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Forum held for City Council candidates



Pictured during the forum are Anne Marie Green, from left, Hunter Holliday, moderator Eddie Hite, Randy Foley and John Saunders.



The forum was held in the Community Room at the Salem Civic Center.

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The Salem Kiwanis Club held a forum Tuesday at the Salem Civic Center for the four candidates who are running for Salem City Council in this November's election.

Attendees of the forum heard from candidates John Saunders, Randy Foley, Anne Marie Green and Hunter Holliday.

Candidates gave opening speeches, took questions and delivered closing statements. The four candidates are running for two seats.

Foley and Saunders are current council members who are seeking reelection.

Foley was elected to the council in May of 2006. He served as mayor from July 1, 2008 to June 20, 2020.

He said he feels the council has accomplished a lot since he joined,

including making it through the Great Recession and COVID-19.

"I think I've done a great job," he said.

He noted that some big decisions will be coming before the council in the near future. If re-elected, he said he looks forward to being a part of the decision-

making.

Saunders was elected to the council in May of 2018. He was sworn in on July 2, 2018.

"I think I have a good handle on how the city was designed to be operated," Saunders said, citing

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The bank's goal is to open the branch in January

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Those who have traveled through downtown Salem recently have likely noticed that a new building in starting to take shape at the corner of N Main Street and Chestnut Street. The new structure will eventually house Ridge View Bank's first full-service branch, which will be approximately 2,600 square feet.

The Salem location, which used to be a carwash, will be what the bank calls a "SMART center," meaning that it will be high-tech and client focused. Instead of having traditional teller lines, it will have more of a coffee shop type setting.

Carrie McConnell, president, noted that Ridge View Bank is trying to approach banking differently, instead of doing it the same way it has always been done.

"I thought the location was prime for what we were looking for and what I thought the

community needed," McConnell said.

The bank hopes to open the Salem branch in January.

Ridge View Bank, a division of Pennsylvania-based CNB Bank, entered the Roanoke Valley market last year.

The bank is currently doing small business and commercial lending. As soon as the Salem branch is open, the bank will start taking deposits.

"Given the fluctuation in the banking landscape over the past few years, there is tremendous potential for a new bank driven by a strong focus on meeting the financial needs of businesses and individuals in the way only a community bank can deliver," Joseph B. Bower, Jr., president and CEO of CNB Bank, said last year when the bank was first announced. "That begins with Carrie's direct involvement as Ridge View Bank President in helping area companies

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Division hopes to build upon latest SOL scores

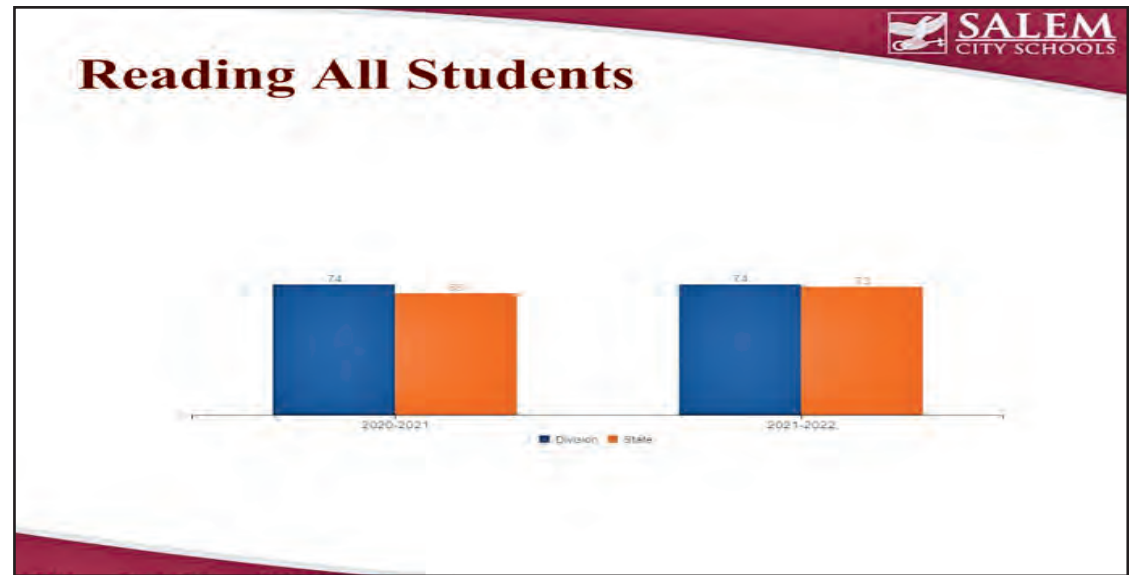


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A presentation given last week indicates the division's reading pass rates compared to the states.

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Salem City Schools hopes to build upon its 2021-22 Standards of Learning scores in the coming year.

The latest round of SOL test results was released in August. Salem's scores were reviewed during the division's regular September meeting last week.

"Our expectations are that we return to being one of the top school divisions in the state with regard to student achievement measured by the SOL," Dr. Curtis

Hicks, superintendent for Salem City Schools, said. "Our goal is to improve student achievement across the board. With it, all students will do better."

For reading among all students, the division had a 74% pass rate for 2021-22, the same as for the previous year. The division's rates are better than the state-wide rates for reading, which were 69% for 2020-21 and 73% for 2021-22.

Pass rates for math among all students saw a significant uptick this year, going from 60% for 2020-21 to 77% in 2021-22. The division's rates are better than the

state-wide rates for math, which were 54% for 2020-21 and 66% for 2021-22.

Hicks attributed the uptick in last year's math scores to increased daily instruction.

He described last year as being a "hangover from the pandemic. Teachers, he said, were trying to make up lost ground.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow noted when the scores were released that a return to in-person learning made a difference throughout the state.

See **SOL Scores**, page 7

Salem EDA discusses former GE building in closed session

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Members of Salem's Economic Development Authority met in closed session for almost an hour Tuesday to discuss a prospective new business that is interested in locating in the former General Electric building on Rt. 419.

The purpose of the closed session also included discussion of the award for a public contract involving public

funds, and discussion of terms of such a contract.

No announcement was made or action taken after EDA members came out of executive session.

In the public portion of the Sept. 20 meeting, Wayne Adkins, who is business outreach coordinator, updated the EDA on:

- Current façade grant that provides funds to businesses that want to improve their buildings' front or sides;
- Visits to existing businesses;

- Workforce development.
- Adkins said he and Economic Development Director Tommy Miller and others visited:

• Integer on Apperson Drive that manufactures medical devices from precious metals;

• Qualichem on Salem Industrial Drive that molds graphite in machines;

• Snyder Nursing Home;

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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 sun-room 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-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.

BBB Presentation: "Managing Someone Else's Money": BBB Serving Western Virginia will provide advice and resources that will guide individuals who are responsible for managing another person's money Sept. 29 from 1-2 p.m. at the Salem Public Library.

Salem-Roanoke Home Expo: The Salem-Roanoke Home Expo will be Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. all days. Local and national vendors will be on-site. Information about solar power, home automation, security, remodeling, design and more will be shared.

Girl Scouts: All girls who join Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline by Sept. 30 will receive a free membership for the upcoming year. Girl Scouts is open to girls in grades kindergarten through 12th grade. Fun, friendship and new adventures are what Girl Scouts is all about, a release from the organization said. Troops can be found at: www.gsvsc.org/join

Ghose Walk: The Salem Museum's Ghost Walk returns to East Hill Cemetery Oct. 6-8. The tours will leave the museum every 15 minutes from 6-8 p.m. Participants will tour the cemetery and meet notable characters from Salem's past. The walking tours are family-friendly and informative. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for

students of any age and free for children 3 years of age and younger. In the event it rains, the event will be held inside the museum and masks will be required depending on the guidance at the time. This will be the 24th year the tour has been held. Proceeds will benefit the Salem Museum. Tickets can be found at www.eventbrite.com.

