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Salem Rescue Squad celebrates 90 years of service



Mike Moore, a life member, shows off his award.



PHOTOS BY MEG HIBBERT
Salem Rescue Squad Chief Glen Gray, right, and Captain Darlene Gee congratulate Dr. Gary Parrish, who now lives in Florida, for his years of service to the squad. The hanger was a tribute to Dr. Parrish hanging up his coat after years of advising and helping to train rescue squad members.

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

The second oldest all-volunteer rescue squad in the nation celebrated its 90th anniversary of service to Salem and the Roanoke Valley on Nov. 19.

Life Members, longtime volunteers, supporters and friends filled the community room of the Salem Civic Center for the banquet that included remembrances, tributes, laughter and a few tears.

The department first formed in 1932 as the Salem Life Saving and First Aid Crew with volunteers from the Salem Police Department and the street department.

At the banquet, Life Member Mike Moore noted there were not paid members when the squads were formed, and were the only ones in the area who could provide medical care before hospitals.

After the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad started the nation's first volunteer paramedic program, Salem had any healthcare professionals to teach and guide its pre-hospital care providers.

At the banquet, Dr. John "Lucky" Garvin and Dr. Gary Parrish were recognized with engraved hangers significant of their years advising the squad.

Rescue Squad officers noted the two physicians were masters of their professions who were instrumental in development and advances of Emergency Medical Services in the Roanoke Valley.

Life Member and Captain Darlene Gee, who was the master of ceremonies, read proclamations that pointed out each of them "gave freely of themselves to teach and mentor many pre-hospital providers, and they quickly became family."

"Many years later, these life savers still have a lasting impact upon providers in the field today," the proclamation said.

Like a number of longtime members, Gee has been part of Salem Rescue since a junior in high school. She is a paramedic and a Registered Nurse at the Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Some of Salem Rescue Squad's members were the first paramedics in Virginia and

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Councilman John Saunders has petitioned the circuit court for a recount of all the votes from the Nov. 8 election which he lost to Randy Foley by 11 votes.

Councilman Saunders asks for recount

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

On the final day to file a request, Salem City Councilman John Saunders asked for a recount of the Nov. 8 Council election he lost to fellow Councilman Randy Foley by 11 votes.

Saunders filed his petition Monday with the office of Salem Circuit Court Clerk Chance Crawford. It now goes on to a panel of three circuit court judges who will count the votes for all four candidates.

In addition to Saunders, who received 3,386 votes, and Foley, who got 3,397 votes, the others were in the four-way race for two seats were Hunter Holliday, who ran as a Republican

and won with 3,809 votes, and Ann Marie Green, who received 3,196 votes.

"I looked at this long and hard," Saunders said after the Nov. 28 Council meeting. "I was encouraged by an awful lot of people who supported me." He added, "I will fight for my seat and for Salem."

Saunders said he was mostly asking for the recount "to support the people who worked for me. I hope everyone realizes how every vote in a local election is important," he emphasized.

All the candidates except for Holliday ran without party affiliation. While they were talk-

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Salem's Sally Southard receives 2022 Erwin Lurie Award from JDRCF

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Salem resident Sally Southard has been dedicated to the mission of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a type 1 diabetes re-

search and advocacy organization, for many years. As a result of her work with the organization, she was recognized last month at the annual JDRCF One Conference in Washington, D.C. with the 2022 Erwin Lurie Award, which rec-

ognizes chapter volunteers whose commitment to the volunteer-staff partnership has significantly advanced the mission and strategic priorities of JDRCF.

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COURTESY OF JDRCF

Pictured during a Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ceremony that honored volunteers and supporters are organization officials John Brady, JDRCF director emeritus, back row from left to right, Lisa Wallack, International Board of Directors member, Karen Jordan, International Board of Directors member, and Aaron Kowalski, JDRCF chief executive officer, and award winners John Gammet, front row from left to right, Kim Roosevelt, Sally Southard and Hans ten Gate.

Christmas season gets underway in Salem with number of events



TIMES-REGISTER FILE PHOTO

A Virginia Veterans Care Center float is pictured during a previous Salem Christmas Parade.

Salem's annual holiday celebrations are set to return this December.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade will officially get the festivities started on Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. at a new location at the Salem Public Library lawn. "This tradition brings the community together in the downtown area to view the beautiful decorations on Main Street and enjoy some holiday music," the event description reads.

Gingerbread Festival and Salem Crafty Christmas

The Gingerbread Festival and Salem Crafty Christmas

will take place the following day on Saturday, Dec. 3. The Gingerbread Festival, presented by Salem Parks and Recreation Department, Salem-Roanoke Chamber of Commerce and Salem Museum, will be at the Salem Museum and Longwood Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The festival will include culinary creations, opportunities to get photographs with Santa, fire pits, a petting zoo, children's activities, vendors and The Holiday Train.

Salem Crafty Christmas, presented by the Salem Farmers Market and Salem Parks and Recreation Department, will be at the Salem Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Candlelight Remembrance Service set for Dec. 6

The holiday season is full of trees and trimmings, caroling and gifts, wonder and joy; but for families who have recently lost a loved one, it can also be a difficult time of grief and heartache. For this reason, John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home will host their Annual Candlelight Remembrance Service on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in their chapel.

“We understand the grief journey that many families go through after losing someone they love,” said Cathie Thomas, president of John M. Oakey and Son. “Perhaps there is no time of the year when we are more aware of the empty space our dear one has left behind than during the holiday season.”

Pastor Mike Lauridsen, of Parkway Church on the Mountain, will share an inspirational message of healing and hope to help families prepare their hearts for a holiday season following a loss. “Walking through grief can be a difficult and uncertain trek,” explained manager,

Dave Vanderpool, “especially for families who are experiencing the first holiday season absent of someone they love.”

The decorated historic home is all set to warmly welcome families inside to share memories and to light candles of remembrance in honor and memory of loved ones lost. “We want to emphasize that this is a special service for the community and not just for families that we have served this past year,” said Thomas. “All are welcome.”

The reading of the poem, “The Four Candles” is always a meaningful part of the service after which guests are invited to light a candle of remembrance for their dear ones.

“We have orchestrated a meaningful service which we hope will be of comfort to families,” said Thomas. The John M. Oakey and Son family has a special gift for each guest as a memento of gratitude for allowing them the privilege of caring for their family during a most difficult time. “Each family we serve is special to

us and becomes part of our family,” explained Thomas. “We are so grateful for the faith and trust bestowed upon our funeral home by our community.”

Immediately following the service, families are invited to stay for a time of fellowship and light hors d’oeuvres.

Holiday traditions are special at John M. Oakey and Son and the staff would like to invite the community to participate in one of their own by honoring the memory of a loved one on the Lights of Love Memorial Tree. This too is not just for families who have called upon John M. Oakey and Son this past year, but all are welcome to place a “light of hope, joy and peace”, on the tree to shine throughout the holiday season.

For more information about the candlelight service or to add your loved one’s name to the Lights of Love Memorial Tree, at no charge, call 389-5441 or email info@johnmoakey.com

-Candy Long



COURTESY OF CATHIE THOMAS

John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home

Center for Studying Structures of Race receives Kegley Preservation Award



Jesse Bucher, director of Roanoke College’s Center for Studying Structures of Race, and Lacey Leonard, its curator, explain the history behind the circa-1847 Administration Building during a new walking tour that documents the presence of enslaved workers on campus.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROANOKE COLLEGE

Casey McGirt, from left, Jesse Bucher, Sydney Pennix and James France accepted a preservation award Nov. 15 on behalf of the Center for Studying Structures of Race. McGirt and Pennix were part of a team of student researchers who devoted the summer to uncovering the names of enslaved people who lived in the Roanoke Valley.

TOUR

Histories of Enslavement
Roanoke College

This walking tour traces aspects of the history of enslavement at and around the Roanoke College campus. The tour draws attention to the forced labor completed by enslaved workers and artisans who played a major role in constructing the buildings and grounds of the original campus. It also demonstrates that individuals who established Roanoke College did so with wealth produced by enslaved people who lived throughout the Roanoke Valley. The tour highlights histories and memories of enslavement frequently hidden, neglected and concealed in favor of forms of commemoration focused on individuals who enslaved other human beings.

The bricks pictured here are some of the original bricks manufactured by enslaved workers for the Administration Building. Enslaved brickmakers, masons and other artisans worked on the Roanoke College campus.

The most soil in the Roanoke College campus is the site of a brick kiln. The brick kiln was used to produce bricks for the earliest campus buildings. The central area of the map shows the location of the brick kiln and the site of the brick kiln.

A brick fragment was found in a lawn where soil and clay were removed to make bricks.

The center section and the east and west wings of the Administration Building were constructed between 1847 and 1854. The first floor was added in 1850. Bricks for the central section were contributed by Joseph Davie, who gave the construction firm and personal funds to complete the labor of enslaved brick workers like Clayton Lewis. Other enslaved people whose names are not recorded were also used in the process and their contribution to the building. A plaque located on the Virginia College building, adjacent to Roanoke College, honors that the subject gave Catherine Bryant \$1,750 on May 20, 1853, "to buy of Miss J. H. Lewis, who was an enslaved woman, served to the Lewis family about one day during the Administration Building. The proceeds of "buying out" enslaved people are common across this region.

Dedication plaques on the Administration Building are "National Historic Site" and "Historic Landmark". The plaque is located on the Administration Building.

The award from the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation recognized a new walking tour that traces the history of enslaved labor on Roanoke College’s campus. The tour is now available in a brochure that allows visitors to take it as a self-guided activity.

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Roanoke College recently received an award from the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation, a nonprofit that focuses on preserving local history, for its efforts to shed light on the history of enslaved labor on its campus.

The Center for Studying Structures of Race, which was created at the end of 2019 to research and reckon with the legacies of slavery by the college, received a Kegley Preservation Award, which is named after the local journalist, historical advocate and Roanoke College alumnus George Kegley, in the education category for a new walking tour that guides visitors through the history of enslaved labor on the campus.

