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April 16 Local Diabetes Walk goal is to eliminate Type 1 Diabetes

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Volunteers Sally Southard and Sara Bell are looking for a few enthusiastic walkers to join them. About 250, to be exact. The walkers will get pledges and take part in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Greater Blue Ridge One Walk on April 16 at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

"JDRF is the leading non-profit global organization whose mission is to find the cure for Type One Diabetes (T1D) and lessen the burden for those of us living with this dreadful disease," Southard said.

"Our local Greater Blue Ridge market of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of JDRF walk at the Salem Civic Center and Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium, home of the Salem Red Sox, and a gala held in the fall are

the two fund-raising events we have to fund research to find the cure for T1D," said Southard.

She was diagnosed with diabetes when she was 10, 50 years ago. Bell's son, Christopher, who now lives in Colorado, found out he had diabetes two years ago, when he was 25.

"Our walk committee is volunteer-led and together with an amazing T1D community, sponsors and individuals, hope to raise \$60,000 for T1D research at our walk this year. More than 80 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to research to better treat, prevent and cure T1D and its complications," Southard added.

She said volunteers are trying to educate the public about T1D, which has increased greatly since COVID, and get the T1D community back together in person

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Volunteers Sally Southard, left, and Sara Bell are hoping this year's JDRF Diabetes Walk on April 16 will raise \$60,000 for diabetes research that could eventually wipe out Type 1 Diabetes.



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PHOTO COURTESY FORT LEWIS DAR
Members of the Forts Lewis Chapter DAR at the dedication of the new Medal of Honor Memorial at the Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center include Cynthia "Ricki" McKinney, Honorary Fort Lewis Chapter Regent; Adele Morris, Honorary Fort Lewis Chapter Regent and Virginia State Recording Secretary, along with Jeanne Dooley, Virginia District VII Director, Patricia Rowley, Virginia State Co-Chair of Service for Veterans Committee, and Dianne Givens, Craig Valley Chapter.

Fort Lewis DAR makes contribution to Salem VA Medal of Honor Memorial

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Members of the Fort Lewis Chapter of the National Society Daughters of American Revolution made a major contribution to the Medal of Honor Memorial at the Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The wall was dedicated on March 25. The memorial recognizes Medal of Honor recipients who were born or died within the medical center's support area according to Salem resident Cynthia "Ricki" McKinney, Fort Lewis DAR Regent from 2019-22. The Medal of Honor wall was McKinney's project.

The Medal of Honor memorial includes replicas of

See **Fort Lewis DAR**, page 3

Apartment fire at 108 Otter Ave. displaces 32 residents

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A Monday morning apartment fire at 108 Otter Avenue in Salem has displaced 32 residents.

According to the Salem Fire & EMS Department, the fire was called in at approximately 8:51 a.m. "Firefighters could see smoke from several blocks away as the approached the complex, but they were able to quickly knock down the structure fire and all occupants made it out of the building safely," a department news release noted.

Approximately 20 residents were evacuated

from the complex, none of which sustained any injuries due to the fire.

"The first units arrived within 5 minutes of receiving the call and found heavy fire and smoke coming from a third-floor apartment and flames that were reaching into the attic. Crews immediately began an interior fire attack and a primary search of the building for any occupants. A juvenile was discovered in an adjacent apartment and evacuated without injury by fire personnel. Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control within 30 minutes of their arrival,

but the building sustained significant fire, smoke, and water damage," the release added.

The damage from the fire is estimated at \$700,000. The fire has been determined to have been caused by an accident related to the improper disposal of smoking materials, according to an investigation by the Salem Fire Marshal's Office.

Approximately 32 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department and the Roanoke Fire & EMS Department responded to the call.

The Red Cross is now assisting the residents who were displaced by the fire.



PHOTO BY AILA BOYD

The damage from the fire is estimated at \$700,000.

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On Friday, more than 30 student research presentations were given in the Colket Center.

Roanoke College hosts second annual Virginia Conference on Race

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Roanoke College hosted the second annual Virginia Conference on Race last Thursday, March 30 and Friday, March 31. The conference brought together students and faculty from higher education institutions across Virginia, as well as several other states, to engage in conversations about race.

The conference was started last year by Carrie Murawski, an assistant professor of English and communication studies at the college. "I am excited to see how the conference is growing from year to year," Murawski said prior to the conference. "However, I am more excited to take this time to listen and learn how to be a better anti-racism advocate in my own communities."

This year's theme was "After/Math." The conference brought student researchers from Virginia

Tech, University of Richmond, James Madison University, Harvard University, Washington and Lee University, Hollins University, Randolph College and Concordia College to Salem.

Ernest McGowen III, an associate professor of political science at the University of Richmond, provided the keynote lecture on Thursday in the Wortmann Ballroom. He spoke about "What happens between the independent and dependent variables? Student activism and institutional change."

Ahead of the lecture, Roanoke College President Frank Shushok provided the welcome and Murawski gave the keynote introduction.

More than 30 student research presentations, which discussed topics like reclaiming history, critical environmental studies and equity in higher education, were given on Friday at the Colket Center.

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

Easter Egg Hunt: An Easter egg hunt for children ages 3-10 will be held on the Salem Civic Center Field from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5. Hunts will be run approximately every 15 minutes with roughly 25 participants per hunt.

