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## Almeeds Bratton celebrated 105th birthday last week

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Almeeds Laverne Bratton, of Salem, celebrated her 105th birthday last week.

Born on Oct. 11, 1917 in Catawba, Bratton is the daughter of Jessie and Betty Napper Bratton. She is one of 12 siblings.

At the age of 17 in 1936, Bratton started working at Catawba Hospital, where many of the state's tuberculosis patients were housed. Working at the hospital was a family endeavor for the Bratton family. Bratton's father, mother and some of her

siblings worked at the hospital. Her father was chief cook. Her mother started working at the hospital soon after it was opened in 1909.

Bratton worked at the hospital for 45 years. The last title she held was dietary supervisor.

Later on, Bratton and her sister relocated to Roanoke, and eventually Salem.

In February of 2021, Bratton received the 50,000th dose of the COVID-19 vaccine that Carilion Clinic administered. It was her second dose of the vaccine, which she received at the Berglund Center.



Almeeds Bratton is pictured with family member Sidney J. Kolb.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRATTON FAMILY

Almeeds Laverne Bratton



PHOTO BY AILA BOYD

Candidates Randy Foley, from left, Anne Marie Green, Hunter Holliday and John Saunders answered questions during the forum.

## Salem City Council candidates discuss issues at forum

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The four candidates who are running for the two open seats on the Salem City Council in this November's election participated in a candidate forum last Thursday, Oct. 13 in the Andrew Lewis Middle School auditorium.

Candidates John Saunders, Randy Foley, Anne Marie Green and Hunter Holliday answered a range of questions that were submitted by those in attendance.

Each candidate was given

the opportunity to provide a short opening statement before answering questions.

Foley "I've served on council for 16 years and I'm proud of that time," Foley said during his opening statement. He also discussed his educational and professional backgrounds. "I think I still have a lot to provide the city. We're in dire times now in that we have a lot of capital projects to accomplish, and I think that rational, seasoned experience is what is

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## Davis recognized for work restoring historic Preston Place Gardens

**Meg Hibbert**  
Contributing writer

When avid plant lover Esther Davis first looked at overgrown gardens and lawn at historic Preston Place, she had no idea she would pour her heart and hands into the soil and plants for the next four years.

"Little did I know that I would be charged with the privilege to oversee the gardens nor how they would also capture and hold my heart," Davis said.

Altogether, Davis has given 578 hours to the gardens. Another 118 were done by other volunteers, including her right-hand volunteer Jack

Susser, she said.

Davis' work was recently recognized with a Monarch butterfly-shaped plaque. It reads simply "Preston Place Gardens, restored by Esther Davis." Monarchs are her favorites. Each year she hunts for eggs on milkweed near her

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Preston Place Gardens volunteer Esther Davis' work is recognized with a plaque mounted by the huge Usage Orange tree. The former home of Dr. Esther Brown on West Main Street is believed to be the oldest existing home in Salem.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ESTHER DAVIS

## School Board, Council tour Salem High renovations



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF SALEM

Classroom spaces, like these in a Spanish class, have desks that can be arranged in multiple ways.

**Meg Hibbert**  
Contributing writer

Improved student flow in hallways and stairways, a college-atmosphere library and a myriad of other renovations and additions at Salem High School impressed members of Salem City Council and Salem School Board.

The two bodies plus school staff held a joint work session and toured the school on Oct. 11, marveling at the \$35-million, three-year project due to be completed in mid-November by G&H Contracting.

A majority of improvements were finished in time for the opening of school in

August.

One of the final pieces of the project is completion of a brand-new staircase in the middle of the school where the library was before. That is scheduled to open soon, Salem High School Principal Scott Habeeb said.

"The stairs used to be such a bottleneck," said School Board Chairman David Preston. "Changes are really going to make better spaces for students."

He added the renovated high school "will match the quality of education."

Habeeb led the tour, pointing out some of his favorite spaces. "The library is more like a college library feel," Habeeb said, "with comfortable seating,

natural lighting and LED lights."

"Kids love it," he added, "and it takes a lot to impress high school kids."

Waist-high shelving provides ample places to display books and other media center materials.

The new library has comfortable group sofas, with individual reading study areas, complete with footstools, that retiring School Board Member Article Ledbetter tried out.

"The new 'black box' theater, a bid alternate, gives our performing arts students a place to meet and perform," Habeeb said. "They have already performed one play here."

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# Salem High from page 1



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Comfortable couches are student favorites in the new Salem High School Library.

# Historic Gardens from page 1

Wildwood Road home, and carefully nurtures them to develop into butterflies she releases.

Board members of the Salem Historical Society ordered and placed the plaque at the foot of a giant Osage Orange tree Davis was largely responsible for getting recognized on the Big Trees of Virginia. It is estimated to be 200 years old and the fifth largest in the state.

The two-story brick Preston Place on West Main Street is believed to be the oldest existing home in Virginia, built about 1812. It is also said to be the fourth-oldest house in the entire Roanoke Valley.

It was the home of Dr. Esther Brown, one of the first female physicians in the Roanoke Valley. She loved flowers, said Davis, who was one of the volunteers who turned out to spruce up the grounds before the opening of the White Oak Tea Tavern which leased the house from the Salem Historical Society. She recalls David Robbins turned to her and asked, "Where do we start?"

"I looked at the two front beds overgrown with weeds, and that's where we started," Da-

vis remembered. "So we started pulling weeds."

She kept going all day the second day. By the third day, "I was kind of hooked."

Davis hadn't planned to become the person who oversaw restoration of the gardens. At first she was reluctant when Historical Society Board Member Marsha Shortell asked Davis to take it on.

"One thought that came to mind was the title of the late Cabell Brand's book, 'If Not Me then Who,'" Davis remembered.

"I saw it as an opportunity for me to provide community service as a volunteer by doing something that lined up with my skills and abilities," Davis added.

On the day of the grand opening of the White Oak Tea Tavern in 2017, Davis met with Dr. Brown's son David, asked if he had any pictures of the gardens. He replied that his mom used to have some poppies at the Osage Orange at the front of the properties.

"I located about half a dozen poppy plants," said Davis. "That was cool."

When she started working on that area "I was careful to locate those

little plants and protect them. They reseeded each year and thrived. I was so delighted at that," she said. Davis also dug and replanted a few hundred bulbs she located.

One of the other little jewels she discovered was the native plant garden, buried under debris. In a poorly defined area marked by rocks, Davis found Jack in the Pulpit, Dutchman's Breeches, Solomon Seal and Jacob's Ladder.

On the other side of the mill race behind Preston Place, she found and transplanted some trout lilies, cutleaf toothwort and spring beauty.

Davis' carefully kept list of more than 56 flowering plants includes common blue violet, yellow flag iris, lavender and daffodils. She even noted the weeds, ranging from henbit to wild chamomile.

Not only did Davis research, plan and replant the gardens, she also dug out weeds, fertilized, mulched, pruned and watered the wanted plants.

Last year, the Salem Historical Society honored Davis' restoration efforts with the society's James Simpson Award.

Brown's family donat-

He added lighting and sound are top notch.

A well-lit stairwell leads upstairs to the language wing. Classrooms were decorated with lots of spirit for the previous Friday night's game against the Cougars.

"You'll notice there are windows and lots of natural light," Habeeb said, "with access to breakout spaces that teachers can use to work with small groups, and share.

Desks can be configured in multiple ways, Habeeb pointed out.

Even the locker areas are different. Lower lockers

instead of tall banks of them provide better visibility and "are better for supervision," Habeeb said.

Overhead, dropped ceiling panels help muffle sound.

Mayor Renee Turk couldn't come up with enough adjectives to describe the changes. "It's exciting, refreshing, and stimulating," she said. "These are grand differences, and makes the building one our students definitely deserve."

Salem City Manager Jay Taliaferro noted "the transformation of the cafeteria is amazing."

There is also a state-of-the-art Culinary Kitchen for culinary classes.

Outside the cafeteria is an open plaza where students can eat, gather and talk. New tables and seating have been ordered, Habeeb said.

The school has a central entrance now, with a separate one for the Early Learning Centers preschool area.

The school's Athletic Field House renovation is under roof now and scheduled to be finished in early to mid-winter, and ready for the spring sports season.

ed the house to the Salem Museum and Historical Society in 2014. It is on the National Register of Historic Places and the

Virginia Landmarks Register. Today the house is once again the home to a woman who heals, as the location of GLOW Heal-

ing Arts run by Meredith Cook Novak and partner Jesse Cantelope. He designed the mounting for the plaque.