“Communities look to institutions of higher education to model ways of moving forward as we deal with the 21st-century legacy of America’s original

sin,” said Whitney Leeson, president of the regional foundation as well as a history professor at Roanoke College, according to a Roanoke College news release. “We look forward to your continued good work at the CSSR.”

The 11-point walking tour was launched in October. It documents the role that slavery played in the foundational years of the 180-year-old college. The tour highlights the Administration Building, which was constructed by enslaved workers in 1847, and some of the college’s early leaders who were slave owners.

A release from the college said that although it did not own slaves, the tour illustrates the imprint the campus still carries from that era.

Center for Studying Structures of Race Director Jesse Bucher noted that student research fellows pored over reams of records in government archives this summer to uncover the names of enslaved people in the valley — an arduous undertaking as documents from that period often failed to acknowledge the identities and humanity of the enslaved.

The walking tour project, which Center for Studying Structures of Race Curator Lacey Leonard worked with students to design, names the people who were found in records whenever possible.

“These are individuals who were intentionally left out of the story of our

region’s history,” Bucher said. “The efforts carried forward by our students and others is an important step in the right direction — not only in speaking their names and honoring the truth of their existence but as a necessary step where we can reach into the past and better tell a much broader, more inclusive, more truthful story of the Roanoke Valley.”

Bucher added that he was grateful the student teams were able to see their work affirmed as meaningful beyond the college campus. He accepted the preservation foundation’s award alongside some of the student researchers, as well as Roanoke College Graphic Designer James France, who encapsulated the tour into a brochure that allows visitors to take it as a self-guided activity.

Sydney Pennix, a psychology major at the college who worked on the tour, said the research work felt profoundly personal to her both as someone who grew up in Roanoke and as a third-generation Maroon.

“I felt almost a yearning to learn more about African-American history in our area,” she said. “I knew it would be emotionally challenging, but that’s exactly why I wanted to do it: to lean into and process that.”

The self-guided walking tour brochures are now available on the Roanoke College campus in the Administration Building, Colket Center, Fintel Library and Admissions.

-The Salem Times-Register

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

Ridge View Bank City of Salem Christmas Parade: The parade will be Friday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 pm. For those who would like to enter the parade, the cost is \$40 for nonprofits and \$50 for others. After Nov. 11, the entry fee is \$75 for all entries and the applications must be postmarked by Nov. 26 to participate. More information can be found at the Kiwanis Club of Salem's website.

Salem Holiday Market: The market will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Craft and Vendor Show will have unique

crafters, artists, and direct sell companies. Don't buy that run of the mill gift from the mall. Come shop with us and buy that gift that the recipient will love because it is unique and you personally shop for them. Homemade crafts and local delicacies always make great gifts & shoppers searching for these perennial favorites can find wares from more than 70 regional sellers at this year's Salem Holiday Market. Admission is free, but shoppers are encouraged to contribute to the food drive held at the event. The Salem/Roanoke County Food Bank is looking for nonperishable food

items, such as peanut butter, boxed pasta, canned vegetables, and spaghetti sauce. Interested in becoming a vendor? Please email salemholidaymarket@gmail.com for more info.

Christmas with the Salem Choral Society: The Salem Choral Society will present Christmas with the Salem Choral Society Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. at Salem Presbyterian Church. While admission is free, donations will be accepted. More information can be found at www.salemchoralsociety.com.

Salem Gun & Knife Sale:

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 17 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 18. Admission is \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under with a paying adult. Saturday admission is good for both days. For more information, please visit www.cejgunshows.com

DMV2Go: The service will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 19.

Stampede Championship Rodeo: The event will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 and 7 and 2 p.m. Jan. 8. For 55 years, the Salem Championship Stampede Rodeo brings the perfect mix of

sporting event and family entertainment. When the 2023 edition of the rodeo rides back into Salem, fans can expect more of the same non-stop excitement they have come to love. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.salemciviccenter.com/Events/ArtMID/1693/ArticleID/2687/Stampede-Championship-Rodeo>


Public meetings: 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.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department




Weekly Arrest Report

Week of November 15, 2022 – November 21, 2022

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
11/15/2022	Abdul-Hameed I. Uzair	21	Failure to Appear
11/16/2022	Brennan A. Blevins	27	Assault & Battery
11/17/2022	Charles D. Lawrence	50	Burglary, Grand Larceny
11/18/2022	Mark E. Michael	34	Criminal Trespass
11/18/2022	Chelsea L. Stafford	29	Criminal Trespass
11/18/2022	Jonathan L. Keller	43	Failure to Appear, Shoplifting
11/19/2022	David L. Altice Jr.	41	Possession of Controlled Substance
11/21/2022	Brandon L. Moore	37	Threat to Bomb

City of Salem Police Department




Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of November 15, 2022 – November 21, 2022

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
16-NOV-2022	500 BLK S Colorado St	Burglary
17-NOV-2022	300 BLK Chestnut St	Burglary, Grand Larceny
20-NOV-2022	0 BLK Otter Ave	Neglect
21-NOV-2022	1900 BLK Electric Rd	Threat to Bomb
21-NOV-2022	700 BLK S Colorado St	Threats to Kill

City of Salem Police Department




Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of November 22, 2022 – November 28, 2022

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
22-NOV-2022	0 BLK Otter Ave	Burglary
22-NOV-2022	1900 BLK Electric Rd	Damage Property
22-NOV-2022	2000 BLK W Main St	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle
26-NOV-2022	1500 BLK E Main St	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle
26-NOV-2022	1000 BLK W Riverside Dr	Damage Property
28-NOV-2022	800 BLK Mount Vernon Ln	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of November 22, 2022 – November 28, 2022

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
11/22/2022	Jeremy R. Edwards	31	Possession of Controlled Substance
11/22/2022	Eric E. Bullock	44	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, DUI
11/22/2022	Nanette L. Waggle	50	DUI
11/22/2022	Bradley A. Hendrick	32	Damage Property, Public Intoxication
11/23/2022	Brian A. Banks	39	Sexual Assault, Damage Property, Domestic Assault & Battery
11/24/2022	Lubov A. Smith	30	Criminal Trespass
11/25/2022	Daniel A. Lilly	50	Criminal Trespass
11/25/2022	Addrine M. Puckett	41	Criminal Trespass
11/25/2022	Daniel J. Hartberger	42	Domestic Assault & Battery
11/25/2022	Barbara A. Williams	61	Domestic Assault & Battery
11/26/2022	Jacob P. Lindamood	26	Shoplifting, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle
11/26/2022	Amy L. Harrell	44	Violation of Probation
11/26/2022	Stephen V. Chitwood	39	Domestic Assault & Battery
11/27/2022	Monel Y. Radford	33	Assault & Battery
11/27/2022	Jocarra M. Vaughn	34	Assault & Battery
11/27/2022	Dustin W. Thompson	32	Domestic Assault & Battery
11/28/2022	Roytez N. Wright-Ragland	28	Public Intoxication

FROM THE ARCHIVES

S. C. Markley Head of County 100 Anniversary

President of Comas Cigarette Machine Company – Graduate of Yale – Native of County



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

The gentleman of whose shoulders rests a great part of the burden of directing the Roanoke County Centennial Celebration next month, as president of the commission, is S. Chester Markley of Roanoke and Salem.

Mr. Markley, who is head of the Comas Cigarette Machine Company, Salem, has spent the greater portion of his life in Roanoke County. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Markley, former well known residents of

Roanoke. At Yale

After being educated in the public schools of this section, Mr. Markley enrolled in Roanoke College, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution. Wishing to pursue the study of civil engineering, Mr. Markley later enrolled in Yale University and received his Master of Arts from that institution; he then entered business as a Certified Professional Civil Engineer, practicing as a Hydraulic and Civil Engineer as a partner in the firm of C. Markley and Son, Contractors, of Roanoke.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

The holiday season is here again, which means it is time for festive foods and flavors. A classic dessert this time of year, for eating and decorating, is gingerbread! This tin for McCormick ginger from 1942 hints at how long this spiced dessert has been popular, but the history of gingerbread may be deeper than you think!

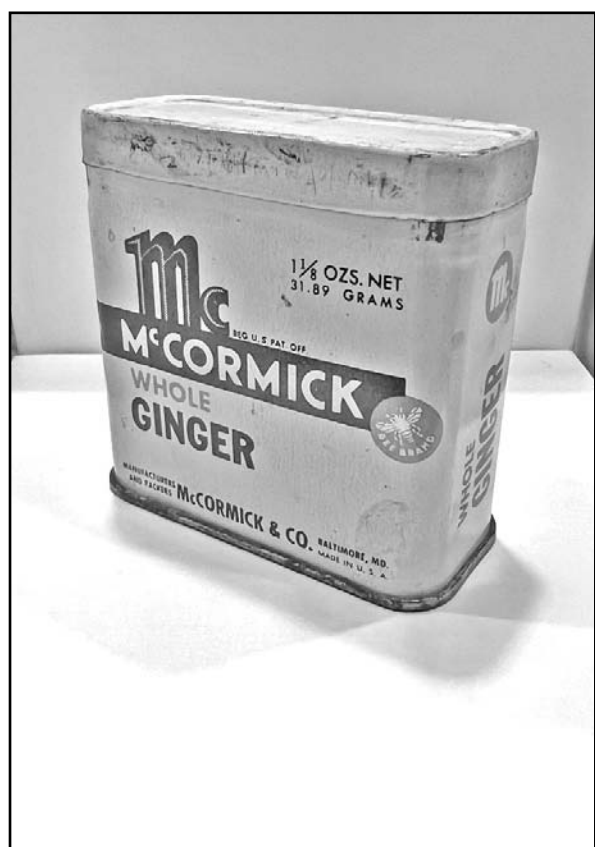
Ginger has been used as a spice in cakes and breads for thousands of years, first recorded in ancient Greece in 2400BCE. Gingerbread was a luxury in medieval Europe due to its use of imported spices. In fact, the legend is Queen Elizabeth I invented gingerbread men, having them decorated like visiting dignitaries. German bakers in the 1500s went a step further and introduced gingerbread houses.

