this investment in business development.

GAUNTLET competitors receive awards based on a combination of their competition scores as well as their specific business needs. Cash and in-kind prizes are provided by numerous local sponsors, like Lead Sponsor State Farm, and regional partners who are committed to igniting the futures of local entrepreneurs.

For the first time ever, The GAUNTLET has two first-place winners - Natalie Ashton owner of Electric Iris 3D of Roanoke City and Natalie Hodge owner of Rudy's Girl Media in Uptown Martinsville.

Electric Iris 3D is shaking up the poultry incubator industry with their innovative poultry incubator accessories. The invention will help farmers raise new classes of

birds from quail to geese; and will help farmers raise more birds at one time by increasing hatch rates. This company will continue to scale into sales across the nation.

Rudy's Girl Media is a multimedia content developer company based in Uptown Martinsville, Virginia. Natalie has a master's degree from Cornell University, and has worked in the entertainment industry in New York and Los Angeles. Natalie has and will produce short films and a web based reality series about rural entrepreneurship called Hometown Hustle.

This is such an exciting time for business and community development across the region. On behalf of the Advancement Foundation, our sponsors, and community leaders, we offer sincere congratulations to each of The GAUNTLET 2022 participants!

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/TAFgauntlet> to watch the "Facebook Live" of the 2022 Ceremony and pre-ceremony Business Showcase.

For more information about The GAUNTLET: please visit www.TheAdvancementFoundation.org.



The 8th Annual GAUNTLET Graduation and Awards Ceremony occurred on May 25.

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OPINION

Newspaper 70 Years Later

{Frances Stebbins has been writing about Western Virginia, especially about communities of faith, since 1953. She lives in Salem.}

The Roanoke Times, for which my late husband Charlie and I were reporters for more than 40 years, is moving again to a new site though still in downtown Roanoke. The three-story structure at 201 Campbell Avenue Southwest is now occupied by offices of the city's public school system.

The paper itself has changed so much in content, appearance and distribution that it is hardly recognizable from the morning in early February of 1953 when we, aged 30 for him and 24 for me, arrived to begin our new jobs. The late W.C. Stouffer, managing editor, had hired us from the smaller daily, "The Petersburg Progress-Index."

He would be a general assignment reporter and I the compiler of "church news."

A lot has changed since

then. It's been more than a decade since the paper had a reporter to keep up with churches. I worked full time from 1953 to 1956 when we started our family. Our first child, Julia, was born that summer on July 4.

In the three years I worked full time, I actually did three jobs. Although my primary beat was being the "church news" reporter, I also helped out on the switchboard. That was a telephone-answering device with multiple cords and an operator plugged in when a light flashed indicating an incoming call. A woman sat at the board from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except when she could take an hour for lunch. That's when I took over. The many changes in communication made switchboards obsolete decades ago.

Around 1955 television came to the Roanoke Valley big time. Schedules of programs on the major stations, then Channels 7 and 10, as well as a listing of what was running on the radio stations were carried in the news-

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

paper in midweek. For a time I spent the better part of a tedious day checking the listings against a master copy to catch changes.

My most interesting task was the one that called for reporting. On two Mondays each month during the school year, I walked a few blocks up Third Street Southwest to the First Baptist Church where the Roanoke Ministers Conference held a gathering with a speaker. The group in those days was made up of White, Protestant Men.

In the decades to come I would chronicle the group's acceptance of Black clergymen, ordained women and non-Christian spiritual leaders including rabbis, and pastors of groups such as Unitarians. This was admirable for the principle of Inclusion, but as more decades passed, the group

declined in membership and influence. Finally, around 2005 it ceased to meet.

For many of these years, I worked mainly from home as Charlie's and my daughter and two sons grew up in a cliffside house in the Hollins area. This worked well, for Charlie brought me home submitted copy. I reworked and edited it by using the telephone, a manual typewriter, and, in time, I began developing my own stories mainly by calling pastors and other church professionals throughout the valley. This enabled me to be gone a minimal amount of time from home when the children were young.

When we arrived in 1953, the third-floor City Room, presided over by the chronically harassed Albert G. Smith as city editor, had no air-conditioning. On hot days, shirts stuck to backs, and the water cooler was much needed. Strangely, at the three newspapers where I worked around the mid-Twentieth Century renovations of the major writing area were in progress.

A major change for the Roanoke newspapers occurred in

1976 when heirs of the Fishburn family, owners of the papers since the late Nineteenth Century, sold them to Landmark Corporation based in Norfolk. My own job was upgraded, and I began working a regular part-time schedule in a new Features Department as such archaic marks as the Women's Section gave way to jobs like female police reporters.

After a satisfying decade of expanded Religion writing, more changes — not good ones — came to both my husband and me. Ultimately, we were "let go" for good in 1996.

Finally, I want to register my disappointment at the loss of two features of the daily paper which I read regularly. They are removal of the Real Estate Transfer listings which have run in the Sunday edition (I liked to see if I could recognize the streets in our area with its four governments since I've spent my adult years here and witnessed the growth of the urban area), and I also will miss the column by Ray Cox on unearthing stories of the past. Charlie and I knew Ray's parents; he and our daughter were born the same year. How time flies!

Equip Kids to Face Difficult News With Weekly Family Time

Submitted by Jehovah's Witness United States of America

The stream of tough topics for parents to explain can feel unending: social unrest, hate crimes, natural disasters ... the pandemic. Many

children and teens have struggled to process what they see at school, in their neighborhoods and on the news.

The Clarke family confront this challenge every Thursday evening at their well-worn dinner table.

"We talk about what we're facing and what we

can do to address it," said Kai, 16, of this weekly family discussion hour. "It definitely provides a sense of security for me and for my parents."

That sense of security was tested when a gas station went up in flames just a block from the Clarks' home in Minneapolis during the protests that erupted there in May 2020. Kai's father, Khari Clarke, recalled confronting the issues head-on. "God has taught us not to prejudge, not to stereotype," he said at that weekly session. "When we approach a situation with scriptures in mind about impartiality, then we're not walking into a situation already predisposed to be angry."