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# Briefly: Salem News In Brief

**Economic Development Strategic Planning:** On Thursday, Oct. 20 from 8-10 a.m., Salem will hold an economic development strategic planning meeting. It will include a general overview of economic development, followed by a brainstorming session to identify economic development priorities for the city. Topics that will be covered include marketing efforts, business climate, city infrastructure, planning items, quality of life amenities, real estate and workforce. The meeting will take place in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center. While free to attend, registration is encouraged: <https://member.s-rcchamber.org/events/details/participate-in-salem-s-economic-development-strategic-planning-6356>

**West Roanoke River Feasibility Study:** Roanoke County is conducting a feasibility study to determine potential routes for the Roanoke River Greenway between Green Hill Park and Mont-

gomery County. The goal of the study is to develop multiple realistic alignments for the Roanoke River Greenway that will lay the groundwork for future funding requests. Roanoke County will host two community meetings in the Glenvar community. The first meeting was on Oct. 19. The second meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 4-6 p.m. at the Spring Hollow Water Treatment Plant at 6200 Main Street in Salem. The purpose of the meetings is for Roanoke County staff to gain local knowledge about the study corridor and to learn about the community's preferences for the future section of the Roanoke River Greenway. The format will be open house style so attendees can come and go as they please. An online survey, along with additional information about the study, can be accessed at [www.roanokecountyva.gov/wrrg](http://www.roanokecountyva.gov/wrrg). The survey will remain open until Nov. 4. Paper copies were mailed to residents within the study area.

They will be available at the Glenvar Library until Nov. 4. A second round of community meetings will be held in the spring.

**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.

**Free Gasoline Every Friday:** This October, Planet Fitness Salem is offering \$30 worth of gas for free every Friday to the first 50 customers at 10 a.m. at different gas stations. No purchase or membership sign-up is required. Salem residents are encouraged to visit the Planet Fitness Salem Facebook page or listen to Q99-WSLQ 99.1 to learn about participating gas stations.

**Public meetings:**

- 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: LOGAN MARTIN 30 YEARS WORKING ON MEDICINE FORMULA

### Married Daughter of John M. Oakey, Pioneer Undertaker Here

From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*

Logan Martin had the good fortune to come into Roanoke County some years ago and marry Emma Lewis Oakey, the daughter of John M. Oakey, pioneer undertaker of this vicinity. At present, he is Chemist, Ec-Ze-Mologist and Manufacturer of Martin's Ec-Ze-Mol Laboratories, Inc., Blacksburg, Va.

Logan Martin was born in Newport, Giles County, Virginia, educated in that county and later attended Roanoke College. During his business career he served for some years with an Office in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, as Sales Agent for The National Cash Register Company, and later by approximately 17 years in the mercantile business in Blacksburg.

He started working on his medicine formulas, The Miracles Ointment of which took him more than 30 years to perfect. The Miracle Ointment is now sold over a large area of the U.S. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have one child, C. Oakey Martin. They are residents of Blacksburg and affiliate with the Methodist Church. Mr. Martin's hobby is hunting and is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

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## POLICE REPORT

**City of Salem Police Department**




**Weekly Arrest Report**

*Week of October 11, 2022 - October 17, 2022*

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
10/11/2022	Linda S. Compton	64	Forgery
10/11/2022	Regina S. Preston	52	Petit Larceny
10/12/2022	William B. Jackson	42	Criminal Trespass
10/12/2022	Janis S. McPherson	60	Contempt of Court
10/12/2022	Jeremy L. Williams	44	DUI
10/13/2022	Emmanuel J. Moore	19	Fugitive From Justice
10/13/2022	Antoine D. Saunders	34	Burglary
10/14/2022	James D. Powell	40	False Name/Address to Police
10/14/2022	Uzair I. Zaaid	21	Entering Property of Another to Damage It
10/15/2022	Gordon E. Witt	56	Shoplifting
10/15/2022	Dominique L. Murrell	33	DUI
10/16/2022	John M. Forrester Jr.	45	Public Intoxication
10/16/2022	Jordan D. Zicafoose	24	Domestic Assault & Battery, Obstructing Justice
10/17/2022	Anthony W. Digges	35	Burglary, Petit Larceny, Possess Firearm By Felon
10/17/2022	Ryan T. Shockley	32	Possession of Controlled Substance
10/17/2022	Mark T. Watson	43	Public Intoxication

**City of Salem Police Department**



**Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)**

*Week of October 11, 2022 - October 17, 2022*

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
11-OCT-2022	1900 BLK Roanoke Blvd	Possess Firearm By Person Subject To Protective Order
13-OCT-2022	200 BLK Craig Ave	Burglary
13-OCT-2022	200 BLK McClelland St	Vehicle Theft
13-OCT-2022	0 BLK W Clay St	Burglary, Possess Firearm by Felon

## SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

Coffee is an important part of many morning routines. Long before the days of buying coffee grounds from the store, buying whole beans was the only way to get coffee. This meant coffee grinders, like this one pictured from 1910, were also part of people's morning routines. Beans were poured into the top, and the hand crank on the side was used to grind the beans as they fell through the machine. The grounds then came out of the bottom to be used to make coffee. When beans were processed in a grinder like this they had to be used immediately because they quickly spoil once cut. This means this was a daily ritual for anyone who wanted their coffee in the morning. You can see this coffee grinder on display this weekend as part of the Salem Museum's Hands-On History

Saturday program. This month's Hands-On History theme is "Preparing the Harvest," featuring antique kitchen equipment. On Saturdays, visitors can pull on a glove and touch a piece of history with their

own hand. In October, Hands-On History is sponsored by Gwynn Waddell Carroll & Lockaby, Attorneys at Law. Salem Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and located at 801 E. Main St.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM  
**Antique coffee grinder from around 1910**

## VDOT ROADWATCH

**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:

- **RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures at exit 137 are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.
- **LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possi-

ble. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141. Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136. 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.

**I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE** - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County is will remain closed until before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel. The opening scheduled for the end of September has been rescheduled due to the contractor encountering challenges with a slope on the project.

# OPINION

## Anywhere online tutoring available for learners of all ages

Need help with those homework meltdowns? Going back to school and need to dust off those math or paper-writing skills? Working on earning your GED or preparing for a Citizenship Test? Access Brainfuse HelpNow, an online homework help database for kindergarteners through adults, with a library card from your local library and a lap-top, tablet, or smartphone. An app is available for iPhone or Android. Access the database on the Salem Public Library's web-

site: [www.salemlibrary.info](http://www.salemlibrary.info).

Brainfuse HelpNow provides access to live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, chess, and PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP test prep. Help is available in English and Spanish, and tutors are available every day from 2-11 p.m. It also provides a writing center for online assistance and a language lab for foreign language tutoring in Spanish and French as tutors are available.

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Related databases, JobNow and VetNow, provide online training and career assistance geared specifically towards these populations.

These databases are provided to all Virginia Public Libraries through donors and govern-

ment funding to the Library of Virginia.

Go to [www.salemlibrary.info](http://www.salemlibrary.info) under online databases. If you have questions, please call the library at 540-375-3089.

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Tutors are available every day from 2-11 p.m.

## Bringing economic development funding to Virginia



Morgan Griffith Representative

Economic development in Virginia's Ninth Congressional District is a priority for me as its congressman.

The votes we take in the House often impact the economy broadly. When I consider how to vote on taxes or regulation, for example, I prioritize their impacts on Ninth District businesses, but they are usually being set at the national level.

One program I have been able to bring to Southwest Virginia during my time in the U.S. House of Representatives, however, uniquely addresses the challenges faced by the areas of our region that previously mined coal.

The Abandoned Mine

Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program, previously known as the AML Pilot Program, is a federal program that provides funding for reclaiming and repurposing old mine sites for economic development purposes.

In its original form, the program applied to sites in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Through the legislative process in the House, I successfully expanded it to Virginia as well as to Ohio and Alabama, two other states with a significant coal mining legacy.

Since fiscal year 2017, Virginia has received \$10 million annually in AMLER funding. In the Commonwealth, the program is administered by Virginia Energy, formerly known as the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.

Each year, projects are welcome to apply for funding. Applicants must indicate

how they would qualify for a grant, how they would spend it, and how their project would serve the needs of our region.

The projects that have been funded through AMLER since it came to Southwest Virginia have varied in their size and aim, but all have promoted economic growth and opportunity for our residents.

Project Reclaim in Russell County shows one way. This grant recipient is a 160-acre industrial site with access to rail lines, electricity, water, and natural gas. AMLER supported the removal of old structures from earlier coal mine-related operations as well as the removal of a coal fines pond, which was an environmental hazard. These actions made way for possible future development. Progress on Project Reclaim can lead to new employers locating in the region and boosting the local economy.

Similarly, Project Intersection in Norton received AMLER money to remove a mining highwall where two major highways meet in an effort to make a 200-acre site ready for industrial development. Project Intersection will produce a great asset not only for the City of Norton but the Counties of Lee, Wise, and Scott as well.