2023 Senior Fun & Health Fair Day: The event, which is open to the public and free, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the Salem Civic Center.

Salem Spring Holiday Market: The market will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. Admission is free.

JDRF One Walk, Greater Blue Ridge: The walk will be held on April 16 at the Salem Civic Center and Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium. There will be 1, 2, and 3 mile walk routes around the Salem Baseball Stadium, Salem Civic Center and Roanoke College's Elizabeth Campus. McFadden and Friends will provide live musical entertainment. There will be a Kids Corner of activities as well as tables of information about T1D and the devices used in its treatment. The Salem Red Sox will have food and beverages available for purchase at their concession stands. Mugsie and Diesel will be available at the photo booth. Drawings will be held for some amazing prizes. People may register to be a walker or a team captain in the walk at walk.jdrf.org/greaterblueridge.

Roanoke Valley Sports Club: Roger Ayers: The event will be in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center on Monday, April 17. Social time will be at 5:45 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:15 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. The price of attendance is \$22.50 for members, \$28 for non-members and \$10 for children ages 4-12. Reservations are required: 540-353-1103.

BBB Shred & Secure Your ID Day: The day will be at the Salem Civic Center from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 22.

DMV2Go: DMV2Go will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 24.

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra: The Music of John Denver: The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$31, \$34 and \$45.

Roanoke Valley Holistic Expo: The expo will be at the Salem Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

Blue Ridge Sports Car Club: The free event will be at the Salem Civic Center Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 at 11 a.m. each day. More information can be found at www.brr.scca.org.

2023 Mother's Day Brunch Fundraiser: The event hosted by Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries will be on Saturday, May 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hidden Valley Country Club. It will benefit ACT Packs for Children, Student Led Food Pantry, Summer Feed & Read and Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet.

Family Service of the Roanoke Valley: 3rd FSRV Bike, Car & Truck Show: The event is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the Salem Civic Center. It's free for spectators. Vehicle registration is \$25.

3rd Annual Relay for Life Car Show: The event is 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at the Salem Civic Center. While open to the public, vehicle registration is \$20.

Foreigner: Greatest Hits Tour: The performance will be at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$39.50, \$55, \$69.50, \$85 and \$125.

3rd Annual Salem Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show: The event is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, May 26, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 27 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 28 at the Salem Civic Center. Attendance is \$8 for adults, \$3 for ages 11-17 and free for ages 10 and under with a paying adult. Tickets are good for all three days.

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra: Pink Floyd—Dark Side of the Moon: The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$31, \$34 and \$45.

Salem Fair: The Salem fair will be at the Salem Civic Center June 28-July 9. It will be open from 4-11 p.m.

Monday through Friday and 12-11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

Salem Gun & Knife Sale: The event will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 15 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 16 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for those 12 and under with a paying adult.

Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit with special guest S.G. Goodman: The event will be at the Salem Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9. Tickets are \$47.50, \$62.50, \$87.50 and \$132.50.

36th Annual Mopars In The Valley Car & Truck Show: The free event will be at the Salem Civic Center from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2.

Public meetings:

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on April 12 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on May 10 at 7 p.m.

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The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on June 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Well-deserving of a great name

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

Andrew Lewis High School, the Salem institution shown above, was occupied for the first time just five years ago. Located at the Corner of College Avenue and Fourth

Street, it well deserves the great hero's name. At present it is nearly 1,200 pupils in enrollment, new students coming in each semester from all section of the county as well as from Salem. Two years ago an additional wing was constructed on the back.

At the left above may be seen the auditorium, used for all Salem gatherings, and one of the finest of its kind in the state. A modern gymnasium, cafeteria, laboratories, all make Lewis High a leader in Virginia High School circles.



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVE

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

This vinyl record may not appear to be very significant at first glance, but it is actually an important part of music history. This record, in its pink cover with a simple design, is from the second ever printing of 33rpm records!

When discussing vinyl albums today, 33rpm records are the standard everyone refers to. They were introduced in 1948 by Columbia Records, replacing the old phonograph records. They picked the top artists of the time to promote the new format. This included many jazz artists, like

Eddy Duchin who was a jazz pianist.

These "33s" were special because they could hold more than one song on each side of the disc. Prior to their release, only shellac 78rpm phonograph records were available, which held one song per side. The introduction of "33s" revolutionized how people bought music, leading to 8-track tapes, cassette tapes, and eventually CDs! The recent vinyl resurgence is also focused on 33rpm albums, which all began back with these early records.

You can see this special vinyl record



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1949 Columbia Long Playing Vinyl Record

on display now at the Salem Museum. The Salem Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and located at 801 E. Main St.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of March 21, 2023 – March 27, 2023

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
03/22/2023	Alex Rios	51	Violation of Probation
03/23/2023	Malachi L. Pope	20	Assault & Battery
03/23/2023	Curtis A. Pruitt	28	Violation of Probation
03/24/2023	Tamera N. Hudson	18	Assault & Battery, Public Intoxication
03/25/2023	Anthony L. Williams	55	Public Intoxication
03/25/2023	Jessica P. Harmon	42	Assault & Battery
03/25/2023	David W. Henson III	34	Petit Larceny, Criminal Trespass, Public Intoxication, Obstructing Justice
03/26/2023	Daniel A. Lilly	50	Violation of Probation, Failure to Appear
03/26/2023	Laura M. Brunk	42	Criminal Trespass
03/26/2023	Jaime L. McNabb	24	DUI
03/27/2023	William S. Goad	38	Domestic Assault & Battery
03/27/2023	John D. Hoosier	46	Contempt of Court
03/27/2023	Casey N. Pacetti	30	Failure to Appear
03/27/2023	Judetta M. Smith	41	Violation of Probation
03/27/2023	Jason S. Keeling	39	Assault & Battery
03/27/2023	Vicente J. Franco	32	Domestic Assault & Battery, Damage Property, Harassing Communications

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again since the pandemic.