In an ever-changing and challenging world, experts recommend regular family discussions to help young ones build resilience.

"Good communication is essential for a child's survival in

this world," said James Wright, a California-based family counselor and conflict resolution mediator. "Why not have a family discussion once a week and talk about what's going on in your lives?"

The Clarks are not alone in holding to a set time to have family discussions. For nearly two decades, families of Jehovah's Witnesses like theirs around the world have been encouraged to make "family worship" an uninterrupted weekly routine.

"For many of our families, their weekly discussions are among the most important hours of the week," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "It has brought thousands of our families closer together and helped children feel safe and loved."

In hurricane-pummeled New Orleans, the Andrades address safety concerns with their two

sons during their regular family worship night.

"On one of our family nights, we were able to put our emergency go bags together and practice what we would do if we were to get separated during a natural disaster," said mom Ashley Andrade, who safely evacuated with her family before Hurricane Ida uprooted trees and downed power lines on their street.

Her family strengthened this routine in 2009 when Jehovah's Witnesses reduced their midweek meetings from two to one, freeing up an evening each week for families to enjoy such time together.

"Meeting in large groups for worship is a Bible command, but the Bible also tells parents to make time to talk with their kids," said Hendriks. "The change to our weekly meetings helped families to prioritize unhurried Bible discussions tailored to their needs."

For the Cariagas of Lomita, California, their weekly discussion provided a time to promptly address racism when their three girls saw news reports about hate crimes targeting their Asian community.

"The articles on jw.org about prejudice and the video about anxiety were really helpful," said mom Lorrie Cariaga, referencing free resources on the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, where they often turn for practical and scriptural solutions to family concerns.

Along with serious topics, the Cariagas mix in singing, dramatic performances, and hiking in their family worship together. "Family time is like an open space; it's relaxed, and it's always fun," said Sophie, 14.

Family nights forged something special for Kai too. "I see my mom and dad not just as parents," he said. "I see them as friends."

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Friendship's Third Annual Golf Tournament Raises over \$20k

Submitted by Friendship Senior Living

Friendship, a local non-profit leader in senior living and rehabilitation, is proud to announce its recent golf tournament raised over \$20,000. The funds have been directed to the foundation's Friendship Fund, which was established to quickly respond to unbudgeted needs and opportunities of the organization.

"Thank you to our vendors and friends for your generous support. The Friendship Fund enables us to continue providing services tailored and responsive to the unique needs of seniors," said Joe Hoff, president and chief executive officer. "Partnerships with civic-minded organizations

such as yours enrich our community and enhance the lives of Friendship residents."

The afternoon golf tournament attracted 92 golfers and over 50 corporate sponsors. Marsh & McLennan Agency and SFCS Architects both served as platinum sponsors.

"Both of our platinum sponsors eagerly committed early on in the event planning, and we are very thankful for their partnership and willingness to support our community," said Hoff.

The tournament took place at Roanoke Country Club.

"We are so appreciative of the continued generosity of our tournament benefactors during a time when many companies are cutting

back," said Sarah Stephens, development officer at

Friendship. "Our residents and patients will directly benefit from this generous support."

To learn more about Friendship Foundation, giving opportunities, or to make a donation online, please visit <https://www.friendship.us/foundation>. Stephens may also be reached at 540.265.2122 or sstephens@friendship.us.

Friendship offers diverse senior living accommodations, award-winning care, new and innovative services as well as specialized rehab and therapy, to over 900 residents and patients. The community opened its first building in 1966 and has grown to offer the full continuum of healthcare, including an adult day care center, home care services, an on-site pharmacy, salon and Bistro '66, a full-service restaurant. Friendship is a world-class community where the needs of adults and rehabilitation patients of all ages are met within a caring community that inspires purpose in life. Visit friendship.us for more information.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Orator's podium
5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
8. Partner to "oohs"
12. African antelope
14. Indigenous Thai person
15. Monetary unit of Angola
16. Becomes less intense
18. Insurance mascot
19. Tech hub Alto
20. Actress Tomei
21. Airborne (abbr.)
22. Type of smart watch
23. Natives
26. Incompetent person
30. Rare Hawaiian geese
31. Unspoken relationships
32. Passports and licenses are two
33. Claw
34. Status quo

39. Mimic
42. Fur-lined cloak
44. Ancient foreigner
46. In an angry way
47. Ill-intentioned
49. Monetary unit of Serbia
50. S. American plant
51. One or the other
56. An alias for Thor
57. Gratuity
58. In a painful way
59. French commune
60. Promotional materials
61. Greek city
62. Assistant
63. Confederate general
64. Former NJ governor

CLUES DOWN

1. Used by gymnasts
2. "Luther" actor Idris
3. Broad volcanic crater
4. Not for
5. Blur
6. Tots
7. Acted leisurely
8. About the Alps
9. Gets out of bed
10. Town in "The Iliad"
11. Welsh given name
13. Remove salt
17. Calvary sword
24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
25. Keeps a house cozy
26. Ballplayer's accessory
27. Southwestern Russian city
28. Pro sports league
29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)
35. Stop standing
36. Utilize
37. Sign language
38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
40. Being of central importance
41. Ruin environment
42. Dessert dish
43. Sea eagles
44. Fertilized
45. Jerry's friend Benes
47. Indian river
48. Pass into a specified state or condition
49. Nocturnal rodent
52. A way to travel
53. Iron-containing compound
54. Ancient Greek City
55. NFL signal caller Matt

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New SWVA Concert Series kicks off in Abingdon

Submitted by Friends of Southwest Virginia

Friends of Southwest Virginia is proud to announce the LOVE SWVA Concert Series, presented by Tri-Cities Airport. The concert series will feature live music and exciting entertainment at the outdoor amphitheater at the Southwest Virginia Cultural Center (Heartwood).