As we seek to redevelop sites that once provided energy resources, it is appropriate that some AMLER projects support new energy development. Project Junction in Wise County, which was recommended for funding this year, aims to bring innovative energy assets to the site. It could lead to groundbreaking work that will someday power our future. Southwest Virginia's extensive association with energy looks to continue in the years to come.

One of the earliest proj-

ects in the Commonwealth to receive funding was recently completed, and I enjoyed the chance to visit earlier this year and see the difference made by AMLER funding. The Pocahontas Exhibition Mine in Tazewell County is a unique tourist location showcasing our area's heritage. AMLER funding added features to the site and helped make it more accessible to visitors, increasing its draw and expanding its economic impact. In fact, Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares and former Governor George Allen recently numbered among its visitors.

The Pocahontas Exhibition Mine represents another way AMLER funding can be used. Bringing visitors to our region capitalizes on our heritage and natural beauty to support jobs and businesses. Other tourism and recreation projects receiving AMLER money

include the Devil's Bath-tub in Scott County, where grants improved trails and parking, and Ecotourism in Nature's Wonderland in Buchanan County, where improving mine land allows for the reintroduction of elk and other game species for viewing and hunting.

AMLER is already producing results in our region, and more money is slated for projects. You can learn more about the program and what it does at [energy.virginia.gov](http://energy.virginia.gov). Creative ideas that draw on Southwest Virginia's mining heritage to create new economic opportunities are welcome.

I am proud of what the AMLER Program has accomplished so far and excited about its possibilities for the future. Working with the state, local officials, and the private and nonprofit sectors, we are investing in innovation, renewal, and opportunity.

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## Local citizens visit offices of elected officials to demand action



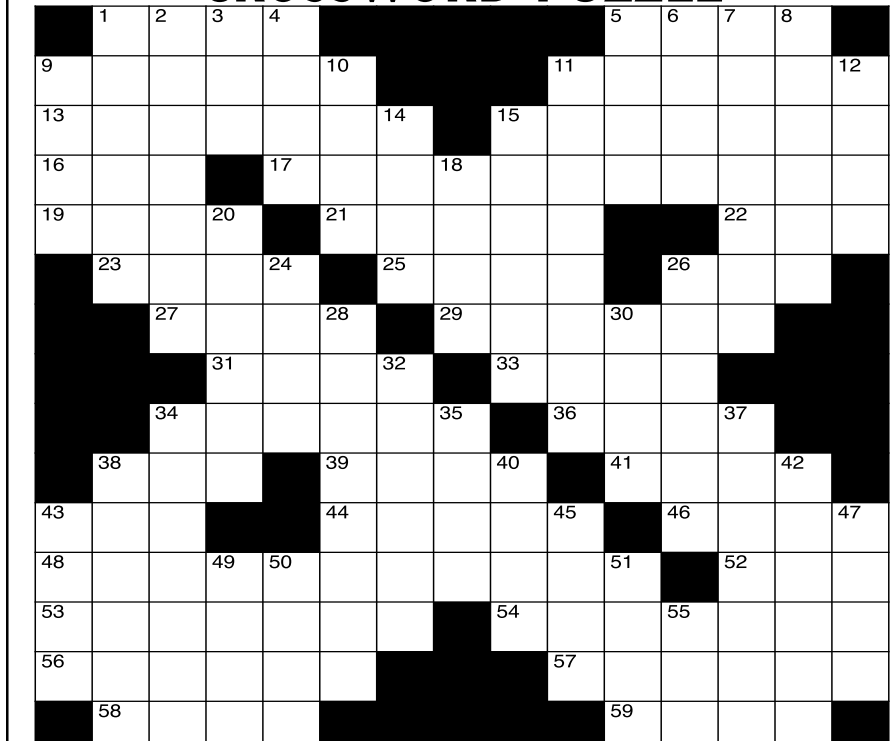
Salem, Roanoke, Blacksburg and Radford citizens joined to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis that brought the world to the brink of nuclear holocaust. Concerned citizens in cities across America linked to Roots Action formed picket lines at elected representatives. Locally, citizens visited

offices of Senators Kaine and Warner and Congressman Ben Cline in downtown Roanoke to demand: "Defuse Nuclear War." They then entered the offices to deliver their comments and a letter of concern about insecurity with the escalating Ukraine conflict and President Biden's comment about "Armageddon." Citizens demanded

a ceasefire, de-escalation that brings peace to Europe and for Congress to stop sending weapons to fuel the current conflict indefinitely. They insisted that war will only end through negotiations and that continued destruction of Ukraine is unacceptable in the current U.S.-Russia proxy war.

-Submitted by Cynthia Munley

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. A way to communicate
  - 5. Historic city
  - 9. Not the same
  - 11. Hitting a horse to clear a jump
  - 13. One hurt the Titanic
  - 15. Fine dense cloth
  - 16. Architectural structure
  - 17. Where Serena works
  - 19. Stringed instrument
  - 21. Estimate
  - 22. Where sailors work
  - 23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel
  - 25. Popular slow cooked dish
  - 26. Twisted Sister's Snider
  - 27. "Office Space" actor Stephen
  - 29. Put the ball in the net
  - 31. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
  - 33. High school math subject
  - 34. Looked into
  - 36. Rhode Island rebellion
  - 38. A pea is one type
  - 39. You can put it on something
  - 41. Where golfers begin
  - 43. Make a mistake
  - 44. Semitic Sun god
  - 46. Ancient Greek City
  - 48. Beheaded
  - 52. A place to stay
  - 53. Inanely foolish
  - 54. Most unnatural
  - 56. "Dennis" is one
  - 57. Soothes
  - 58. Exam
  - 59. Leaked blood
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Triangular bone in lower back
  - 2. Building toy
  - 3. Pointed end of a pen
  - 4. Insect repellent
  - 5. College army
  - 6. Highly spiced stew
  - 7. Exploited
  - 8. Main course
  - 9. A bottle that contains a drug
  - 10. The most worthless part
  - 11. Everyone needs one nowadays
  - 12. Japanese wooden shoe
  - 14. Antelopes
  - 15. A way to cut
  - 18. Brooklyn hoopsters
  - 20. Gradually receded
  - 24. Ripped open
  - 26. College grads get one
  - 28. Amino acid
  - 30. Unruly gathering
  - 32. Legislative body
  - 34. Resembling pigs
  - 35. Russian assembly
  - 37. Take over for
  - 38. Put in advance
  - 40. Satisfy
  - 42. Felt
  - 43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
  - 45. Witnesses
  - 47. Some build hills
  - 49. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
  - 50. Ancient people of Scotland
  - 51. Cheerless
  - 55. Unwell



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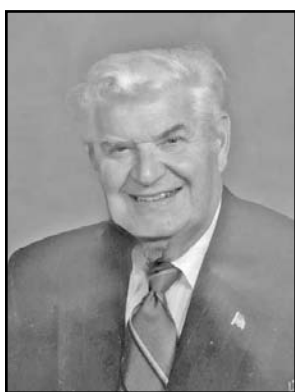
Bernard F. Odasz, 92, of Fincastle passed away at home Oct. 16, 2022.

Born in Schenectady, N.Y., Bernie was a stellar high school athlete, and spent three years

playing in the Brooklyn Dodgers organization before serving as an Airborne Ranger in Korea.

He began his career with General Electric in Schenectady in 1953 and transferred to the Salem as the plant was started. He became a subsection manager, then manager of Charlottesville plant and Puerto Rico operations. He retired from General Electric in 1988.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Susan; son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Patty Odasz of Roanoke; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Rick Harless of Salem; step-daughter, Cyndi Young; grandchildren, Jesse (Meagan) Harless and Bobby (Courtney) Harless, Jack and Harry Young, as well as great-grandchildren, Bryson, Emilia, London and Wyatt, all of Roanoke.



He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Beverly J. Odasz. He enjoyed working with the Little League in Roanoke County and surrounding areas. He was umpire and mentor for many years including the Men's League.

He was an active member of Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church for 40 years and Church of Transfiguration since 1995. He was very active in the Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and District Deputy.

A visitation will take place this Friday, October 21 at Simpson Funeral Home in Roanoke from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The service will be held this Saturday at the Church of

Transfiguration in Fincastle at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider The Botetourt Resource Center or Botetourt Worship and Outreach Center.

## Kim talks evangelicals and politics at Roanoke College



SCREENSHOT

During his speech, Kim addressed the question of whether evangelicals constitute a political movement.

**Aila Boyd**  
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As part of its 2022 Bishop Crumley Lecture Series, Roanoke College hosted Dr. Walter Kim on Tuesday, Oct. 11 to speak about whether evangelicals are a political movement.