Bell said, "The walk is a fun way to get people with T1D and their families together for a worthy cause. There will be 1, 2, and 3 mile walk routes around the Salem Baseball Stadium, Salem Civic Center and Roanoke College's Elizabeth Campus."

McFadden and Friends will provide live musical entertainment.

There will be a Kids Corner of activities as well as tables of information about T1D and the devices used

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three medals.

McKinney said she selected the wall as her projects after learning it was the dream of a retired Marine Chief Warrant Officer Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams to place such a memorial in every VA hospital.

At the time of the planning, Williams was the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient of World War II, who received the award for his action at Iwo Jima.

Allen Moye, associate director of the SVAMC, worked with Williams on the Medal of Honor Memorial at a WVA Veterans Medical Center and was determined to fulfill Woody's dream here in Salem, McKinney explained.

Fort Lewis Chapter members worked hard over three years (during the worst of the pandemic) to raise more than \$10,000 in support of this event. Due to issues with the pandemic, the opening of the memorial was delayed until March 24.

in its treatment.

The Salem Red Sox will have food and beverages available for purchase at their concession stands, the two volunteers said..

Red Sox mascots Mugsie and Diesel will be available at the photo booth. Drawings will be held for prizes.

All the money raised goes to research, said Southard, who has been in a number of diabetes research trials at the University of Virginia where diabetes research is being done.

In fact, Southard was the first person in the world to push the "Control IQ" on a tandem pump. "It works with Bluetooth and a continuous glucose monitor," she explained. "When my blood sugar goes high, the pump gives me more glucose. It makes me not have to think about my diabetes any more."

People may register to be a walker or a team captain in the walk at walk.jdrf.org/greaterblueridge. Walkers can register the day of the walk, but online, Southard said.



PHOTO COURTESY FORT LEWIS DAR
Fort Lewis DAR officers are, left, Elizabeth Vincel, current chapter regent, and Cynthia 'Ricki' McKinney 2019-22 chapter regent.

Roanoke College researchers lead digital preservation project for LGBTQ+ history archive

The Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project, in a major initiative spearheaded by Roanoke College researchers, has completed the digitization of the region's longest-running historical gay newsletter, the "Blue Ridge Lambda Press."

For the first time ever, Virginians now have digital access to the full run of the historic newsletter. The Blue Ridge Lambda Press was published for 25 years, from 1983 to 2008, comprising 26 volumes, hundreds of issues, and thousands of pages of Virginia LGBTQ+ history.

The newsletter reported news about and representing the LGBTQ+ community in Southwest Virginia. The entire digital collection is available on JSTOR.



COURTESY PHOTO
The Blue Ridge Lambda Press was published for 25 years, from 1983 to 2008, comprising 26 volumes, hundreds of issues, and thousands of pages of Virginia LGBTQ+ history.

"This is a remarkable achievement. Digitization is a long process, involving multiple partners – in this case including Roanoke College and the Roanoke Public Libraries," said Dr. Samantha Rosenthal, associate professor of history and co-founder of the Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project. "Volunteers ranging from local high school students to national graduate students have participated in the digitization, but the great bulk of the work was completed single-handedly by Roanoke College student Megan Reynolds. Her work on this project has been meticulous and absolutely remarkable."

the gay community as the 'Pink Pages' due to the newsletter's bright pink coloration. He authored a monthly column under the name "Willie Waltzer" as well as provided illustrations for local events and flyers. Regarding his time working on the newsletter, Fezell said, "My proudest accomplishment with the Pink Pages was writing my 'Willie Waltzer' column. Writing about gay dating etiquette, life adventures, notable events in 'the life,' all for a total of 15-20 years."

"So many memories, joys, and heartaches, too. The Pink Pages became a major lifeline for our gay community in the mountains of Virginia."

-The Salem Times-Register

Megan Reynolds, a member of the class of 2023, has served as the undergraduate research fellow with the Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project since her freshman year in 2019. "The digitization of the "Blue Ridge Lambda Press" was the longest, ongoing project that I worked on in my four years with the History Project, which I find synonymous with the long run of the newspaper itself had," she said. "As I spent hours scanning and uploading each individual issue, I had the opportunity to read every single page and to learn about anything and everything that was happening in the region's queer community during that particular time. Knowing that my work to make the "Blue Ridge Lambda Press" more accessible to the community will benefit future researchers and community members is why I do what I do."

For nearly two decades, Tommy Fezell was a frequent contributor to the "Blue Ridge Lambda Press," which was also known in

Roanoke College joins Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities

Roanoke College announced earlier this week that it has strengthened its commitment to supporting current and future Hispanic students with a new membership in the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). The college is one of only three higher education institutions in Virginia with membership in HACU, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote Hispanic student success in higher education.