In the 19th and 20th Centuries, the mass production of baking ingredients made gingerbread easily accessible. Its as-

sociation with the winter holidays ensures its popularity endures from year to year.

To see wonderful gingerbread creations made by your local friends and neighbors, come to the Gingerbread Festival

val this weekend! On Saturday Dec. 3 from 10-2, visit the Salem Museum to see Salem's amazing gingerbread creations. Then head to Longwood Park to visit the rest of the Gingerbread Festival.



COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM

1942 tin for McCormick ginger

OPINION

Institute for Policy and Opinion Research releases holiday spending report

Editor's note: The report was published by Roanoke College Nov. 28.

High prices won't stop 65% of Virginians from spending at least as much this holiday season as they did last year. Nationally, inflation remains more than 7.5% year over year. Total spending increases with prices and the number of items purchased. In Virginia this holiday season, the increased spending will be attributed to a little bit of both. Of those spending more this year, more than half say it is because of increased prices, but other reasons include improved employment/financial positions (19%) and generosity (11%). High prices are also the primary reason for those reporting a reduction in holiday spending. Three-quarters of respondents anticipate higher prices this year.

Changes in the distribution of planned spending relative to a year ago vary across household income levels. Seventy-five percent of households earning more than \$100,000 a year will spend at least as much as they did in the 2021 holiday season. Spending is expected to fall primarily within households earning less than \$100,000 per year. Twenty-five percent of upper-income households plan to reduce holiday spending compared to 37%-38% of middle- and lower-income households.

Given that most Virginians will spend at least as much as last year, how much will they spend? More than 63% of Virginians will spend up to \$500 total during the 2022 holiday shopping season on gifts for others, down seven percentage points from the 2021 season. Instead, this year, more respondents

plan to spend more than \$500, with close to 10% planning to spend at least \$1,000.

Spending over the holiday season falls into three categories: gifts, experiences (including entertainment at home and socializing away from home), and non-gift purchases (including holiday decorations and home furnishings). On average, Virginians plan to spend \$439 on gifts for others, \$261 on experiences and \$206 on non-gift purchases. The types of items purchased may shift relative to last year because of relative price changes. For example, smartphones, televisions, ship fares and the price of admission to sporting events are down 17.7, 16.5, and 0.6%, respectively, with the price of admission to sporting events down 22.9. In contrast, airfare, candy, women's apparel and jewelry prices rose by

42.9, 14.2, 6.3, and 2%, respectively. Even goods with increased prices, if less than the overall inflation rate (7.7%), may seem like deals. Wrapping those gifts will also cost more, with the price of gift wrap increasing by 4.2% over the year.

Due to greater resources, upper-income households plan to spend more than those earning less. Households earning more than \$100,000 anticipate spending almost \$1,700, with more than \$716 going to gifts for others and \$621 toward experiences. Comparatively, households earning less than \$50,000 plan to spend \$280 on gifts for others, \$127 on experiences and an additional \$100 on non-gift purchases.

With prices at levels not seen in decades, households might need to spread spending over a more

extended period and more paychecks. More than one-third of households say they plan to start shopping earlier this year relative to a year ago, while more than half plan to start around the same time as last year. Respondents plan to do about half of their shopping online, down significantly from last year (70%). This is a good sign for small businesses without a large online presence.

Methodology

Interviewing for The Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, between November 13 and November 22, 2022. A total of 695 completed interviews came from random telephone calls to 436 Virginians, and 259 responses were drawn from a proprietary online panel of Virginians.

A Thanksgiving tribute to the turkey



Morgan Griffith
Representative

Thanksgiving is a time when many guests gather around the dinner table and feast as part of the day's activities. Another regular Thanksgiving guest, however, is not around the table but atop it, and not at his own choice: the turkey.

The turkey is as much a part of the Thanksgiving story as we know it today as Berkeley Plantation and the Pilgrims of Massachusetts, and indeed it is part of the American story.

Although accounts of the 1621 Thanksgiving at

Plymouth colony indicate only that "fowl" was eaten, not turkeys specifically, they eventually became a frequent presence on dinner tables. The reason is not surprising: the birds were quite plentiful. An article on Britannica.com notes that at least 10 million turkeys are estimated to have lived on the continent when Europeans arrived. By the 20th century, their numbers had shrunk to a mere 200,000, but today millions of wild turkeys once again roam the United States, thanks in part to the conservation efforts of the Pittman-Robertson Act sponsored by U.S. Senator A. Willis Robertson of Lexington.

A popular myth holds that Benjamin Franklin

suggested the turkey as our national symbol instead of the bald eagle. Although he did not in fact offer that proposal, he did make favorable comparisons of the turkey to the bald eagle. In a letter to his daughter, he mused about a medal for the Society of the Cincinnati, an organization made up of Continental Army officers. The eagle on the medal looked similar to a turkey, prompting Franklin to observe:

"For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen as the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad moral Character. He does not get his Living honestly. You may have seen him perch'd on some dead Tree near the River, where, too lazy to fish

for himself, he watches the Labour of the Fishing Hawk [osprey]; and when that diligent Bird has at length taken a Fish, and is bearing it to his Nest for the Support of his Mate and young Ones, the Bald Eagle pursues him and takes it from him."

For the record, I do not share Franklin's low opinion of the bald eagle. As for the turkey, Franklin continued:

"For in Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America. Eagles have been found in all Countries, but the Turkey was peculiar to ours . . . He is besides, tho' a little vain and silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on."

We can wonder whether

Franklin ever expressed his thoughts on the matter to George Washington. Perhaps he did not share Franklin's affection for the bird, because while the first president, and as Henry Lee said, "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," Washington was not the first president to pardon a turkey.

The precedent for the White House turkey pardon was set by Abraham Lincoln, who spared the life of a turkey at the behest of his son. Later presidents such as John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan held their own events pardoning turkeys, and George H.W. Bush made it an annual occasion starting in 1989. Several of the turkeys participating in the ceremony in recent years retired afterward to Virginia Tech.

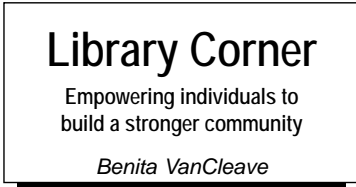
But if George Washing-

ton had little to say on turkeys, he had plenty to say on Thanksgiving. During his first year in office, 1789, he called for Thursday, November 26 to be set aside as "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

His proclamation went on to list the blessings the young country enjoyed, from its new Constitution to its civil and religious liberty, and called on Americans to offer thanks and supplication for the country's future.

Editor's note: Due to early press deadlines because of Thanksgiving, this column did not make it into last week's issue.

Researching local history



"A History of Roanoke County" by Deedie Kagey lists Charles L. Hatcher as being sheriff of Roanoke County from 1906-1924. The administrator of a family genealogy website asked the question: How could Hatcher still be the sheriff in

1924 when his tombstone in East Hill Cemetery clearly states he died July 19, 1917?

The straightforward approach to solving the mystery would be checking the local newspaper for news articles on or after the day he passed. Our microfilm collection of the Salem-Times Register covers 1909 and then skips to 1934. Fortunately, the Virginia Chronicle, a historical archive of Virginia newspapers available on the Library of Virginia website (www.lva.gov) provides free access

to full text searching and digitized images of over 3 million newspaper pages. The Salem-Times Register and Sentinel was the newspaper published during the time frame I needed to research.

A news article published Dec. 21, 1911, tells the somewhat amusing account of how an accused bigamist and kidnapper escaped from the custody of Deputy Sheriff Chas. Hatcher by jumping from a moving train in Arcadia, Va. By the way, Sheriff Hatcher had a son with the same name.

The death of the former sheriff was apparently a stop-the-press kind of news story since the obitu-

ary appeared in the issue of the Salem-Times Register and Sentinel published the same day he died, July 19, 1917. The obituary reveals that Charles L. Hatcher had resigned Jan. 1, 2017, due to failing health and was "succeeded" by his son, Charles L. Hatcher, Jr., which explains the seeming contradiction.

Additional free tools available for your research toolkit: (These resources are not all-inclusive, so it helps to have several different ways to search).

Salem Public Library website: www.salemlibrary.info

Newsbank America's News: Full-text current and archived Ro-

anoke Times dating back to 1990 as well the largest collection of full-text U.S. newspapers.

Newsbank Heritage Hub: Search the premier collection of U.S. obituaries and death notices for genealogical research, 1704-today. Located on SPL website as an option under "change databases." I located an obituary for my family genealogy buddy who lived in Florida when we failed to receive our usual Christmas card from last year.

Chronicling America: America's Historic newspaper pages from 1777-1963 provided free on the Library of Congress website: www.loc.gov

Rescue Squad

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hold Life Membership, the squad's highest honor.

Salem Rescue recently added seven new members in the squad's quest to keep growing and remain vital.

Salem Rescue backs up the Salem Fire and EMS when those unit are out on calls.

Kevin Dillard, owner of LifeCare Medical Transports in Fredericksburg, was the keynote speaker. He summarized where rescue squads have been, and

where they are headed.

Life Members and former Life Members were recognized at the banquet, along with first paramedics, local elected officials, State Senator David R. Sutterlein, and Congressman Morgan Griffith's representative.

The rescue squad's current home was built on South Broad Street in 1987.

The banquet and program were paid for by Honorary Member Angela Lieb.

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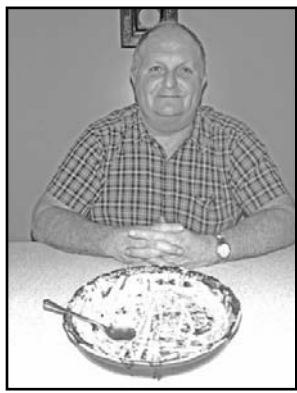
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OBITUARIES

Miller III, Isaac 'Bud' Ephraim

Isaac (Bud) Ephraim Miller III, 69, of Salem, Va., went to be with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022.

