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Green Hill Highland Games returned after 2-year hiatus

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The spirit of the Scottish Highlands was alive and well Saturday at Green Hill Park.

The annual Green Hill Highland Games, which ran from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. celebrated the Celtic and Scottish culture of Southwest Virginia. This was the 12th time the games have been held.

Chad Clark, one of the organizers, noted that this year's event was special because it was the first time it has been held since 2019. For the past two years, the games were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clark was a bit nervous heading into Saturday. "There were so many uncertainties," he said.

Despite his nerves, he reported that the consensus from those who attended the event was that



More than a dozen clans attended the 12th Green Hill Highland Games Saturday.

it was a success. "Everybody was so happy for it to be back," he said. "It was a huge success. It surpassed our expectations."

Activities included

professional and amateur athletic competitions, Celtic clans, culture and history, live music from Kinnfolk, SYR, Virginia Highland Pipes and Drums and

Shenandoah Valley Pies and drums, Celtic dance demonstrations, rugby demonstrations, Highland culture vendors and food vendors.

"All my food vendors



PHOTOS BY AILA BOYD

A variety of professional and amateur competitions were held during the event.

sold out. I had craft vendors that literally sold out of everything they had," Clark said. "They were ecstatic."

The Celtic clans that participated in the festival included Appalachian Highlands Celts, Clan Bell, Clan Bu-

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South Salem Principal Laura James, left, is joined by the school's former reading specialist and new assistant principal, Kendra Fagg. Mrs. Fagg was West Salem's Teacher of the Year in 2022.

3,640 students return to Salem schools

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

More than 3,600 students returned to school in Salem Monday, with smiles, new notebooks, backpacks and excitement over a new year.

"We had a very smooth opening, especially when you consider the effort that went into Salem High ready to open after construction," said new Salem Schools Superintendent Curtis Hicks, after his first opening day as superintendent.

"There are always a handful of transportation delays on the first week of school," Hicks continued, "but we did not experience anything out of the ordinary. All in all, it was a great start to Salem's 40th year as an independent school division."

Before that, Salem Schools were part of Roanoke County's education system.

Hicks noted this was the first "normal" school year for rising ninth graders since they were in fifth grade, because of COVID

19.

As at Salem's other three elementary schools, SHS and Andrew Lewis Middle School, students started arriving early at G.W. Carver Elementary at 7:20, getting off buses and out of parents' and grandparents' cars.

Teachers were outside to meet them, in front of a grassy area filled with welcome back posters created by Fellowship Church members for teachers.

"Monday was a fabulous day at Carver," said Principal Kristyn Schmidt. "I love seeing all the smiling faces on students and teachers. Several students told me the summer was too long and they were so glad to be back at school," she added.

West Salem Elementary Principal Amanda Gibson was similarly excited about the first day.

"Our faculty, staff, students and families made our 70th school opening memorable for

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Boyd assumes editorial oversight of papers

Aila Boyd has assumed the role of executive editor over Virginia Media, Inc.

As part of her duties, she will serve as editor of The Salem Times-Register and The New Castle Record. Additionally, she will oversee the editorial content of The Fincastle Herald, The Vinton Messenger, Radford News Journal and News Messenger.

"Community newspapers are the heart and soul of our communities. My goal going forward is to strengthen our editorial content. I will be working with the editorial teams at all of our papers to make sure we are providing our readers with the type of robust coverage they deserve," she said.

Boyd, a veteran journalist, previously worked for the company between 2018 and 2020. She served as the editor of The Fincastle Herald and The Vinton Messenger.

"It's great to be part of the Virginia Media family again," Boyd said. "I enjoyed my first stint with the company and couldn't be more thrilled to be back."

Most recently, she was the editor of The Franklin News-Post and Laker magazine, a glossy lifestyle magazine at Smith Mountain Lake.

Boyd, who holds a terminal graduate degree in writing, has also worked extensively in education. She has taught English at a number of colleges and universities.

"A few years ago, Aila Boyd worked for Virginia Media as the editor of The Fincastle Herald newspaper. We knew we had a strong editor then but when she had the opportunity to advance her career, we had to let her go with good wishes. It is our good fortune now to be able to have her back as the executive editor of Virginia Media and the editor of the Salem Times-Register and the

New Castle Record. I look forward to working with her and anticipate a new era in providing local news to our communities," Michael Showell, publisher, said.

-The Salem Times-Register



Candidates sought for two school board seats

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Two seats are set to expire on the Salem School Board at the end of the year. The two seats are currently held by Artice Ledbetter and Andy Raines.

The Salem City Council is currently seeking citizens who are interested in serving on the board. Both seats are for three-year terms, beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

According to a legal notice from the city, applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest and resume by Sept. 9.

Those who have questions or would like to be considered for the seats are advised to contact Laura Lea Harris, the deputy clerk of council, at 378-0172 or at llharris@salemva.gov.

The council will hold a public hearing at its regular September meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. During the hearing, the names of the applicants will be submitted to the council. Candidates and citizens will be given the opportunity



Ledbetter



Raines

to speak.

The current terms for both Ledbetter and Raines started in January of 2020.

Raines was first appointed to the board at the end of 2013. His first term started in 2014. He is now in the last year of his third term.

Ledbetter has been serving on the board since 2011. She is nearing the end of her fourth term.



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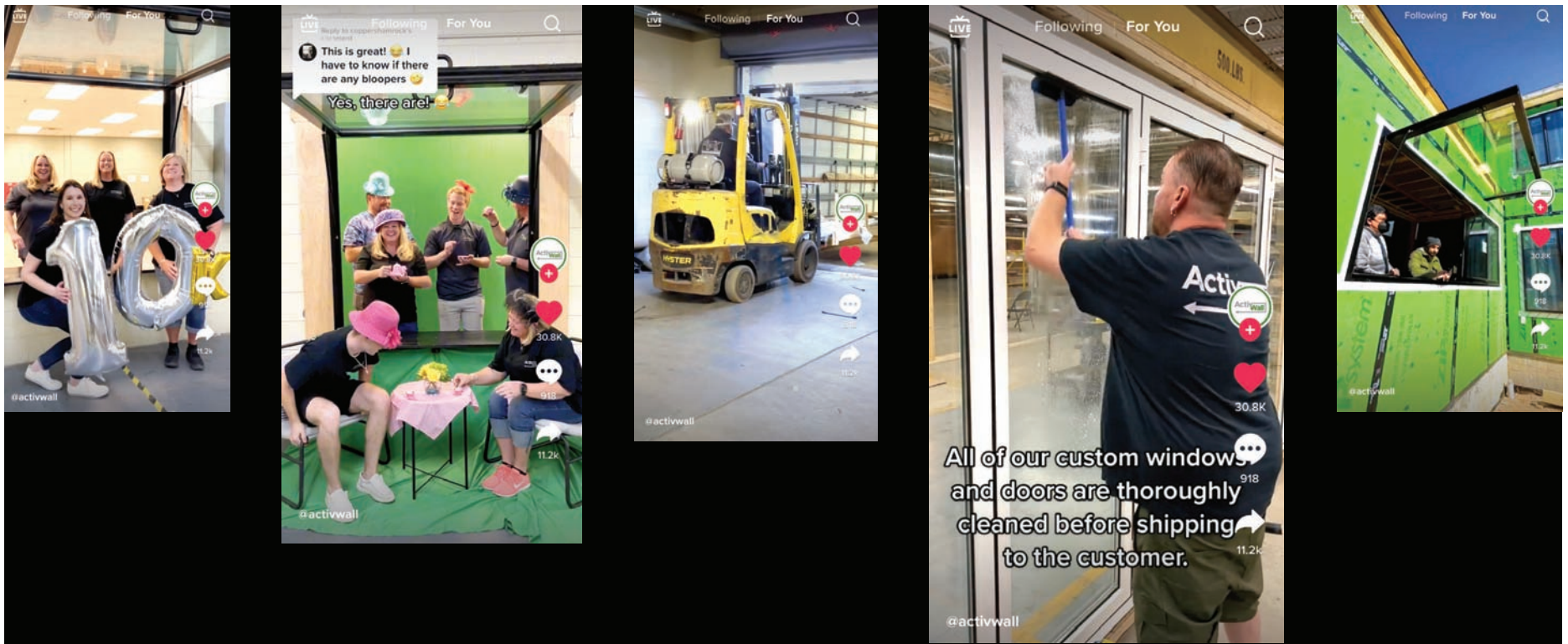
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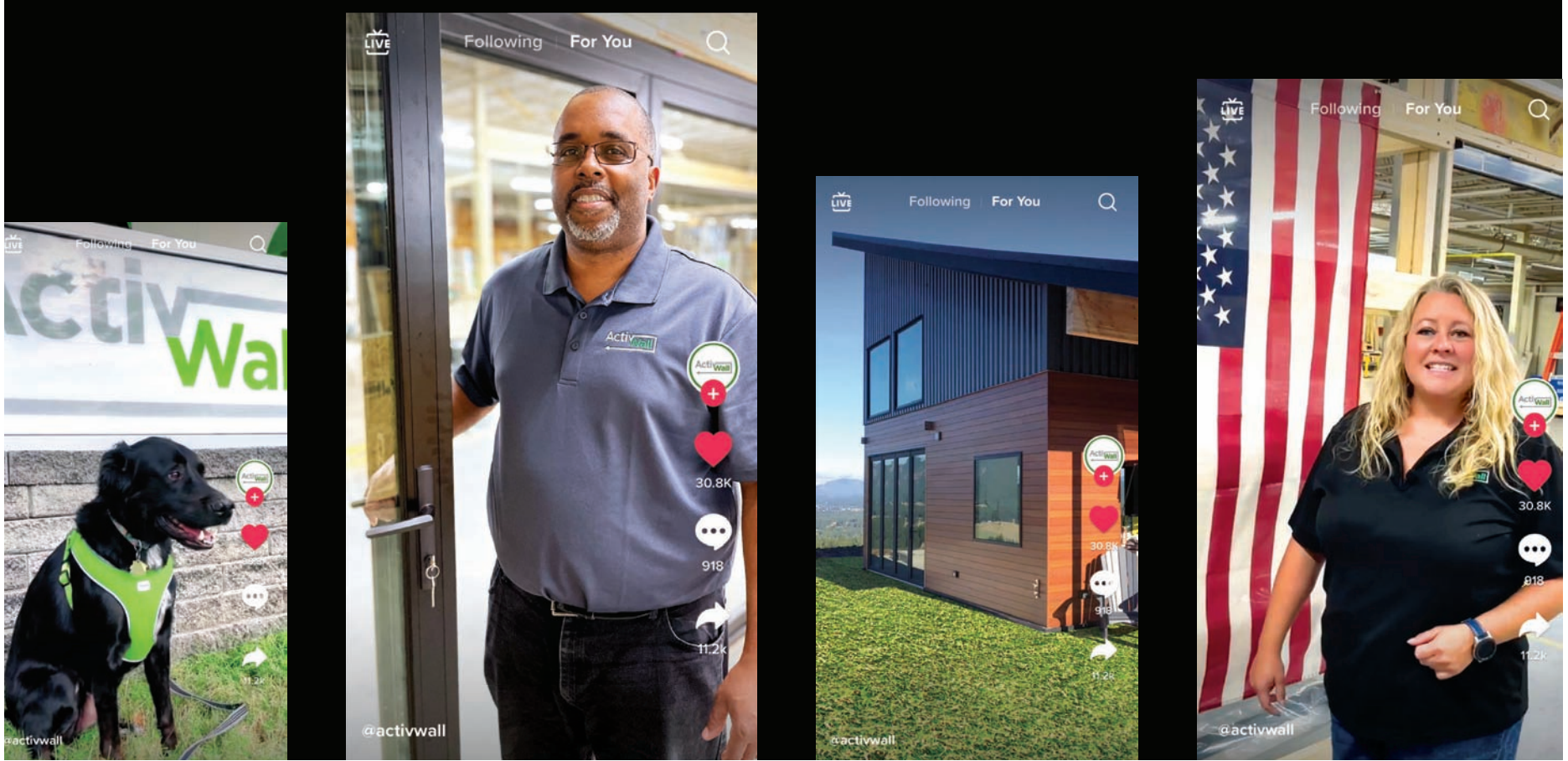