HACU represents an important step to ensuring we meet our goals and provide Hispanic students with the support they need to achieve their future goals. Through this membership, we hope to create many more educational and career opportunities for Hispanic students throughout the region and world."

"We are excited to begin connecting our students with all of the incredible opportunities available through HACU, and we are proud to say we are one of only three colleges in Virginia that is a member of HACU," Alvarado said. "For over 30 years, the HACU National Internship Program has partnered with organizations to diversify their workforce. The internship and scholarship opportunities are going to be a game changer for Roanoke students."

The college said that its students will now benefit from HACU's expertise in serving Hispanic students, enjoying access to the association's resources, initiatives and experts. Those resources include internships, scholarships and leadership development programs.

In the past five years, applications from Hispanic students have increased 11.65% at Roanoke College, and first-year Hispanic enrollment at Roanoke has grown 73%. This growth reflects the increased number of Hispanic students seeking a college education and Roanoke College's stronger recruitment of this population.

The college said that its Office of Multicultural Affairs offers a variety of opportunities for Hispanic students on campus. Whether they are connecting with mentors on the very first day or organizing Hispanic Heritage Month events through HOLA, students have the opportunity for leadership and involvement. HOLA is the Hispanic Organization for Leadership and Achievement, and annual events include the International Film Festival and the Garren Diversity Awards.

"We are deeply committed to becoming a destination for Hispanic students, particularly in our region, and we are working hard to create a welcoming, inclusive environment in which all students can realize and reach their potential," said President Frank Shushok Jr. "The partnership with

Maria "Janny" Alvarado, a 2020 graduate and assistant director of admissions, is leading the school's Hispanic recruitment efforts. Alvarado supports current and prospective Hispanic students and their families by leading webinars and tours in Spanish and recruiting Hispanic students from high schools across the nation.

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Easter Services

- Easter Sunday Festival of the Resurrection*
April 9th 10:00 a.m.
- We gather to celebrate Jesus' defeat over death and the grave in this festive service of the resurrection.
- Easter Breakfast*
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City of Salem

Find out about a project to extend a section of the Roanoke River Greenway approximately 4,785 linear feet between Rotary Park and Apperson Drive (Route 11) in Salem. The project also entails building approximately 485 feet of retaining wall between the trail and the nearby apartment complex. A new handicapped accessible parking area with approximately five spaces would also be constructed adjacent to Apperson Drive.

Review the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Chris Eggleston, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153, on or prior to **April 14, 2023**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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From: Rotary Park To: Apperson Drive

OPINION



Ben Cline
Congressman

This week Congress was busy wrapping up its legislative agenda before the Easter district work period. The House passed a historic energy bill that would put an end to the anti-energy policies of the Biden Administration and lower costs for American families. In my Judiciary subcommittee I questioned an FTC official on the censorship of free speech and pressed for documents, and in Appropriations I confronted Attorney General Garland on the DOJ and FBI's targeting of parents. As always, it was a privilege to see and welcome friendly faces and constituents across the Capitol.

Unleashing American Energy and Lowering Costs for Families

American families continue to struggle under rising costs due to the Biden Administration's war on American energy independence. Instead of producing cleaner

energy in the United States, President Biden shut down pipelines in America while turning to authoritarian countries for oil, putting our national security at risk. Every day Americans are paying more at the pump, at the grocery store, and in their electricity bills, as they suffer under the mounting inflation caused by Democrats' runaway spending. Americans are fed up with President Biden's radical energy policies and woke climate agenda, which is why I am glad the House passed H.R. 1 this week.

Provisions of the Lower Energy Costs Act (H.R. 1) are:

- Increasing domestic energy production
- Reforming the permitting process for all industries
- Reversing anti-energy policies advanced by the Biden Administration
- Streamlining energy infrastructure and exports
- Boosting the production and processing of critical minerals

Ramping Up Oversight

For weeks, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has been stonewalling the Republican-led House Judiciary Committee's requests for information on its targeting of Twitter and attempts to silence Elon Musk, who has been outspoken in his support for free speech. As

Chairman of the Subcommittee on Responsiveness and Accountability to Oversight, I pressed the FTC official for answers on why they have not produced adequate documents pertaining to our investigation, and I won't stop demanding answers in the fight for Americans' constitutional right to free speech.

Bringing "Justice" Back to the Department of Justice

Attorney General Garland testified before the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) on budget requests for the Department of Justice (DOJ), but I made sure that he would head across the hall soon and testify before the House Judiciary Committee. I pressed him for answers on the DOJ and FBI's targeting of parents protesting their local school boards -- where primary jurisdiction lies with state and local law enforcement and not the heavy hand of the weaponized Biden DOJ.

Calling Out Biden's Lies and Securing the Border

Joe Biden is gaslighting Americans with his ridiculous claims that House Republicans' budget proposals would cut funding for border security. Despite the president's falsehoods and distractions, the fact is it is the president's budget, not House Republicans', that will slash \$600 million for DHS. I joined "Wake Up America" on Newsmax to discuss.

New research databases added to Salem Public Library website

Free access to Consumer Reports and Magzter Library is now available from the Research link on the Salem Public Library website with your library card.

Consumer Reports is a nonprofit consumer organization dedicated to independent product testing, consumer-oriented research, and consumer advocacy. Get access to CR's product reports and ratings.