The concert series kicks off on July 2 with a special Independence Day concert featuring a 40-piece orchestra from Symphony of the Mountains. The series will also include a concert in August and October. Performers will be announced in the coming weeks.

"We are excited to bring music concerts to the Cultural Center," said Kim Davis, executive director of Friends of

Southwest Virginia. "The amphitheater is an incredible venue for live music, and we know this series will bring some unique events to our region."

The LOVE SWVA Concert Series will kick off with a special Independence Day celebration with Symphony of the Mountains. The evening includes a celebration of our Independence week-end with a selection of patriotic music and family favorites. Following the National Anthem and a special American Fanfare, the concert evokes memories of Appalachian summertime, including a bit of thunderstorm music, garden bumblebees, park gazebo music, and a wonderful old hymn tune arrangement. The concert will continue with patriotic music, including "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless the USA,"



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concluding with a tribute to our fallen soldiers and recognition of all veterans. A favorite encore will make attendees want to

get on their feet and start marching!
Gates and parking open at 7 p.m., and the show will begin at 8 p.m.

Please bring a chair for the event. A selection of beverages and food will be available to purchase. No outside food or drink

will be allowed. Additional shows in the concert series will be announced in the coming weeks.

Gem Show from page 1

Cove Minerals, May's Jewelry Gallery, Melded Mind Metaphysical, Momma's Rocks, Parallel, Peace & Laughter, Rock My Soul, Sebastians, Shelly's Travelling Rock Shop, Silver Bridge, Sticks & Stones, The Treasure Gallery of Hawaii,

Unique Gems & Lapidary, Unique Jewelry & Gems and Velima Crafts. The American Gem, Mineral and Jewelry show tours across the nation, arriving next in Indianapolis in October.



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER SHEDD

The treasures were abundant at the American Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show.

Forest Service partners with Appalachian Conservation Corps and Virginia Environmental Endowment to host all-female youth crew

Submitted by the USDA Forest Service

The USDA Forest Service announces a partnership with Appalachian Conservation Corps and the Virginia Environmental Endowment. This partnership will allow the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests to employ young women in the Roanoke, Virginia area in a conservation crew.

The Roanoke Young Women's Day Crew will complete projects to improve visitor safety and mitigate environment impacts at high-use recreation sites on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to local youth who are interested in making a difference on public lands," says Job Timm, Forest Supervisor.

All-female crews, like the Roanoke Young Women's Day Crew, help diversify the conservation workforce and expand the traditional image of an environmental steward. The participants will develop skills and experience in natural resource management, conservation, and environmental stewardship. The crew will provide hands-on work with trail maintenance, habitat restoration, re-vegetation, and more. The Virginia Environmental Endowment has funded

this youth crew for three years.

The Appalachian Conservation Corps is currently recruiting young women, ages 16-18, from the Roanoke area for paid internship positions on the summer 2022 crew. For more information and to apply visit: <https://jobs.silkroad.com/ConservationLegacy/Careers/jobs/3114>.

The Appalachian Conservation Corps partners with public land managers to identify, plan, and complete projects that improve public access, habitat quality, and economic development.

The Virginia Environmental Endowment is a nonprofit, independent grant-making foundation originally created by court order. For four decades, the Virginia Environmental Endowment has worked collaboratively with its partner organizations and grantees, serving as a leader and convener to catalyze land conservation successes, drive water quality improvements, advance environmental literacy, build conservation organization capacity, and generate environmental improvements.

For more information about the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, visit our website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gwj> and follow up on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GWJNF> and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GWJNF>

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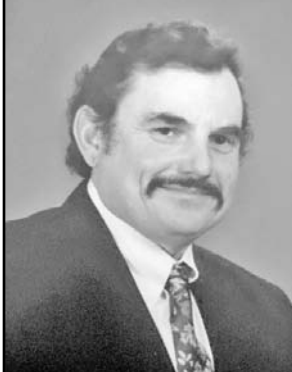
David Bruce Wygal

Dec 3, 1945 - May 27, 2022

David Bruce Wygal went to be with his Lord and Savior on May 27, 2022.

He was a lifelong resident of Salem, Va. He was a Master Stone Mason for 49 years with his business, Creative Stone Masonry. He was the greatest and most loving husband, father and grandfather. He was kind hearted and improved your life if you knew him.

He is survived by his wife Susie and Rozell family, Daughters Stacey Leverett (Jonathan), Leslie Graham, Grandson Nathan Clements (Berean) Grand-



daughters Stephanie Lawrence and Lily Graham, Sisters Rita Collins and special nephew Matthew, Sandra Shupe (Eddie), Sherry Bevins (Jim). Special thank you to Cousin Kelly Francisco.

The family will receive friends and family on Friday June 3rd from 5 to 7pm at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem Va.

Memorial service scheduled at Lotz Funeral Home Chapel for Saturday June 4th at 11:00 am. A meal will be provided at Green Hill Church of the Brethren located at 2699 Harborwood Rd, Salem Va.

Byrd, I. Ray Sr.

September 1, 1928 - January 30, 2022

There will be a Celebration of Life for I. Ray Byrd, Sr. on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Please visit between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Salem Museum, 801 East Main Street, Salem. Friends and family please join the Byrds for an informal gathering to remember Ray.



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David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God (1 Samuel 30:6).

David and his men, just arriving home from battle, discovered that the enemy had kidnapped their families. His men were distraught, and they wanted someone to blame. David, their leader, was the obvious scapegoat, and they discussed taking revenge on him.

David, grieved at his own family's disappearance, now faced betrayals and accusations from his friends. Here, at an extremely low point, David did what always works. He turned to God and found strength in Him.

Exactly how David found strength in God is displayed throughout his psalms. David remembered God's promises, and more so, he reminded himself of who God is: his Rock of refuge; his compassionate, gentle Father; his faithful Provider; his all-wise Teacher, and so much more. As David turned to God, he gained the strength to rally his men on a rescue mission.