Salem Gun & Knife Sale: The sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct. 9 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the Salem Civic Center. Admission for adults will be \$10. Children under the age of 12 who attend with a paying adult get in for free. Saturday admission will be good for both days. More information: www.cegunshows.com

Roanoke Valley Sports Club: Wes Durham: Wes Durham is an ACC TV football and basketball play-by-play announcer. A reservation for the Monday, Oct. 17 event at the Salem Civic Center is needed per person and includes a catered dinner. Social time will start at 5:45 p.m. and end at 6:15 p.m., when dinner will be served. The program will start at 7 p.m. Reservations are \$22.50 for members and \$28 for non-members. All reservations must be made online or received by mail prior to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra: Music of the Night-Romantic Broadway: From the magical moments of Broadway to the most intimate yearnings of the heart,

Broadway starts Gary Mauer and Beth Southard will provide a journey of enchantment and song Friday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. On-Sale date for individual tickets has not been scheduled. Pops packages and group sales can be purchased at <https://rso.com/packages-group-tickets/>

Kazim Shrine Circus: The circus will return to the Salem Civic Center for six shows Friday, Oct. 28 (7:30 p.m.), Saturday, Oct. 29 (10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct. 30 (1 p.m. and 5 p.m.). General admission tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children ages 2-12 and free for children under the age of 2. Reserved tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 2-12 and free for children under the age of 2.

Salem Sports Cards, Comics, Toys & Games Show: The free event will be Saturday, Oct. 29 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct. 30 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) at the Salem Civic Center.

Public meetings:

- The Salem City Council will meet Sept. 26 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Salem City Hall Council Chambers at 114 N. Broad Street in Salem.
- The Salem City Council will meet Oct. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Salem City Hall Council Chambers at 114 N. Broad Street in Salem.
- The Salem City School Board will meet from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 11



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- The Salem Planning Commission will meet Oct. 12 from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Salem City Hall Council Chambers at 114 N. Broad Street in Salem.
- The Salem City Council will meet Oct. 24 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Salem City Hall Council Chambers at 114 N. Broad Street in Salem.
- The Salem City School Board will meet from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 8.
- The Salem City Council will meet Nov. 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Salem City Hall Council Chambers at 114 N. Broad Street in Salem.
- The Salem Planning Commission will meet Nov. 16 from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Salem City

- Hall Council Chambers at 114 N. Broad Street in Salem.
- The Salem City Council will meet Nov. 28 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Salem City Hall Council Chambers at 114 N. Broad Street in Salem.
- The Salem City Council will meet Dec. 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Salem City Hall Council Chambers at 114 N. Broad Street in Salem.
- The Salem City School Board will meet from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 13.
- The Salem Planning Commission will meet Dec. 14 from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Salem City Hall Council Chambers at 114 N. Broad Street in Salem.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: SALEM FORD DEALER

Samuel V. Hutson Ford Dealer Here For Fourteen Years

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

Samuel V. Hutson who has been "Your Ford dealer" for some years was born in Pocahontas, Virginia, on May 5, 1892. Receiving his education at Old Point Comfort near Fortress Monroe and at Roanoke College he engaged in the grocery business at Roanoke for two years. In 1916 he became associated with Mr. O. G. Lewis in the automobile business and the firm has been Ford dealers since 1924. During the greater portion of the time he has been in business he has lived here in Salem but resided for a while at Keystone, W. Va., and in Roanoke. Since 1932 he has been the proprietor of the firm of O. G. Lewis & Co., dealers for Ford automobiles, being the oldest Ford dealers in the section in point of continuous service.

He is the lover of police dogs and finds much leisure in company of his German police dog named Fritz. Mr. and Mrs. Hutson have three sons, Frank Lewis Hutson, Samuel V. Hutson, Jr. and Thomas Neil Hutson and one grandchild, Mary Virginia Hutson. Mr. Hutson is a deacon in the Salem Presbyterian church.

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RECORDS CHANGES IN TOUGH YEARS

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Educated At Fortress Monroe And At Roanoke College—Three Sons

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his experience working for the city. "I've tried my best to fulfill the duties I feel like I should."

He went on to say that he's running for reelection because he said he isn't done yet. "There's a lot of things I still want to get fixed," he said.

Holliday cited the fact that he is Salem born and bred as a reason why he's qualified to serve on the council. "My love for this city, for its citizens is unmatched," he said.

He went on to say that he will "always do what's best for the citizens of Salem."

Holliday added that as a small business owner with a background in communications, finance, public affairs and community relations, he feels he will be able to bring a "much needed outside perspective to Salem City Council."

Green noted that she has more than 30 years of local government experience. She moved to Salem in 1989.

"Local government is my passion," Green said. "I have

loved working for local government."

She cited three topics she wants to focus on, including economic development, infrastructure and city employees.

No-excuse early voting at the Salem Registrar's Office begins Sept. 23. The early voting period will end Nov. 5. Voting can be done from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The last day to update registration or to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 17.

Oct. 29 is the last day to request an absentee ballot application to vote by mail.

On Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, the Registrar's Office will be open for in-person Saturday voting from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

All precincts will vote on Election Day at the Salem Civic Center.

On the ballot, voters will be asked to select two City Council candidates. Additionally, voters will select from Democrat Jennifer Lewis and Republican Rep. Ben Cline for Virginia's 6th Congressional District.

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SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

Did you know, one of George Washington's closest advisors lived in the area that became Salem? General Andrew Lewis owned the land that would become the town, as part of his Richfield estate. This cannonball is a reminder that Lewis served with Washington during the French and Indian War, and the Revolutionary War. Even these international events have connections to southwest Virginia.

You can see this cannonball on display this weekend as part of the Salem Museum's Hands-On History Saturday program. This month, Hands-On History highlights "Ghostly Possessions," items relating to 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 An-

drew Lewis, come to Ghost Walk, Oct. 6-8. East Hill Cemetery comes alive after dark just once a year. Participants 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 recommended. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students of any age, and free for children three and younger. Tickets are available now at the Salem Museum and online at SalemMuseum.org.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Historic Cannonball from the Salem Museum's Collection

Roanoke College names Nair as college editor

Leslie Taylor retired from post in July

Roanoke College announced last week that it had hired a new college editor to work in its Office of Marketing and Communications. The new editor started Aug. 1.

Lindsey Nair, a 1998 graduate of Roanoke College, brings 24 years of communications experience to her new role, including more than six years in higher education. As college editor, Nair will oversee production of the school's biannual alumni publication, Roanoke College Magazine, and collaborate with stakeholders across the college community to help tell Roanoke's story to key audiences.

Nair, a native of Clifton Forge, earned an undergraduate degree in English at Roanoke College and replaces former editor Leslie Taylor, who retired in July.

"When Roanoke College accepted me as a transfer student in 1996, it made a generous investment in my life and set me up to succeed in my career path," Nair said, "so it seems fitting that I am now able to put that experience to work for my beloved alma mater. I look forward to producing quality content that will keep all members of the Maroons community informed, engaged and invested in Roanoke's mission."

After graduation from



Nair

PHOTO COURTESY OF ROANOKE COLLEGE

Roanoke College, Nair spent 17 years at The Roanoke Times, where she was an award-winning reporter and editor. As a reporter, she covered the police beat, state courts and federal courts, then penned a popular food column for the Extra section called Front Burner. She capped her tenure at the newspaper as editor of the Extra section.

In 2016, Nair joined the Office of Communications and Public Affairs at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, where she worked as a senior writer and director of content development before stepping into the role of senior director of

content strategy.

"Lindsey's expertise and communications background will make a big impact in service to Roanoke College. What a bonus that she is an alumna who was supported here as a student and found meaning and success in her career because of that support," Melanie Tolan, vice president for marketing and communications at Roanoke College, said. "We are thrilled to have Lindsey's positive energy, journalistic integrity and unmatched work ethic behind all of the incredible stories we have to share."

-The Salem Times-Register

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of September 13, 2022 – September 19, 2022

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
09/13/2022	Brian L. Barnett	55	DUI
09/13/2022	Mark W. Graham	54	Public Intoxication
09/13/2022	Dustin R. Parker	29	Violation of Probation
09/13/2022	Christina M. Hudgins	39	Vehicle Theft
09/14/2022	Darrell E. Hall Jr.	40	Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
09/14/2022	Lisa M. Kilby	39	Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
09/15/2022	Matthew S. Defeo	44	DUI
09/15/2022	Ian J. Yount	31	Public Intoxication
09/16/2022	Jack E. Praver	22	Petit Larceny
09/16/2022	Timothy W. Casey	65	Public Intoxication
09/16/2022	Ian J. Yount	31	Public Intoxication
09/16/2022	John M. Forrester Jr.	45	Public Intoxication
09/16/2022	Joshua J. Waiters	33	Damage Property
09/17/2022	Alvis W. Tucker Jr.	56	Public Intoxication
09/17/2022	Dwight D. Alley	58	False Police Report
09/17/2022	Randall L. Zirkle	47	Domestic Assault & Battery
09/17/2022	Nathan S. Holmes	38	Public Intoxication
09/18/2022	Stephanie M. Wimbish	37	Domestic Assault & Battery
09/19/2022	Christopher L. Craig	32	Violation of Probation

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of September 13, 2022 – September 19, 2022

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
16-SEPT-2022	1900 BLK Captain Dr	Vehicle Theft
17-SEPT-2022	1700 BLK E Main St	Vehicle Theft
19-SEPT-2022	2100 BLK Apperson Dr	Burglary

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grow by quickly funding their space expansion, new equipment, and increased employment needs."