The event description from the college noted that Gallup polling indicates that 122 million Americans are evangelicals.

Kim is the president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The association defines evangelicals as those who take the Bible seriously and believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. "The term 'evangelical comes from the Greek word euangelion meaning 'the good news' or the 'gospel.' Thus, the evangelical faith focuses on the 'good news' of salvation brought to sinners by

Jesus Christ," the association's website states.

The association is comprised of 40 different denominations. "They range from those who are Apostles, to Presbyterian, Baptist, Brethren, Methodist, Mennonites—as you can tell a vast range of denominational traditions," he said.

"What it means to be evangelical has denominational complexity to it, but it also has a regional complexity to it. I think it's better to talk about evangelicals than it is to talk about evangelicals. We're really talking about a phenomenon that not only has various denominational strains to it, we have regional expressions," he said.

As an evangelical Asian American man, Kim said he represents the 'complexity of our moment'.

The speech was given in the Wortmann Ballroom of the Colket Center.

## Crash results in fatality

The Virginia State Police announced in a press release that it is investigating a single vehicle crash which resulted in a fatality. The crash occurred Friday at 10:46 p.m. on Interstate 81 northbound, at the 134.5-mile marker in Roanoke County.

A 2000 Chevrolet Suburban was traveling north of Interstate 81 at the 134.5-mile marker, when the vehicle

ran off the right side of the roadway and overturned.

Nicholas Alexander Jimentel, 33, of Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania, drove the Chevrolet. Jimentel was wearing his seatbelt and died at the scene.

The crash, police said, remains under investigation.

—The Salem Times-Register

## Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

Today, childhood lead poisoning is considered one of the most preventable environmental diseases among young children, yet an estimated 500,000 children under the age of 6 have elevated blood-lead levels, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As we observe Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in late October, Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) staff has joined with local government and non-profit partners to remind residents to take action to prevent and address lead poisoning. While lead poisoning can affect a person at any age, we're particularly concerned about the effects of lead in children. A simple blood test for your child can prevent permanent damage that will last a lifetime.

There is no safe level of lead in blood. Lead exposure is particularly harmful to young children because the developing nervous system is vulnerable to the toxic effects of lead, even at levels that do not cause obvious signs and symptoms. Exposure to lead may cause a range of negative health effects, from behavioral problems and learning disabilities, to seizures and death. Adults who are or have been exposed to lead can also pass lead to their babies when breastfeeding.

**What can you do?**  
Get the facts. Learn how to prevent lead poi-

soning.  
Get your home tested if it was built before 1978. Ask for a lead inspection before you buy a home.

Talk to your doctor about testing for lead if you have children under the age of six, even if your child seems healthy.

**Which children should be tested for lead exposure?**

The CDC especially recommends testing for young children if they:

- live or spend time in a house or building built before 1978

- are from low-income households

- are immigrants, refugees, or recently adopted from less-developed countries

- live or spend time with someone who works with lead (such as those who work in construction) or whose hobbies expose them to lead

Children may not exhibit any signs of lead poisoning, yet without treatment, the damage could be permanent. The only way to know if a child has elevated levels of lead is to have them tested by a physician.

What services does RCAHD provide for lead exposure?

When a physician reports a child (normally age 6 or younger) with a high lead level to RCAHD, an environmental health specialist and public health nurse case management team will jointly make visits to the child's home (and other places the child may spend time,

such as day care centers or babysitters) to learn how the exposure may have occurred.

Because lead-based paint wasn't banned until 1978, more than 80 percent of homes have lead-based paint. For example, in Roanoke City, 87 percent of homes were built before 1978 and are at risk of having lead-based paint. Typically, dust wipes and samples from chipping paint, water and/or soil are collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis to learn the source of lead in the child's environment. The case management team also advises the parents of proper diet and cleaning practices to reduce the child's lead levels.

The goal of the RCAHD's joint effort with local governments and nonprofits is to prevent childhood lead exposure before any harm occurs. Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. No safe blood lead level in children has been identified, but if caught early, there are things parents can do to prevent further exposure and reduce damage to their child's health. For more information, visit RCAHD's Lead Poisoning website (vdh.virginia.gov/roanoke/lead-poisoning-prevention/).

—Dr. Cynthia Morrow, health director for Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts

## Forum from page 1



The forum was held at Andrew Lewis Middle School.

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needed to make these big decisions. They're going to be the biggest decisions fiscally the city has ever taken on."

**Green**  
"As I looked at the financial documents of the city, it occurred to me in the last 20 years of the three local governments that are here—the two cities and the county—Salem is the only jurisdiction that has raised its property tax," Green said. "Both the city and the county have reduced their taxes in the last two years. In the City of Salem, it has gone up .02 cents. The City of Roanoke and Roanoke County have built new libraries, they've renovated schools, they've done all the things the City of Salem has done, and they've managed to do it in a perhaps more fiscally responsible manner."

**Holliday**  
"I'm qualified to be Salem's next city councilman for many reasons—the first being Salem born and

breed. My love for this city is unmatched," Holliday said. "During my 36 years in the Army, I lived by these core values: loyalty, respect, selfless service, honest, integrity and courage. Always lead from the front. I believe that I can bring a much needed outside perspective to Salem City Council. Public service is a privilege and a trust."

**Saunders**  
"We've done a lot of great things in the past four years. We changed the direction of the management of the city. We got public speaking at council meetings. We pushed personal property tax relief. We renovated Salem High School. We're now basically rebuilding Moyer. We increased city employee salaries and worked very hard to have retention of our employees," Saunders said. "The future infrastructure, to me, is key. We took care of the two immediate problems. The

civic center is next. I don't know anyone else up here that is as qualified as I am to work on that project. I will make sure our schools have the funding they need."

The forum was hosted by the Salem Council of PTAs.

No-excuse early voting at the Salem Registrar's Office started on 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 was 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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# Andrew Lewis High School class of 1972 celebrates 50th reunion

The Andrew Lewis High School class of 1972 celebrated their 50th reunion two weekends ago. Friday evening, they gathered at Parkway Brewery and on Saturday morning they got a tour of their old high school, which is now Andrew Lewis Middle School. A dinner and dance were held Saturday evening at the Wortmann Ballroom on the campus of Roanoke College. The 89 attendees included 53 classmates from the class of 1972 and their guests.



-Submitted by Bill Kendig

# Roanoke College, Hollins University present 2022 Kendig Awards

The Perry F. Kendig Awards, which celebrate the people and organizations that support excellence in the arts in Virginia's Blue Ridge, were presented during a ceremony at Hollins University on Oct. 11.

The awards are co-sponsored by Hollins University and Roanoke College, and they are awarded annually in three categories: Individual Artist, Arts and Cultural Organization and Individual or Business Arts supporter. Recipients are selected from a group of nominees who live or work in the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Franklin, the cities of Roanoke and Salem or the town of Vinton. The awards are named for the late Perry F. Kendig, who served as president of Roanoke College and was an avid supporter and patron of the arts.

"Roanoke College is happy to again join with Hollins University to present these Kendig Awards, and it is our privilege to carry on the tradition of this event in President Kendig's name," Roanoke College President Frank Shushok Jr., said.

This year's nominees were Seth Davis, resident musical director at Mill Mountain Theatre; Michael Hemphill, founder and host of the inspirational Blue Ridge PBS and YouTube show "Buzz4Good"; Michael Mansfield, an actor and director who has worked with multiple local arts organizations; Douglas Jackson, arts and culture

coordinator for the city of Roanoke; Sandra Meythaler, executive director of Roanoke Ballet Theatre; and the Roanoke Valley Children's Choir.

**The 2022 Kendig Award winners are:**

**Individual Artist Award**  
The recipient of the Individual Artist Award for 2022 was Seth Davis, Mill Mountain Theatre's resident music director. For nearly a decade, Davis has helped more than 4,000 children and teenagers find joy and fulfillment through music. His students develop leadership and talents they can apply to their studies and future careers. "Teaching is Seth Davis' passion; music is his language," said one of the nominators.

Through his work at Mill Mountain, Davis has challenged and encouraged children through conservatory classes and stage productions. "I really love what music can do to increase a child's confidence," Davis has said. "Students come to us not sure where they even fit in life. Teaching is an opportunity to provide that sense of belonging through music."

At the ceremony, Davis said he was pleasantly surprised by the recognition.

"I'm grateful for the chance to work with kids and folks of all ages on something that brings them so much joy," he said, "and it is mutual, because it also brings me joy."