With Magzter Library and your library card you can browse, download, and enjoy digital magazines and newspapers from a database provided with Library of Virginia funding. Magzter is also accessible by app, just find the free Magzter Library app in your device's app store and install it. (Note: the Magzter Newsstand app requires a paid subscription. Be sure to download the Magzter Library app for free access.)

April upcoming events

Wednesday, April 12: 3:30-5 p.m.; Medicaid Info & Enrollment, provided by Bradley Free Clinic.

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

Thursday, April 13: DMV Connect at Salem Library. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:30-4 p.m.; Walk-ins only.

Saturday, April 15, Introduction to Birding. Join Robin Austin, Roanoke Valley Bird Club member as she leads a birding walk around Salem. Meet at 10:30am at Salem library: Register at salemva.libcal.com

Wed, April 19; 6:30 p.m.: Same Page Book Club: LGBTQ+ book club for the community & allies

Mon, April 24; 4 p.m.: Vertical Gardening Presentation: Tips, Tricks, and a take home DIY trellis and veggie plant! With Master Gardener Donna Haley. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Tuesday, April 25; 1 p.m.; Afternoon Book Club: Poetry-reader's choice to celebrate National Poetry Month

Thursday, April 27, 8 p.m.; Virtual Author Talk: William Kent Krueger; NY Times Bestselling Author; register at www.salemlibrary.info

Celebrate National Library Week: April 23-29

Kids events:

Barks & Books: Read with a therapy dog, Grades 1-5 Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.; Register at salemva.libcal.com

Story Explorers-spring session April 5-May 10; Children ages 0-5 Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.; Register at salemva.libcal.com

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Tuesday fire burns on Wildwood Road

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The Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department announced Tuesday morning that it had responded to a fire on the 1200 block of Wildwood Road in the Ft. Lewis area.

"All responding units could see heavy black smoke from a distance and marked it a working fire while responding," a news release said. "Upon arrival units from Salem Fire and EMS found a two-story wood frame

home that was fully involved in fire."

The home was not occupied at the time of the fire. One adult resident has been displaced by the fire and is being assisted by the American Red Cross. A dog and a cat that were at the home were found and identified as being safe.

Responding units brought the fire under control in roughly 30 minutes.

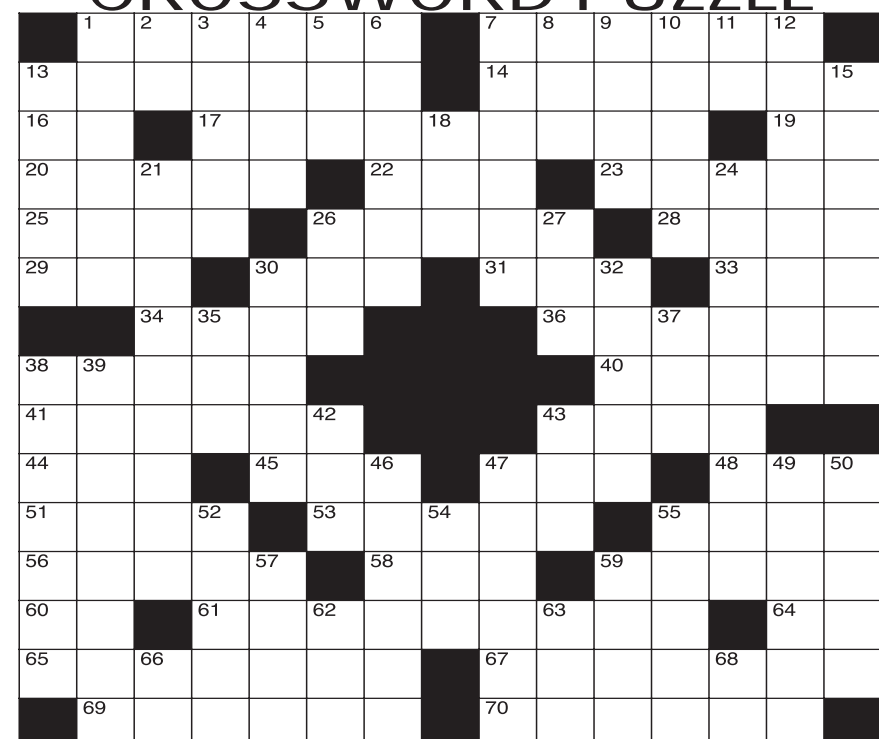
While the Roanoke County Fire Marshall's Office is investigating the fire, the home was noted as being a total loss.



COURTESY OF ROANOKE COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue responded to the fire at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday.