McConnell is no stranger to the Roanoke Valley, having lived in Roanoke and Salem for the last 25 years. The New River Valley native currently resides in Salem.

She attended Roanoke College, where she played basketball. She graduated with a business degree.

She has over 20 years of banking experience in the area, having started her career at Salem Bank and Trust. When the bank was acquired by another com-

pany, McConnell completed a two-year management program. She then decided to pursue a commercial lending route.

In 2006, she was presented with an opportunity to go to a start-up bank in Roanoke. HomeTown Bank was built up over the years, until it was acquired in 2018.

She stayed on at the bank as a senior vice president of commercial lending, until she was recruited to run Ridge View Bank.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for me because at Hometown Bank we started off with limited

capital and resources, but this bank is backed by a bank out of Pennsylvania called CNB," she said. "They do start-up banks. They have the capital and the infrastructure in place."

Corporate-wide, CNB Bank has roughly 720 employees.

"It was the perfect scenario for me," she said. She started in June of last year.

One of her early tasks was getting to name the bank.

"We've hit the ground running," she said. Ridge View Bank currently has

11 employees, with the goal of hiring "substantially more" employees.

"I am committed to ensuring that Ridge View Bank is more than just a financial institution. Ridge View will be a true community partner, one that collaborates with our local governments, civic and religious organizations, and schools to make sure our families and friends have what they need to thrive here in Southwest Virginia," McConnell said when her appointment as president was announced. "Our management team and advisory board mem-

bers are located here in Roanoke but have the support of a \$5 billion bank holding company behind us, making this an ideal commercial banking solution for our communities."

Salem will not be the bank's only local branch. Construction on a 3,600-square-foot branch at Smith Mountain Lake will start soon. Additionally, an announcement about the site location in Roanoke for the bank's 17,000-square-foot regional headquarters was made last week. It will be located at 3531 Franklin

Road.

The bank's plan, McConnell said, is to grow as much as it can over the next five to 10 years.

"We all live in this community. We're known in this community. Being in the market and being able to get things turned around quickly for clients is important. We understand our clients," she said.

McConnell noted that she wants the public to know that the bank is dedicated to giving back to the community. The bank has made donations to over 25 local nonprofits since entering the market.



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Long-time Roanoke Valley banker Carrie McConnell is the president of Ridge View Bank.



Pictured is an aerial view of the building site of the new Ridge View Bank location in Salem.

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OPINION

Health districts encourage flu vaccines

Influenza (the “flu”) is a common, often miserable, and sometimes very serious illness. The symptoms of classic influenza include the abrupt onset of fever, sore throat, headache, cough, muscle aches, and fatigue. Every year, influenza kills between 12,000 and 50,000 people in the United States.

Influenza viruses are constantly changing, but what doesn't change is that flu shots are the best tool we have to combat influenza. Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone older than the age of 6 months. This is especially important for women who will be pregnant during the flu season, persons with chronic diseases or immunosuppressive disorders, and residents of assisted living or long-term care facilities.

How is influenza spread?

The primary mode of influenza transmission is through large, virus-laden respiratory particles called droplets. When an infected person coughs or sneezes, they generate droplets that can travel up to 6 feet or more. When someone near the infected person breathes the droplets in, they can settle on the mucous surfaces of the upper respiratory tract, which can lead to infection.

What are some of the complications of the flu?

Most people who develop influenza recover without any complications. However, the elderly, young children, and individuals with underlying medical conditions such as chronic heart

or lung disease or diabetes are more susceptible to more serious complications. These complications can include pneumonia and the worsening of underlying medical conditions.

What are the best ways to prevent the flu?

Seasonal influenza infection is preventable. Annual vaccination against influenza is the best way to protect against serious illness.

We are often asked, “Can I get influenza from getting a flu shot?” The answer is “No,” the flu shot does not cause the flu. The influenza viruses contained in a flu shot are inactivated (killed), which means they cannot cause infection. Flu vaccine manufacturers kill the viruses

used in the vaccine-making process, and batches of flu vaccine are tested to make sure they are safe.

Some additional steps you can take to prevent the flu include:

Wash hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs and viruses that cause illness can be spread this way.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash afterwards, and wash your hands.

If you are sick with a flu-like illness, stay home for at least 48 hours after your last fever without the use of fever-reducing

medicine.

Find more tips at [cdc.gov/flu/consumer/prevention.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/prevention.htm).

Influenza vaccines are very safe. Each year tens of millions of doses of vaccine are used in the United States and extensive surveillance confirms vaccine safety. In the U.S., because flu activity typically peaks between December and February, September and October are the best times to get vaccinated. Ideally, everyone should be vaccinated by the end of October, however; even after October, vaccination is still recommended because significant flu activity can continue into the late spring.

-Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts

Border problems continue



Morgan Griffith
Representative

The Vice President's confusing syntax aside, the only answer to the question “Is the border secure?” right now must be “No.”

A secure border would not be setting records for daily encounters of illegal immigrants, but the Washington Free Beacon reported on September 15 that internal U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) documents indicate about 8,000 illegal

immigrant encounters are taking place at the border each day, the highest daily number in our history.

If the border were secure, we would not hear howling when governors on the southern border send a few busloads of illegal immigrants to areas that commonly vote for the politicians that oppose fully securing the border.

Sustained high daily numbers of encounters, just the latest negative record set at the border under the Biden Administration, mock the idea that the border is anything close to secure. Border Patrol agents cannot adequately respond to the situation. The astounding numbers of illegal immigrants at the border, many of whom are eventually released into our country, also signal to others contemplating unlawful entry that they can make the attempt without having to worry about legal consequences.

An uncontrolled border also offers plenty of opportunities for criminals or other unscrupulous actors to gain. Car-

tels traffic people across the border with little regard for the illegal immigrants in their charge and smuggle drugs that make their way to communities across the country, including some in Virginia's Ninth Congressional District.

Utter incompetence and mismanagement allow some of these unscrupulous actors to cash in with American taxpayer dollars.

Illegal immigrant minors who are caught crossing the border are detained and housed while the Federal Government seeks sponsors in our country to take them into custody. The government often contracts with non-governmental organizations to provide these services, but recent arrests and indictments suggest the government cannot always find trustworthy partners.

At the beginning of September, the CEO of International Education Services, a contractor providing temporary shelter and other services for unaccompanied alien minors, was indicted by a federal grand jury on embezzlement and theft charges.

News reports on the

indictment report that International Education Services received almost all its funding through federal grants. The indictment alleges that the CEO, Ruben Gallegos Jr., used grant money to pay to himself and other individuals salaries hundreds of thousands of dollars above a cap imposed by federal regulations. While the cap was \$187,000, Mr. Gallegos in four separate years paid himself salaries ranging from \$435,417 to \$492,002. He also used grant money to lease properties from himself at excessive rates.

While the Biden Administration's chosen leaders for DHS have created many of the problems along the border, responsibility for unaccompanied alien minors falls under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). This agency comes under the congressional oversight jurisdiction of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, on which I serve.

From trips to the border and oversight work, I have noticed problems myself with how ORR

vets the people it gives the minors to for care. To match these minors with family members already in the country, I found that ORR relies on common background search websites that often turn up incorrect or incomplete information, instead of a full-blown criminal background check.

To be clear, these minors should not come here illegally, but if we are going to allow them here and claim to be looking out for them, ORR should not compound the damage by potentially matching them with people who have not been properly vetted.

If in the future I were honored to serve as the Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of Energy and Commerce, I would strive to hold HHS leadership accountable on how it performs its duties at the border.