Prayer for Today: Father, please help me turn to You for strength in all things.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 30: 3-8, 18-19

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in the 100. Callie Conner, Kyra Netting, Mary Chamberland and Amanda Rothkopf took fourth in the 4x800 relay and will run in the state meet this week.

For the boys, Salem had 52 ½ points as River Ridge District rival Pulaski County won the region with 128 ½. Peyton Lewis swept the sprints, winning the 100 meters in 10.82 and the 200 in 22.03. Peyton also ran on the winning 4x100 relay team with Josiah Persinger, DaRon Wilson and Jonathan Vernon as they hauled the mail in 42.75. Persinger also qualified with a fourth in the 100 meters while Braydon Taylor took fourth in the 300 hurdles.

Scoring, but not advancing, were Dominic Wright with a sixth in the triple jump and a seventh in the long jump while Vernon took eighth in the 100 and Mitchell Taylor was eighth in the 300 hurdles.

Two other Salem relay teams scored. The 4x400 team of Brayden Taylor, Rumiell Nugent, Chris Cole and Bryson Hill took fifth and the 4x800 team of Zane Easter, Lance Toapanta, Alex Helems and Yuyraj Singh placed seventh.

Above left, Peyton Lewis rounds the turn in the 200 meters, Above right, My'la Green glides over the hurdle in her 100 meter win. Below left, Shaniya Robinson takes 3rd in the girls' 100 meters. Below right, Eryn Hughes competes in the 100 meter dash. PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING



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SHS boys open state at Atlee

The Salem High boys' lacrosse team will be heading to Atlee High in Mechanicsville Friday when they open the Class 4 state tournament. Salem is the Region 4D runnerup after falling to E.C. Glass in the Region 4D final in Lynchburg Tuesday, 14-2.

The Spartans were hoping for a better outcome on Tuesday, and a win over Glass would have given them a home game to open the state on Friday. Instead, Glass gets the home game and Salem has a long trip.

Salem's two goals on Tuesday were scored by Jake Massey and Tanner Dallas. The Spartans fell behind early and never threatened the Hilltoppers after halftime.

Last Thursday at Spartan Field it was a different story when Salem clinched a spot in the state tournament with an 11-9 win over Jefferson Forest. The Spartans trailed 5-4 at the half but outscored the Cavaliers 7-4 after intermission to pull out the win.

"It was great getting over the hump after that JF team has knocked them out of the playoffs the last few years," said first year Salem coach George Revercomb. "Haven't been to the state tournament in a while, so we're pumped about that."

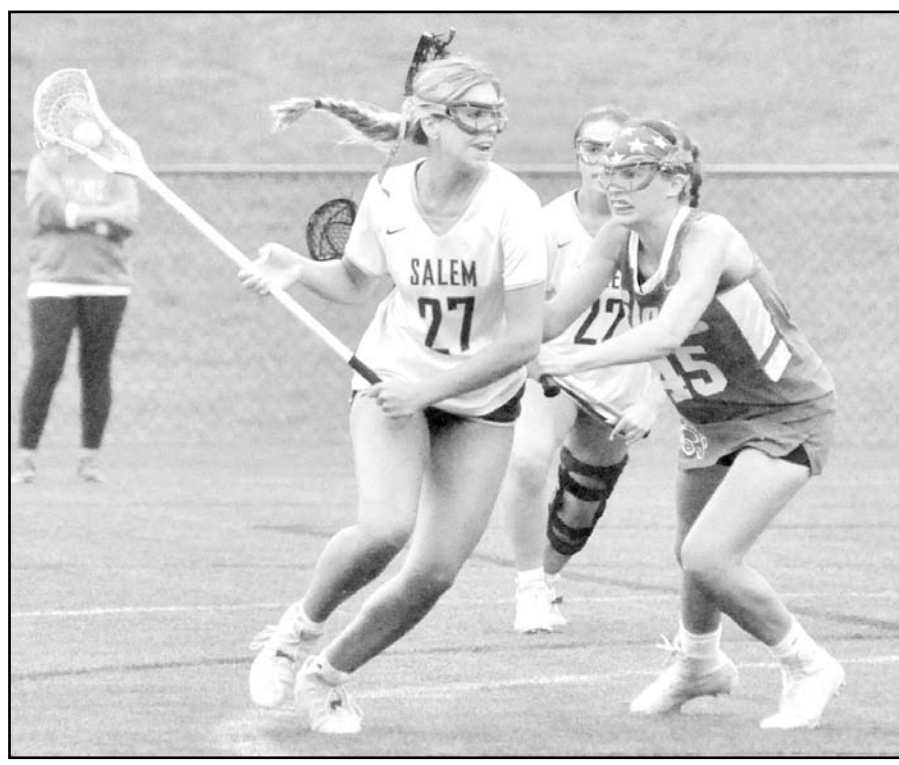
Massey and Landon Miles had four goals each in the win over Jefferson Forest and Jake also had four assists. Dallas had two goals and two assists and Bryden Hall had a goal. Trey Joyce had a dozen saves in the crease.

Salem will take a 10-6 overall record to Mechanicsville Friday with hopes of coming back with a win to continue their season.



Salem's Landon Miles(right) checks a Jefferson Forest opponent off the ball in last week's win at Spartan Field.

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Addy Blanchard(#27) goes to the goal in last week's game with E.C. Glass.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

'Toppers top Salem lax girls

The Salem High girls battled back from an early deficit but ran out of time in their 11-9 loss to E.C. Glass in last week's Region 4D lacrosse semifinal at Spartan Field. With the loss Salem's season came to an end one win short of a trip to the state tournament.

"Definitely not the way we wanted that to go," said Salem coach Maggi Pace. "We had beaten Glass by three earlier in the season without playing at our best and, quite honestly, I thought we were going to stretch that lead given the second chance. The Glass team that showed up was extremely motivated and having the best season they have ever had."

Salem trailed 8-4 at one point in the game before rallying in the closing minutes to make it close.