Bud was born in Hatcher, W.Va., on Dec. 29, 1952. He graduated from Alleghany District High School in 1972, and served in the Army Reserves from 1972 until 1984. He worked at General Electric for over 30 years starting as a young floor sweeper. Bud had a contagious smile and a giving heart. His daughters speak about his love for 80's music and will forever cherish his mixed tapes. Bud was "a kid at heart," making holidays extra special for his grandchildren even if it meant removing all the white lights and putting up colored lights just days before Christmas. Puddle jumping, walks to the Dilly Dally, and trips to Pizza Hut in the minivan are special memories for the grandchildren. Behind that quiet personality was a smart, witty man who



was fiercely competitive at cornhole, bocce ball, and BINGO.

Preceding him in death was his father, Isaac Miller II; wife, Wilma Louise Chelf Miller; and sisters, Carolyn Ratliff and Cathryn Thompson.

His surviving family includes his mother, Jenovee Miller; children, Holly Cromer Ireland and Heather Cromer Blevins; siblings, Charlotte Paitsel, Ronnie Miller, Jimmy Miller, and Dewey Cook; and grandchildren, Katelyn Bishop and Emma Blevins.

We want to thank Salem Richfield Independent Living, Skilled Nursing, and Assisted Living for being a loving and supporting family to us. We will miss you "BoBo".

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Gospel Baptist Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey.com.

Sexton, Jerry

On Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, Jerry Sexton, age 74, of Chattanooga, TN, passed to be with his Lord in Heaven.

Jerry was diagnosed with ALS in 2020.

He was raised in a construction family in Salem, Virginia and earned his degree in Building Construction from Virginia Tech in 1974. Jerry founded Sexton Construction Corporation in Chattanooga in 1986. His passion was his 35 years of work with his construction company. Jerry's honesty with his subcontractors' bids and dealing with their contracts was very important to him. He thrived on implementing his company slogan Building with Integrity with his building owner client. Jerry's significant work ethic was a natural with him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy Ingram Sexton and Ernest A. Sexton. Survivors include his brother,



Steve Sexton; two sisters, Pamela Bastable and Rebecca Green; sister-in-law, Marcia Sexton; brothers-in-law, Neal Bastable and Allen Green; seven nephews and nieces, Brendan Bastable, Suzanne Blackstock, Ginna Ezernack, Cory Duncan, Whitney Morris, Scott Sexton, and Sarah Miller. Jerry donated his body to Emory Hospital in Atlanta to their ALS

Research Program.

His interment service will be held at Sherwood Memorial Park on Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. in Salem, Virginia.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Council Fire Club at the Pavilion in Chattanooga on Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 2-4 p.m.

Visit the online obituary www.heritagechattanooga.com to post tributes and share memories.

Arrangements by Heritage Funeral Home, East Brainerd Chapel.

Recount

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ing after Council meeting, Saunders and Foley said they believe future candidates will not be able to win without a party backing.

A total of 12,891 people voted in the Nov. 8 election that included Council and U.S. House candidates. The number of voters was the largest casting ballots since 2000, when there were 14,658.

That year, five candidates ran for three seats.

Salem Registrar Dana Oliver said the Salem Electoral Board completed canvassing the Nov. 8 votes just after noon on Nov. 14.

Holliday was in the audience at Monday night's Council meeting, as he was for the firsts meeting in November.

This is the first time Sa-

lem City Council elections have been held in November as part of the general election. Before this, they were in May, with members being sworn in before the July meeting.

Saunders and Foley's current terms run through Dec. 31.

Salem City Council elections were moved after a change in state election procedures.

JDRF

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The award is named for Erwin Lurie, who helped found JDRF in 1970 with his wife. It is presented annually to a chapter volunteer.

"Sally is an all-around T1D champion, from welcoming new members into the community to sharing her knowledge and raising funds to accelerate life-changing research," said Jaclyn Toll, executive director of the JDRF Mid Atlantic Chapter. "We thank Sally for her longstanding commitment to our mission and congratulate her on this well-deserved award."

Southard was selected out of 29 nominees. "I got chills and started crying. To be honored out of the volunteers in the whole country...there's so many people who spend countless hours. To be chosen out of all those people was just amazing. I'm still kind of in shock," she said. "I'm totally honored and definitely humbled by it."

Southard has been living with type 1 diabetes for more than 57 years.

"JDRF is near and dear to my heart because I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when I was 10," Southard said. "It's such an overwhelming disease. It changes your life in a millisecond. It's a lot to learn about what works and what doesn't work, what to do and what not to do. It's a disease that there's never a vacation from it. It's 24/7. You're always thinking about: What

am I eating? How much insulin do I take? How's my blood sugar? Is it high? Is it low?"

Southard noted that she has observed significant advancements in the research into type 1 diabetes throughout her lifetime.

Southard explained that a JDRF chapter was started in Roanoke in the early 1980s around the same time she started work as a pediatric nurse. She got involved in the chapter. Walks were started, then later galas were held.

"The mission of JDRF is to raise money and awareness to find the cure for type 1 diabetes," Southard explained.

Southard's affiliation with the organization includes previously serving as a JDRF T1D Voices Council member and Greater Blue Ridge Chapter president and board member. She currently serves as the Virginia mission board chair and as a research information volunteer, as well as in an active member role for both the

Mid-Atlantic Chapter's Community Board of Directors and Executive Council.

"It is an honor to present this award to long-time JDRF volunteer leader Sally Southard," said Aaron Kowalski, JDRF CEO. "Sally has selflessly dedicated time and passion to elevating the JDRF mission, and we are grateful for her continued support."

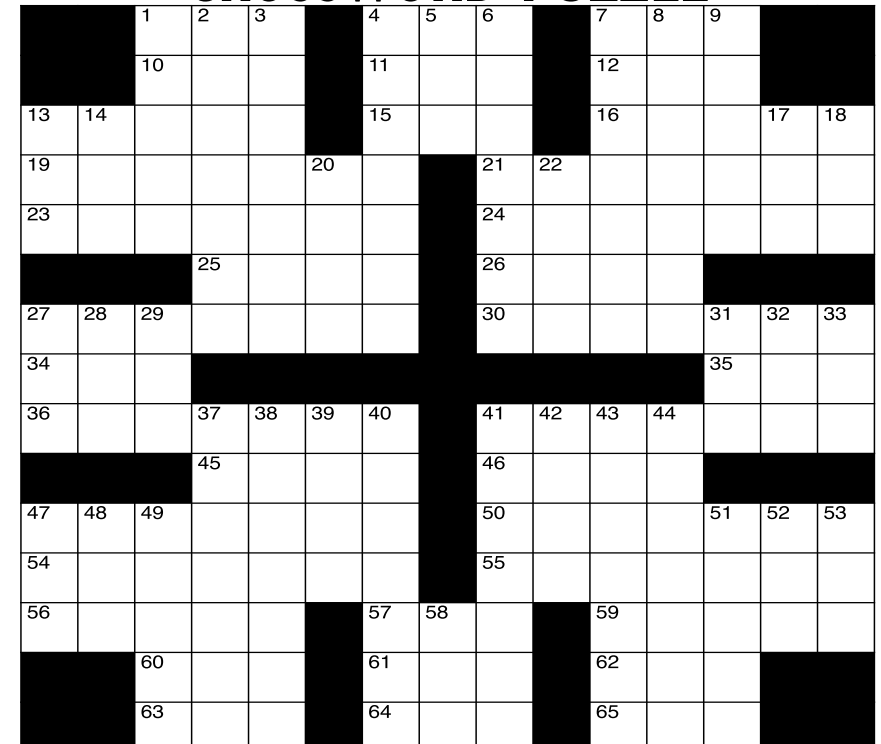
Southard has been in the Salem area since she attended Roanoke College. She graduated in 1977. She and her husband raised their family in Salem. She previously served on the Salem School Board.

Professionally, she worked as a pediatric nurse practitioner for Carilion Clinic for 38 years. She retired three years ago.

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- Single Lens Reflex
 - People of southern Benin
 - One who is learned (abbr.)
 - Neckwear
 - Solid water
 - A way to work the soil
 - Inspiring
 - Pick up
 - It wakes you up
 - Parcel
 - Popular dog breed
 - Lets out a sigh
 - Embedded into the surface
 - Hard liquors
 - One from Scotland
 - Satisfy
 - Used to introduce a contrasting statement
 - Antidepressant drug type (abbr.)
- CLUES DOWN**
- Similar
 - Winged horse
 - Soft drink maker
 - One who doesn't live up to expectations
 - Nursemaid
 - Inheritor
 - Hot, often dusty wind
 - Serves as an introduction
 - Earned top billing
 - Mansion
 - A partner to a carrot
 - War-horse
 - Midway between northeast and east
 - It checks the heartbeat
 - Aquatic salamander
 - CNN's founder
 - Being precisely suitable and right
 - Strongly alkaline solution
- CLUES DOWN**
- Pinochle trick
 - A system of connections
 - Emblems of royalty
 - Work with a soft hand
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 - Lacking intellectual depth
 - A way to order
 - Intoxicating
 - Mimic
 - Surfers use it
 - Small Eurasian deer
 - Popular Miller beer
 - Finds out about
 - Unusual
 - Small European viper
 - Indicates before
 - Birth swine
 - Letter of the Greek
- ALPHABET**
- Edible mollusk
 - Stitched up
 - Utilized
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Christmas Events

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Busy week coming up for RC winter sports teams

This will be a big week for Roanoke College sports as the Maroons soon head into Christmas break. Both the men and women had basketball games Wednesday, with the men hosting Bridgewater and the women at Ferrum.

On Saturday the men, who came into the week at 3-1, will play an Old Dominion Athletic Conference game at Randolph College in Lynchburg at 4:30 pm. Also that day the RC wrestling team will compete in the Blue Jay Invitational at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, PA and the Roanoke College swim team has a meet at the Salem YMCA.