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Virginia business booms on TikTok

Locals like [@activwall](#) had their best month ever thanks to a trending TikTok video.

ActivWall designs and manufactures beautiful moving walls, windows, and doors. In April 2022, ActivWall had its highest-grossing month of sales ever when a product demo became a trending TikTok video. Now they're using TikTok to attract dealers and offer their custom-made products to customers across the country. It's just another example of how Virginia business is booming on TikTok.



Briefly: Salem News In Brief

35th Annual Roanoke Valley Mopar Car Show:

The free event will be at the Salem Civic Center Saturday, Sept. 3. Gates open at 8 a.m. Registration will be open until 1 p.m. Registration prices include \$25 for the car show, \$25 for the car corral and \$25 for the swap meet. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. by outside judges. Over 100 awards will be given. Proceeds will benefit St. Jude's and other local charities. More information can be found at roanokevalleymoparclub.webs.com

Salem Museum Members' Summer Picnic:

Please join us for our Members' Picnic on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 6 to 8 pm. We will have seating in our Community Room and outdoors on our lovely Green Roof. Our event will feature BBQ, beer and wine, with catering by Lost Mountain Breads, and music by Jim Robinson on the Hammered Dulcimer. Cost is \$22 per person, payable by mail, or dropped off at the Museum,

or call us with your credit card. Please RSVP by September 1 by calling 540-389-6760, or emailing frances@salemuseum.org. Submitted by the Salem Museum and Historical Society

LeadHERship Series – "Innovative Workplace Communication:

Impacts of Digitalization": The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce will be holding a luncheon Sept. 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Virginia Western Community College Natural Science Center in partnership with Virginia Western College of Career and Corporate Training featuring Anne Millehan from Millehan Coaching and Consulting. The topic will be "Innovative Workplace Communication: Impacts of Digitization." It is part of a 10-month Women's LeadHERship Series for women across all industries. Series attendees only. There is no registration, but an RSVP is required. More information can be found at: [\[rcchamber.org/\]\(http://rcchamber.org/\)](https://s-</p>
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Gary Allan's Ruthless Tour:

The country music artist will be at the Salem Civic Center Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. His first new album in eight years was released last year. Tickets range in price from \$37.50 to \$97.50. They can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Young Professional Group:

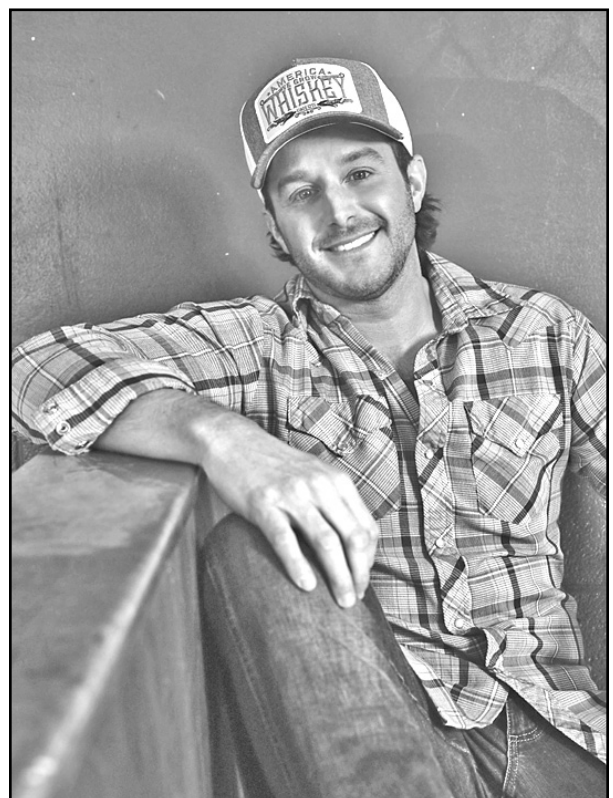
The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce is holding a meeting Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Mac and Bob's Restaurant in the sunroom on the lower level. Chamber member Jane Johnson, R.M. Johnson & Sons Jewelers, will be the speaker. More information can be found at: [https://s-](https://s-rcchamber.org/)

SWVA's Bigfoot & Friends...A Cryptid Celebration:

The event will be at the Salem Civic Center Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is \$10. Children under the age of 12 get in for free. Guest speakers will include experienced cryptozoology research experts and paranormal investigators, including Lyle Blackburn, Daniel Benoit, Lija Fisher, Zach Bales and Katy Elizabeth. Vendors will be on-site. There will also be a costume contest. Tickets can be found at www.ticketmaster.com.

Star-B-Q:

The event featuring Easton Corbin will be Sept. 28 from 5-8:30 p.m. at the Salem Farmers Market. Special guest Pat Pollifrone will be in attendance. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Salem. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$12 the day of. Children under 10 get in for free. Tickets can be purchased at city parks and rec at 620 Florida Street.



Easton Corbin

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Business After Hours:

The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce will hold an after hours event Sept. 29 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Twin Creeks Brewing Company in Salem. More information can

be found at: <https://s-rcchamber.org/>

Public meetings:

Salem City Council will meet Sept. 12 and 26 at 6:30 p.m. The Salem Planning Commission will meet Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. The Salem School Board will meet Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

Did you know Salem used to be a summer vacation hot-spot? Resorts like Lake Spring Hotel brought visitors from across the country. You can see this jewelry box on display this weekend as part of the Salem Museum's Hands-On History Saturday program. Lake Spring Hotel was famous for its dances and the lake where visitors could fish and swim. Sadly, the hotel burned down in 1892, but the property still lives on today as Lake Spring Park.

This month, Hands on History highlights "Ghostly Possessions," items from this year's Ghost Walk characters. On Saturdays, visitors can

pull on a glove and touch a piece of history with their own hands.

To learn more about Lake Spring Hotel, come to Ghost Walk Oct. 6-8. East Hill Cemetery comes alive after dark just once a year. Tour the historic graveyard and meet notable characters from Salem's past. These walking tours are family-friendly, fun and informative, but not scary. Tours leave the Salem Museum every 15 minutes from 6 to 8 p.m. Advance tickets are recommended. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students of any age and free for children 3 and younger. Tickets are available now at the Salem Museum and online at SalemMuseum.org.



Jewelry box from Lake Spring Hotel

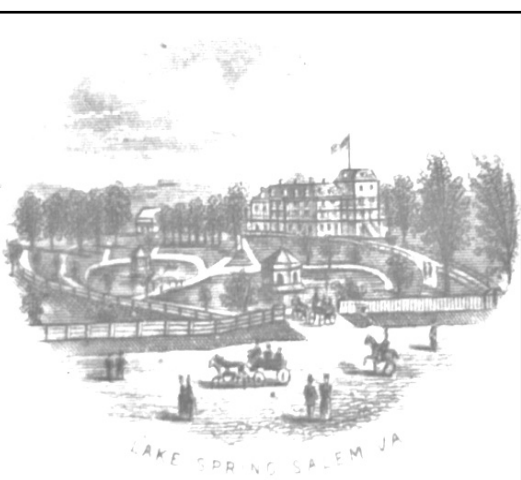


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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Hall One Of Town's Outstanding Young Business Leaders

Fry and Hall became Caleb L. Hall Insurance Co.