"Mia Esworthy and Ella Walker went into a faceguard on their two best players in the second half and slowed things down," said Pace. "Of Glass' 11 goals those two scored nine between them. Bailey Stratton tried to fire us up with two goals late (but we simply ran out of time.)"

Stratton finished with three goals, Zoe Blair and Chloe Butt had two each and Addi Blanchard and Resse Redford had one goal apiece. Brynn Bowen had 11 saves and kept the Spartans in the game. Bowen, Butt and Blanchard were team captains.

"Their leadership will be truly missed," said Pace. "I look forward to seeing what this group will do in the future. Of the 12 starters in the last few games, only three or four are graduating this year and are spread across the field with one each at goalie, defense, midfield, and attack. That leaves a lot of experience in every area of the field to return and play together."

RC's Lilly Blair is second team NCAA Division III All-American in lacrosse

The Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) has announced their NCAA DIII All-American teams and Roanoke College senior Lilly Blair was named 2nd team All-American on attack.

The awards for the Salem native keep coming. Lilly was recently named a College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All District and an IWLCA All Region 1st team selection. The All-American selection was the first for the Roanoke women's lacrosse program since Claire Feeny was 3rd team in 2016.

This season Blair finished first in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) with 71 goals and 90 total points. For her efforts Blair was named All ODAC 1st team, ODAC Women's Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Year as well as being named the 2022 ODAC Women's Lacrosse Scholar Athlete of the Year. It marked the 13th time in the history of the conference that Roanoke would claim Player of the Year.

For her career, Blair scored 195 goals with 40 assists for 235 total points in just 57 games played. She picked up 82 ground ball, secured 101 draw controls, and caused

45 turnovers. The two-time IWLCA 1st team All Region selection was named All-American for the first time.

Academically, Blair graduated with a 4.00 GPA as a triple major. The IWLCA also named Blair to the Academic Honor Roll in both of the seasons in which she was eligible and is currently in the voting to be named a CoSIDA Academic All American.

Although she has graduated, Blair has one more year of eligibility due to the COVID year and has indicated she will return in 2023 for another season while doing graduate work.



LILLY BLAIR

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Both teams have also clinched state championship berths. The boys are undefeated with a 17-0-1 record and if they win tonight they would host a state quarterfinal game next Tuesday. The girls are now 15-4 and they're also in a state game Tuesday. Tonight's Region C winners will host state quarterfinals and the runnerup Region 2C teams will play at the home of the Region 2D champs in quarterfinal state play.

The boys continued their dominating play in the past week. Last Friday the Highlanders won their region quarterfinal game on a rainy night at Highlander Stadium, 6-1, over James River. The vis-

iting Knights battled the Highlanders to a nil-nil tie at the half but Glenvar was able to score six unanswered goals after intermission before the Knights averted the shutout with a late scorre.

Colin Clapper punched in the first one from about eight yards out to get the scoring started. Riley Geddes followed up with a goal after that. Other goal scorers were Jacson Shepherd, with two, Aidan Hylton and Bryce King. Collecting assists were Shepherd, with three, Clapper, Hylton and Geddes.

"I thought the guys did a great job of coming out and implementing some adjustments we made at the half," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "This helped us pull away in the second half. It was nice to get back out there and play after a 15 day layoff."

On Tuesday the boys got two goals each from Maddox Fisher and Geddes and one each from Clapper, Shepherd, King, Wesley Feliciano and Erwin Montanez. Clapper had three assists and Shepherd had two.

The girls had a tougher time in their quarterfinal, pulling out a 2-1 win at Radford. Giuliana Stanley scored both goals for Glenvar, with Rhyann Harris and Campbell Hardin assisting.

On Tuesday in Martinsville the girls were hitting on all cylinders in a dominating region semifinal win. Stanley had three goals in this one and Davin Tate and Kailah Finley had two each. Faren Wilson had the other goal while Jordin Crouch and Bryn Duff had two assists each and Anna Vecellio, Harden and Tate also had assists.

Salem boys soccer season ends with loss in region

The Salem High boys soccer team dropped an opening round game to Western Albemarle in the first round of the Region 4D tournament last week as their season came to an end. The Warriors took a 4-1 win over the Spartans in Crozet.

"We lost to a very good Western Albemarle team," said Salem coach David Atkins. "It was a disappointing end to the season but the guys played hard, as they have all year."

Salem took an early lead when Logan Lavinder scored off a Buddy Reed assist just two minutes into the game. However, the host team tied it up three minutes later, then took a 2-1 lead with eight minutes left in the half. A goal with 15 seconds until intermission was a back-breaker, and the Warriors added an

insurance goal in the second half while keeping the Spartans off the board. Max Benne had six saves for Salem.

With the loss Salem ended the season with a record of 6-8-1. The Spartans lost a bunch of close games and dealt with some injuries but never quit.

"The contributions of our Senior class were tremendous and have helped their younger teammates prepare for the future," said Atkins. "This team battled throughout the season and never quit fighting and playing hard even when close game after close game didn't go their way. I'm proud of the effort the guys put in this year and I hope they are proud of themselves. It was a fun group to watch play and I look forward to next season."



Salem's Reece Mangus(#25) battles a Blacksburg player for the ball in the recent River Ridge District championship game. The Spartans will get another crack at the Bruins in the Region 4D championship game tonight.

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SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

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open the state and the runnerup will go to the site of the Region 4C champion.

Salem is now 13-5-1 on the season and three of the losses have been to Blacksburg, so tonight's game is a chance to get some revenge on the Bruins. Blacksburg defeated Western Albemarle in the other region semifinal on Tuesday, 1-0.

The Spartans came into the tournament as the sixth seed but have played above that seed in the two games so far. Last week Salem opened the regional with a 5-0 win over third seeded Halifax County in South Boston. Salem scored four their five goals off set pieces, finishing three off 13 corners and also scoring off a free kick.

Brooke Bowers took 10 corners and Avery Mangus scored off two of them. Blair Bowers took two corners and Audrey Hayes snuck a goal in through the middle with a beautiful finish on one of those corners.