Next Wednesday, December 7, you won't be surprised to learn RC has two basketball games. The women are home to host Averett at 7 pm and the men have a big game at Washington & Lee. A night later, on December 8, the wrestling team will host Shenandoah and next weekend, December 9 & 10, the Roanoke track team will host the Cregger Invitational at the Kerr-Cregger Indoor track in Salem.

Glenvar Middle girls pick up first victory

The Glenvar Middle School girls picked up their first basketball win last week when beat Floyd County, 37-15, at the GMS gym.

Ryan Jones scored 17 points to lead the Highlanders. Zella Haynes and Kinley Phillips added six points each while Audrey Moles and Rebecca Magruder added four each. Ryleigh Dickerson and Scarlet McCall played solid defense for the Highlanders.

The boys game with Floyd was rescheduled due to sickness. The boys last played on November 21 when the took a 35-28 win over Christiansburg. JD Williamson led the Highlanders with 12 points and five steals, Levi King had eight rebounds and five steals and Evan Harris had seven boards and three blocked shots.

Both teams were scheduled to play at Carroll County on Wednesday followed by a girls-boys doubleheader at Central Academy in Botetourt County today.



Kat Gibson of Andrew Lewis Middle School (white uniform) goes to the floor to battle for the ball.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Wolverine hoopsters split with Pulaski

The Andrew Lewis Middle School basketball teams split games with Pulaski on Monday as the kids returned from Thanksgiving break.

Both games were at home and the boys opened with a 31-24 win. Tanner Overstreet hit two threes and scored six points to help the Wolverines grab an early lead. Kysheed Arrington led the team with four steals and Ethan Millard played solid defense for Lewis.

"The overall team defense stifled Pulaski in the

third period and we were able to hold on to the lead," said coach DeWayne Harrell as the team improved to 6-2.

The girls followed and lost for the first time, falling 31-28 as they dropped to 7-1. Kate Gibson led Lewis with 10 points, including eight in the first quarter before she ran into foul trouble.

The Wolverines were back in action Tuesday against Ben Franklin and today the boys are at Read Mountain.

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answered with a 14 yard TD pass to Pennix with 1:10 on the clock to tie the game, then Pierce kicked a 36 yard field goal on the last play of the half and Glenvar went into the locker room with a 20-17 lead.

Glenvar got the ball first to start the second half and Pierce kicked his third field goal, this time from 36 yards out, to increase Glenvar's lead to 23-17. Pennix then scored two minutes later on a 22 yard run and Appomattox was back on top at 24-23 with 8:33 still to go in the quarter. Pierce's fourth field, from 22 yards away, swung the lead back to the Highlanders at 26-24 and that's how it stood after three quarters.

Appomattox put together a good drive early in the fourth quarter but were faced with a fourth and one at the Glenvar eight yard line. A "rugby-like scrum" ensued and the Raiders were able to push the pile just enough for a first down, followed by a seven yard TD run by Pennix. That put Appomattox back on top at 31-26 with 9:35 to go in a totally entertaining ballgame.

Not to be denied, Glenvar fired right back. The Highlanders drove to the 14 where Dawyot hit Gabe Ford with a TD pass, and then found Ford again for a two-point conversion to give Glenvar a 34-31 lead with 7:02 to go.

The eighth and final lead change came with just under four minutes remaining. Pennix scored his fifth touchdown of the game on a three yard run and the extra point was a big one, giving the Raiders a four point lead at 38-34 and eliminating a possible game-tying field goal.

Still, the Highlanders would have three more chances. They drove into Raider territory where Ford fumbled on the 32 after catching a pass from Dawyot. He was trying to pick up extra yards when the ball popped loose and Appomattox recovered with 1:31 on the clock.

"Gabe was trying to pick up yards and they stripped it," said Clifford. "It was a good effort by them."

Glenvar was able to force a three and out, and by using their timeouts there was still just under a minute remaining when Appomattox was forced to punt. Swanson fielded the punt, broke a tackle as he headed to his right, then raced down the sideline in front of the Glenvar bench for what appeared to be a stunning, game-winning 75 yard touchdown. However, a flag was thrown behind the play and Glenvar was called for a block in the back, negating the score.

"It was an iffy call," said a distraught Clifford. "It was a ticky-tack hit to the shoulder that had no effect on the play. But we still had the ball."



Glenvar placekicker Tyler Pierce watches one of his four field goals sail through the uprights in last Friday's Region 2C championship game. Eli Taylor (#8) is the holder.

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Glenvar's final hope for a miracle wasn't answered. They moved to the Raider 29 with 17 seconds on the clock but on third and 10 Dawyot scrambled away from pressure and tried to make something happen. Pennix, of all people, intercepted his pass on the sideline and ran out the clock, setting off a wild celebration on the Appomattox side and despair among the green and gold.

Dawyot finished 19 for 30 passing for 203 yards and he ran for 54 yards on 16 carries. Gibson had 102 yards rushing on 15 tries and Elijah Carter had 32 yards on six carries.

Swanson had six receptions for 76 yards while Ford caught five

balls for 58. Hutchison had five catches for 45 yards and Nick Woodson had three for 48.

On defense Ben Holiday led with 12 tackles. Jack Camper had 11, Nate Johnson had seven and Carter had six, and both Johnson and Carter had sacks.

The big stat of the game was Pennix, who rushed for 191 yards and four touchdowns in addition to catching a touchdown pass and sealing the game with an interception. He had missed games with an injury during the season but looked healthy Friday night.

"They were able to put him in one-on-one situations and we couldn't stop him,

that's why he's going to Tech," said Clifford. "If he wasn't healthy against us we would have won by two touchdowns."

With the loss Glenvar ended the season at 9-4. After losing their first two games they won nine of the next 10 despite battling a rash of injuries for much of the season. It was the 12th straight playoff appearance for the Highlanders but for the last six years the Raiders have been a thorn in their side.

"If they weren't in our region we would have won the region five or six times," said Clifford. "But I'm proud of the way our kids fought and there's only six teams in the state that go away happy."

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the ball off his own man and Salem's Jay'on Green grabbed the pig out of the air and raced 17 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was no good but Salem cut the lead to 21-13 with 11:51 still to go.

Once more, the Hilltoppers answered. It was White to Gilbert again, this time for a 59 yard TD hookup, and Glass had a 28-13 lead with 9:04 to go. Jonathan Vernon returned the kickoff to midfield but Glass intercepted a pass in the red zone to deny the Spartans and kill time off the clock.

Salem held on the ensuing drive and got the ball back on a punt with just over six minutes to go. At that point Peyton Lewis thrilled the Salem faithful by busting up the gut on a counter play, and once he got past the second wave he was gone for a 76 yard touchdown run. DaRon Wilson ran in for a two-point extra and the Spartans were back in business at 28-21 with 5:57 still to go.

The Hilltoppers attempted to kill the clock, but Salem forced a fourth and five situation on the SHS 46 with about two minutes remaining. However, the Spartans jumped offsidies on fourth down, giving Glass a gift first down and that was pretty much the ballgame. Salem then had Glass in a fourth and one but Thomas broke free up the middle on fourth down and the Toppers punched in a meaningless TD in the final seconds to put it away. The offsidies was the killer.

"I sure would have liked to see what we could do if we had the ball one more time," said Holter. "We'd been really good in our two minute offense all year long and we would've had 2:18 on the clock with all three timeouts remaining."

Lewis finished with 139 yards rushing on 13 carries to lead the Spartans. Jones had 43 yards on 12 attempts. Wilson was five for 13 passing for 36 yards. Josiah Moyer had two catches for 20 stripes, Vernon had two for 17 and Jones had one catch.

On defense, Isaiah Barlow led Salem with 15



Spartan defenders gang tackle an E.C. Glass runner in last Saturday's game.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

tackles. Ryan Coe had 13 while Green and Chris Martin had 10 each. Glass had no turnovers.

With the loss Salem ended the season at 10-3. The Spartans were defeated in six home games and 4-3 on the road with losses at Martinsburg, WV, Patrick Henry and Glass. Wilson and tackle Andrew Lutes were three

year starters for Salem and they finished their high school careers with a 34-5 record in those years along with a state championship and two region championships.

"A lot of people would like to have 10 wins in a season," said Holter. "You hate to see it end but I'm extremely proud of this year's accomplishments."



Lots of Winners this week

We have lots of stuff to give away this week since I didn't have time to correct the contests prior to our "early deadlines" for Thanksgiving.

For the contest from two weeks ago, which ran in the November 17 issue, our winner is Pam "The Little General" Cassell. We had several folks who missed just two games that week but she was closest to the point total of 54 by Salem over Western Albemarle. And even that was close, as Warren Goin only missed two but had 51 for high points while the Little General guessed 56. So, Pam gets the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and the Blizzard from Dairy Queen.

For our "19th Hole" that week I asked what you had to be thankful for, and I got a lot of answers with family themes and good health. That's all great but it's hard to pick one out of that crowd so I went with Darin Creger who said he's thankful basketball season is here because the UVA and Tech football teams weren't very good. He'll get a free day of golf at the Academy Street course in Salem for that answer.

Last week's contest was a tough one. Everyone got credit for the Tech-UVA game since it was cancelled after the paper was printed and I forgot the Dallas-Giants game was played on Thanksgiving, so if you played your cards right that was another one you should have gotten correct. However, the other 13 games were tough and our winner, Richard Miller, was the only person to miss as few as five.

The high school games were especially tough last week as Salem, Glenvar and Lord Botetourt all lost. If you pick those three every week you usually do pretty well, but all three lost regional finals and many contestants missed all three, or at least two, of those games. Miller missed the LB loss but was good enough on the others to claim the gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and the Blizzard from Dairy Queen.