Of course, the best way to avoid problems with placing illegal immigrants is securing the border. As long as the Biden Administration avoids taking this action, it is responsible for the legal and humanitarian disaster that results.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. One of the four Vedas
5. Part of (abbr.)
8. At the peak
12. African antelope
14. Expression of satisfaction
15. Yankees' ace
16. Belittled
18. A baglike structure
19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder
20. Actress Tomei
21. Explosive
22. Formal for "on"
23. Cruelties
26. Country singer Brad
30. Make very happy
31. Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
32. Albanian currency
33. Subatomic particle
34. Type of salt
39. 007's creator

CLUES DOWN
42. Emerging
44. Railroad flare
46. Observed
47. Capable of reproduction
49. Indicates adjacent
50. Legendary Notre Dame coach
51. Not wide
56. An embarrassing mistake
57. Pearl Jam's debut album
58. Denotes passerine birds
59. Stumble
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. W. Indian trees
62. You
63. Pigpen
64. Be aware of

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

CLUES DOWN
35. Pounds per square inch
36. A way to launch an attack on
37. The lowest cardinal number
38. Popular Miller beer
40. Pokes holes in
41. Closest to
42. Folk singer DiFranco
43. Rivne's former name
44. Flat ruler
45. Lacking the means to do something
47. Cockatoo
48. Dred Scott decision deliverer
49. Explosion exclamation
52. Canadian flyers
53. Houston university
54. At some prior time
55. Red, swollen mark

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Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

"The Resilient Library Newsletter," published bi-monthly as an outreach of the Salem Public Library, is intended for adult caregivers and others interested in healthy aging topics and resources. Theresa Baga, the senior library assistant at the Salem Public Library, pools together an informative newsletter of articles published from library books, and online database research. The current issue covers information on how to get a good night's sleep, how aging affects sleep, and sleep disorders, changing habits, and how much to exercise as we age,

tips for lowering blood pressure and a puzzle to help exercise the brain.

A special section in the new book area provides books on all aspects of caregiving, financial planning, making career changes, making healthcare decisions, and healthy aging and well as free publications that area agencies provide on these topics. Pick up a copy of "The Resilient Library Newsletter" in the new book area. If you would like to subscribe, call the Salem library at 540-375-3089 or send an e-mail to library@salemva.gov

The Salem Public Library's increased impetus to provide information to caregivers and senior citizens resulted from staff brainstorming ways to continue our mission to serve the community during the initial stage of the Corona Virus pandemic. Writing The Resilient Library News-

letter provides Baga the outlet for her own interest and research into issues pertaining to aging, health care decision-making and her passion for providing that information to the public.

Workshops at the Salem Public Library

Thurs, Sept 29, 1 p.m.: Riley Ginger from the Better Business Bureau Serving Western Virginia will present: Managing Someone Else's Money.

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OBITUARY

Mildred Clark Cockerham

Mildred Clark Cockerham, age 94, of Salem, Va., passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Willard M. Cockerham; and her daughter, Christine Hart.

She is survived by her daughter, Jackie O'Neill; grandson, Patrick O'Neill (Tiffany); granddaughters, Mary Catherine Yeakel (Chris) and Molly Hart (Brett); and three great-grandchildren,



Miles Laverty, Cameron Yeakel, and Max Yeakel.

The family is grateful for the care she received and the friendships she made as a resident of The Oaks at Richfield.

A celebration of Mildred's life will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2022, in the John M. Oakey & Son Chapel in Salem, Va. A period of visitation will begin at 1 p.m., and a memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. with Rev. Janet Chisom officiating.

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

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- Integrated Textile Solutions owned by the Thornhill family;
- Damon Co. that produces and exports archery supplies.

Adkins noted that the new Sonic drive in on West Main is busy, as is the rebuilt Long John Silver on Apperson.

He mentioned the former Kelley Café on the corner of Broad and Main streets is now Lucky Kat, that specializes in teas and crepes, according to Adkins.

Construction of Ridgeway Bank on the corner of West Main and Chestnut is coming along, Adkins said. He also visited the Virginia Veterans Care Center, which, according to the executive director, he said, "is not going anywhere."

There had been rumors that the Salem VA would be closed. Instead, the facility has completed a new dialysis service section, Akins said, and other services are planned.

The VA serves between 35,000 and 40,000 veterans each year, he said the executive director

told them.

Economic Development Authority Chair J. David Robbins asked Adkins how many Salem students are using the Burton Center for Arts and Technology, a Roanoke County school across from East Salem Elementary.

"Zero," Adkins replied. "Burton provides education for five county high schools, and it never has an opening. There is a waiting list."

He noted that a new arts and technology center is going to be built on Cove Road to replace Burton.

Adkins pointed out there are two new classes in medical language at Salem High School that each have 20 students.

"We have challenges with career and technical education at SHS because of lack of space for hand-on instruction," Adkins added.

EDA members attending in addition to Robbins were Vice Chair Quinn Mongan, Sean Kosmann, Paul Kuhnel, Cynthia Shelor and Macel Janoschka. Rob Robinson was not present.

SOL Scores from page 1

"The bottom line is that in-person instruction matters. When we compare the 2021-2022 data with achievement in 2020-2021 — when the majority of our students were learning remotely or on hybrid schedules — we can see the difference our teachers made once they were reunited with their students in their classrooms," Balow said in an Aug. 18 release. "I want to thank all of our teachers for everything they did last year to begin what will be a multiyear recovery effort."

This year, Hicks said, students are better prepared to "hit the ground running." One of the things that he said helped prepare students was a robust summer program.

"It has been a more normal opening. Fortunately, COVID isn't front and center," he said of the start of this school year. "We're really excited to start this year under very positive circumstances."

The division identified three areas of focus going into the new school year, including high expectations for student attendance, high expectations for student behavior and high expectations for academic responsibility.

"We want kids to be in school, we want

them to behave in a way that promotes a safe and disciplined learning environment and we want them to take responsibility for their academic achievement," Hicks said.

He added that teachers were asked to "extend a lot of grace" to students since the start of the pandemic. This year, he said, will be about "getting kids back on track" because "people typically thrive under clear expectations."

In looking ahead, Hicks said that he feels a 10% increase in the division's SOL scores across the board is a realistic goal for the 2022-23 school year.

"Coming out of the pandemic, the scores from this past spring really serve as our baseline. That tells us where we are right now. Then we start to set some incremental goals," he said.

Historically, the division has strived to achieve a 90% pass rate in all SOL subjects. "It might take us a few years to get there, but our goal is certainly to be among the best performing school divisions in the state with regard to student achievement as measured by the SOLs," he said.

Hicks also noted that all six of the division's schools were accredited.

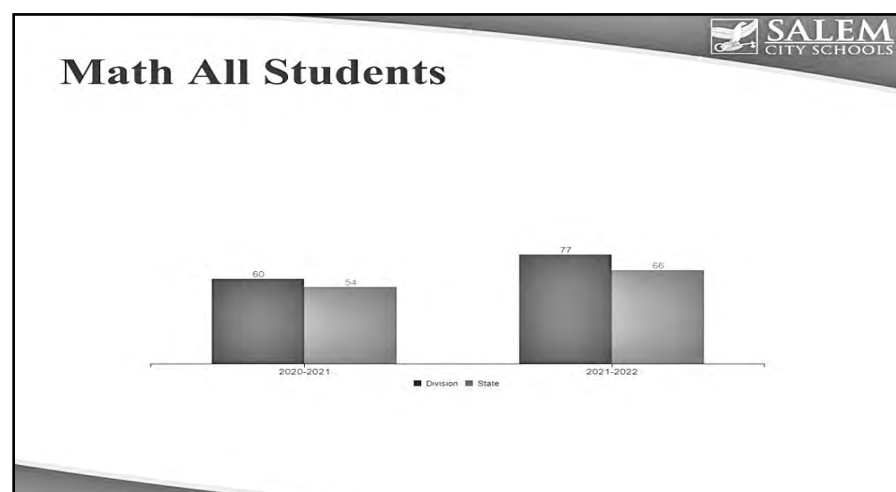


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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317 Case No. CL21-610 Botetourt County Circuit Court Commonwealth of Virginia in re Wilmington Savings Fund FSB, et al v. Andrew L. Lawson, et al. The object of this suit is to: rescind the September 16, 2020 foreclosure sale of 47 Garfield Lane, Roanoke, Virginia. It is ORDERED that: Any/All Heirs of HAZEL A. LAWSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 28, 2022. Signed Tommy L. Moore, Clerk on this day August 16th, 2022.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF NANCY LEE LIPES NICELY, DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by David Spigle, attorney for the executrix of the estate of Nancy Lee Lipés Nicely, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as

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amended, all creditors of Nancy Lee Lipés Nicely, and all persons in any way interested in her estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 19th day of October, 2022 at 9 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Nancy Lee Lipés Nicely or her estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Nancy Lee Lipés Nicely, deceased, and persons interested in her estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 16th day of September, 2022. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - City of Radford

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EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

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Mike goes back-to-back

It all came down to Monday Night Football this week and, when the Eagles prevailed, Mike Cassell went back-to-back in our weekly football contest.