From the 1938 Centennial Edition of The Times-Register

It's a long distance from Seattle Washington, far out on the Pacific coast, facing the wide ocean, to Salem, Virginia, hemmed in by the towering Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains, but Caleb L. Hall, prominent local insurance man can claim the former as one of his former homes.

And yet, of more interest, with respect to geography is the birthplace of Mr. Hall, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Only twenty-six years ago, October 16, 1912, the rising young civic leader first saw the light of day.

Mr. Hall's education was received in the Salem public schools, Augusta Military Academy and Roanoke College. While in high school, he showed athletic ability along several lines, while playing on varsity teams.

The Salem Lion's Club is headed by Mr. Hall at present. He was extremely active in the formation of this local civic body and has served in various offices of the organi-

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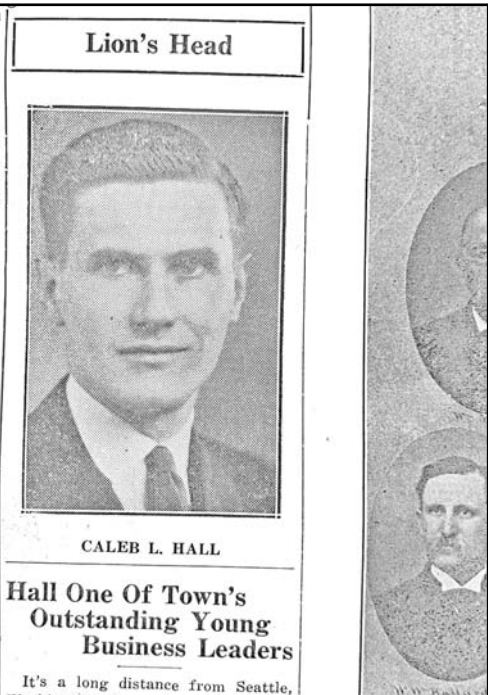


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zation.

His church affiliation includes membership in St. Paul's Episcopal church of Salem.

Previous to 1935 Mr. Hall was employed by the Peacock-Salem, Inc., after which date, with R. S. Fry, Jr., he bought the G. E. Pier-

pont Insurance Agency here.

The firm operated as Fry and Hall until January 15, 1937, when Mr. Fry accepted a position with the Aetna Casualty and Surety Co. At this time, Mr. Hall took over the agency completely and it is now known as Caleb L. Hall Insurance Co.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of August 23, 2022 – August 29, 2022

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
08/23/2022	Travis L. Helm	40	Domestic Assault & Battery
08/23/2022	Thomas R. Jones Jr.	56	Public Intoxication, Obstructing Justice
08/23/2022	Amanda R. Barton	20	False Name to Police
08/24/2022	Jade T. Clark	31	Criminal Trespass, Public Intoxication
08/24/2022	James M. Moore	41	DUI, Possession of Controlled Substance
08/24/2022	Albert R. Young	32	Uttering, Obtain Money By False Pretense
08/24/2022	Amanda S. Deaner	41	Failure to Appear
08/24/2022	Felicitas R. Jacobo	29	Domestic Assault & Battery
08/25/2022	David W. Wimmer	85	Assault & Battery
08/26/2022	Michael K. Arnold	42	Neglect
08/26/2022	Leonidya Rivera	48	Violation of Protective Order
08/26/2022	Robert J. Corbin	37	Cruelty, Domestic Assault & Battery, Illegal Use of Tear Gas, Phosgene & Pepper Spray,
08/26/2022	Christopher E. Myers	39	Indecent Exposure, Obstructing Justice
08/27/2022	Alfred L. Childress Jr.	63	DUI, Assault on Police Officer, Domestic Assault & Battery, Obstructing Justice, Prevent Another From Summoning Law Enforcement
08/28/2022	April A. Arrington	32	Public Intoxication
08/28/2022	Amanda N. Bromwell	37	Assault & Battery
08/28/2022	Erickson A. Hernandez	20	Burglary
08/28/2022	Jose E. Gonsalez	27	Domestic Assault & Battery, Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
08/29/2022	Jason E. Conner	40	Sexual Assault
08/29/2022	Kelly M. Smith	39	Domestic Assault & Battery, Criminal Trespass
08/29/2022	Zachary R. Barfield	25	Threats to Kill
08/29/2022	Scott A. Roper	63	Assault & Battery

Week of August 23, 2022 – August 29, 2022

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
24-AUG-2022	1300 BLK W Main St	Possession of Controlled Substance
26-AUG-2022	1800 BLK W Main St	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle
26-AUG-2022	1300 BLK E Main St	Cruelty, Illegal Use of Tear Gas, Phosgene, & Pepper Spray
27-AUG-2022	1400 BLK Apperson Dr	Assault on Police Officer
28-AUG-2022	900 BLK Camelot Dr	Burglary

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OPINION

Polio/Fads/Belmont

[Frances Stebbins has been covering events in Western Virginia, especially those relating to faith communities, since 1953.]

It seems that, like a devil, polio has reared its ugly head in some places showing the world once again that vaccinations cannot be neglected even decades after the serious neurological disease apparently had disappeared.

The disappearance was due to the development of a vaccine which came into use after I became an adult — and thus less likely to get the virus-caused disease — but in time for Charlie's and my children to receive their vaccinations. We lost no time in ensuring that they would be spared the summer fears of catching poliomyelitis, a justified fear for polio often left crippling that lasted for a lifetime.

Polio — called erroneously 'infantile paralysis' because it could affect adults as it did Presi-

dent Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1920s — was much a factor each summer. Swimming pools were not open when several cases were reported in a community. The opening of public schools might be delayed for a time. People avoided communities that were hard hit as was the town of Wytheville in mid-century.

I recall that when a small child, as an uncle drove my mother and me to visit my aunt in Tazewell, we left at 6 a.m. for the long day's ride and did not stop for lunch at any places on the way for fear of contagion.

Later, when I could read the newspaper that came in the mail from Richmond each weekday, there were reports of the number of new polio cases being reported in the eastern part of the commonwealth. I worried that I would catch it.

And later yet, I saw the toll the disease could take on people hand-

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

icapped for life with a useless arm — a high school classmate or a colleague from the newspaper where my late husband Charlie and I worked. I met two young adults who had to be conveyed about in wheelchairs and died prematurely from the lingering effects of atrophied muscles.

Roosevelt — adored by my mother and many others but despised by those who thought the patrician New Yorker was leading the nation into Communism — brought polio to public attention. Long after his death from a massive stroke just as World War II was ending, the world was shown pictures of him in a wheelchair. The president promoted the relaxing waters of a Georgia resort

at Warm Springs, and an annual financial appeal was carried out to raise funds to fight the ailment.

The extent of his disability, however, was not revealed until some years after his death in another instance of truth not being entirely told.

So, poliomyelitis is not conquered. In fact, as a recent newspaper story reported, the oral vaccine used for decades to combat it, may in some rare cases bring it on.

Soon the weather will grow chilly enough for me to get out my blanket with sleeves. It's made of a fleecy soft acrylic material red in color, and I wrap myself in it for the late nights I keep since I often do my best writing around midnight.

I got the blanket on sale after Christmas about 15 years ago. They were readily available then, but it seems they were not commercially popular, for no mention is made of the product today.

It seems such blankets are an example of a fad. That's a product or practice that appears suddenly, may or may not find favor and

continue to be useful or quickly disappears from public attention. Consider most popular songs which drown the soul in memories when played decades later.

Unlike a fad which soon disappears, a fashion lasts a bit longer. My closet contains entirely garments nearly all in the colors of blue and green, gray and brown. Seldom do I buy something in a bright color although on the rare occasions when I do, someone comments favorably on it.

I have to be me.

News from the daily paper that the congregation of Belmont Baptist Church in Southeast Roanoke is turning the big old structure into what will become a series of affordable apartments is not surprising to me. Over the years I have several times written of adjustments that are being made there to serve the neighborhood which has changed greatly since my arrival as a young reporter of news of churches in the city many decades ago.

Pastor and members are now, in my opinion, serving the folk of their community as Jesus taught.

The Training Program: Week 12

Looking back on the last 12 editions of The Training Program gives me the same feeling of accomplishment that I would have after a run; half of me can't think of where the time has gone, and the other half appreciates how I've grown along the way. Like being on a run there are points in life where you are not starting or finishing. In that position,

the only thing you can do is put your right foot in front of the left.

The point where I find myself today is at the start of a new season of XC and my last semester of college, but I only feel a little closer to the end of the finish line. I've been a runner well before the beginning of this summer and I will continue to be one after I graduate.

Like being on a run, the point where I started gets further away with every step and the finish nearer. Although I'm in my last season of competition I still have many miles ahead of me— the end is nowhere in sight, yet.

I've loved every step. I've loved every tied shoe, every training partner and every swig of water. It was a bless-

ing and an honor to share a summer's-worth of my running experience with you, reader, and I hope that you've related to it within your own life. Running is hard! But it has taught me the simple solutions to life, and I hope I've put them into words comprehensively for you. I could go on about the importance of just loving the run...

It's funny, I started this column with a goal of 800 miles and only could manage 500—

last year I produced 750. My Id hates to lose and in my entire college career I've never placed first in any race. Still, I can honestly say with confidence that I am a great runner! I believe that the same thing which makes any and every runner a great runner includes me. If I could continue being honest with those reading, I could admit that since my very first season eight years ago there was always more I could have done or could have

been, of course. I competed though so I'm okay with that.

I've said before that there are many miles in between each edition of The Training Program. With that in mind you can always know that I'll still at least be putting right in front of left even if you don't read about it. You can think of it as holding up one end of a deal and together we can be great!

By Chamberlain Sulauf, Student reporter

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News from the 9th: Great job news



Morgan Griffith
Representative

The celebration of Labor Day on the first Monday in September is an occasion to celebrate American workers and all they have done to create the greatest economic power in history. In our region, this upcoming Labor Day would be a good time to note a recent spate of good news for workers, job growth, and opportunity.