For our "19th Hole" last week I asked you to pick the score of the Salem game, and the final was 35-21 after Glass decided to punch one more in when all they needed to do was kneel down and run out the clock. Three folks tied for closest, all picking Glass and being seven total points off the actual score. Wayne Sowers had Glass winning 31-24, Gary Massengill had the Hilltoppers at 28-21 and our friend the Little General had it 35-28 Glass. So, we'll give all three of them a free day of golf.

For this week's "19th Hole" give me your prediction on the Class 3 state semifinal, as Christiansburg plays at Heritage Saturday. You have former Glenvar assistant Alex Wilkins coaching C'burg and former Salem High receiver Brad Bradley calling the shots at Heritage. It should be a good one, put your prediction in the space provided and the closest to the actual score gets a free round of golf at the Salem Municipal course.

—Brian Hoffman



NCAA D-III soccer championships are at Kerr Stadium this weekend

Kerr Stadium at Roanoke College will be the site of the NCAA Division III soccer championships for both men and women this week. Games are scheduled for Thursday through Sunday at the Salem facility.

Action begins today, Thursday, with two men's semifinals. At 1 pm the University of Chicago(20-0-1) will meet Stevens, who comes in at 19-0-3. Then, at 4 pm today, 14-4-3 Mary Washington will take on a Williams College team that has tied 11 games this year but only lost once. The Purple Cows came into the tournament with a 6-1-10 record but have won four straight tight games, including a 2-1 two overtime win over NYU, a win on penalty kicks over Messiah after going scoreless through regulation and two OTS, and a pair of 1-0 wins over Ohio Northern

and Kenyon.

On Friday the women take the pitch for their semifinals. The 1 pm game features 21-0-1 Johns Hopkins against 20-1-3 Messiah. The Blue Jays have given up just one goal in the tournament and Messiah has not allowed a goal except for penalty kicks after a scoreless tie in their quarterfinal win over Washington University. The 4 pm game on Friday matches 19-0-1 Case Western Reserve(CWRU) against Virginia Wesleyan of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. The Marlins are 18-2-4 after winning their quarterfinal on penalty kicks over Christopher-Newport after playing to a scoreless tie.

Both championship games will be played at noon, with the men on Saturday and the women on Sunday.

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never forget.
 “Mason Rudoph (Steelers quarterback) came over to talk to us and presented Megan with two tickets to the Super Bowl,” said Jim. “It included flight, hotel and tickets, a total surprise.”
 Megan will need the flight, because between now and February she’s moving from San Diego to Virginia Beach. That’s fine with Jim and Carol as now they’ll be a lot closer to their daughter-in-law and grandson. The Buriaks also have a daughter, Laura, who was married just this month in Savannah, GA.

While Jim has seen many football games at Acrisure Stadium, formerly Heinz Field, the game on November 20 was the first time Megan had ever been to a live game.

“Her high school didn’t have a football team and she’d never been to a live game before,” said Jim. “She watched games on TV but never live. Her first live game of any kind was a Steelers game and her second is going to be the Super Bowl!!”

The only thing that could have made the day better was if Jimmy had been with them and the Steelers had won the game. Cincinnati won a shootout, 37-30, on a cold and windy day in Pittsburgh.

“They lost but it was a good game,” said Jim. “We sat in the field box and that kept us warm, but watching a game from inside is so different. I like to be out there where you can hear the sounds and feel the air. That’s football.”

Megan never sat through a game in the cold and that won’t be the case for her second game, either, as it’s likely to be nice in Arizona in February. She won’t need her Pittsburgh hat, scarf, hoodie or whatever that she received over the years living with a family of Steelers fans.

CLIFFORD ENDS UVA CAREER

Instead of suiting up for the big Virginia Tech game last Saturday Glenvar High graduate Josh Clifford was at a funeral in Florida. It was the saddest possible way to end his college football career at the University of Virginia.

Josh was a standout wide receiver and defensive back for Glenvar while playing for his father, Kevin Clifford, and has been a member of the Cavalier football program for the past five years. He didn’t appear in a game his first two seasons but in 2020 he appeared in four games and in ’21 he got on the field in two, earning a scholarship after starting his college career as a preferred walk-on. This year, under a new coach, he was starting to see some real playing time when the season was suddenly stopped due to the shooting on campus that took the lives of three of his teammates. You know about it by now, there’s no use going into details.

Kevin and wife Dede were planning to be on the field for “Senior Day” the week of the shooting for the game with Coastal Carolina that was cancelled. The Tech game, a week later, was up in the air but when funerals for two of the deceased players were scheduled for last weekend there was no reason to play the game, nor should there be.

Kevin and Dede were able to attend most of Josh’s games during his college career despite Friday night Highlander games just about every week of the fall season. It’s sad the games Josh will likely remember most are the ones he didn’t get to play in, and that goes for everyone on the UVA team as they struggle to deal with this senseless tragedy.

When something like this happens it really hits home that football is just a game.



JOSH CLIFFORD

Glenvar teams play for "bragging rights" when they take on neighboring Salem Monday

The Glenvar Highlanders are looking for bragging rights in the 24153 area code when they take on neighboring Salem in basketball next Monday. The Highlanders and Spartans will go head to head in girls’ basketball at Salem High and boys’ basketball at GHS.

Both Glenvar teams will open the season on Friday against Hidden Valley opponents, with the girls at Hidden Valley and the boys’ at home. The Glenvar boys’ team has just added players off the football team after the Highlanders fell in the region final last Friday.

The boys return five seniors and four played football, Gabe Ford, Ty Bolling, Elijah Carter and Avone Noel along with Lawson Simmons.

“Several of these guys started games or played good minutes for us last year,” said second year head coach Cliff Bordewisch. “We’ll be relying on them to lead the younger players.”

Junior Red Hutchison and freshman Brody Dawyot also played football and sophomore Aidan Hylton looks to contribute.

“The infusion of the younger players will be huge for us,” said Bordewisch. “Dawyot is a talented young man who will be ready to contribute day one.”

Glenvar had been practicing with two varsity players and five jayvees while the football season continued, and with just a week between seasons the Highlanders look to improve as the season progresses.

“My coaching goals in year two will be to continue to improve as a coach, staff and continue to build the culture of the program,” said Bordewisch. “The success of our team will ultimately be measured by how much we grow and improve as a team, but we definitely want to put ourselves in a position to advance in the postseason this year.”

The girls will be led by returning leading scorer Rhyann Harris, a senior. She’s a tremendous all-around athlete who has committed to Emory & Henry to play basketball in college.

Other returnees are McKenzie Harris and Kaelon Thompson. Also seeing time will be Jamie Forster, Atalee Strausbaugh, Leah McHahan and Zamiya Johnson.

“Our goal is to improve week to week and game by game and to be playing at Roanoke College for the Region Finals,” said coach Jeff Johnson.

Spartan hoop teams open season with wins

The Salem High basketball season got off to a good start as both the girls’ and boys’ teams won opening day games on Monday. The girls beat Brookville in Salem, 63-29, and the boys won at Staunton River, 51-40.

The girls jumped off to a 14-6 lead after one quarter and were up 20 before the half. Freshman Emme Custer led Salem in scoring with 14 points while

senior My’la Green had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Ashlyn Adkins had 11 points, senior Maddie Smith had six points and nine rebounds and freshman Gabby Crawley dished out five assists.

“It was good to come out and get a win in our first game,” said Salem coach Scott Jester. “We were very balanced in our scoring and we feel good about our chances any time we can break the 60 point mark. Looking forward to building on this game as we move forward.”

The girls have four seniors, Green, Smith, Summer Bayne and Zoe Robtison, who returns to the floor after missing her junior season with a knee injury. Jester has no juniors on the team but Adkins, Elizabeth Smith and Charli Wynn are sophomores and three freshmen made the varsity, Custer, Crawley and Bailey Rider.

“We want to embrace the process of working to get better every day,” said Custer. “Play hard and unselfishly and compete for the district and regional championships.”

The Salem boys opened in Moneta with just one senior on the team, guard Clayton Davidson. Coach Kevin Garst has seven juniors, including Grant Clemens who led Salem in scoring Monday with 14 points while handing out four assists. Sophomore Bryce Carver had 12 points on five for eight shooting from the floor and another sophomore, LaMarius Foxx, had 10 points while leading the team with seven rebounds.

Other juniors on the team include Josiah Moyer, Ryan Coe, LJ Scales, Lucas Yerton, Alden Wynn and Chris White. Joining Carver and Foxx from the sophomore class are Jayden Johnson, Kam Brown and Marvin Fields and freshmen who made the varsity are Cam Boles and Elijah Paddyfote.

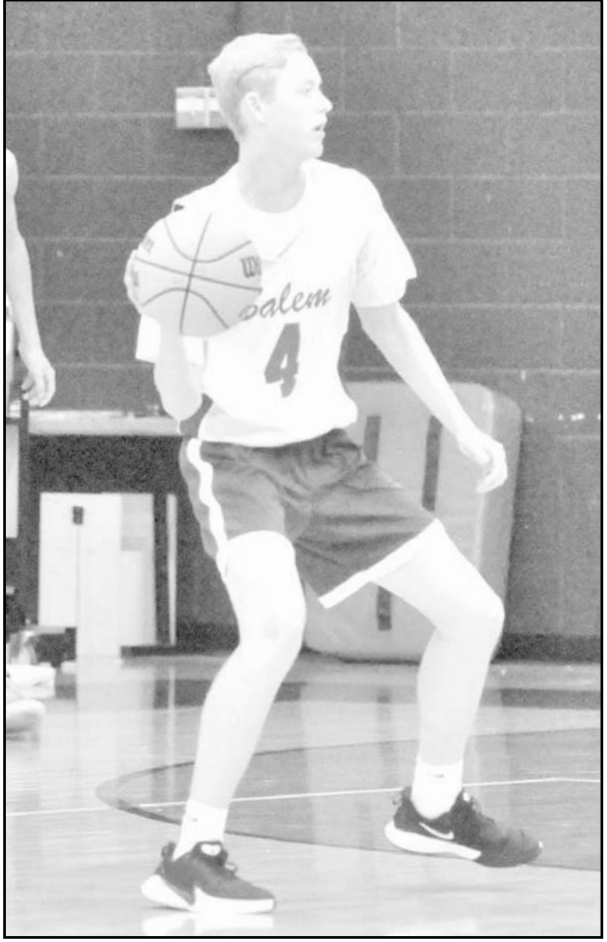
“We want to play hard every single time we step on the floor,” said Garst. “We’re looking for continuous improvement and we hope to reach our ceiling as a group.”