**Arts and Cultural Organization Award**

The Arts and Cultural

Organization Award was presented to The Roanoke Valley Children's Choir. For 35 years, RVCC has met the needs of young people across the Roanoke Valley, providing an artistic and in-depth study of voice in a choral setting. The choir currently has 130 singers aged seven to 18. It is divided into a "Little Singers" group for children ages 4-6, three training choirs and a concert choir, and children move up through the groups as their development and aptitude deepens.

Weekly rehearsals culminate in community performances that help students develop vocal techniques, confidence, leadership and teamwork. Each choir participates in an annual regional, state, national or international honor performance, giving the students an opportunity to travel. The choir also collaborates on performances with professional organizations such as the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Opera Roanoke. Susan Smith, chairwoman of the RVCC Board of Directors, accepted the award on behalf of the choir.

"We are proud to have served the Roanoke Valley as a world-class choral program for 36 years," Smith said. "If you know, you know: There is no sound quite like the choral sound of children's voices."

**Individual or Business Arts Supporter Award**

The Individual or Business Arts Supporter Award



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**Pictured from left to right are Roanoke College President Frank Shushok Jr.; nominee Michael Mansfield; nominee Sandra Meythaler; award winner Seth Davis; Susan Smith, representing award winner Roanoke Valley Children's Choir; award winner Douglas Jackson; nominee Michael Hemphill; and Hollins University President Mary Dana Hinton.**

was presented to Douglas Jackson, arts and culture coordinator for the city of Roanoke and capacity development specialist for the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Jackson is a long-serving and faithful ally of the arts in Virginia's Blue Ridge who is invested in finding ways to make the arts compelling and accessible to all. He has done that through community initiatives such as BOOK CITY and Roanoke's Year of the Artist.

"Doug's belief in the power of the arts to strengthen community in all its diversity, and to build trusting relationships, is contagious," a nominator said.

Roanoke's Year of the

Artist, Jackson's recent effort to secure and distribute funding for the arts, has empowered and validated the existing creative community and has helped to bridge the gap between working artists, arts organizations and city government. Beginning in 2013, Jackson helped create the Parks and the Arts program, which brought the best of Roanoke's arts and culture experiences to neighborhood parks and community centers.

"The arts are how I was able to get involved in Roanoke and feel a part of the community," Jackson said. "The arts can give us agency."

Named for the late Perry F. Kendig, who served as president of Roanoke Col-

lege and was an avid supporter and patron of the arts, the Kendig Awards program was established in 1985 and presented annually by the Arts Council of the Blue Ridge through 2012. Hollins and Roanoke College have now partnered for 10 years to bestow the honors. Kendig's sons, Bill Kendig, a 1980 graduate of Roanoke College, and John Kendig, attended the event to represent their family.

"We so appreciate the fact that Roanoke College and Hollins University honor dad with that award," John Kendig said. "He would love to be here. He would be in his element."

- The Salem Times-Register

# Roanoke College campus safety officer recognized

The Salem Fire and EMS Department recognized Robert Ross, a Roanoke College campus safety officer Tuesday. Ross was making his normal rounds in the early morning hours of Sept. 25 when he noticed fire coming from the back of a building at 423 9th Street. He notified 911 and made sure those nearby were made aware of the fire. The department was able to respond to the structure. The four individuals who had occupied the building were able to escape without injury.



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**Members of the Roanoke College community and the Salem Fire and EMS Department gathered for the ceremony at Station One.**

-The Salem Times-Register

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## Adam Ward basketball preseason showcase is Saturday at CSHS

The Adam Ward Classic Committee will be holding the Adam Ward Preseason Showcase this Saturday, October 22nd, at Cave Spring High School.

The first game will begin at 4 pm and feature the Miller School against Oak Hill Red. The second game, scheduled for 6 pm, will feature Massanutten Military Academy against Oak Hill Gold. There will be numerous college recruits in the two games including Elijah Mitchell, formerly of William Fleming High School.

The 2023 Adam Ward Classic basketball games will be played on February 3 and 4 of 2023 at Glenvar and Salem High Schools.

Since 2016, Salem High School, the Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, and the City of Salem have joined forces to honor the memory of Adam Ward by hosting a basketball classic in his honor. The event is being sponsored by various businesses and organizations throughout the Roanoke Valley. The majority of the proceeds from the event will go to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund that is administered by the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association.

"This is a great way to honor Adam Ward's memory, as well as all of the others who have been touched and affected by his passing, and I think Adam would be pleased we are doing this through the game of basketball," Commissioner Jerry Spangler said.

To learn more about sponsorship or scholarship opportunities, please contact Grant Smythers gsmythers@salem.k12.va.us, Hank Luton HankLuton@gmail.com, Jerry Spangler jspangler1129@gmail.com, Drew Barrett dbarrett@salem.k12.va.us, or Chris Williams at cjpdubya@gmail.com.

## "U" downs VT

Malachi Thomas of the Virginia Tech football team dives for the pylon and scores in last Saturday's game with Miami in Blacksburg. The "U" took a 20-14 win as the Hokies fell to 2-5 on the season. Tech has a bye this week.

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## CIAA championship football tickets are now on sale

The top football teams from the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA®), the nation's oldest historically black athletic conference, will face off on Saturday, November 12 at 1 pm when the league hosts the 2022 CIAA Football Championship game at Salem Stadium in Salem, VA.

Advance general admission tickets to the Football Championship are \$15, while day-of-the-event tickets are \$25. Both are available now at Ticketmaster.com. Special rates for students with school IDs will be available the day of the event for \$10. Admission for children ages 7 and under is free. Tickets are also available at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm.

The battle for conference supremacy is among the festivities being held in Virginia's Blue Ridge as the area is also home to both the 2022 CIAA Men's and Women's Cross

Country Championship, which takes place on October 27 at Green Hill Park, and the 2022 Volleyball Championship, the semifinals takes place on November 11 and the championship game takes place on November 12 at 6:00 p.m. ET at Salem Civic Center. Tickets to the cross country championship and volleyball championship are free.

CIAA VIP Tickets for the football championship are available for advanced purchase only on Ticketmaster.com. While supplies last, a \$30 upgrade will include FREE VIP reserved parking, one-time entry to CIAA Hospitality Tent sponsored by the City of Salem and a FREE Championship Program. Get this sale while supplies last! You MUST present your Hospitality ticket to gain access for parking and to get into the tent.

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# Undefeated Highlanders haven't lost in over a year

The Glenvar volleyball team remained undefeated on the season with another dominating win Tuesday. The Highlanders beat visiting James River in three sets, 25-11, 25-13 and 25-10.

The Highlanders are now 17-0 on the season and they haven't lost a match in over a year. The 2021 Class 2 state champions lost a match at Floyd County on October 7 of 2021 and they've won 31 matches in a row in the past 12 months and change, running the table in 2021 and winning 17 straight this fall.

One of the two teams to beat Glenvar in 2021 was Auburn, and the Highlanders didn't let that happen again as they swept the season series with the Eagles on Monday. Glenvar took a three set win, 25-14, 25-11 and 25-11, in the Highlanders' gym.

Rhyan Harris had nine kills on nine attempts against Auburn with no errors and Sydney Loder did the same on five attempts to give the middle hitters a perfect 14-for-14 night.

"Not sure I've ever seen that before," said GHS coach Mark Rohrback.

Audrey Conner had 34 assists for Glenvar. Claire Griffith had 12 kills and eight digs, Hannah Hylton had 11 kills, Natalie McMahon had five kills and Cara Butler served up three aces.

Last Wednesday the Highlanders played Carroll County in Hillsville in a Three Rivers District match that was expected to be one of their toughest of the season. However, the Highlanders dominated this one as well, winning in three sets by a score of 25-12, 25-9 and 25-14.

"Everyone played well, and I thought it was the best performance by the team of the season so far," said Rohrback. "As a team we had 20 aces and only missed four serves for a five to one ratio, and that was against a very good team. We also received extremely well as a team, posting our highest passer rating of the season with a 2.4."

Hannah Hylton individually posted an almost perfect 2.8, out of 3.0, passer rating and she also had eight



Natalie McMahon (left) and Rhyan Harris go up for the block in Monday's win over Auburn at Glenvar High.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

kills. Griffith had six kills and five aces, McMahon had five kills and four blocks and Loder had six kills and three aces. Conner had 29 assists while Butler served up five aces and led the team with 11 digs.

Glenvar will be at Alleghany tonight for a Three Rivers District match, and they have two more district matches next week. They host Floyd on Tuesday and Radford comes here a week from tonight.

## RRD volley Wed.

The Salem High volleyball team has just one match this week and it's "Senior Night." Salem seniors Mia Esworthy, Ella Walker, Reese Redford, Autumn Bailey, Kai Bowen and Sydney Price were to be recognized prior to the match with Pulaski County on Wednesday night.