Companies announcing that they are newly locating to Virginia's Ninth Congressional District or growing in the area are events to celebrate, not only for the companies and

the workers who will gain jobs but for the surrounding communities which will gain more investment, nearby shops and restaurants which will enjoy more customers, and local governments which will collect more tax revenue to pay for services.

On August 23, Coronado Global Resources announced plans to expand in Buchanan and Tazewell Counties, a \$169.1 million investment that will create 181 new jobs. Coronado's announcement comes as demand surges for the metallurgical coal it produces.

Metallurgical coal is an essential product for the steelmaking process. Central Appalachia happens to be home to some of the world's major metallurgical coal reserves, so when steel is in demand, our region can benefit.

Coronado's announcement was a welcome one for the miners who will earn wages well above the median in the region. It was also a reminder that, with its various uses, coal is not going away.

In Big Stone Gap on August 25, I was present for an announcement by the Chesterfield County-based firm Paymerang that it was locating a hub in the town and would create 50 new jobs in the area.

This opportunity meets Southwest Virginia's en-

during assets — a low cost of living and a high quality of life — with recent technological developments. Improved internet access gives more employees the ability to work from home. We hope that will lead to more people calling Southwest Virginia home or staying in our region. They can enjoy expanded possibilities for employment without sacrificing proximity to our great outdoor recreational activities or paying the exorbitant rent or house prices of urban areas.

I hope Paymerang's announcement is only among the earliest of its kind to offer distributed work positions or other similar opportunities in our area.

Job growth is not only about increasing the number of positions now. It is about improving workforce skills so that more jobseekers are matched with quality jobs.

This is the purpose of a new program at the Tazewell County Career and Technical Center, with a ribbon cutting for it on August 30. The U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities awarded a \$1.4 million grant to the center to pay for modern computerized welding equipment and staff and instruction on how to use it. Skilled weld-

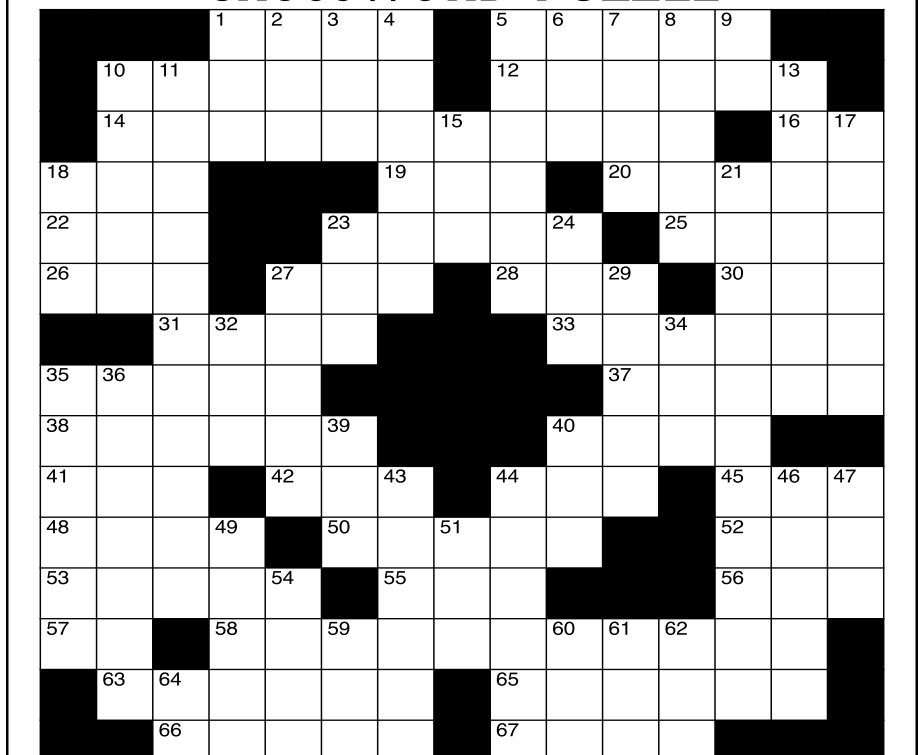
ers are highly sought-after, and training them in our area will benefit both those who take up the trade and those looking to employ them.

Virginia's Ninth District has plenty of assets to attract workers, including affordable living and accessible natural and recreational locations. We can create more opportunities by renewing or redeveloping parts of the old economy. This is the purpose of the Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) program, formerly the AML Pilot Project. When the federal program was first created, Virginia was not eligible, so I successfully added an amendment to include Virginia.

AMLER can be applied to a variety of uses to reclaim old mine lands, including preparation for industrial sites. Russell County's Project Reclaim is one such location, a 67-acre industrial site which received AMLER support to remove old mining structures and reclaim the land. Prepared industrial sites can attract new enterprises that will hire workers and become important economic drivers.

The hardworking people of our part of Virginia are being rewarded with new opportunities for well-paying jobs. We can all celebrate this progress.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Currency of Guinea
 - 5. Avert something bad
 - 10. Sounds
 - 12. Immediate dangers
 - 14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
 - 16. Calciumium
 - 18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
 - 19. Coastal Scottish town
 - 20. Triangular lower back bones
 - 22. Trouble
 - 23. A way to smile
 - 25. Something that is not what it seems
 - 26. Of she
 - 27. Temporary living quarters
 - 28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
 - 30. Indicates near
 - 31. Spiritual leader
 - 33. Soup dish
 - 35. Philippine island
 - 37. No longer fashionable
 - 38. Peaks
 - 40. Alabama football team
 - 41. ___ King Cole
 - 42. Digital audiotape
 - 44. Open trough
 - 45. The woman
 - 48. Cools down
 - 50. Turkic language
 - 52. Body part
 - 53. Pulse steadily
 - 55. Embedded computer hardware company
 - 56. Indicates shape
 - 57. Thou (plural)
 - 58. Odd and remarkable
 - 63. An evening party
 - 65. National capital of Zambia
 - 66. Tantalizes
 - 67. Dark brown or black
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Not naturally outgoing
 - 2. Exclamation of pain
 - 3. Polynesian garland of flowers
 - 4. Surrounded by water
 - 5. Church towers
 - 6. Hot beverage
 - 7. Body parts
 - 8. Travel documents
 - 9. Railway
 - 10. Gradually wear away
 - 11. Measuring instrument
 - 13. Minor dust-ups
 - 15. Strongly alkaline solution
 - 17. Extreme scarcity of food
 - 18. Dash
 - 21. Philly culinary specialty
 - 23. Popular lager ___ Adams
 - 24. Snitch
 - 27. Trimmied
 - 29. Greek god of desire
 - 32. Take to the limit
 - 34. Cool!
 - 35. Sound mental health coach
 - 36. Native American group
 - 39. Test for high schoolers
 - 40. Rocky peak
 - 43. Preferences
 - 44. Bother
 - 46. Call attention to (slang)
 - 47. Snake-like fish
 - 49. Bulgarian capital
 - 51. Don't know when yet
 - 54. Italian Seaport
 - 59. Brooklyn hoopster
 - 60. Where to bathe
 - 61. Equal, prefix
 - 62. Beverage container
 - 64. Denotes openness

V DOT ROAD WATCH

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY: To make travel easier this coming Labor Day weekend, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will suspend many highway work zones and lift most lane closures on interstates and other major roads in Virginia from noon Friday, Sept. 2, until noon Tuesday, Sept. 6.

INTERSTATE 81

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 — A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five-mile section of both

northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

• Nighttime lane closures may be in place and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

• From mid-March until mid-June, nighttime right lane and shoulder closures between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday

Salem Schools from page 1

sure. It was great to see so many smiling faces eager to start school today, and we are looking forward to having a wonderful school year together," Gibson said.

Salem High School was open as an almost-new school, with a completely redone front area and lockers, ventilation system and roof.

Construction started before the end of last school year.

Superintendent Hicks pointed out that the unusually hot weather presented some heating, ventilation and air conditioning issues Monday, "but we were able to get those resolved and eventually get SHS and the

middle school cooled properly."

Salem has six schools. In addition to Carver and West Salem elementary schools, they are South Salem and East Salem, the high school and middle school.

Roanoke County Public Schools started classes Aug. 11. Those in the Salem area are Fort Lewis Elementary, Glenvar Elementary, Glenvar Middle School, Glenvar High School, Masons Cove Elementary and Burton Center for Arts & Technology, across the street from East Salem Elementary.

Salem and Roanoke County schools will be closed for Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5.

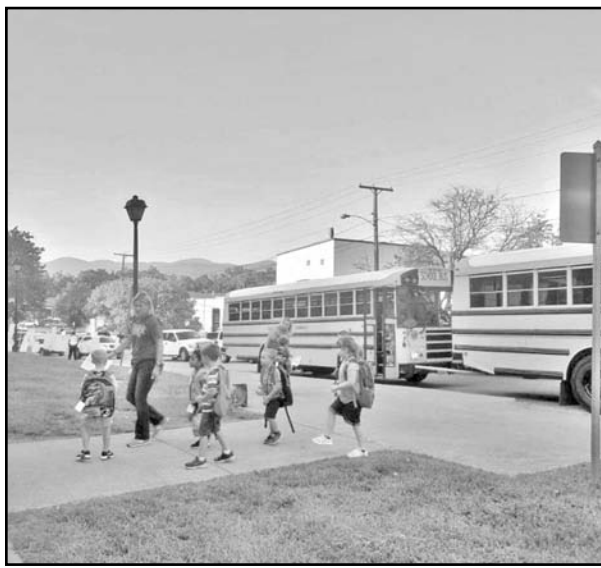


PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Teachers welcome preschoolers getting off buses for the first day of school Monday at G.W. Carver Elementary School.