Kenley Coleman shot the ball from outside of the 30 yard line and scored off a drop pass from Audrey Hayes and Kenley also took a free kick and connected with Mangus for a goal off a header. Allison Kessel and Kennedy Scales combined for the shutout in the cage.

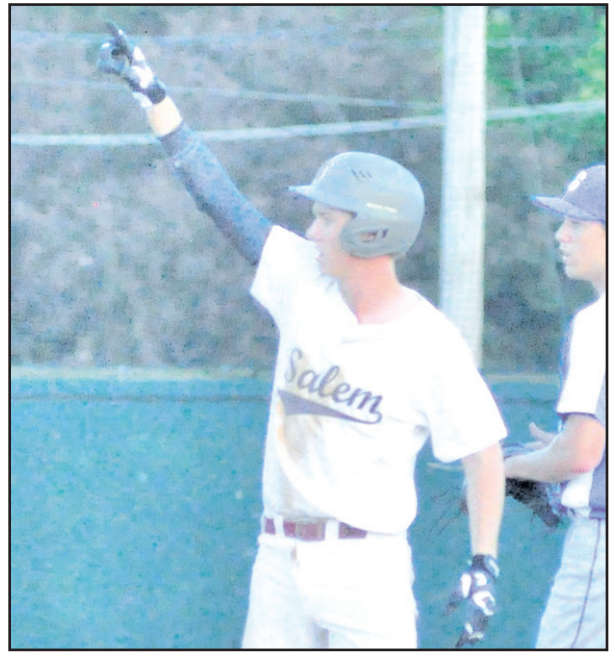
On Tuesday Salem grabbed an early lead when Mangus scored off an assist from Annie Bond, giving Salem a 1-0 lead at the half.

"At half I reminded them to settle in. We were giving the ball away a lot in the first half and not winning big balls in the middle," said coach Kayla Wood. "Adjusted a few things concerning our attack and the girls just kept grinding."

Salem upped the lead to 2-0 when Abby Pitts banged home a goal off a rebound shot from Bond. Glass scored a late goal but the Spartans were able to hang on as Kessel had 10 saves, including a couple one-on-one denials as Salem held on for the big win.



Left, Salem's Hunter Bayne dives safely back to first as E.C. Glass attempts a pick-off Saturday night. Right, Caleb Furrage signals to the Spartan dugout after doubling in Salem's state qualifying win.



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Spartans earn trip to state with baseball win over E.C. Glass

The Salem High baseball team will be playing in the state tournament after reaching the Region 4D championship game. Salem was scheduled to play for the Region 4D championship on Wednesday of this week at Jefferson Forest, and that will determine who and where they play in the state.

If Salem pulled off a win at Jefferson Forest the Spartans would be home next week for a state quarterfinal game, most likely on Wednesday. Salem would host the Region 4C runner-up at Billy Sample Field.

If Jefferson Forest won Wednesday, Salem would still be in the state tournament but would have to play on the road. That would be at the site of the Region 4D champion.

Salem came into the tournament as the number five seed with a quarterfinal game against Louisa County in Mineral, VA last week. The Spartans got good pitching and some timely hitting to defeat the Lions, 2-1, to advance to the region semifinal.

Trent Judd started on the mound for Salem and

pitched six solid innings, scattering seven hits while walking none and allowing just one run. Eli Bowery got the save, pitching around two walks in a scoreless seventh while fanning one.

The Spartans got all the runs they needed when Caleb Furrage blasted a two run home run in the top of the first inning. With two outs and none on Bowery drew a walk and Furrage followed with the big fly to get Salem off to a flying start. It was one of just three Spartan hits as Trace Monroe and Hunter King both had singles.

In the "one-eight" game the eighth seed, E.C. Glass, defeated top-seeded Western Albermarle by the same 2-1 score. Salem was scheduled to host Glass in the region semifinal on Friday night but rain moved that game back to Saturday evening and clear skies greeted a nice crowd for the game that would determine who would make the state tournament and who would see its' season end.

Salem coach Wes McMillan called on freshman Monroe to start on the mound and the freshman came

up big, pitching four no-hit innings before tiring in the fifth. Salem had taken a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth but the Hilltoppers rallied to tie the game in the fifth on two hits and a Spartan error before Bowery came in to put out the fire.

The Spartans regained the lead in the bottom of the fifth and scored two more in the sixth inning to open a 4-1 lead. That proved to be the final as Bowery shut the door in the sixth and seventh with three strikeouts to pick up the win.

Salem had four hits for the game, led by Hunter Bayne with two hits and two runs batted in. Hunter King had a double and scored twice and Bowery and Judd both knocked in runs for Salem. Monroe allowed no earned runs while fanning four, and Bowery finished the job with two and a third scoreless innings and three punchouts.

Now 17-5, Judd was slated to pitch on Wednesday in the big game at Jefferson Forest.

"It seems like every year it comes down to us or them," said McMillan.

Big inning ends Glenvar's season

The Glenvar baseball team saw its season come to an end last week with a 10-0 loss at Alleghany in the Region 2C opening round.

As has often been the case this year, one bad inning did the Highlanders in. Glenvar trailed just 1-0 after four and a half innings before the dam broke in the bottom of the fifth. The Mountaineers scored nine runs without recording an out and ended the game by slaughter rule.

Atlee Alexander was the losing pitcher for Glenvar and Clay Caldwell came on in relief during the wild fifth inning. Glenvar had two hits in the shutout loss, one by Reed Hutchinson and one by James Tozier.

With the loss the Highlanders saw their season come to an end with a disappointing 3-18 record. Glenvar graduated four seniors last week and hopes are high for a better season in 2023.

"We'll still be young but we have some kids playing summer ball and they're willing to work," said coach Jeremy Cromer. "I told them championships are made in the off-season, and we're already looking forward to next year."



Cora Robinson is one of a group of talented young Spartans who helped the Salem softball team win eight more games than last season.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

SHS softball falls in Orange

The Salem High softball season came to an end in the Region 4D opener with a 7-0 loss to Orange County in Orange, VA last week.