The boys were at Liberty Wednesday, they go to Northside Friday and next Monday, December 5, they’re at Glenvar. The girls are home for their next two games with Northside Friday and Glenvar Monday.



Above, Salem's Gabby Crawley (head band) ties up a Pulaski girl in Monday night's season opening win at Salem High. Left, Madison Smith scores a bucket for the Spartans.

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Salem's Clayton Davidson looks to pass in last week's scrimmage with Lord Botetourt. Davidson is the only senior on this year's Spartan team.

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Good turnout for Salem, Glenvar wrestling teams

The Glenvar and Salem wrestlers will be back on the mats this week as the winter season begins. Both were scheduled to wrestle in a quad-match at Pulaski County on Wednesday and both are in tournaments this weekend.

Salem will be in the annual season-opening “River Rumble” tournament at Staunton River High School. Coach Lawrence Van Liew had 28 in the room before football was over with hopes to add more. Seniors include Thomas Miles, Taylan Herndon, Ty Porter, Elvin Ramos, Dakota McLaughlin, Caden Thomas, Haden Smith, Brandon Conklin and Cooper Purl.

“This team is a great mix of experience and first year wrestlers,” said Van Liew. “They compliment each other well in the room, pushing each other to new levels.”

Salem sent 11 athletes to the state tournament last

year and Van Liew hopes to equal or better that.

“We have nine seniors this year and eight or nine will start,” he said. “We have five athletes who have qualified for states in the past and two sophomores who qualified as freshmen. We have a very tough start to the year but we will know where we stand in the state after the first week.”

After taking on Salem, Pulaski and Rural Retreat on Wednesday in the quad in Dublin the Glenvar wrestlers will be in the Parry McCluer tournament this weekend in Dublin. The Highlanders hope to continue the success they’ve had under coach Jason Cline with some experienced wrestlers returning.

“Our roster has an even mix of fresh faces and seasoned veterans,” said Cline. “We return 10 wrestlers from last season's team, including five former State place-winners. With over 20 kids on the roster this year it's one of the larger Glenvar teams we've

had in a while.”

Jake Cline, a former state champion, is moving up to 157 this year. He’s added muscle after wrestling at 132 last year. Other returnees include Alan Vu at 106 or 113, Mason Hylton at 120, River Smith at 125, Trey Lawrence at 144 or 150, Ethan Flowers at 175 and Wesley Heltzel at 190.

“I like the experience, depth and leadership we have from our returning upperclassmen on this year's team,” said Cline. “That group of kids has really put in a lot of effort in the off season and we hope to see those results on the mat this winter.”

“This season we also have a solid group of freshmen coming out for the team. These kids are young, but very athletic, and several of them have been wrestling for years so they're looking to make a splash. I'm excited to see them all grow and improve over the course of the season.”

Salem's Rotanz selected for Virginia Sports Hall of Fame

When he got the call, the last thing Salem's Bob Rotanz expected was that he was being inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

"I saw that 757 area code come up and I'd been getting all these calls from a non-profit organization so I didn't answer and decided I'd call back later," said Rotanz. "Then when I called back and found out it was from the Hall of Fame I figured they wanted me to buy an ad for the program. Then he told me I was in it. I never saw that coming."

He should have. Rotanz was one of the top lacrosse players ever in Virginia and a great contributor to the game after graduation. His record speaks for itself.

Rotanz is one of two players in the rich history of the Roanoke's men's lacrosse team to earn National Player of the Year honors. Several have earned an individual position award, but Rotanz's Player of the Year honor in 1978 remained the only such award in team history until Chris Keating's honor in 2006. Bob was also captain of the 1978 South Squad in the North/South All-Star Game.

Although his skill was best displayed on the defensive end of the field, Rotanz may be best remembered in Roanoke history as the player who scored the game-winning goal in the 1978 national championship contest. Rotanz, who is still a big supporter of the Maroon program, was a three-time All-American during his time in a Maroon uniform. He was the 1978 Paul Griffin and RC Male Athlete of the Year award winner. For his efforts on the field, Rotanz had his jersey retired.

"I'm very honored," he said. "I think there's 25 people on the committee and I was told there's only two lacrosse players in the Virginia Hall of Fame, one male and one female. I'm thrilled over this."

The induction for the Class of 2023 will be held April 21-22, 2023 in Virginia Beach. There will be a welcome reception on Friday, a breakfast on Saturday with a meet and greet and an autograph session for the new inductees. That drew a smile from Bob when he heard that.

"NFL and Major League baseball players are going into the Hall of Fame with me," said Rotanz with a chuckle. Bob indicated he'd be happy to sign any autographs at his restaurant, Mac & Bob's in Salem, for people who don't want to stand in a long line on induction weekend.

The VIP Reception and Induction Ceremony is scheduled for the Westin Hotel at 5:30 pm on Saturday, April 22. Since its first induction class in 1972, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame has carried the torch as the official state Hall of Fame for Virginia. It has served its mission of honoring athletic excellence in the Commonwealth through the induction of 345 deserving athletes, coaches, and contributors from all corners of Virginia.

Rotanz is one of nine members of the Class of '23. Others being inducted include DeAngelo Hall (VT-Football), Jimmy Laycock (W&M-Football Coach), Francena McCorory (Hampton-Track), Joe Montgomery (W&M-Distinguished Virginian Award), Shawn Moore (UVA-Football), Jerry Ratcliffe (Sports Columnist), Shelia Trice-Myers (CNU-Track) and Ryan Zimmerman (UVA - Baseball).

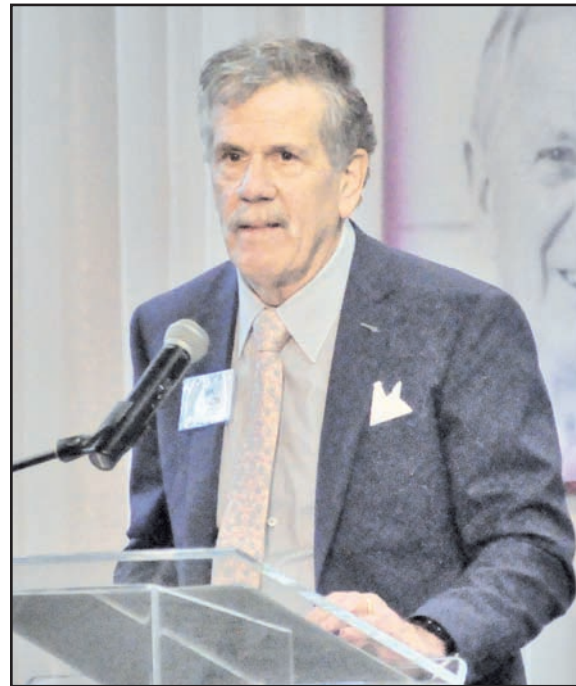
"When they told me the people I was going in with I was floored," said Rotanz.

Bob's old teammate, the late John Pirro, was recently inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame and it was somewhat of a reunion for those great Maroon teams of the late '70s. Bob expects his induction will be another reason for the old gang to have a fun weekend.

"Our group loves to get together and this will be a chance for the guys to see each other," he said.

It's been a big year for the Rotanz family. Bob received the Roanoke College Medal in the spring and he and wife Wendy had three grandchildren come into the world, twin girls from daughter Ryan and a girl from daughter Katie.

"It will be a very special time for me," he said. "but the best part was calling my girls(three daughters) to tell them about it."



Above, Bob Rotanz (#7) of Roanoke College covers a Hobart attackman in the 1978 NCAA championship game, won by the Maroons. Left, Bob speaks after receiving the prestigious Roanoke College medal in the spring of this year at the Cregger Center.

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Three Salem men will play for new pro Box Lacrosse team

When the new "Salem Mayhem" box lacrosse team debuts on December 30 at least three of the players will be familiar to local lax fans. Former Salem High teammates and Old Dominion Athletic Conference players Joey Dishaw, Chad Fisher and Josh Davis are all on the roster for Salem's newest professional team.

The Mayhem is one of nine teams in the Professional Box Lacrosse Association(PBLA) debut season. Also in the league are three teams located in New York state, the Elmira Renegades, Syracuse Spark and Binghamton Bombers. The Jim Thorpe All-Americans are in Pennsylvania, the Trenton Terror are in New Jersey, Hampton, VA is home to the Hammerheads, Charlotte, NC has the Bootleggers and the New England Chowderheads will split time between Manchester, New Hampshire and Springfield, Massachusetts.

"As an organization, we are absolutely thrilled about having a team in Salem," said PBLA commissioner Steve Donner. "Both the city and the community itself have a long history with the sport of lacrosse, and we know that the PBLA will help add to that illustrious tradition by bringing America's fastest growing, and most exciting professional sport to the city of Salem"

Box Lacrosse is a mix between regular lacrosse and ice hockey. The dimensions of the playing surface are the same as hockey but the game is played on artificial turf. There are boards surrounding the playing surface, like hockey, and each team will field six players at a time, a goalie with two defensemen and three forwards.

"Every seat is going to be a good seat for this fast-paced action!" said Wendy Delano, Salem's Director of Civic Facilities. "The Indoor lacrosse set-up will be a perfect fit in our facility and it will be exciting to see the Salem Civic Center look somewhat like it did in the old pro hockey days with the dasher boards, protective panels, and fast-paced action."

The Salem Mayhem roster features elite athletes

under the guidance of Coach Lindsay Sanderson. He is the former general manager and head coach of the Philadelphia Wings, and he is a member of both the Ontario and Canadian Lacrosse Halls of Fame.