South Salem's Summer Custer is joined by some of her students on opening day. This is Ms. Custer's 23rd year teaching in Salem City Schools.



Fourth Grade Teacher Shannon Edwards is joined by one of her 2022-23 students. This is Mrs. Edwards 26th year teaching at West Salem.



First Grade Teacher Heather Studebaker is joined by two of her kiddos on opening day at East Salem Elementary.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIKE STEVENS, CITY OF SALEM

The Leadership Team at Andrew Lewis Middle School is celebrating the school's 90th year of existence. Principal Jamie Garst, left to right, new Assistant Principal Christina Rose and Assistant Principal Matt Coe.

Highland Games from page 1

chanan, Clan Campbell Society, Clan Donnachaidh, Clan Ferguson, Clan Gunn, Clan Hamilton, Clan Leslie Society International, Clan Maclean, Clan Mackintosh, Clan

Macnachtan, Clan Rose, Clan Ross America, Clan Wallace Society Worldwide, MacCallum-Malcolm Society, The Sedalia Center, Clan Young and Dragon Research Collab-

orative.

Money raised through donations and T-shirt sales during the event will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

Clark is also involved in the

Radford Highlanders Festival at Radford University. He will start planning for the 2023 Green Hill Highland Games following the Radford event, which is slated for Oct. 8.

"Expect it to be bigger in 2023," he said.

The event is held in partnership with the Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism.



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Food vendor The Scottish Cottage was selling Scottish BBQ, haggis and shepherd's pie.



A number of craft vendors were at the park during the event. The vendor pictured here was selling wooden Scottish flags, among other items.



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The event was held at Green Hill Park.

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Roanoke College report shows Virginia consumer sentiment has rebounded



When gas prices start to fall in July, according to the report, the relief translated to increased optimism. A gallon of regular gas in Salem Saturday costed \$3.35.

Aila Boyd
 aloyd@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Consumer sentiment in Virginia is up for the third quarter, according to an Aug. 23 report from The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College.

The rebound comes after heavy losses over the first half of 2022.

“Consumer sentiment turned a corner in the third quarter of 2022, moving up more than in the last four years,” Alice Louise Kassens, a senior analyst at the college, said in the report.

Inflation, the report noted, had been the primary drag on sentiment. When gas prices started to fall in July, the relief translated to increased optimism.

The price of a gallon of regular gas at the Salem Mini Mart at the intersection of Texas Hollow Road in Salem was \$3.35 Saturday.

Analysis provided in the report indi-

icated that supply chain issues are sorting themselves out. If the issues continue to be resolved, prices should continue to decline.

In addition to simply alleviating the pain at the pump, the report said lower gas prices should translate to lower food prices because of decreased shipping costs.

“Hopefully, this will continue, and we will trend upwards. Strong consumer confidence highlights how consumers feel about the economy and can also impact the future,” Kassens said. “If people are worried about the economy’s future, it can become a self-fulfilling prophecy, and we can push ourselves into a recession.”

She also noted that the labor market remains strong, which has been aided by the pullback in quarantine recommendations for school-age children. Parents have had more freedom to pursue job openings.



PHOTOS BY AILA BOYD

Motorists filled up their vehicles Saturday at the Salem Mini Mart.

Virginia Western business science building renamed

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College held a ceremony Aug. 23 that recognized the generosity that Edwin C. Hall, of Roanoke, and his family have shown towards the college. During the ceremony, the college renamed its Business Science Building the Hall Family Center for Business Science. The building, which opened in 1988, houses the college’s new networking and cybersecurity labs, the Whitman Theater and the Student Commons.

Hall is a former president of the Virginia Western Community College Edu-

cation Foundation Board. He currently chairs its scholarship and grants committee.

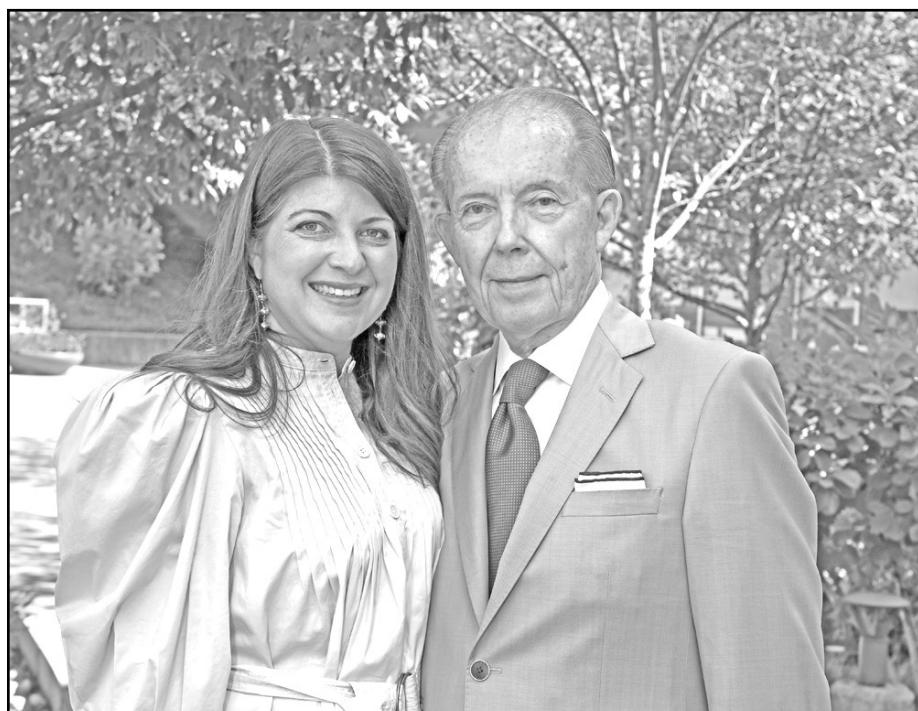
Hall is the founder of the Roanoke-based real estate firm Hall Associates, Inc. He pledged a multigenerational planned gift in 2021 to the college’s education foundation. The initial gift is valued at \$1 million, which will support the Virginia Western Forward Permanent Endowment Fund. The Virginia Western Rapids Response Student Emergency Fund also received \$250,000.

Hall previously gifted

more than \$1 million for other initiatives at the college.

“Ed’s belief in the college runs deep, President Robert H. Sandel said. “He has mentored our students. He has guided, pushed, advocated, defended and rallied our vision and our growth. There is no one more dedicated to our mission, our values and our ultimate success. He’s now shared that commitment with his family, which will only magnify his overall impact to the college.”

-The Salem Times-Register



Ed Hall is pictured during the ceremony with his daughter, Nicole Hall-Smith.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The college’s Business Science Building has been renamed the Hall Family Center for Business Science.

Virginia Western reports enrollment uptick

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College last month that it is projecting a 5.9% increase in its key enrollment category of full-time equivalencies for the fall 2022 semester.

A release from the college said that the news follows a trend from the summer semester, which also saw a 6.4% increase in overall student enrollment.

“The trendlines are looking good,” Robert H. Sandel, president of the college, said. “We are so excited to see classrooms filling up and our campus coming to life again. Students are enrolling in more

hours and finding a class schedule that works for them.”

In the release, Sandel said he believes the increase can be attributed to a number of factors, beginning with the COVID-19 pandemic shifting to a new phase. But he also praised the entire college community for coming together and offering creative ideas on how to reach more prospective students and retain those already enrolled.

Additional factors the college attributed to the enrollment uptick include increased awareness of the financial support available to students, a new strate-

gic initiative to increase in-person outreach in the community, more advisors to help on-board new students, scheduling that offers greater flexibility and the launch of new physical therapy assistant, surgical technology, biotechnology and agriculture science programs.

“They all took the message to heart – at every level of the college – that when our college is that down, people in the community are missing opportunities to improve their lives. I’m so proud of what’s happening here.”

-The Salem Times-Register

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Back to school: Get that library card ready

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September is Library Card Sign-up Month, when libraries nationwide join the American Library Association (ALA) to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Libraries play a crucial role in the education and development of children, offering a variety of programs to spark creativity and stimulate an in-

terest in reading and learning. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams, explore new passions and interests, and find their voice.

I encourage you to go to the Salem Public Library website, (www.salemva.gov) and explore the wealth of information available using your library card without ever having to step

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

into the library building. Don't forget to come into the library to see our great collection of books too. Future columns will focus on educating the public on everything the library offers. Reading Challenges

Participate in new Salem Public Library reading challenges for all ages on www.Beanstack.org available through the Internet or an APP on your cell phone. Create an account for one family member and add individual profiles of other family members to track progress for each in the same place and win prizes. Make sure you choose the Salem Public Library as your library as these challenges are specific to our library. Please call the library at 540-375-3089 or come

in person if you have questions about registering.

Fall into Reading: Babies and Toddlers through 2nd grade; Sept. 1-30

Nasa's Artemis Project: To the Moon, Stars and Beyond: 3rd through 12th grades; Sept. 1-30

Stack 'Em Up Challenge: 3rd through 12th grades; Sept.-Nov. 30

Banned Books Reading Challenge: 9th grade through adult; Sept. 1-Oct. 31.

-Benita VanCleave

OBITUARY

Bussey, Rosae (Rose) Mills

Rosae (Rose) Mills Bussey, 89 of Salem, Va., passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 21, 2022. Rose was born on July 27, 1933 to the late Willie B. Mills and Pearl Cameron Mills. Rosae enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, going to the beach, and eating blue crabs. She also enjoyed celebrating fellow



Leos at their annual Leo Birthday Party. Rosae began her career as a Legal Secretary at the former law offices of Eggleston & Glenn. She retired after 25 years at the age of 70. After her retirement, she ob-

tained her Nursing Assistant Certification and continued to care for others for the next 5 years. Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Gerry and Kevin Reil; granddaughter, Sunshine Reil; great-grandchildren, Angelo Abelar, and Christian and Summer Otero; and special friends, Pat, and Jeff Dunn. A special thanks is extended to JCT Richfield Living for their care. All services will be held private by Rose's family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey.com.