Several folks had three misses with one game to go as the Vikings took the field in Philadelphia Monday, but Cassell was the only one to choose the Eagles. Surprisingly it wasn't much of a game, and when the Birds prevailed, 24-7, Cassell was our contest winner for the second week in a row.

Mike's only misses were taking E.C. Glass over Heritage, the Panthers over the Giants and the Bengals over the Cowboys. He also picked Detroit over the Red . . . Commanders. . . , which was correct, so he picked against three NFC East teams on Sunday before the Eagles came through for him on Monday night. For his efforts Mike will receive another fifty dollar gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and yet another Blizzard from Dairy Queen in Salem.

Can someone stop this runaway train this week? We have some tough games once again but a virtual "gimme" with the Salem-Blacksburg game. I considered not to put that on the contest at all, like I did with the Tech-Wofford game last week. However, upon further reflection, I figured it might be the game for the high point total this week. After all, Salem hung 55 on Northside last Friday and that was the high point total for this week if it had been necessary to decide the winner. It did not, as Cassell was the only one with as few as three misses.

Remember, your entry must be on an entry blank from a current paper. We have someone turning in entries from previous papers, and it's the same one who did so last year. I don't know if he's digging them out of our dumpster when the leftover papers are returned or what, but entries not on the current edition will not be considered. It's easy to tell because I can see what's on the reverse side. Last week it was a runner from Glenvar, so the entries with a Roanoke College soccer player on the back from the week prior did not count. The idea is to sell papers, you know.

Good luck this week and if Cassell keeps winning we might have to put a bounty on him.

-Brian Hoffman

GLENVAR FOOTBALL

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Ford had two catches for 100 yards and a touchdown and Reed Hutchinson had touchdown receptions of 38 and 23 yards. Elijah Carter rushed for 124 yards and a touchdown on just 10 carries.

On defense Nate Johnson had a big night with nine tackles, including three sacks. Lucas Birdlebaugh had eight tackles, including a sack and a safety, and Jake Stanley had 10 tackles.

Glenvar led 34-14 at the half and shut out the Titans after intermission. The game concluded with a running clock as Glenvar laid claim to the mythical Roanoke County championship with wins over Cave Spring and Hidden Valley in back-to-back weeks to go 2-0 against county rivals. William Byrd has lost to Hidden Valley, and Northside was beaten by both Hidden Valley and Cave Spring so Glenvar will finish as the only unbeaten team among the four county schools. And, you might add, the Highlanders also beat Byrd in a scrimmage since the Roanoke County crown is unofficial anyway.

With the win the Highlanders evened their record at 2-2 and now they'll take aim at a real championship, as they open Three Rivers District play this week. The Highlanders will travel to Hillsville to take on Carroll County. The Cavaliers are 1-3 with a season opening win over Patrick County followed by losses to Grayson County, Galax and George Wythe.

"They're physical and they have a massive quarterback, a 6'6" kid," said Clifford of the Cavaliers. "They're multi-dimensional and they move the ball well. It will be a challenge."

Glenvar's jayvee team also beat Hidden Valley last week, 53-0. The Highlanders will host Carroll in a jayvee game tonight.



Virginia Tech freshman Bryce Duke takes it to the house for his first collegiate touchdown in the fourth quarter of Tech's 27-7 win over Wofford on Saturday. The Hokies are back home tonight for a nationally televised game on ESPN against West Virginia, with the Black Diamond Trophy on the line.

PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Duke of Blacksburg

SALEM FOOTBALL

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Botetourt and Amherst County by a combined score of 168-28.

Last week against Northside the Spartans cruised by the Vikings at Salem Stadium. Northside couldn't stop junior Peyton Lewis, who had four touchdowns. Lewis ran for 164 yards on 16 carries and three touchdowns. He also returned a kick 89 yards for a score.

In all Salem rushed for 360 yards, and that included a running clock for much of the second half. Jayvion Jones had 68 yards rushing, Josiah Persinger had 61 and Wilson Rakes had 25 and all three rushed for a touchdown. DaRon Wilson ran for 28 yards and completed seven of nine passes for 74 yards, including a touchdown pass to Ryan Coe. In all Salem had seven possessions for the game and scored a touchdown on every one.

"Our offensive line play has really improved," said Holter. "They've really embraced the violence and physicality of the position. Our five interior linemen and tight end all work as one, like a fist."

On defense Lewis led the Spartans with 11 tackles, of which 10 were solos. Isaiah Barlow had eight tackles and a fumble recovery and Chris Martin had an



Left, Salem's Sean Scott (#15) makes an open field tackle. Below, Chris Cole (#9) finds room to run.

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interception.

If Northside is looking for a brighter future against Salem consider the Spartan jayvee team

won at Northside last week, 55-0. The jayvees were scheduled to play at Blacksburg Wednesday of this week, moving up

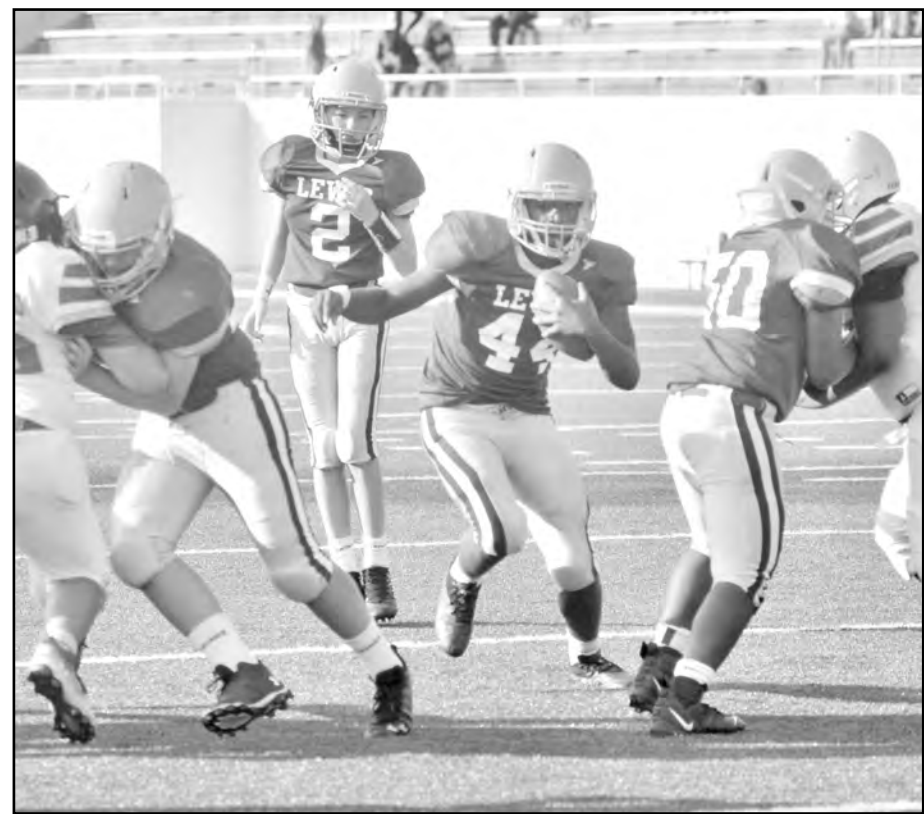
a day since Virginia Tech is home to West Virginia on Thursday.

AL clobbers Blacksburg

The Andrew Lewis Middle School eighth grade football team remained undefeated at 6-0 with another convincing win last week. The Wolverines led 42-0 at the half and coasted to a 56-6 win over Blacksburg at Salem Stadium.

The Wolverines did waste any time putting points on the board as Kyshead Arrington returned the opening kick-off 80 yards for a touchdown. Other Wolverine touchdowns were scored by Jordan McCadden, Joseph Henderson, Mike Tatoute and Aiden Wiley. The defense was led by the strong play of DaVon Jones, Landon and Logan Poff, Aiden Hoffman, Carson Merchant and Kobe Hairston. Blacksburg's only score came on a punt return in the second half.

The eighth grade team was scheduled to play at



The Andrew Lewis Middle School line opens a big hole for Joseph Henderson to score in last week's win at Salem Stadium.

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Northside Wednesday, followed by a game at Cave Spring a week from tonight.

The Lewis seventh grade team improved to 5-2 with a 41-8 win over

Northside Middle on Monday Night in Salem. The seventh graders will play Smith Mountain Lake Christian School on Thursday at 5pm at Salem Stadium.