A player draft was held to stock the team and Kyle Leeming, a goalie from Virginia Wesleyan, was the Mayhem's first round pick. There was also a tryout

camp in Raleigh to fill out a roster of about 20 players and three men with local ties were selected from about 60 who tried out. Dishaw and Fisher both played for Salem High and Roanoke College while Davis played for Salem and Virginia Wesleyan. All three were teammates on the Spartan team for three years, as Dishaw is one year older than the other two.

I got a call from coach Sanderson and he asked me if I knew of anyone else in the area and I told him I knew some guys for sure."

Fisher had just moved back to Salem after spending four years in Montana. Chad has been an ice hockey player since he was a kid and he feels that will be a big benefit with the Mayhem.

"I've played ice hockey all my life and the size of the playing surface and the boards are the same," he said. "Box lacrosse originated in Canada, and it's a lot like hockey."

The game is more physical than lacrosse played outside, and Dishaw found that out in a hurry at the tryouts.

"Cross checking is legal," he said. "I wasn't expecting that and I got hit pretty good, but you also have more padding in box lacrosse. You have pads to protect your kidneys and ribs and I never wore pads like that in high school or college."

The Mayhem will be back in Raleigh for a training camp this weekend, and they'll practice in Salem on the 17th and 18th before the season opener against Hampton at 7 pm on Friday, December 30. The Mayhem will play seven home games through April 1 as well as seven road games. The local players will receive \$500 per game along with travel and equipment expenses.

Dishaw, Fisher and Davis will wear the same numbers they had at Salem High and in college. Dishaw will be number five, Davis is 19 and Fisher will be 20.

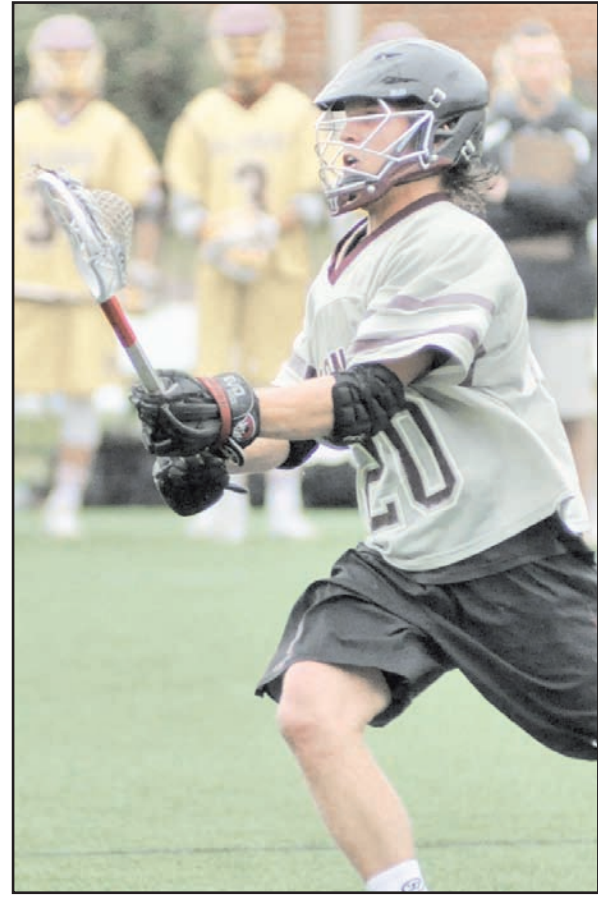
"They asked us what number we wanted and we all picked our same numbers," said Fisher. "I never played box lacrosse before but I think it's going to be a lot of fun."

Tickets for Salem Mayhem games will go on sale November 23 at 10 a.m. Single Game Tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25. Season Tickets are \$99 and \$149. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online at www.ticketmaster.com.



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"I was on line one day and saw this advertisement about a new league," said Davis. "Then I saw there was going to be a team in Salem so I decided to try



Left to right, former Salem High lacrosse standouts Josh Davis, Joey Dishaw and Chad Fisher will play for the new Salem Mayhem Box Lacrosse team that opens play December 30 at the Salem Civic Center. Dishaw and Fisher also played for Roanoke College while Davis played for Virginia Wesleyan.

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Glass shatters Salem's hopes for a state football championship

The Salem High football team saw their season come to an end in the Region 4D championship game last Saturday in Lynchburg. Host E.C. Glass, the top seed in the region, beat the Spartans 35-21 in a game that went down to the final minutes.

"Our kids played hard but we made some critical errors and that cost us," said Salem High coach Don Holter. "It was very disappointing but I'm proud of our kids."

Salem never led in the game. After a scoreless first quarter the Hilltoppers drew first blood when they stopped Salem on a fourth and two on the Glass 36. The Toppers then drove the field and scored on a five yard run by Mike Thomas. The extra point was missed but Glass had a 6-0 lead with 6:24 left in the half.

Glass held again on fourth down on Salem's ensuing possession, this time when the Spartans failed to complete a pass from punt formation at midfield on fourth and seven. The Toppers punched it in with 42 seconds remaining in the half and were successful on a two-point conversion for a 14-0 halftime lead.

Salem came firing back in the second half. The Spartans took the kickoff and drove to paydirt in just two minutes and 50 seconds with Jayveon Jones scoring on a three yard run. Wesley Cross' extra point made it 14-7 and had the visiting crowd excited.

Glass made it a two score game again at the 5:34 mark of the third period. This time quarterback George White hit Vari Gilbert with a 46 yard TD pass for a 21-7 lead.

Salem got a break early in the fourth period. After forcing Glass to try a punt on their own side of the field the Spartans got good pressure up the middle and pushed the up-back toward the punter. He kicked

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Salem's Peyton Lewis breaks through the line and leaves Hilltoppers in his dust for a 76 yard TD run in Saturday's Region 4D football championship game in Lynchburg.

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Highlanders surrender to Appomattox once again



Glenvar's Jackson Swanson looks around and sees no one close as he completes a 90 yard kickoff return for a touchdown in last Friday's Region 2C championship.

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The Glenvar High football season ended once again with a loss to Appomattox, and this one's going to linger. The visiting Raiders took a 38-34 win at Highlander Stadium last Friday in a game that could have gone either way.

It could have gone either way, but for the sixth year in a row it went in favor of Appomattox. Friday's game marked the sixth straight year the Raiders have ended Glenvar's season, including three times in the Region 2C championship game and three times at Highlander Stadium.

"To beat them we have to play an error free game, and we didn't do that," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "I hurt for our seniors to be so close and not win the game."

This one was back and forth all night long with three ties and eight lead changes. It pretty much came down to who had the ball last, and the Raiders picked off a pass with time running out to make that claim.

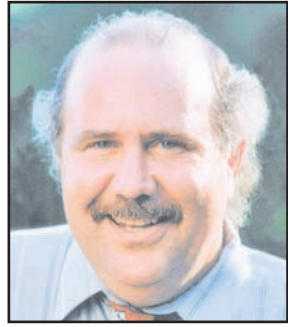
Appomattox scored first on a 31 yard field goal but Glenvar's Tyler Pierce kicked the first of his four field goals, also from 31 yards, and the game was tied at 3-3 after one quarter.

Glenvar was driving early in the second quarter before a long pass intended for Jackson Swanson was intercepted inside the Raider five. The GHS defense boxed up the run on first down, but on the next play speedy Virginia Tech recruit Jonathan Pennix popped through the line and found some green, sprinting for a killer 99 yard touchdown run as Appomattox took a 10-3 lead with 9:25 remaining in the half.

That lead lasted for all of 15 seconds, as Swanson took the ensuing kickoff and broke free for a 90 yard TD return to answer the Raiders. Glenvar then held and took the lead for the first time in the game when Shane Gibson ran off the left side for a 23 yard TD. That followed a 20 yard pass from Brody Dawyot to Reed Hutchison and Glenvar had a 17-10 lead with 3:20 until intermission.

That didn't do it for the half, not by a long shot. The Raiders

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Brian Hoffman

Steelers remember a fan, surprise family

The first time Megan Buriak saw a live football game of any kind she was sitting in a club level box at Acrisure Stadium in Pittsburgh, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The next one she sees live will be the Super Bowl.

Megan was one of four family members who attended the Steelers home game with the Cincinnati Bengals on November 20. Also along were her two and a half year old son, Caulder, and her mother and father in law, Carol and Jim Buriak. They were guests of the Steelers and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, also known as TAPS.

Megan is the wife of the late Jimmy Buriak, a Salem High and Roanoke College graduate who was a naval Air Crewman 2nd Class and Rescue Swimmer stationed in San Diego, CA. Jimmy was part of a six-person crew in a Loosefoot 616 helicopter that went down off the California coast in August of 2021. He was just 31 at the time of his death.

A lifelong Steelers fan, Jimmy came by it honestly. His parents, Jim and Carol, grew up in Johnstown, PA and are big Steelers fans. Jim came to Salem 40 years ago as a trainer at Roanoke College, and he liked it so much he stayed. After his retirement the college named the training facility in the school's Cregger Center "The James Buriak Student-Athlete Training Clinic."

When the TAPS people informed the Steelers of Jimmy's love for their team they invited his widow, son and parents to attend the game against Bengals last Sunday. Although Megan didn't grow up a Steelers fan, she heard plenty about them from her husband and in-laws.

"Every holiday Jimmy would buy her some kind of Steelers item," said Jim. "I think she's finally starting to become a Steelers fan."

She should, because she was treated like royalty at the game. Before the kickoff she attended a gathering that featured a Military Band and lots of food. Then, Megan and Jim were invited down to the field for pregame warmups and a surprise she'll

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Left to right, Jim Buriak, Megan Buriak and Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph pose for a photo prior to the Steelers game with Cincinnati in Pittsburgh on November 20. Rudolph, who is holding a photo of Megan and her late husband Jimmy, presented Megan with two tickets to the Super Bowl in Arizona in February.