VDOT

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through Thursday

From mid-May to mid-June, alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday

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

Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles

of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and


adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

The Salem Kiwanis Club hosts a City Council Candidate Forum

The Salem Kiwanis Club will be hosting a forum for the candidates for Salem City Council on Tuesday, Sept. 20th. All four candidates: Councilman Randy Foley, Councilman John Saunders, Anne Marie Green, and Hunter Holliday all plan to be present.

The event is open to the public and will take place in the community room in the Salem Civic Center from noon to 1:15. We hope you will plan to come and hear what the candidates have to say about their plans for our city. Check out the Kiwanis Club website at SalemVaKiwanis.com for more information.

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Chris Martin looks for running room in Friday's game at Martinsburg.

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It's the most wonderful time of the year. No it's not Christmas, it's football season.

We had high school games and a few college games last weekend. We have high school games and a full slate of college games this week. AND, just a week from today the NFL begins. Yes, it truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

And you know what happens when football season comes? Yes, it means I sit in front of the TV and correct football contests every Monday night from now until Christmas. But that's okay, I'm not selling car warranties over the phone, it's football and I LOVE football.

If you look on the facing page, and you can't miss it, you'll see the first week of our weekly football contest, which has been running since my first football season here in 1974. The rules are explained on the entry blank and make sure you get it to the Salem Times-Register office at 1633 West Main Street before 5 pm on Fridays, or at least get it in the mail by that time.

Once again our weekly prize is a \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's Restaurant in Salem as well as a Blizzard from Dairy Queen. We're hoping to have a weekly prize for a question I ask each week, but we're still trying to nail down a sponsor for that, and wouldn't a Hardware Store be a great place to nail one down?

We have several blanks on the contest still available, so if you want to help sponsor our contest and advertise your business this would be a great place to do so. Everyone who enters the contest has to look at your advertisement every week of the entire football season to make their pick. No fast-forwarding or skimming over the advertisement, as the game in question is somewhat hidden in the box and you have to look at it every week. If you're interested in a great way to promote your business call Randy Thompson here at the ST-R office at 389-9355 and we'll hook you right up.

With that said, good luck on the season. Each week you'll find the contest story near the artist's rendering of "Eddie, Jr.," the quarterback with the Salem dove on the front of his jersey. You'll find a story announcing the previous week's winner and some nuggets for the coming week. It's all included for just a dollar, which is the cost of the Salem Times-Register newspaper. It's cheaper than the cheap hamburger at a fast food drive thru and tastes about the same, plus you get to read all the great stories about your local kids and athletes.

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While Holter was disappointed with the result and the execution, he wasn't upset about the effort.

"Our kids played four quarters," he said. "The effort was there, now the question is how we're going to respond to that."

It should be an interesting game in Rocky Mount Friday as the Spartans try to take out their frustration on the Eagles.

Last week Franklin County opened the season with a 21-17 win over Bassett. The Eagles are coached by former Salem assistant JR Edwards and he always has his team well-prepared.

"They're well-coached and they have good size," said Holter. "They'll get after you and they execute in all three phases of the game."

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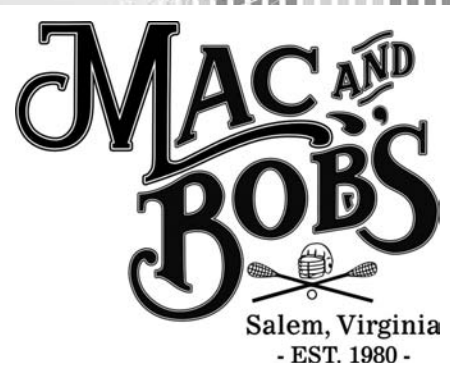
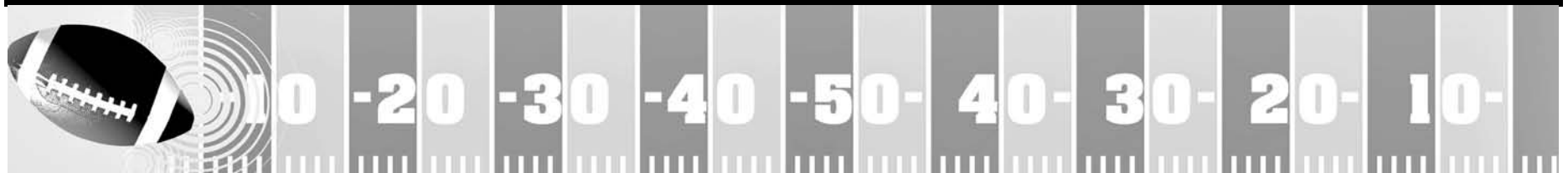
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The Quick Change (see story)

## Salem and Glenvar will meet on Hanging Rock links today

The Salem and Glenvar golfers will go head-to-head today when they tee it up at the Hanging Rock Golf Course at 2 pm. Staunton River will also play in the three team match.

Salem is coming off a solid round of 300 on Monday in a River Ridge District match hosted by Pulaski County at the Thorn Springs course. That's a very good score but it was still 23 strokes behind leader Blacksburg, who shot 11 under par as a team with a score of 277. Jake Albert of the Bruins was medalist with 65.

"They're the real deal," said Salem coach Thad Snyder of the Bruins.

Salem's low score was a 68 by sophomore Kathryn Ha. Macy Johnson was next with a 74 while Trace Monroe and Taylor Davis tied for the other two counting scores with 79 each.

Salem has been consistently behind Blacksburg this season despite shooting some low scores. Patrick Henry was third at Thorn Springs with 313 and Cave Spring was close behind with a solid 316.

On Monday at Hanging Rock the Glenvar golfers hosted a Three Rivers District match and finished fourth among the six district teams competing. Floyd County won the round, as the Buffaloes have done in every district match this season.

Floyd shot a 313 with medalist Ryne Bond leading the way with a 71. Radford was second at 339 and James River shot 350. Next was Glenvar at 357, and Carroll County and Alleghany tied for fourth at 378.

Glenvar's low score was a tie between Jacson Shepherd and Mason Hylton, who both carded 85. Jay Roberts was next at 92 and Glenvar's fourth counting score was a 95 by Connor Magruder.

"We shot our low team total on 18 holes," said coach Shawn Duff. "We still have a ways to go but we're getting better each match. We were missing two who usually play in our top four as



Taylor Davis hits a shot for Salem.

PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

well. It was so exciting that we had some guys step up and contribute."

After today's match the Highlanders will return to the links a week from today at the

Botetourt Golf & Swim Club. Salem is back in action next Tuesday at the Hidden Valley Country Club, followed by a trip to Floyd on Thursday, September 8.

## Salem, Glenvar cross country teams have meets this week

The Salem cross country team opened the 2022 season with a meet at Blacksburg last Saturday. The Salem varsity ran in an open 5K race that was not team oriented.

Three Salem girls ran the 5K race and were led by Ryan Long. Callie Conner followed and Elizabeth Bocock was our Salem's third finisher. Ashley Toapanta ran in a middle school 3K.

The Spartans had 14 boys run in the open 5K race and their experience showed. Salem's first four runners were upperclassmen led by Walker Peterson, who ran a personal best time of 17:55. Next was Carson Tucker, followed by Alex Helems and Lance Toapanta. The fifth runner was an 8th grade student, Austin Prosser, and he was followed by a couple freshmen, Nathan Bowers and Rick Rawlins.

Next, in order, were Zane Easter, 8th grader Tyson Ayden, Yuvraj Singh, Luke Stovall, Conner Reburn, Hunter French and Grant Horner.

"Eight of the 14 runners had never run a high school 5K race and they all did well," said Salem coach Tom Roth.

The Spartans will run in the Viking Invitational at Northside High this Saturday. It begins with a middle school girls' 3K at 8:45 am followed by a boys' middle school 3K at 9:30 am. The girls' varsity race will be at 10:15 am, followed by the boys' varsity at 10:45 am and a jayvee 5k at 11:30 am.

There will be 15 schools competing in the varsity races at Northside. Joining Salem and host Northside will be Bath County, Brookville, Christiansburg, Eastern Mennonite School, Faith Christian School, Hargrave Military Academy, Hidden Valley, Lord Botetourt, Norfolk Collegiate, Pacers Home School, Southwest Virginia Academy, Staunton River and William Byrd.

Glenvar was scheduled to open on Wednesday of this week with a 13 school meet at Radford University, but results were too late for publication. Both Salem and Glenvar are entered in the annual Knights Crossing event at Green Hill Park on September 10th. Hosted by Cave Spring, it's one of the largest meets of the entire season.

## Salem Sports Foundation is looking for new members

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## Glenvar Middle School will host Lewis 7th graders in football tonite, AL 8th grade home to Read Mtn.

The Glenvar Middle School football team will play host to the Andrew Lewis Middle School 7th grade team tonight at Highlander Stadium. Game time is 6:30 pm for the border war.

Last week Glenvar defeated Clifton Middle, 32-0 as Brody Williams scored three touchdowns and Ranger Swanson had two. The Lewis 7th graders lost to Pulaski Middle, 40-6, on Thursday but bounced back with a 24-14 win over the Read Mountain 7th graders on Monday.

The Andrew Lewis 8th grade football team defeated Ben Franklin Middle School, 28-8, last Thursday at Salem Stadium to run their record to 2-0 on the season. The offensive line of Tucker Preas, Michael Crawley, Winston Wolfe, Jamalachi Law, Ethan Millar, and Robert McDaniel did an outstanding job opening running lanes for the Lewis running backs.

Kyshead Arrington and Jordan McCadden scored touchdowns and quarterback Tanner Overstreet threw a touchdown pass in the corner of the end zone to DaVon Jones. The Lewis defense also played very well in the victory.