Salem comes into the week at 10-9 after falling to Cave Spring in Salem last Thursday. The visiting Knights won in three sets, 25-16, 25-20 and 25-18.

Redford had six kills to lead the Spartans and she also had 16 digs. Walker had five kills and four blocks and Makenzie Board had 18 assists to go with three aces and nine digs.

Wednesday's match is the last of the regular season for the Salemites with the River Ridge District tournament set to begin next Wednesday, October 26.



Salem's Makenzie Board sets one up in last week's match at Blacksburg.

PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

## Salem (NC) downs RC

The Roanoke College women's volleyball team continued their road trip on Monday evening, falling to Salem of North Carolina in Winston-Salem in three sets.

This was the second meeting of the two teams as the Maroons took the first matchup, 3-2, in their opening game of the Maroon Classic earlier this season. The second meeting included a true back and forth opening set with both teams having leads early and mid-way through the first set, with neither team having more than a three-point lead. The Maroons led at 23-21 and 24-23, but Salem scored three-straight points to win the set 26-24 and take a 1-0 match lead, then went on to win the next two, 25-16 and 25-19.

Peyton Kirchner had a match-high 12 kills for the Maroons while hitting for .417 in the three sets. Kylee Draper finished the match with the match-high 29 assists. It marked the 15th time this season that she has finished with 25+ assists in a match.

# Runnin' on the golf course

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Shanks, followed by Molly McCroskey in 12th and Anna Hall in 13th place. Emma Pope and Leah McMahan also scored for Glenvar.

"Both the boys' and

girls' teams ran incredibly well after having competed in two additional meets within the same week leading up to the Salem Quad Meet," said Glenvar coach Amanda Spradlin. "Eleven run-

ners across the varsity teams ran new personal records."

Salem's boys won the jayvee race with Austin Prosser taking first. There was no team score for the girls but

Ashlyn Davis of Salem was the overall winner. Salem also competed in a middle school race at Northside last week and Prosser was sixth out of 70 runners in the boys' race and Davis was 20th

out of 58 for the girls.

Both the Salem and Glenvar teams were scheduled to compete in the annual Metro Cross Country races in Blacksburg on Wednesday of this week

but results were too late for publication. Glenvar will host the Region 2C meet at Green Hill Park on November 2nd.

"Our goal for the next two weeks is to stay locked in and focused as we enter into post season," said Spradlin. "The competition will be stiff in the region meet, but we are eager and ready for the challenge."

## RC men are 2nd, women 10th in Green Hill races

The Roanoke College cross country team warmed up for the conference championship meet by hosting the "Roanoke Invitational" at Green Hill Park last Friday.

The RC men's team finished second and was the top Div. III finisher. Several runners set new personal records in the race that included 146 runners. Chamberlain Zulauf was the top finisher for Roanoke, finishing eighth in 25:45.4 and setting a new personal record.

The RC women finished 10th among the 20 teams competing. Zoe Dunlap was the top finisher for the Maroons, completing the 6k course in 24:54.8, setting a new PR, while coming across the finish line in 37th place out of 125 runners competing.

Roanoke now has two weeks to prepare for the ODAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday, October 29. The meet takes place at the Kernstown Battlefield Park in Winchester with Shenandoah hosting.



Above, Salem girls and spectators cheer on Salem's Lance Toapanta as he comes down the home stretch in last week's cross country meet at the Salem Municipal Golf Course. Left, Glenvar's Everly Shanks (#432) battles LB's Hattie Haggerty on a steep hill as Spartan Elizabeth Bocock closes in. Right, Salem's Carson Tucker(hat) and Zane Easter run in the boys' race.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN





## WOLVERINES FINISH 10-0

The Andrew Lewis Middle School eighth grade football team poses for a team shot after defeating Pulaski.

The Andrew Lewis Middle School eighth grade football team shut out Pulaski County to complete a 10-0 undefeated season last Thursday. The Wolverines won 40-0 in Pulaski.

The win marked the second straight undefeated season for the Wolverines, and if you don't count the abbreviated "pandemic makeup" season in the spring of 2021 the Wolverines have won 38 games in a row dating back to August of 2018.

"We had an interesting and, at times, frustrating 2021 spring COVID season with shields on helmets, masks, constant worries about too many people together, ecetera," said Lewis coach Brian Hooker. The Wolverines were 3-3 that year but have won 19 straight since that season and had won 19 straight prior to it.

Last week's victory over the Cougars was sparked by a Tanner Overstreet to Kyshead Arrington touchdown pass. Touchdown runs by Jordan McCadden and Joseph Henderson were made possible by the offensive line blocking of Winston Wolfe, Tucker Preas, Michael Crawley, Jamalachi Law, Ethan

Millard, Robert McDaniel, Denny Toapanta, and Cameron Claussen.

On the defensive side Von Jones and Deshawn Smith played well. During the 10 win season the defense had three shutouts with the starting unit only allowing two touchdowns all season. The offense scored 30 or more points eight out of the 10 games.

"There were 35 members on the 2022 team, which will provide a good nucleus for the Salem High School Spartan Football program in upcoming years," said Hooker. "I really enjoy watching our players as they grow up and play varsity football. We have a great situation in Salem where we dress in the same building and practice on the same fields. I am proud to say I think I am the only coach to work with Coach (Willis) White, Coach Mag(Stephen Magenbauer) and Coach (Don) Holter. . . really blessed."

Hooker, who was assisted by Anton Jones and Jason Staples, has now coached seven Andrew Lewis eighth grade teams to undefeated seasons.

## GLENVAR FOOTBALL

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game," said Clifford. "And I'd like to see us in the opposite bracket from Radford and Floyd."

Glenvar has a chance to climb up the rankings with a win over Radford on October 29. That will be the last district game of the regular season and the Highlanders finish with a home non-district game with Giles. That won't be a big point game as the Spartans are now in Class 1 and they're

struggling along with just two wins, meaning fewer "rider points" for the Highlanders if they beat them.

This week's bye comes at a perfect time for Glenvar. In addition to allowing the Highlanders an extra week to prepare for a huge game it also gives the players some time to get better. The Highlanders have been beset by injuries this year.

"It's the best situation

for us," said Clifford. "We have to get healthy, and I expect just about everyone will be able to go against Radford. We'll still be without Will Johnson, and that hurts, but it looks like everyone else should be good to go."

The Highlanders played Alleghany on Thursday last week due to a shortage of Friday night officials and they ran away with the game after a close first half.

Glenvar led just 3-0 after the first quarter on a Tyler Pierce field goal. They upped the lead to 10-0 at the half when Brody Dawyot found Nick Woodson in the end zone with 3:09 to go until the half, and Woodson outfought a Mountaineer defender for the ball.

In the third quarter the Highlanders increased their lead to 17-0 when Dawyot found Jackson Swanson in the flat and he danced by several defenders through 16 yards to score. Then, with just under two minutes left in the quarter, it was Dawyot to Woodson again, but this time Nick was wide open for a score that made it 24-0.

Alleghany avoided a shutout by scoring early in the fourth quarter, only to have Glenvar answer with a short TD run by Jack Camper for the 31-6 final.

"I'm proud of our kids, they played hard," said Clifford. "They played hard for 48 minutes."

Dawyot completed 15 of 23 passes for 216 yards and three touchdowns, two to Woodson and one to Swanson. Brody also gained 48 yards on 11 rushing attempts while Swanson ran four times for 44 yards and Camper had six carries for 24 yards. Woodson finished with four receptions for 53 yards and Swanson had six catches for 125 yards.

On defense Avone Noel had seven tackles and an interception. Camper and Caleb Crowder had nine tackles each and Dawson Anderson had an interception.

Glenvar's junior varsity also won, 14-8. The jayvees are off this week as well, hosting Radford on October 27 at Highlander Stadium.



## Big week for Dickie, Vols

In a week where Salem did not play, Alabama lost and the New York Giants improved to 5-1 three losses on our football contest was good enough to win.

Salem's Dickie Jennings was the only contestant to miss as few as three games so he's our contest winner for the week. Dickie picked Alabama to beat Tennessee and he also had James Madison winning, as most contestants did the week after they earned a number 25 national ranking. His third loss was in picking the Dolphins to beat Minnesota, but he had all the high schools games right and hit on four of five tough pro games. So, Dickie gets the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and the Blizzard from Dairy Queen in Salem.

For last week's 19th hole I asked you to pick the score of the big game between the Bills and Chiefs. Buffalo prevailed by a score of 24-20 and the closest to that score was a dead even tie between Randal Sowers and TJ Beason Myers. Both picked the Bills to win 27-24 and that was the closest to the actual score as everyone else figured it would be a much higher scoring game, as did I. Or, they picked the Chiefs to win.