Landyn Pickard had a touchdown reception and Brody Williams and Cameron Fezell also scored TDs for Glenvar.

The Highlanders will play Cave Spring Middle School tonight at Bogle Field. Kickoff time is 5:30 pm.

The Glenvar Middle School football team remained undefeated with a shutout win at Carroll County last week. The Highlanders won 41-0 to improve to 5-0 on the season.

Ranger Swanson had three touchdowns to lead the Highlanders.

GMS shuts out Carroll, 41-0

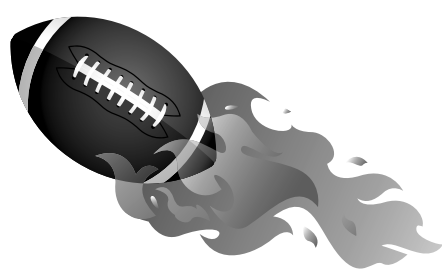
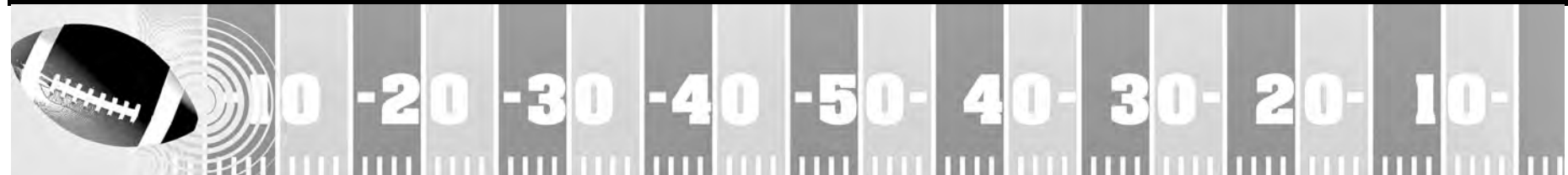


Sandlot football

CJ Goens of the Salem 10-U sandlot football team hauls in a pass for a long gain in Salem's win over North Roanoke at William Byrd's Patterson Stadium last Saturday.

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The Quick Change (see story)

Maroons will host Marlins

It will be "Senior Recognition Night" Saturday when the Roanoke College soccer team plays host to Virginia Wesleyan in a key Old Dominion Athletic Conference game. It's also "Family Weekend" at RC as the men's game kicks off at 5 pm at Kerr Stadium.

Last Saturday, also at home, the men dropped a 2-1 non-conference game to Mary Washington. The Eagles led 1-0 at the half and increased the lead to 2-0 when Juan Vargas scored off a pass from Abel Luwis. Girom Affolter scored unassisted at 84:00 to pull the Maroons within one, but that's as close as the Maroons would get. Affolter's goal was his second of the week, including the game-winner last Wednesday over Greensboro in a 2-1 win.

The loss dropped the Maroons to 2-2-1 on the season. They were scheduled to play at Randolph College on Wednesday of this week, but results were too late for publication.



Quinn Kunath throws the ball in for Roanoke College.

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RC women home Sat.

The Roanoke College women will play host to Eastern Mennonite in an Old Dominion Athletic Conference soccer game Saturday afternoon. The "Family Weekend" affair is scheduled to start at 2:30 pm at Kerr Stadium in Salem.

The Maroons come in at 4-3 after winning at Mary Baldwin on Tuesday, 7-2. It was Roanoke's third straight road game and the Maroons won two of three, defeating Pfeiffer, 5-0, and Mary Baldwin after beginning the trip with a 2-0 loss at the University of Lynchburg.

At Pfeiffer last Saturday the Maroons scored twice in the first half as Brooke Nicholson found the back of net on the lower left at 27:15 off a pass from Eliza Ryan. Less than three minutes later Morgan O'Neill took a pass from Jena Wahdan and found the opposite side of the net to give Roanoke the 2-0 lead heading into half-time.

O'Neill scored her second goal of the game at 56:57 in the second half off, with an assist by Cameron Shackford. The Maroons got a goal from Emily Moffit at the 63:20 mark to go up 4-0 and the final goal of the game came from Logan Tyler on a penalty kick



Morgan O'Neill has scored four goals in the last two games for Roanoke College.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

at 78:40.

Taylor Gallik got the win in the goal after starting and playing the first 45 minutes of the game. She made one save in the only shot on goal by the Falcons.

On Tuesday at Mary Baldwin O'Neill scored two more goals and MC Petrucelli also had two. The Maroons trailed 1-0 before scoring seven unanswered goals to put it away.

Roanoke College field hockey wins three straight by shutout scores

After an 0-2 start the Roanoke College field hockey team has won three in a row, all by shutout.

After winning at Wittenberg 1-0 on September 4 and at Southern Virginia, 5-0, on September 14 the Maroons played host to Hood College last Saturday and ran their unscored upon streak to three games with a 3-0 win. Madison Wingerter played all 60 minutes in goal collecting one save of the lone Blazer shot.

Tess Taloumis got things started for Roanoke just 7:33 into the game with a goal off a pass from Lindsey Keyes. It was Taloumis'

first goal of the season. With less than five minutes left in the third period, Saige Bullock took a pass from Clare McCurley and score her first goal of the season at 40:53, giving the Maroons a 2-0 lead. Grace Vernarelli scored her fourth goal of the season with exactly six minutes left in the game while the defense held strong for the rest of the contest, giving Roanoke the 3-0 win.

The Maroons were at Meredith Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. They'll host Sewanee in a "Family Weekend" game this Saturday at noon at Kerr Stadium in Salem.

Brown named RC lax coach

Roanoke College Director of Athletics Scott Allison has announced the hiring of Erica Brown as the next women's lacrosse head coach. She began her duties on this month.

"I'm so pleased that Erica Brown will be joining our staff in the coming weeks," said Allison. "Erica brings a wealth of knowledge and interpersonal connections within the intercollegiate women's lacrosse world. Her passion for working with young women was clearly evident in all of our communications. We're fortunate to have found such a quality person, especially at this late stage."

"I am beyond excited to join Roanoke women's lacrosse, the athletic department and the Roanoke College community," mentioned Brown. "From the moment I stepped on

campus, Roanoke blew me away. The campus, the athletic facilities, the people and most importantly the women's lacrosse team, Roanoke is a special place. I'm looking forward to being a part of an amazing college and continuing the success of the women's lacrosse program."

Brown completed her 10th season as head coach at Tiffin University in 2021-22. She has guided Tiffin to eight straight conference tournament appearances (no conference tourney in 2019-20 due to Covid-19 pandemic) and has a career record of 84-67.

Brown previously served as Head Coach at Lycoming College, leading the team to a 19-17 overall record, 15-8 in the Middle Atlantic Conference over her two seasons. During that span she coached three



ERICA BROWN

All-Region and nine All-Conference players while also guiding 18 student-athletes to Academic All-Conference honors.

She played lacrosse at Wagner College. A standout goalkeeper, Brown still ranks second all-time in Wagner history in career minutes played, career saves and career goals against average. She also holds the record for minutes played in a season and ranks second in saves in a season. A co-captain of the team in her senior year, she was ranked on lax.com as one of the top-12 goalies in all of Division I.

Bingham joins track staff

Roanoke College track & field head coach Eugene Galloway has announced the hiring of Erin Bingham as an assistant track & field coach.

"We welcome Erin to the Maroon family," said Galloway. "Erin is detailed oriented and has championship experience that complements our staff and program's goal of post season championship success."

Bingham graduated from Lees McRae College in 2017 with a

degree in education. She competed in track all four years of school and was a three-time 60mh and 100mh Conference Carolina Champion. Bingham still holds multiple school records in the 55MH, 60MH, and 100MH.

While competing she was able to make some great connections with coaches and mentors as she volunteered assisting high school track and field athletes. During this time, Bingham became



ERIN BINGHAM

educated in age and ability appropriate conditioning for student athletes as well coaching techniques behind events including jumps and sprints.