The Lewis 8th grade team will host Read Mountain today at 5 pm.



## Sandlot Football season opens

The Sandlot Football season opened last Saturday with three games at Spartan Field. The two Salem 8-and-under teams played each other, and here Jace Johnson (#10) finds a nice hole to pick up some yardage. The Flag Football and girls youth soccer season opened with games on Tuesday of this week.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## RC men open soccer season at home with Stockton Sat.

As the Roanoke College men's soccer team wraps up practices before their first game on September 3, the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) has announced the 2022 ODAC Men's Soccer Preseason Poll with the Maroons picked third out of the 13 league teams.

Stockton visits the Maroons to open the season on Sept. 3 before RC takes on Texas Lutheran on Sept. 5. Both games are part of an opening weekend set of games that also sees Ithaca visit campus.

Washington and Lee, who advanced to the final four of the 2021 NCAA Tournament, is picked to win the ODAC,

securing 143 points and 11 first-place votes. Defending ODAC Champion Lynchburg collected the final two first-place votes along with 133 points to be picked second. The Maroons were close behind with their 120 points in the poll. Randolph-Macon (4th - 110 points) and Virginia Wesleyan (5th - 89 points) wrapped up the top five.

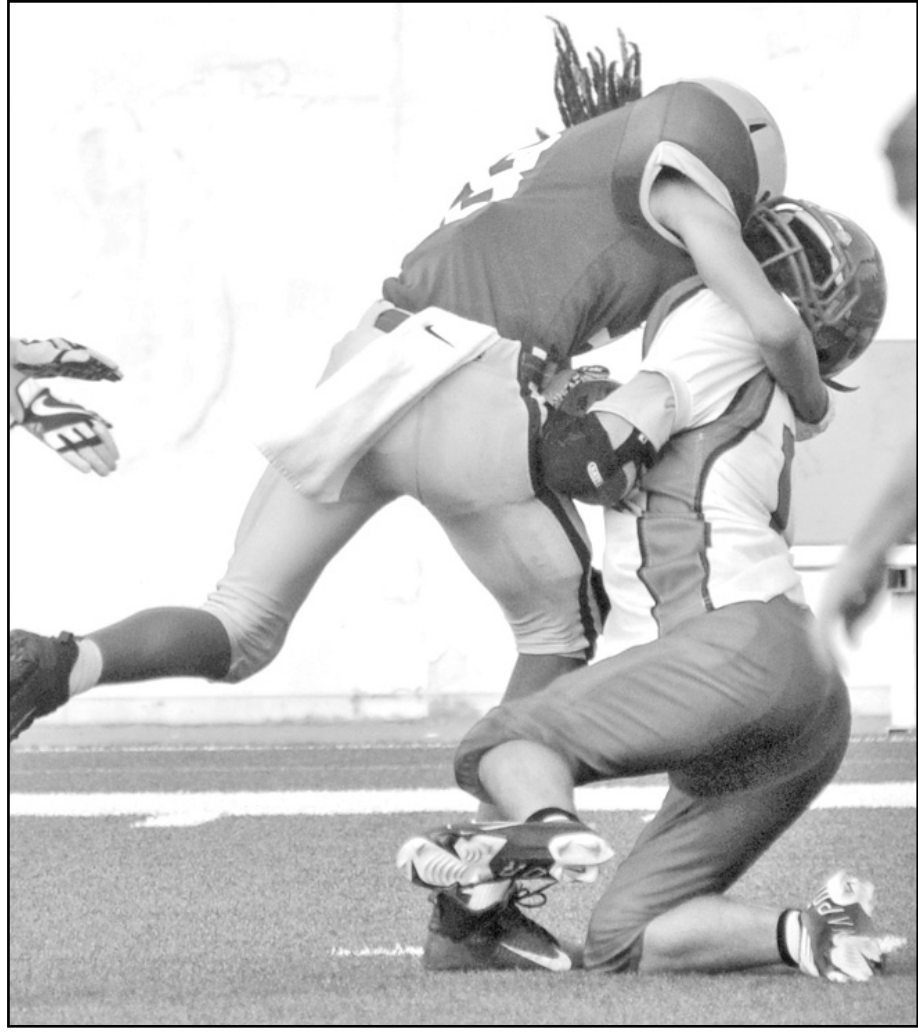
Hampden-Sydney (6th - 88 points), Randolph (7th - 86 points), ODAC newcomer Averett (8th - 62 points), Bridgewater (9th - 55 points), and Shenandoah (10th - 53 points) finish the top 10. Guilford, Ferrum, and Eastern Mennonite sit 11th through 13th in the preseason poll.

## Maroon soccer women ranked 6th

The Roanoke College women's soccer team has been picked sixth with 110 points in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) preseason coaches' poll.

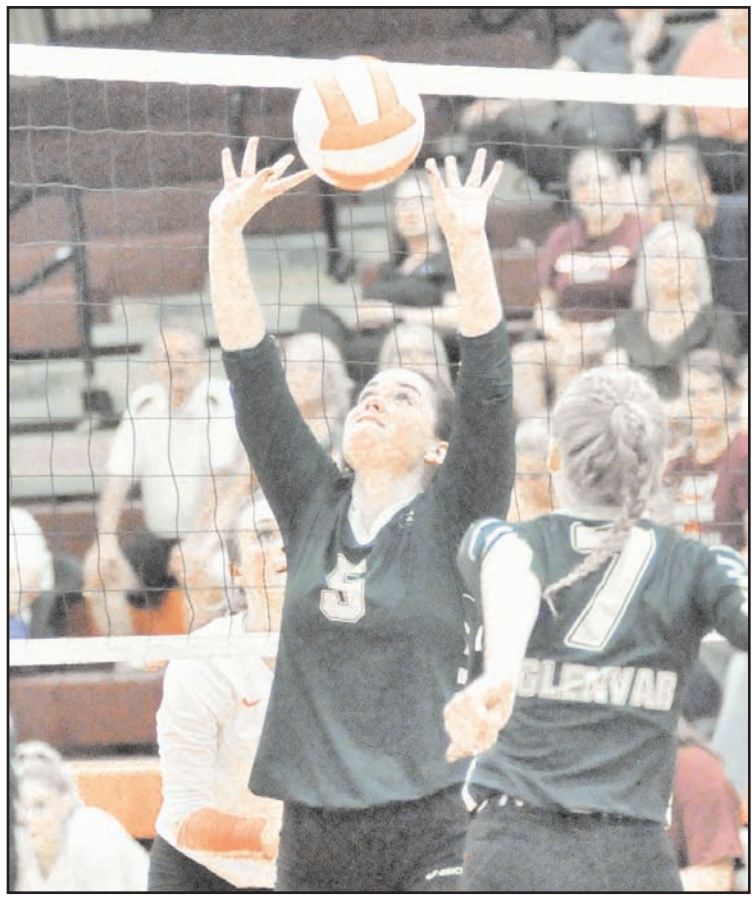
RC opens the season with a pair of road contest at Greensboro on September 1 and Johns Hopkins on Sept. 4. The Maroons have their home opener against Albion on Sept. 10 as part of the 2022 Roanoke Invitational Showcase. RC will take on Sewanee the next day on Sept. 11. Lynchburg will be the fourth team and will play a pair of neutral site games against Albion and Sewanee at the event.

Defending champion Virginia Wesleyan has been picked to repeat after picking up 161 points and eight of the 14 first-place votes. Bridgewater is picked second with 150 points and three first-place votes while Lynchburg is third with 148 points and two first-place votes. Washington & Lee received the final first place vote along with 141 points. Randolph-Macon narrowly edged the Maroons by one point with 111 for fifth place in the poll.



DaVon Jones of Andrew Lewis makes an open field tackle in last week's win over Ben Franklin Middle School.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Left, Natalie McMahon (#9) and Sydney Loder (#1) go up for a block in last week's win over William Byrd. Right, Audrey Conner sets one up.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Blue Ridge District teams are no problem for Glenvar volleyball

The Glenvar volleyball team is 2-0 against Class 3 Blue Ridge District opponents and 3-0 overall after defeating William Byrd and Northside in the past week. Glenvar has still not lost a set.

Last Thursday in Vinton the Highlanders downed host William

Byrd, 25-7, 25-14 and 25-11. Sydney Loder had a great night to lead the visitors with three aces and six kills on nine attempts with no errors. Audrey Conner had 25 serves, 24 assists and four aces and Claire Griffith had eight kills.

"Everyone got on the court and

everyone contributed," said Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback. "It was a good win."

On Monday the Highlanders played at Northside and dominated again, winning 25-9, 25-9 and 25-11. This time it was Natalie McMahon having the big night with 10 kills, five blocks, eight

digs and a couple aces. Cara Butler had 29 assists and 11 digs while Rhyann Harris had five kills and three blocks.

The Highlanders are now off until next Tuesday, September 6, when William Byrd returns the trip. A week from tonight Northside is at Glenvar.



Salem's Sarah Flint (#8) battles a Northside girl at the net in last week's Spartan win.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

## Spartans have Faith tonight

The Salem High volleyball team will be home tonight to take on Faith Christian School with a varsity match beginning at 6 pm. The Spartans had their home opener Wednesday against Jefferson Forest but results were too late for publication.

The Spartans came into the week with a 2-0 record. After opening the season last Tuesday at Roanoke Catholic with a win the Salemites played at Northside on Thursday and prevailed in a five-set marathon. The Vikings won the first set, 25-13, but Salem bounced back to take the next two, 25-14 and 25-11. Northside hung tough to

win the fourth set, 27-25, and tie match. Then, in the deciding set to 15, Salem pulled out a 15-10 decision for a big win.