Freshman Cora Robinson pitched for the Spartans and kept the game close before the Hornets pulled away. Salem could manage just three hits, one each by Robinson, Bayleigh Booth and Caitlyn Wells.

With the loss Salem finished the season with a 10-11 record after winning just two games last year. The Spartans had a young team with four seniors on the roster and their battery of Robinson and Cora Sparger on the mound and Wells behind the plate were all freshmen.

"We finished a much-improved season from the two wins last year," said coach John Counts. "We have four seniors graduating, and they will be missed, but we watched the underclassmen improve as the year went along at both the varsity and JV level. I am very optimistic in the direction the program is going and look forward to start preparing for next year."

GHS boys win tennis Region 2C doubles

Glenvar's Alec McIlwain and Blaine Bishop are the Region 2C doubles champions, and will play in the state Class 2 doubles tournament next week.

McIlwain and Bishop won the Region 2C doubles championship last Thursday. The Glenvar duo beat George Wythe, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 in the semis and Grayson County in the finals, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

"I was very proud how well they played to survive several match points in the third set,"

said Glenvar coach Bob Haynie.

The Glenvar duo both advance directly to the state semifinals on June 9th at Virginia Tech.

McIlwain, Glenvar's number one player, also played in the region singles tournament and beat Ethan Carr of Fort Chiswell, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3, in the singles quarterfinals. Last Friday Friday Alec lost to Baron Leitch of Alleghany, 6-4, 6-4, in the semifinal. Leitch went on to win the region crown with a 6-1, 6-0

win over Grant Sayers of Grayson County in the final.

"The future is bright for Alec next year considering he is still a freshman and has already reached a very high level of competition against mostly seniors this year," said Haynie.

Governors put end to GHS softball season

The Glenvar softball team ended up "one and done" in the Region 2C tournament last week with a 7-1 loss to Nelson County in Lovingston.

The Governors got on the board in the first inning with a walk and a double, followed by a wildly thrown ball back to the infield that went into Nelson County's dugout to score both runs. Nelso would then score two more runs in the third inning when two different errors allowed the batters to reach the base safely, followed by a passed ball and wild pitch which allowed them to score and open a 4-0 lead.

In the third inning Nelson had two singles in a row and then a fielding error by Glenvar loaded the bases. Two



Nathan Hickey of the Salem Red Sox slides safely into second with an RBI double in Monday's Memorial Day win over Columbia.

PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Sox open homestand with win

The Salem Red Sox opened a six game series with the Columbia Fireflies with a rare Monday afternoon game this week and got the homestand off to a good start with a 6-2 win.

Salem plays on just two Mondays all season, the 4th of July and Memorial Day, and the Sox are guaranteed of a season split on Mondays after lighting up the Fireflies on Memorial Day this week. Columbia is a farm team of the Kansas City Royals.

The Sox scored in threes on Monday, putting up three runs in the fourth inning and three more in the seventh to jump out to a 6-0 lead. Meanwhile, Juan Daniel Encarnacion was shutting out the Flies on four hits over the first five innings while striking out four and walking none to pick up the win. Adenys Bautista and Christopher Troye picked up "holds" with a scoreless inning each in the sixth and seventh before Columbia touched Jhonny Felix for two runs in the eighth. Miguel Suero finished things off with a score-

less ninth.

Offensively, Blaze Jordan had two hits, including a triple, and three runs batted in for the Sox. Marcelo Mayer and Nathan Hickey scored two runs each and Eddinson Paulino stole two bases.

With the win the Sox evened their record at 23-23 and they were off Tuesday. Salem returns to Salem Memorial Ballpark for Wednesday through Sunday games against Columbia, with weekday games starting at 7:05 pm, Saturday at 6:05 pm and Sunday at 5:05 pm.

Tonight, Thursday, is "Pride Night" at the ballpark and Friday is "Fairytale Night" with a three baseball card set giveaway and post game fireworks. Saturday is "Transportation Night" with a bobble head giveaway of Mugsy with a train.

The Red Sox have their normal Monday off next week, then head to Charleston for a six game series beginning Tuesday, June 7.

End of season for Spartan girls' tennis

Salem's Lauren Baba and Claire Rawlins competed in the Region 4D singles and doubles tournament on a hot day in Lynchburg at E.C. Glass High School Tuesday.

Lauren represented Salem in singles and won her quarter final match when her opponent forfeited. Then Lauren and doubles partner Rawlins played a three and a half hour marathon in the doubles quarterfinal against the host doubles team from E.C. Glass. The Salem girls won the first set, 7-5, but lost the second, 6-2. The third set was tied at 6-6 and went



LAUREN BABA

to a tie-breaker, with the Glass girls winning 7-2.

At that point Baba was worn out from a long day in the sun and couldn't continue, forfeiting her semifinal singles match and ending the season for the Salem girls' team.

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Happy Days in Salem

Salem was the "City of Champions" once again this week as NCAA Division III champs were crowned in softball and women's lacrosse. Above left, Brooke Greaver (#32) of Virginia's Christopher Newport University is all smiles as she rounds first base after opening the bottom of the ninth inning with an extra inning "walk off" home run in the NCAA Division III softball tournament Sunday at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem. Above right, Captain teammates await Greaver at the plate in the 4-3 win over Texas Lutheran. The Captains went on to finish undefeated in the tournament, defeating Griner University of Indiana 3-0 on Tuesday to win the NCAA championship with a season record of 46-1. Right, Middlebury College lacrosse players pose for a team photo after winning the NCAA Division III championship in Salem Sunday afternoon. Middlebury broke open a tight contest to score six unanswered goals to close out the game and take a 13-5 win in the championship game at Kerr Stadium on the campus of Roanoke College.

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Highlanders sweep Region 2C track meet, send 26 to state

The Glenvar High track team swept the Region 2C meet at Christiansburg High School last Thursday as both the Highlander boys and girls won championships. Glenvar advanced 13 boys and 13 girls to the Class 1&2 meet at James Madison University in Harrisonburg this weekend.