We'll be generous this week and give a free day of golf, with pull cart, at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street to both Randal and TJ. It's beautiful out there right now with the fall leaves turning colors.

For this week's 19th hole question we'll see if James Madison can bounce back. The Dukes are hosting Marshall and that should be a good one. Give me your prediction, winner and score, of that game and the closest to the actual score will get a free day of golf on the historic sand greens of Salem.

--Brian Hoffman



Ranger Swanson led the Glenvar Middle School team in rushing and touchdowns. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## 7-2 season for GMS

The Glenvar Middle School football team ended their season on a high note when the Highlanders won at Hidden Valley last week, 27-14.

Ranger Swanson scored twice for Glenvar, including on the kickoff to open the second half. Ryder Francisco scored on a TD pass from Jax Bolling.

Glenvar finished the season with a 7-2 overall record.

"I think our two losses came from us beating ourselves more than the other team beating us," said Glenvar coach Neil Swanson. "They were a great group of kids and I think they're going to have a huge part in Glenvar's success in the future."

## Salem, Glenvar cheer teams have region competition on Saturday

The Salem and Glenvar cheerleaders will participate in region meets this Saturday in "Competitive Cheering."

Glenvar will host the Region 2C meet at noon Saturday at the GHS gym. The Highlanders hosted the "G-town Throwdown" on October 8th but, as host team, they only had an exhibition performance. This time their score will count for a chance to advance to the state round.

"They had a great performance and were very humble hosts," said GHS coach Heather Boardwine of the Throwdown. "There were 24 teams from around Virginia and it was a huge success."

The Salem girls will perform at the Region 4D competition on Saturday. It will be held at Louisa County High School in Mineral, VA.



Glenvar quarterback Brody Dawyot eludes an Alleghany defender and looks to pass in last week's win. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Sandlot Super Bowl quarterfinals are at three county fields Saturday

The road to the Sandlot Super Bowl has begun with quarterfinal games in all three divisions scheduled for Saturday. Games will be played at three Roanoke County locations.

The 8U teams will be playing at Glenvar High School's Highlander Stadium. The two Salem teams will play each other at noon and Glenvar's 8U team will take on North Roanoke at 10:30 am. Winners will advance to the semifinals at Bogle Field, behind Cave Spring Middle School, on October 29.

The 10U team will be playing at William Byrd in quarterfinal games this Saturday. The Salem team coached by Bubba Sowers is the second seed and they will play Glenvar's team, coached by Chad Phillips, at noon in Vinton. Salem's other team, coached by Gary Abbott, is the fourth seed and they will take on Botetourt at 10:30 am. Winners will move on to the semifinals at Glenvar on October 29.

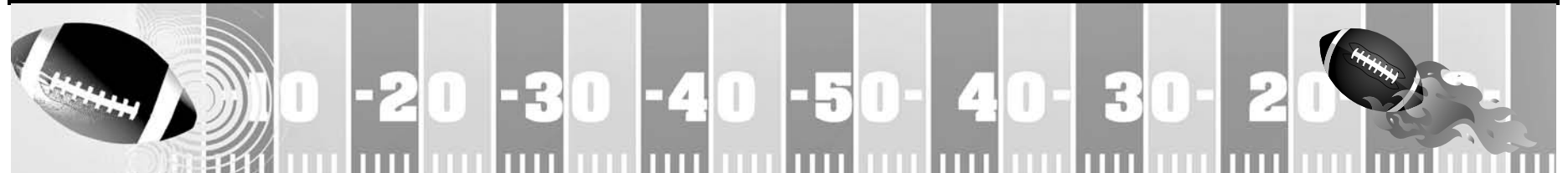
In the 12U division Salem's team will take on top-seeded Vinton at 1:30 pm at Bogle Field on Saturday. Third-seeded Glenvar will play Hidden Valley at 10:30 am with the winners advancing to the semifinals on October 29. One semifinal is at Glenvar and the other is at Bogle.

Championship Sandlot Super Bowl games for all three divisions are scheduled for October 5th at Salem Stadium.



Alden Sowers carries the ball for Salem in a 10U sandlot football game. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

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The 19th Hole (see story)



Above, John Pirro's son Nick holds John's Hall of Fame plaque as family, former teammates and Roanoke College friends gather for a group shot at the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame Induction banquet last Saturday. Below, John's son Joseph addresses the crowd while looking on are, left to right, Nick and John's former Roanoke College teammates Bill Beroza, Doug Horne and Kin Nevitt.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Former RC lax great John Pirro goes into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame

Story Courtesy of Roanoke College News

Bill Beroza, RC class of 1977 was trailing behind John Pirro, also '77, when he saw something amazing.

Pirro was pushing the ball up the field for the Maroons lacrosse team against one of the top teams in the nation, Washington and Lee. An All-American midfielder raced toward Pirro to slow him down. Without missing a beat, Pirro bounced the ball off the grass field, through the legs of the All-American, and snared it again with his net before continuing his drive up the field.

"It was absolutely a spectacle," Beroza said. "I wish it was on film. I don't know if everybody believes me, but I watched it."

Pirro's playing career at Roanoke College was full of unbelievable plays like that, and nearly half a decade after his college days, he was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame last Saturday in Cockeysville, MD.

Pirro, who died in 2013, is just the second Maroon to be enshrined in the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame, following in Beroza's footsteps. Roanoke Athletic Director Scott Allison '79, who was also a teammate of Pirro's and Beroza's, said Pirro's induction is a source of pride for the Maroons athletic department.

"It's been a long time coming, but it's quite an accomplishment for a tiny little school in Southwest Virginia to have somebody in a national hall of fame," Allison said. "This is a proud day for Roanoke College."

Beroza said it feels "fantastic" to have another Roanoke player alongside him in the Hall of Fame. Beroza was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame himself in 1996 after an outstanding career as a goalie for Roanoke, the Long Island Club team and the United States National team.

"I feel fulfilled as a friend, as a player, as a teammate, as a lacrosse enthusiast that John got the well-deserved award," Beroza said. "Granted, it's posthumously, but you know what? It doesn't take away from the accomplishments for him that he can pass along the legacy to his children, his family and his friends."

Those accomplishments were numerous. He was the first athlete in the history of Roanoke College to be named a First Team All-American three times. He also won the national Most Outstanding Defenseman award twice. He played in the 1976 Superstars Game and the 1977 North/South All-Star Game, and he was twice named an All-South Atlantic Region All-Star.

But Pirro's impact goes beyond the stat sheet. He is an integral part of the College's men's lacrosse tradition. After one year of playing club lacrosse and then serving as assistant coach of the Maroons



for two years, Pirro became the team's head coach in 1982 and coached for five seasons. In just his second season at the helm, he led the Maroons to the national title game. Roanoke won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship every year of Pirro's coaching career. He was elected to the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987 and was the first Roanoke lacrosse player to have his jersey retired.

The same year Pirro took over as head coach, Bill Pilat was a freshman. Pilat, who graduated in 1985, has served as the head coach for the men's lacrosse team since 1988. The two grew close during Pilat's time as a player, especially because Pilat played goalkeeper and Pirro was a very defensive-minded head coach.

"He coached like he played," Pilat said. "Very fiery, very excitable, very animated, very enthusiastic, upbeat and intense. Same way he was as a player, he was as a coach. He was funny, he always had funny lines and things to say. Just a great guy, a guy you wanted to play for and a guy you wanted to win for."

Pilat, who has won well over 300 games in his three decades at the helm of the program, said he has tried to carry on Pirro's intensity and the high expectations in the Roanoke men's lacrosse program. Pilat said he could tell how much Maroons lacrosse meant to Pirro, and he tries to channel that pride and pass it on to his players.

Those current players get a constant reminder of Pirro's legendary status within the program. A bust of Pirro overlooks Donald J. Kerr Stadium, and players often touch the bust prior to games for good luck.

"It's a great honor," Pilat said about the Hall of Fame induction. "He's only the second player we've ever had from here going in there, which is a great honor for them and for us. We're a smaller school.

Most of the people who get inducted into the Hall of Fame are from Johns Hopkins or Maryland, big schools like that. ...It's definitely a source of pride for us."

Pirro never backed down from players at those larger institutions, and now he will stand alongside many of them in the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Beroza's story of Pirro's heroics against Washington and Lee is not unique. It seems like everybody has a Pirro story to share and almost all of them can be described as "unbelievable."

Allison was a freshman on the bench in 1976 when Roanoke played Towson. One of Towson's best players was starting a play from a dead ball, and Pirro crouched in a defensive stance a few yards away. He locked eyes with the Towson player and raised his hand in a "bring it" motion, as Allison remembers. As soon as the play began, Pirro checked the player and stole the ball. Allison remembers it vividly to this day, and he said it's the moment he thinks of whenever anybody brings up Pirro.