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| 1. Colas | 40. Alban and Peter are two | 1. Calm down | 35. More (Spanish) |
| 7. Single-celled animals | 41. Gets up | 2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.) | 37. After B |
| 13. The rear car of a train | 43. Humble request for help | 3. One who pretends | 38. Decorated tea urn |
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| 16. It cools your home | 45. Unhappy | 5. Distinctive practice | 42. Car mechanics group |
| 17. Helper | 47. Hint or indication | 6. Mariner | 43. Wordplay joke |
| 19. "The First State" | 48. A way to plead | 7. Peaks | 46. Cut a rug |
| 20. More aged | 51. Digits | 8. Queens ballplayer | 47. Prickly plant |
| 22. Partner to cheese | 53. Broadway actress Daisy | 9. Geological times | 49. Speech in praise of a deceased person |
| 23. Type of wrap | 55. Jewish calendar month | 10. Twofold | 50. European buzzard |
| 25. From a distance | 56. Author Gore | 11. Atomic #13 | 52. Influential linguist |
| 26. Satisfies | 58. Peacock network | 12. Tranquillizing | 54. West African languages |
| 28. "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared | 59. White poplar | 13. Metric weight unit | 55. Siskel's partner |
| 29. God of battle (Scandinavian) | 60. Promotional material | 15. Indicates | 57. Skinny |
| 30. Cooking utensil | 61. A period of calm | 18. Unwanted rodent | 59. Oblong pulpit |
| 31. Soviet Socialist Republic | 64. Take too much | 21. Partly cooked with hot water | 62. Consumed |
| 33. Able to perform | 65. Emit energy | 24. One who can be recommended | 63. Small, mischievous sprite |
| 34. Big man on campus | 67. Something you can take | 26. Resembles a bag or pouch | 66. Powerful lawyer |
| 36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period | 69. Mended with yarn | 27. Midway between south and southeast | 68. Indicates position |
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OBITUARIES

Shelton, Larry Cage

Larry Cage Shelton passed away Saturday evening, March 25, 2023 at the Raleigh Court Rehab in Roanoke, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his father Frank C. Shelton and mother Mildred Cage Shelton. He was also preceded in death by his sister Brenda Shelton Foster and brother-in-law (Lewis). He is survived by two sisters, Judy Rea Shelton of Salem and Sue Shelton Minor (Bill) of High Point, NC.



School in Salem, he went on to open a lawnmower repair shop in his father's place of business, Shelton's Garage. He later opened a TV and radio repair shop which was his favorite line of work. He was always interested in how things worked and thankfully

could put them back together after taking them apart.

Larry was also an avid ham radio operator and enjoyed talking to fellow enthusiasts around the world. Larry was a member of the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Larry never met a stranger and was liked by all. He was always ready to help anyone when called upon. He will always be remembered for his kind and gentle ways and tall structure.

Larry was a very devoted member of his church, First Wesleyan Church of Roanoke.

A graveside service at Evergreen Burial Park in Roanoke was held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 3 p.m.

He is also survived by two nieces, Kerrie Foster Masten (Tim) of Richmond, Va. and Kendal Foster Carson (Lee) of Columbia, Md. and one great niece Quinlin Carson.

After attending Andrew Lewis High

'Salem After Five' concert series lineup announced

The "Salem After Five" concert is set to return to the Salem Farmers Market in 2023 with some of the region's well-known bands, an array of food trucks and several charities. Once again, Domino is set to perform at the season opening concert on Friday, April 28.

Other performances dates include Fuzzy Logic on May 12 with food from Ken and Jayne's Burgers and Dogs and Kettle Cooker Express, The Worx on June 9 with food from Buddy's BBQ and Kettle Cooker Express, 5 Dollar Shake on July 14 with food from Lazy Bulldog, Kettle Cooker Express and Cabo Fish Taco and The Kings on Aug. 4 with food from Dale's Diner and Kettle

Cooker Express. "All attendees are encouraged to wind down the work week by relaxing in the heart of Downtown Salem. Gates open for each performance at 5 p.m. and the shows will last until 9 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or a blanket," the city said in a news release.

Food from local vendors, children's activities and adult beverages from P.A. Short will be available. Tickets prices are \$5 for adults and kids 12-and-under are admitted free. Once again, all proceeds from the concerts will benefit several charities throughout Virginia's Blue Ridge region. The charities include:

Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries, Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry, Community Christmas Store, Salem Sports Foundation and Kiwanis Club of Salem.

The Salem Farmers Market is located on the corner of Main and Broad streets and "Salem After Five" is presented by the City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Pinnacle Financial Partners and Pepsi. Coolers, outside food, drinks, rollerblades, skateboards and pets are not allowed on the premises. For additional information, call Salem Parks and Recreation at 540-375-3057.

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Weekly Arrest Report

Week of March 28, 2023 – April 3, 2023

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
03/29/2023	Cristopher G. Escobar	23	DUI
03/29/2023	William A. Thompson	20	Underage Possession of Marijuana
03/30/2023	Haley M. Whorley	24	Public Intoxication
03/30/2023	Anthony C. Wagner	52	Failure to Appear
03/31/2023	Walker E. Ellis	59	Violation of Probation
04/01/2023	Joseph G. Barr	33	Assault & Battery, Threatening-Brandishing, Public Intoxication
04/02/2023	Erick A. Salinas	27	Violation of Probation
04/03/2023	Karen R. Barton	51	Assault on Police Officer, Public Intoxication, Criminal Trespass

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of March 21, 2023 – March 27, 2023

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
22-MAR-2023	O BLK N Broad St	Threats to Kill
27-MAR-2023	1200 BLK Ohio Ave	Grand Larceny

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of March 28, 2023 – April 3, 2023

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
30-MAR-2023	100 BLK Electric Rd	Vehicle Theft
01-APR-2023	100 BLK Bogey Ln	Burglary
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LETTER TO SPORTS

Salem citizen wants to make sure kids have a place to skate



To The Salem Times Register:

Did you know the Salem City Council and Parks and Rec. Dept have covertly altered the Moyer Sports Complex Renovation Plans they so proudly displayed on the local news and TV outlets, without acknowledging those changes to the public? They acknowledged to me, VIA email, the Skate Park portion of the site will no longer be a part of the Reno, and they refuse to answer any questions about it.