The top four from each event advanced and the list is full of Highlanders. The boys won their meet with 124 points to outdistance second place Radford, who had 102. Floyd

County took third with 95 points and James River was fourth with 92.

Tyler Johnson of Glenvar won both hurdle races, taking the 110 meters in 15.47 and the 300 in 41.38. Nick Woodson won the 400 in 52.67, Daniel Zearfoss won the 3,200 in 10:18 and Avone Noel cleared 11'1" to win the pole vault with a personal best.

Second places went to Jackson Swanson in both the 100 and 200 meters and Colby Thompson in the high jump. The Glenvar 4x100 relay

team also finished second with the team of Kyle Hanks, Woodson, Johnson and Swanson.

The girls rolled up 164 points to win over runnerup Appomattox County, who had 146. Sydney Loder took three firsts with a time of 16.02 in the 100 hurdles, 48.79 in the 300 hurdles and clearing 5'2" to win the high jump.

Carly Wilkes swept the 800 and 1,600, winning the 800 in 2:19 and the 1,600 in 5:13. The girls 4x400 relay team of Rhyann Harris, Delaney Eller,

Wilkes and Loder also came home first with a time of 4:15.

Harris also took second in the 400 and shot put and the girls 4x100 relay team of Mahre Swanson, Brooklyn Woolwine, Addrianna Hall and Harris was runnerup.

"I couldn't be more proud of these kids," said Glenvar coach Neil Swanson. "They're hard workers and competitors and it shows. Not only this, but they know how to work and have fun at the same time."

Glenvar tennis girls win region team, singles and doubles

The Glenvar girls' tennis team will open state play today at Virginia Tech. The Highlanders will take on John Battle in the quarterfinal round of Class 2.

The Highlanders come into the tournament as the Region 2C champion after defeating Floyd County, 5-2, in the championship match last Wednesday. Singles winners were Isabella Gustafson, Avery Flynn, Hannah Hylton and Natalie McMahon, and Cara Butler and Hylton won in doubles to clinch

the match.

Floyd is also in the state tournament as Region 2C runnerup and they'll play Central of Wise, the Region 2D champ, on Friday. John Battle is the Region 2D runnerup and Glenvar is the host team today. The Highlanders were originally scheduled to play on Friday but the match was moved up to today because it was the only time the Virginia Tech courts were available. If the Highlanders win today they would play the Floyd-Central of Wise

winner on Monday at the higher seed, and the state championship is June 9 at Virginia Tech at 10 am.

Glenvar also has the Region 2C singles and doubles champs. Gustafson defeated Madison Graham of Radford in the Region 2C singles semifinals, 7-6, 6-1, then beat Madi Ramey of Floyd in the final, 6-1, 6-0. Gustafson will open state singles play on Friday, June 10, at noon against Emily Tharpe of Randolph-Henry, the Region 2A champ. The championship is Saturday, June 11, at 9 am at Tech.

In doubles Gustafson and Flynn defeated Radford's duo in the semifinals, 6-2, 6-1, then beat the Floyd team in the final, 6-0, 6-4. Gustafson and Flynn will play in the state doubles semifinals against the Region 2A doubles champion from Randolph-Henry at 3 pm at Virginia Tech on Thursday, June 9. The championship is Friday morning at 9 am at Tech.



The Glenvar girls are Region 2C tennis team champs. Left to right above, Coach Blaine Mills, Hannah Hill, Isabella Gustafson, Avery Flynn, Cara Butler, Hannah Hylton, Natalie McMahon, Dhruvi Patel, Katie Grace McClung, Callie Linkous and Gabrielle Taylor. In the photo at the right are Region 2C doubles champs Avery Flynn and Isabella Gustafson. Isabella also won the region singles title.

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GHS boys & girls play for region soccer crowns tonite

It will be an all-Three Rivers District night when Bogle Field in South Roanoke County plays host to the Region 2C soccer finals tonight. The Glenvar boys and girls are both in the finals and they'll be playing district opponents for the region championship.

Region 2C semifinals were Tuesday night at the Smith River Complex in Martinsville and Glenvar dominated play. The boys took a 9-0 win over Dan

River and the girls beat Chatham, 8-0.

Tonight, the boys will meet Radford while the girls take on Alleghany, both Three Rivers District members. The Radford boys eliminated Chatham on Tuesday while the Alleghany girls beat Dan River. Tonight's championship games will both be played at Bogle Field with the girls at 6 pm and the boys to follow at approximately 8 pm.

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Salem girls clinch state soccer berth

The Salem High girls will be playing in the state Class 4 soccer tournament after clinching a spot on Tuesday by defeating E.C. Glass in Lynchburg. The Spartans took a 2-1 win over the Hilltoppers in the Region 4D semifinal and will play Blacksburg, in Blacksburg, tonight for the Region 4D championship.

Both of tonight's participants have clinched a spot in the state quarterfinals, which are scheduled for next Tuesday. Tonight's winner will get a home game to

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Jacson Shepherd of GHS had two goals and three assists in Saturday's win.

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Salem sprinters dominate at Region 4D track meet

The Salem girls were fifth and the boys were seventh in the Region 4D track meet at Louisa County High School in Mineral, VA last week.

Jefferson Forest won the girls meet with 137 points, followed by Blacksburg with 120. Salem had 52 points for fifth. The top athletes scored and the top four advance to this weekend's state Class 4 meet at Liberty University.

Girls who qualified for the state include My'la Green with a first place finish in the 100 hurdles in a time of 15.71. My'la also was fourth in the long jump and ran on the winning 4x100 relay team with Shaniyah Robinson, Neelah Logan and Charli Wynn. They won with a time of 51.1.

Robinson advances to the state with a third in the 100 and a fourth in the long jump while Logan took fourth in the 110 hurdles and just missed advancing with a fifth in the 200. Green scored with a seventh

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