"That was an unbelievable play, and it speaks to the kind of player he was," Allison said. "The skill to take the ball away, the confidence to show his opponent how dominating he was, the leadership that it takes to put yourself in that situation when you realize your team is struggling and you need somebody to step up. That play personified that."

Those traits made Pirro an exceptional player and Maroon, Allison said. His legacy continues to impact the lacrosse program, and the College as a whole, in a positive way.

"It's pretty cool how the players of today, 2022, know the name John Pirro," Pilat said. "I think it's a testament to our tradition of our program, that it's been handed down from him to me, all the way down to these young guys who weren't even born when he was doing his thing."



JOHN PIRRO



Isaac Wolf of Roanoke College controls the ball.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Hornets shut out RC soccer men

The Roanoke College men's soccer team fell to the University of Lynchburg, the 16th nationally ranked team in Division III, on Saturday evening. The Hornets took a 2-0 win on Shellenberger Field in Lynchburg.

Lynchburg scored early in the first half on a goal by Brennan Lagana at 10:30, putting the Hornets up 1-0. The goal proved to be the game-winner but the Hornets added a second goal before halftime at 39:25 to take a 2-0 lead into the intermission. Neither team was able to find the back of the goal in the second half despite 10 shots being taken. Zach Behe made five saves, playing all 90 minutes in goal for the Maroons.

With the loss the Maroons dropped to 6-5-2 on the season and 4-3-1 in ODAC games. They were scheduled to play Averett University at

Kerr Stadium in Salem on Wednesday, and on Saturday they're at Emory. The ODAC tournament is scheduled to begin on October 29.

## Maroon women fall to Eagles

Bridgewater used three goals in the first half to defeat the Roanoke College women's soccer team on Saturday afternoon at Kerr Stadium, 4-0.

The Eagles scored three goals in the first half. The game-winner came at 15:41. The second and third goals came with less than 10 minutes left in the first half at 35:25 and 39:42. Bridgewater added a fourth goal at 67:19 for the final 4-0 win margin. Carrington Lippi made six saves in 74:32 minutes in goal. Victoria Correll played the remaining 15:28 for the Maroons.

The loss dropped the Maroons to 7-6 on the season and 3-2 in ODAC games. Roanoke was scheduled to play at Guilford on Wednesday, followed by a trip to Randolph-Macon on Friday. The Maroons are home Sunday to host Shenandoah at 2 pm at Salem's Kerr Stadium.

## RC field hockey has won 11 of past 12

The Roanoke College field hockey team honored four seniors on Senior Day by picking up a 3-1 win over Randolph-Macon at Kerr Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Alexis Wright, Martha Hurley, Julia Brown, and Madison Filson were all honored prior to the game at Kerr Stadium in Salem.

Both teams' defense was on display early on with the Maroons not finding the back of the cage until 11:40 when Hope Keller took a rebounded shot and fired a goal past the keeper for a 1-0 lead. That's how the game stood

at the half.

Less than four minutes into the third quarter, Saige Bullock fired and snuck in what became the game-winner at 33:39 to put the Maroons ahead 2-0. Bullock got back-to-back goals with another unassisted goal at 40:33 to put Roanoke ahead 3-0.

With the win the Maroons improved to 11-3 overall and it was their 11th win in their past 12 games. Roanoke is undefeated in the ODAC at 5-0 with the conference tournament scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 1.

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Boys from Salem, Glenvar, Cave Spring and Lord Botetourt High Schools take the gun in last week's cross country meet at the Salem Municipal Golf Course.

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## Runners prep for post-season with race around the golf course

They ran down the fairway on the first hole, then took a left at the par three. They traveled down the seventh hole by the trees where golfers often lose their balls, if they have the courage to hit it close. Yes, it was cross country on the Salem Municipal Golf Course.

The Salem, Glenvar, Cave Spring and Lord Botetourt distance teams went the distance last Wednesday, October 12, at the annual race on the links. The Glenvar boys and Cave Spring girls were team winners on a perfect day for running, or playing golf for that matter.

Glenvar's boys were led by individual winner Heath Bowker, who covered the course in 16:52. The Highlanders had four boys in the top nine with Davis Norman finishing fifth, Caeden Bowker eighth and

Charlie Horrell ninth. Tyler Davis was the fifth scorer and Aldin Smith and Alex Rottkamp also ran for the Highlanders.

Salem's boys were third behind the Highlanders and Cave Spring. Walker Peterson led the Spartans with a seventh place finish, followed by Carson Tucker in 10th, Zane Easter in 12th, Alex Helems in 13th and Nathan Bowers in 15th.

Salem took second in the girls' race with Brooke Bowers finishing fourth overall. Elizabeth Bocock with eighth, Callie Conner was ninth, Ryan Long was 11th and Lyndyse Rothkopf was 19th.

Glenvar's best run was a fifth place finish by Everly

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Glenvar's Nick Woodson is wide open as he waits for a pass from Brody Dawyot for a third quarter Highlander touchdown.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Highlanders have two weeks off to prepare for big game

The Glenvar football team will have two weeks and a day to prepare for what is shaping up to be their biggest game of the year. The Highlanders are on break this week after defeating Alleghany last Thursday, 31-6, and they'll next take the field at Radford on October 28.

The game with Radford is big in a couple ways. The Bobcats play Floyd this week and, if they win, Glenvar can tie for the Three Rivers District championship by beating Radford. That would give Glenvar, Radford and Floyd all one loss, and GHS coach Kevin Clifford makes winning the district a high priority. The Highlanders have lost just five district games in the past nine years.

The game with Radford will also be important for both teams as far as the Region 2C playoffs are concerned. As of this week Radford is atop the Virginia High School League Region 2C rankings with a 7-0 record

and a 26.0 ranking. The Bobcats are followed by 6-1 Martinsville, 6-1 Floyd, 5-3 Glenvar and 5-3 Appomattox in the fifth spot. The top eight

teams make the playoffs with the top four getting first round home games.

"We really want to get that first round home

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Avone Noel returns an interception for the Highlanders.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Spartans return from bye with home game against Cave Spring

The Salem High football team dropped from first place to second in the Virginia High School League Region 4D rankings last week without playing a game. The Spartans hope to be back on top after hosting Cave Spring in a big showdown at Salem Stadium this Friday night.

Salem had a bye last Friday while E.C. Glass hammered Jefferson Forest, 55-6. Thanks to some rider points Salem's rating actually improved in the past week from 25.57 to 26.57, but Glass went from 25.16 to 26.71 to leap frog the Spartans and take the top spot by just 0.14 rating points.

The next three weeks will be critical for the Spartans as they play Cave Spring, a struggling 2-6 Hidden Valley team, and then a big one against Patrick Henry to end the regular season. The

Patriots are 5-2 and they're a Class 5 school, so that will be a good game "pointwise" for the Spartans if they pull off a win. Glass finishes with 4-3 Rustburg at home, at 5-2 Brookville and home with Liberty Christian, who is 7-0 and top-ranked in Region 3D. Top seeding in Region 4D could come down to the final week, with the best scenario for Salem being a win over PH while Glass loses to LCA.

Of course, that's several weeks away and football coaches want to focus only on the horse directly ahead of them, and that's Cave Spring. Salem has had two weeks to prepare for the Knights, and coach Don Holter and staff watched them pick up a big win last Friday against Patrick Henry, 34-28.

The Knights have had a strange

year. They're 5-2 and in four of their wins they shut out Hidden Valley and Northside, held Alleghany to seven points and Pulaski County to two. They lost to Glenvar, 10-3, and they also lost to a 2-5 William Byrd team, 35-0. However, there were mitigating circumstances there as Cave Spring assistant coach Chris Askew had died just days prior to that game and the Knights certainly weren't at their mental peak.

Cave Spring is coached by former Salem quarterback Nick Leftwich. Jeff Leftwich, Nick's dad, is on the staff and Jeff was a coach for the Spartans through the 2021 spring championship season. He "retired" at that time but was lured back to the field when Nick took the job at Cave Spring.

As expected, you can see a lot of

Salem in Cave Spring with Leftwich at the helm. The Knights play hard and establish the run, just like Salem. Cave Spring was 3-7 in Nick's first year but are much-improved this season.

"They do the little things well," said Holter. "They pay attention to detail and their offensive line will get after you. I can really see a change in their mental toughness since Nick has been there"

This will be a big game for Cave Spring as well. They're third in the Region 3D rankings behind Lord Botetourt and Christiansburg and an upset win over Salem would mean big-time points for the Knights.

The Spartans jayvee team will also return to the gridiron after a week off. Salem will play Cave Spring at Bogle Field tonight.