Why is the Skate Park being cut? Why did we spend money on plans, permits, renderings etc, to turn around and let it go to waste a few months later? Who made the decision and when? Why was the public not informed? Where will the budget allotment be going if not to REPLACE the skate park that has been there for 20+ years? What prompted this change and WHY will no one answer except to say "It is in the wrong area, because the location is not correct" and "The City of Salem is exploring all options".

Do we, as citizens, not have a right to have those questions answered by the officials we elect and our tax dollars pay? The skate park was in the correct area when MULTI MILLION DOLLAR plans were designed, approved and announced to the public in 2022. It's been in the right area for the last 20 years, what about the area changed? And what does "wrong" location mean to the City of Salem. If not at Moyer, an accessible, safe, central location for ALL of Salem, what other location is on the table? Or is there no real intention to replace it?

Clear and concise communication with the members of this community does not seem to be on Parks and Rec or the Council's agenda these days. I have lived in Salem for 20+ years, pay taxes, volunteered in the schools, coached sports through parks and rec and even owned a business in this city. Don't I deserve an answer to these simple questions? Don't

we all?

This skate park is a community asset. Children, teens and adults from Salem and all over the Valley come here to exercise, practice their craft, learn and socialize. What a POSITIVE outlet for our youth, to have the opportunity to MENTOR and be MENTORED and thrive in a community that comes together for ALL types of athletes, not just football, pickleball and baseball. Isn't THIS type of community what we want to show outsiders?

I think the importance of this skate park has gotten lost in the city's GREED. Rumor has it pickle ball courts will replace the skate park? Pickle ball Tournaments, seriously? What type of community does that display to visitors? Not one of inclusion, not one of community outreach, not one with a vision for our future.

Longwood Park and their already existent pickle ball courts are 2.1 miles from the Moyer complex, how far is it to the nearest skate park? Way more than 2.1 miles if you didn't know. I drive 20 minutes at minimum now to get my nine year old son to the nearest skate park, because he CHOSE SCOOTER as his sport. We now have to LEAVE Salem for this. We spend money in other cities because of this. Have we considered the TOURISM skate parks can bring to our town? I travel the east coast with my son, visiting parks all over. We spend the night, shop and eat and compete in those towns too. Is this not an option for Salem?

Does it not fit the mold of what an ATHLETE looks like? I guess our own youth outreach is low on our council's priority list. A GRAND skate park in a VISIBLE area with BEAUTIFUL grounds, just isn't as important as pickle ball tournaments though, is it?

Access to a park for kids who don't play "traditional sports" isn't something our council values, but hey, we've got plenty of fields for our football players, soccer players, baseball players, basketball players and, don't forget,....pickle ball players. If you don't fit that mold, I suppose you're out of luck around here. They would prefer to cut your access or move it because someone might vandalize it, but were not worried about anyone vandalizing other parks? Because they have cameras, or constant supervision. I'd challenge the council to supply statistics if that's the case.

I understand previous and recent vandalism is a concern to the city. While I acknowledge the legitimate concerns of vandalism, I still ask, is this a rea-

son to penalize the youth that properly utilize the park and so badly need this outlet? Are we SO cheap we're not willing to look at other ways to avoid vandalism other than to move or cut out the park? Perhaps, if they did their homework, they would find many other parks use gates, locks, lighting and cameras to deter nefarious activities.

Personally, I think those items would be an asset to the park. Since there will be SO many tournaments and tourists, would that not provide an additional level of security and impressiveness to those TOURISTS we so desperately want to cater to (over our own children)and even our own citizens? Apparently the playground and picnic shelters are still in the plans and pickle ball courts will be replacing the skate park. Is the council so naive they think that vandals will just turn a blind eye to those areas or do they think the only people who vandalize are skaters? Perhaps the city should just cut out all the playgrounds and picnic shelters because they may be too enticing for vandals?

Eliminating the skate park will not eliminate vandalism. Quite obviously, no one from the council or parks and rec has spent much time at the skate park. If they did, they would know the people who utilize the skate park aren't the ones loitering, playing loud music, bothering citizens, or vandalizing. Removing the park will not achieve what they are after, because there will still be a walkway, a river for teens to swim in, tables, courts and playgrounds for those who like to do damage.

To wrap this up...our city has long forgotten its priorities - its youth and the positive impact the city can have on their life. Apparently we prefer to punish rather than be proactive in our solutions. To take away an important outlet from our kids without even CONSIDERING other ways to make the original plans work is an INJUSTICE to our citizens, to our children and the future of our town. Shame on the council for being willing to sacrifice the good of many, for the actions of few.

I encourage members of our community to reach out to the council, to parks and rec and the media, to let them know we don't support this decision that was made in secret. If you feel so inclined, please sign the petition to keep the city from eliminating the skate park at Moyer Park at <https://chnq.it/zbRMJzGXGv>.

Sincerely,
Laura Saunders
Salem, VA

SHS-Glenvar battle Friday

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The Highlanders will play at Northside today before taking on Salem Friday.