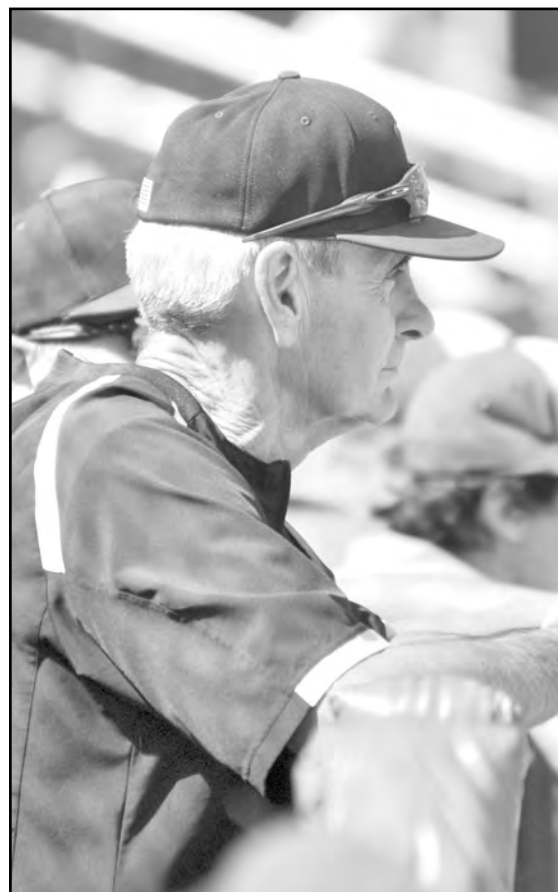
Guida is new assistant baseball coach at Roanoke

Roanoke College head baseball coach Zach Ullrich has announced the hiring of Sean Guida, a 2018 RC graduate, as an assistant coach for the upcoming season.

"We are very fortunate to have someone the caliber of coach Guida at Roanoke," said Ullrich. "He has proven himself both on the field and as a coach."

A player with the Maroons from 2015-18, Guida earned not only ODAC accolades but national recognition

as well. In 2017 he helped lead the Maroons to their first ODAC title and an appearance in the Division III College World Series. He was also named the ODAC Tournament MOP while earning Second Team All-South Region honors. In 2018 Guida was named the ODAC Player of the Year as well as First Team All-South Region, South Region Player of the Year and Second Team All-American by D3baseball.com and American Baseball Coaches Association.



Wes McMillan coached his final game in a Salem uniform on July 30 when he was on the bench at Salem Memorial Ballpark for the "Seniors" game, picking up another win.

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younger I'd never leave."

Wes still figures to be around the ballparks, as he's a "lifer" after all. Salem is taking applications for the job and expects to name a successor before too long. Wes has some advice on that as well.

"You have to have someone who has no ties," he said. "Of all the teams I coached, whoever made my team made it on merit."

"Baseball is one of those games that everyone thinks they know, and they'll tear you apart if you let them. The best sport I ever coached was soccer because no one knew anything about it, and I never heard a word from any of the parents."

And when that new coach is named, Wes has made sure the transition will be a smooth one.

"All the equipment is labeled and ready to go," he said. "All the new coach has to do is coach."

LYNCHBURG IN MILLS CUP SERIES

The Lynchburg Hillcats won two out of three games from the Fredricksburg Nationals to advance to the Mills Cup series in the Carolina League this week. The 'Cats lost the first game in Fredricksburg, 2-0, but bounced back to win the next two in Lynchburg, 5-2 and 3-0, in the North Division playoffs.

In the South Division Charleston swept Myrtle Beach, 6-1 and 10-6, to advance to the finals. The best-of-three championship series opened Sunday in Charleston with the home team winning 7-5. Game

two was scheduled for Lynchburg Tuesday night and, if the Hillcats won that one, the deciding game was to be played Wednesday at City Stadium in Lynchburg.

WILLS CHANGED THE GAME

I was sad to learn of the passing of another one of my childhood favorites as Maury Wills died Tuesday at the ripe old age of 89.

Wills set the Major League Baseball record for stolen bases in a season in 1962 when he swiped 104 bags for the Dodgers. The previous record of 96 held for 47 years, as Ty Cobb stole 96 in 1915.

Wills held the record for 12 years before Lou Brock stole 118 in 1974, then eight years later Rickey Henderson stole an incredible 130 for what is still the Major League record. However, it was Wills who set the tone for modern baseball with his amazing season in '62.

I saw Wills play for the Dodgers at old Connie Mack Stadium in Philadelphia when I was a kid and I got to meet him in 2002 when he was the guest for the Salem-Roanoke Hall of Fame induction banquet. I was all grown up by that time, at least physically, but it was still a thrill to meet him and listen to his stories at the banquet.

Younger folks probably don't understand the impact Maury Wills had on the game, but consider this. Wills led the National League in stolen bases for six straight years from 1960 to 1965 and the NL leader the year before that run was Willie Mays, who stole just 27 bases in 1959.

Glenvar volleyball stays unbeaten despite losing 1st set of the season

The Glenvar volleyball team remained undefeated with a four set win over Giles last week, improving to 7-0 on the season. The Highlanders won 25-17, 25-15, 24-26 and 25-14 in Pearisburg.

With the two point overtime loss in the third set Glenvar dropped a set for the first time all season. That didn't sit well with coach Mark Rohrback, but he was still happy to return with a win.

"Overall we played well at Giles," he said. "We continue to improve in areas that have been focal points in practice, including serving, serve receive, offensive consistency and blocking technique. We only missed five serves in four sets,



Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback indicates where he wants the serve to go.

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which is a great number, especially on the road in a gym we don't always serve well in. We had a team passer rating of 2.3 against a strong serving team. That is the highest rating of the season to date."

Claire Griffith had a big night with 18 kills, 18 digs, four aces and a couple blocks. Sydney Loder had 10 kills and seven blocks while Natalie McMahon had a dozen kills. Audrey Conner dished out a match high 55 assists and served up three aces and Cara Butler had 19 digs.

Glenvar will get another crack at the Spartans on Monday when they come to GHS for a rematch. The Highlanders were scheduled to visit Auburn on Wednesday and they're at Carroll County for their Three Rivers District opener next Tuesday, September 27. Giles, a former Three Rivers member, is now in the Mountain Empire District.

"Giles is a strong team, and I expect them to do well in Class 1 this season," said Rohrback.



Salem's Myah Crews goes low for a dig in last week's match with Blacksburg.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Spartans host Catholic tonight

The Salem High volleyball team fell at Cave Spring Tuesday night to open a busy week of action. The Spartans have three matches in as many nights.

Salem was scheduled to host Northside on Wednesday and then play host to Roanoke Catholic tonight in a pair of non-district matches. Tuesday's loss to Cave Spring by a score of 25-17, 25-19 and 25-16 gave the Spartans a 5-5 record for the season. Kai Bowen had six kills and three aces against the Knights and Reese Redford had 13 digs.

lost to Blacksburg in three sets, 25-21, 25-16 and 25-19. Mia Esworthy led the team with five kills and a couple blocks while Redford had five kills, 11 digs and a block. Myah Crews had 10 digs and served up four aces for the Salemites.

Next week the Spartans continue a busy stretch with three matches in four days. They're at Faith Christian on Monday, at Pulaski on Tuesday and home to Patrick Henry a week from tonight to start the second half of their River Ridge District schedule. Salem is 5-0 in non-district matches but 0-5 in the tough River Ridge District.

Last Thursday at home the Spartans

RC is home Fri. & Sat.

The Roanoke College volleyball team will have home matches on Friday and Saturday this week-end against Old Dominion Athletic Conference opponents. The Maroons will host Shenandoah on Friday at 7 pm and Eastern Mennonite on Saturday at 11 am, both at the Cregger Center in Salem.

The Maroons were 5-5 on the season after falling in three sets at Bridgewater College last Thursday, 25-17, 25-20, 25-21. Peyton Kirchner had a match-high 15 kills to go along with a .423 attack percentage for the Maroons. Kylee Draper led both teams with a match-high 27 assists and Kennedy Clemmer had 17 digs for RC.

The Maroons were scheduled to host Guilford on Tuesday of this week but results were too late for publication.



Ryanna Clark hits a spike for Roanoke College.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Lewis splits MS volley matches

The Andrew Lewis Middle School volleyball team split two matches last week, falling to Read Mountain but bouncing back to beat William Byrd.

The Wolverines lost at home to Read Mountain last Thursday, 25-11 and 25-20. On Monday in Salem the Wolverines beat Byrd in straight sets, 25-16 and 25-16, to improve to 7-4 on the season.

"We've played some of our best volleyball in the last week and hope to convert that to wins in our next four matches," said coach Perry Manning.

Lewis was scheduled to play at Hidden Valley on Wednesday. Tonight Glenvar Middle School returns to action after nine days off. The undefeated Highlanders are at Clifton Middle.



Karis Guy sets one up for the Wolverines.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Trace Monroe hits a drive for the Spartans.

PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

SHS golfers edge Bruins

The Salem High golfers edged Blacksburg, 290-291, to win the final leg of the River Ridge District regular season golf tour Monday. It was the first time this season the Spartans beat the talented Blacksburg team in a match.

Sophomore Kathryn Ha shot a five-under-par 67 to lead the Spartans and Macy Johnson wasn't far behind at 71. Trey Joyce and Andrew Rea both shot 76 to round out the Salem scoring.

With the regular season of district matches concluded the All-District team was determined and Ha was named to the first team while Johnson was a second team selection.

Next up for the Spartans is the sub-region tournament at the Danville Country Club next Monday, September 26. The top two teams advance to the Region 4D tournament at Ivy Hills. Blacksburg and Salem are favored to advance but Halifax County also has a chance to sneak into the top two.

"It's a one-day tournament so anything can happen," said Salem coach Thad Snyder.



Grayson Shepherd tees off for Glenvar.

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Best round yet for GHS golfers

The Glenvar golfers will be competing in the Region 2C tournament next Tuesday, September 27, after wrapping up the regular season today.

The region tournament will be held at the Olde Mill Golf Resort in Laurel Fork, VA. Two teams will qualify for the State Tournament, and then the top three individuals not on those teams will also qualify.

Glenvar will conclude the regular season Thursday with a match at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club. The Highlanders will take on host James River, Alleghany and Pocahontas in a four team match.

On Monday of this week Glenvar closed out the Three River District season with a match at the River Course, hosted by Radford. Floyd County won the round, as they have in every district match this year, with a score of 316. Host Radford was second at 321 followed by Glenvar at 354, James River at 356, Carroll County at 349 and Alleghany at 374.

"We had our best outing of the year and lots of improvement," said coach Shawn Duff. "I am very proud of the teams' efforts as they continue to improve and get more comfortable in matches. We are hopefully hitting our stride as we prepare for the Regional Tournament next week."

Ryne Bond of Floyd was the medalist with a score of 73. Jacson Shepherd led Glenvar with an 83, followed by Mason Hylton at 86, Connor Magruder at 89 and Grayson Shepherd with a 96.

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Salem center Jackson Bryie fires off the ball as quarterback DaRon Wilson turns to hand the ball to Peyton Lewis.

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Spartans dominate Northside

Oh how the mighty have fallen! The Salem High football team took Northside to the woodshed last Friday, 55-14, and this Friday Blacksburg is coming here for what shapes up to be a similar whooping. Game time is 7 pm at Salem Stadium.

Through four weeks of the season neither Northside nor Blacksburg has won a game. These were once two of the most storied teams in the state of Virginia and "must see" games on the Spartan schedule. Northside has an all-time winning percentage of .551 and state championships in 2009 and 2013. Blacksburg has an all-time winning percentage of .533 and has been to the state championship game five times, winning in 1977, 1989 and as recently as 2016.

Lately, however, both teams have struggled. The Vikings are 5-14 over the last three seasons and Blacksburg has lost 20 in a row. The last time the Bruins tasted victory was in October of 2019.

"They're young and coach Leonard is trying to build a program," said Salem coach Don Holter of the Bruins, who have a new coach in Zack Leonard. Zack is a former assistant under Kevin Clifford at Glenvar.

The Bruins lost to Salem, 50-0, in the shortened 2021 spring season, and last fall they forfeited to the Spartans after failing to agree on a makeup date after the original game was postponed. This season Blacksburg has lost to Giles, Lord

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Highlanders win big over Titans for "county title"

This year, 52 was enough.

After losing to Hidden Valley at Bogle Field last season, 55-51, Glenvar was looking for a measure of revenge last Friday. They got it, upping their game by a point to 52 but this time holding Hidden Valley to just 14 for a lopsided victory in front of a big crowd at Highlander Stadium.

"We beat last year's point total," Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford astutely observed. "I was pleased, everyone played well."

Freshman quarterback Brody Dawyot continued to shine against the Titans last Friday. He stepped in for injured Eli Taylor two weeks ago when Taylor went down in the Martinsville game and he's looked nothing like a freshman. Against Hidden Valley Brody completed nine of 13 passes for 295 yards and four touchdowns and ran seven times for 42 yards. He spread the ball around, throwing TD passes to three different receivers.

Senior Jackson Swanson had another big night. He had three catches for 93 yards and also returned a punt for 58 yards and a score. Gabe

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Gabe Ford and Brody Dawyot do a "high bump" to celebrate a Glenvar touchdown Friday night.

PHOTO BY KENNY FORD

Brian Hoffman



McMillan is "Baseball Lifer"

Departing coach won 129 games and a state championship with Spartans

up fast-pitch softball, playing for 16 years when the sport drew large crowds to watch league games and tournaments at Oakey Field in Salem. He played for Valley Dustex, the Virginians, Custer's Custom Painting, Shenandoah Life and Oak Hall, familiar names to folks who enjoyed the high level of men's fast-pitch softball the valley once had.

"I'll tell you what, fast-pitch softball will teach you more about the game than just about anything," he said.

Wes started his coaching career with baseball and girls' softball in the North Roanoke Rec. Club. He coached baseball with legendary sandlot coach Bobby Ragland and in 1992 his girls' 12-and-under softball team won the state championship and competed for the national World Series in Florida.

In 1999 Randy Smith asked him to help with the team at Northside and Wes was an assistant with the Vikings for three years before Salem coach Jim Stepp pulled him aside after church and asked if he'd like to come to Salem. They met at Mac & Bob's and talked things over and Wes agreed

to make the switch. He assisted Jim for 10 years, then stayed on to help Jamie Garst when he took over. After two years Garst was named principal at Andrew Lewis Middle School and had to give up coaching, and Wes has been head coach ever since.

"I'm very thankful to Jim, Jamie, Sandy Hadaway and Chris King for all the help they gave me over the years," he said. "Especially Chris King, he made things easy for me."

Wes decided it was time to step away when his pests became a little too painful.

"These darned feet have been bothering me," he said. "I have a painful cartilage thing in my big toe and it hurts to throw batting practice. At my age it's just time to let someone else take over."

It wasn't easy for Wes to leave the team. He loved working with the kids and he's grown to love Salem

"I hate to give it up," he said. "I loved it here and the people have been so good to me. I wouldn't have wanted to coach anywhere else. I'm really going to miss it. I'll always be a part of Salem and if I was

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For the first time in recent memory you won't be seeing Wes McMillan at Salem High fall baseball practices this year. Salem is looking for a new coach to guide the program as Wes resigned following the 2022 season.

"It was the hardest decision I've ever had to make," he said. "I turned 72 years old and I've had some problems with my feet, and I felt if I couldn't give it everything I had it was time to get out. I feel like we have a good program and we have good kids coming along, so it's a good time for someone else to take over."

Wes leaves with an impressive resume, including being the only coach to win a state championship in baseball at Salem High. His 2018 team beat Jamestown on a walk-off hit at Salem Stadium in what is the signature moment in Spartan baseball history.

"We had all those good sophomores that year and 2020 was supposed to be the year we had a good chance to win it," said McMillan. "Then the COVID hit and those kids didn't even get a chance to play their senior year."

Wes was a coach at Salem High from 2001 until 2022, and he's been head coach since the spring of 2013. During his time as head coach the Spartans won 129 games and lost just 51 and have gone to the Class 4 state championship tournament four times. They made the Region 4D tourney six times and won the region in 2018 while finishing second two other years. Salem won two River Ridge District regular season titles and a tournament title during McMillan's tenure while playing in a very tough district. After winning the state title in 2018 Wes was named the Timesland Coach-of-the-Year, and he's won numerous district and region awards as well.

Wes is what people call a "baseball lifer," and he came from humble beginnings. He never knew his father and grew up in a modest home in Roanoke, but he found a love for baseball at an early age.

"I played every day in my front yard," he said. "One day a taxi cab driver saw me and asked if I wanted to try out for Villa Heights. They had 110 kids try out and they only kept 15. They had tryouts and they cut 10 every day until they got down to 15. It was really good baseball, like a travel team, and the ones that got cut went and played on a park team, where they gave you a shirt and that was about it."

Wes made the team and every day he either walked to practice or found a ride with one of the other parents. He made the team at James Monroe Junior High and played through the ninth grade, but a broken leg kept him from playing in high school. Still, that didn't keep him off the diamond for long as he played American Legion ball and then took



Left, Wes makes a visit to the mound at Billy Sample Field and, right, on his usual bucket perch in the Salem High dugout.



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