Senior outside hitter Kai Bowen had nine kills to lead the Spartans and she also contributed three aces. Junior Makenzie Board had 16 assists and three aces and Myah Crews, a sophomore libero, had four aces and 11 digs.

The javees also won against Northside in straight sets. Next Tuesday, September 6, the girls are at Patrick Henry.

## Middle School volleyball teams have Thursday matches

The Glenvar Middle School volleyball team won two matches last week while Andrew Lewis dropped two.

Glenvar beat Central Academy in two sets, 25-9 and

25-15, then beat Blacksburg on Monday, 25-18 and 25-14. The Highlanders were scheduled to host Ben Franklin on Wednesday and Cave Spring is at Glenvar tonight.

Meanwhile, Andrew Lewis lost to Blacksburg and Hidden Valley, falling to the latter in a third set tie-breaker. The Wolverines are now 2-3 and will play at Northside today.

## RC volleyball ranked 8th in ODAC, opens this week in Danville

The Roanoke College women's volleyball team has been selected eighth in the 2022 ODAC Preseason Poll as announced by the conference. The Maroons, who open in Danville this weekend, collected 70 points in the poll.

Defending ODAC champion Washington and Lee secured the top spot in the poll with 144 points and 12 first-place votes. 2021 ODAC runner-up Virginia Wesleyan is picked second with 122 points and the last first-place vote among the league coaches. Randolph-Macon is third.

The Maroons open the season this weekend when they visit Danville for the 2022 Cougar Classic hosted by Averett. RC will play a pair of games both days starting off with Bob Jones and William Peace on September 2. The Maroons turn around the next morning and take on Piedmont and Meredith on Saturday, Sept. 3.

The next weekend the team returns to the Cregger Center to host the 2022 Maroon Classic taking on Salem, Methodist, N.C. Wesleyan, and Mary Baldwin over the two-day event.

## Red Sox lose three consecutive "walk off" games in Columbia

The Salem Red Sox chance to win the second half of the Carolina League's North Division isn't dead, but it's on life support after a disappointing series in Columbia last week. The Sox went 2-4 in the six game series to fall eight games behind first place Fredericksburg with 13 games to play.

After Salem won the first game of last week's series, 5-2, Columbia won three straight games with "walk-off" hits. The Fireflies, a Kanas City Royals farm team, won by scores of 5-4, 8-7 and 4-3 before the two teams split weekend games, with Salem winning 5-4 Saturday and the Flies taking the getaway game, 2-0.

It was a frustrating week for the Red Sox, who needed some wins to keep their playoff hopes somewhat alive. Last Wednesday Salem rallied for four runs in the top of the ninth, only to lose 5-4 in the bottom of the inning. A night later the Red Sox tied the game at 6-6 in the top of the ninth, then led 7-6 in the 12th inning only to have Columbia tie the game at 7-7 in the bottom of the 12th and win it with a walk-off hit in the 13th. On Friday Salem led 3-1 into the bottom of the ninth only to have the Flies plate three runs for a third straight walk off win.

The frustrating stretch all but eliminated Salem's chances of catching first place Fredericksburg, especially since two other teams are also ahead of Salem. Carolina comes into the week three and a half games behind the Nationals and Down East is five and a half back.

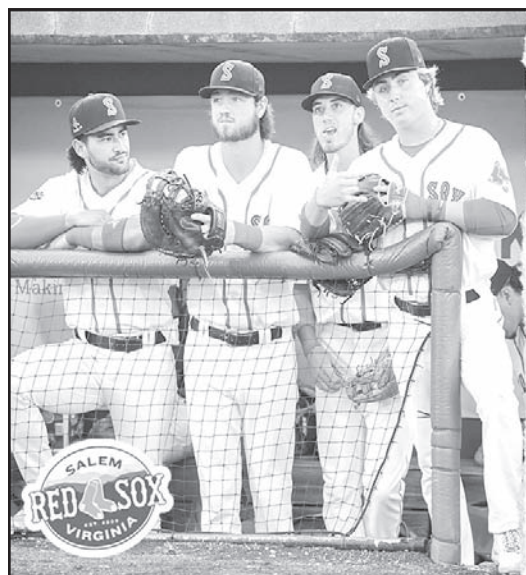
Salem will play a six game series in Augusta this week against the Greenjackets. An Atlanta farm team, Augusta is 26-27 in the second half while Salem is now 25-28.

The Sox will wrap up the season with a seven game series with Fredericksburg beginning September 6th. That series includes a doubleheader on Wednesday, September 7th.



Yoberto Mejicano is hit by a pitch during the Red Sox last homestand.

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Left, the Salem defense stops a Martinsburg ballcarrier during a first quarter stand that resulted in a Bulldog field goal. Above right, Jaelyn Allen battles for yards after catching a pass. Below right, Isaiah Barlow (#32) makes a tackle in the backfield.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Bulldogs take a bite out of Salem in football opener

*Spartans regroup for Franklin County this week*

The Salem High football team will try to bounce back this Friday when they play a non-district game at Franklin County High School. The Spartans dropped their season opener at Martinsburg, West Virginia last Friday night, 40-7, against a formidable Bulldogs team.

Last Friday was the third time in three tries the Spartans have lost to Martinsburg, including the season opener the past two years. Those were the only three regular season losses by Salem since Don Holter took over as head coach in 2019.

Playing the Bulldogs is a formidable task for the Spartans. The Bulldogs have won five straight full season championships and nine overall since 2010. After beating Salem Friday they have an overall record of 148 wins and just nine losses during that time and they've only lost twice since 2016. This was the second game of the two-year cycle and Salem will not play Martinsburg the next two seasons, replacing them with George Washington of Danville for their opening game.

"It's an eye-opener to see what kind of talent is out there," said Salem coach Don Holter of the Martinsburg team. "It absolutely lets you know exactly where you are."

With that said, the Spartans hung tough in the first half Friday despite putting themselves in an early hole. After stopping the Bulldogs on downs at the Salem 43 in the opening drive the Spartans went three and out, then had their punt blocked. Martinsburg picked up the loose pig and scored with 7:31 to go in the first quarter.

Salem's next possession resulted in an interception that was returned to the Spartan 9 yard line. Again the defense stiffened and Martinsburg had to settle for a 23 yard field goal at the 4:41 mark of the first quarter.

That was the only scoring of the first half until the Bulldogs kicked another field goal with 3:01 until halftime. Again, the Salem defense held inside their own 10 and forced the field goal and Salem trailed 13-0 at the half on a blocked kick and two short field goals after defensive stands.

Salem received the kickoff to start



the second half, but much like the first half the Spartans had trouble moving the ball. Salem's usually reliable ground attack was held to 97 total yards. Jayveon Jones led Salem with 50 yards on 12 carries while Chris Martin had 21 on 13 attempts and Josiah Persinger had two carries for 15 yards.

The Spartans had 69 yards through the air as DaRon Wilson completed six of 17 attempts under constant pressure. Josiah Moyer and Jonathan Vernon had two receptions each and Moyer had Salem's only touchdown, a fourth quarter reception with the game well out of reach. Salem's best reception was negated by a holding penalty.

Defensively, Jaelyn Allen was all over the field, leading Salem with a dozen tackles. Isaiah Barlow and Ryan Coe had seven tackles each and Chris Cole had two defended passes.

"They have a heck of a football team," said Salem coach Don Holter. "Hats off to them, they were prepared for us and did a fantastic job. We need to be more prepared. We made a lot of mental errors, mistakes and penalties and we have to do a better job. I'm excited to get back to work. Good teams get better off an ass whipping like that."

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Left, Glenvar's Shane Gibson (#22) tackles a Galax ballcarrier. Right, Elijah Carter has a nice hole to pick up yardage for the Highlanders.

PHOTOS BY KENNY FORD

## Maroon Tide holds off late drive to beat Glenvar, 27-20

Glenvar's final drive ended with a goal line interception as the Highlanders dropped a heart-breaker at Galax last Friday. The Maroon Tide held on for a 27-20 win in the season opener for both teams.

"It was disappointing, we led for most of the game but they made the plays at the end," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "It was a total team loss. There were so many things we didn't do well."

The game was tied at 13-13 at the half as the Highlanders got a "pick six" from Nick Woodson and two field goals from Carl Muse, one from 35 yards out and one from 28. Glenvar then took the lead, 20-13, in the third quarter on a touchdown run by Elijah Carter.

The Highlanders led well into the fourth quarter before the Tide scored with 7:50 on the clock, however they missed the extra point and the Highlanders retained the lead at 20-19. That held up until just

under four minutes remained when Galax took a 27-20 lead, converting a two-point try after the score.

Glenvar's final drive had the Highlanders at the 35 yard line with two timeouts remaining. However, Eli Taylor's pass was intercepted on a post pattern route to Jackson Swanson and the Tide was able to run out the clock and win the game.

"We just got outplayed and I got outcoached," said Clifford. "They had a good game plan. Some credit goes to them. There's a reason they've been in the state finals."

Carter led the Glenvar rushing with 56 yards on 18 carries. Taylor completed 15 of 28 passes for 146 yards but had two interceptions. Gabe Ford and Woodson had three catches each to lead the Highlanders.

On defense, Shane Gibson and Jack Camper had

10 tackles each while Gibson had two tackles for losses and Camper had a blocked punt. Woodson had three solo tackles and the interception before leaving with an ankle injury.

This week the Highlanders will try to bounce back as they host Martinsville for their home opener. The Bulldogs had their bye week last Friday, so this will be their season opener. Glenvar won a regular season game in Martinsville last year, 25-7, as the Bulldogs finished the season 5-6. The two met again in the playoffs and this time Glenvar won 38-0 at Highlander Stadium.

"This week in practice the focus will be on us," said Clifford. "We had an easy time with some teams that weren't as good in our scrimmages and that may have hurt us against a good team like Galax. Martinsville is very athletic and this week we're going to find out quickly where we're at."