In softball Glenvar will host the Spartans at 5 pm Friday and both teams could use a win. Salem dropped to 3-5 Tuesday with a 13-8 loss to Hidden Valley at the Salem Civic Center. Cora Grace Sparger struck out 10 and hit a home run for the Salemites but it wasn't enough to pull out the win. Catcher Caitlin Wells had three hits in her last game before undergoing a shoulder procedure, forcing her to miss the rest of the season.

Salem will play host to a strong Class 2 James River team today at the Salem Civic Center.

Glenvar fell to 1-4 with a 10-1 softball loss to Carroll County Tuesday. The game was close into the fifth inning before the Cavaliers scored six runs thanks to four Glenvar errors. The Highlanders had just one hit, by Chloe Maxey. Abby Teubert pitched and struck out five.

The Salem boys' soccer team will host undefeated Glenvar on Friday at Spartan Field, beginning at 7 pm. The Spartans are 3-2 after defeating Hidden Valley Tuesday, 5-0, on Bruce Mahan Field at Hidden Valley. Sophomore Logan Lavinder scored three goals for the Spartans and Graham Fisher had the other two. Denny Slydio and goalie Max Benne had assists for the Spartans.

Undefeated Glenvar will host

the Spartans in girls' soccer at 6 pm Friday at Highlander Stadium. The Spartan girls are coming off their first win of the season, a 2-0 shutout of Hidden Valley at Spartan Field on Tuesday. Avery Mangus scored the first goal off a Madison Ray corner kick, and Ray got a second assist when she played a beautiful ball up the center of the field and Reece Manus put it in the back of the net for some insurance with seven minutes to go.

The Salem girls are now 1-3 and both the boys and girls will also play Lord Botetourt today. The girls will host LB at Spartan Field and the boys will take on the Cavaliers at their home pitch in Daleville.

Salem and Glenvar sports teams will meet again on April 14 at the opposite locations of this Friday's games.

Fowler sets RC 100m record

Brady Fowler broke the Roanoke College school record in the 100m dash as the Maroons' outdoor men's track and field team competed in the VertKlasse Meeting at High Point University in High Point, NC last weekend.

Fowler's school-record time of 10.50 seconds in the landed him in eighth place in a field of mostly Division I and Division II competitors. Samuel Crawford placed fifth overall in the 400m with a season-best time of 48.49 seconds and Cooper Neeble came in eighth in the 3,000m steeplechase with a personal-best mark of 9:32.45.

The times from Crawford, Fowler, and Neeble all mark the best in the ODAC during the current outdoor campaign, and Fowler is currently fifth in Division III in the 100m, while Crawford ranks sixth in the 400m. The 4x100 relay team of Aidan Spradlin, Crawford, Joseph Eldridge, and Fowler placed seventh in 42.14 seconds, which ranks second in the conference this spring.

The Maroons will next take part in the University of Lynchburg's Dennis Craddock Coaches Classic on April 14-15.

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Conner Butler of Roanoke College slides safely into third in Monday's win over Ferrum at Salem Memorial Ballpark. PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Maroons beat Ferrum, Maryville

The Roanoke College baseball team scored in six straight innings in a 17-11 win over Ferrum in an early-week ODAC matchup at Salem Memorial Ballpark Monday.

Leading 9-4, Roanoke blew the game wide open in the sixth inning. Owen Lawn led off with a walk and a deep single by Ty Staz allowed him to come around and score. After Staz stole second and advanced to third on a Tucker Schiavoni groundout, Brody Langlotz singled to left to score Staz. Then, with two outs, Jacob Bonzon singled up the middle with Langlotz heading to second. A walk by Mason Staz loaded the bases for Jonny Wall,

who doubled to left to clear the bases for three RBIs and a 14-4 lead. A double by Conner Butler would up the lead to 15-4 after six innings.

Isaac Brooks earned his first career win in relief for the Maroons. Wall, Ty Staz, and Langlotz each finished with three hits with both Wall and Staz scoring two runs and Langlotz rounding the bases three times. Wall had a game-high four RBI.

On Tuesday the Maroons improved their record to 17-9 overall with a win over Maryville, 13-5, and they'll try to keep the momentum going Saturday with a noon game against Shenandoah at Salem Memorial.

RC women have big lax game with W&L

The 19th ranked Roanoke College women's lacrosse team remained undefeated in ODAC play with a 21-3 win over Virginia Wesleyan in Virginia Beach Saturday.

The 8-1 Maroons dominated the game, leading 7-1 after the first quarter and 14-3 at the half. Lilly Blair had four goals and two assists for the Maroons while Tiernan Conner had three goals and Libby Bowman dished out three assists and scored once. Kyleigh Chickering needed make just three saves in the goal to pick up the win.

Roanoke was scheduled to host Washington & Lee on Wednesday of this week in a big ODAC game. The Generals, ranked second in the nation in Division III, come into the week at 10-1 overall and 3-0 in the conference.



Connor Brooks of RC blocks one over the net. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Roanoke volleyball wraps up at home

The Roanoke College men's volleyball team was looking to snap a seven game losing streak when they played host to Eastern Mennonite Tuesday. Results were too late for publication.

The first year team dropped two games, both by 3-0 scores, last Saturday at the Cregger Center in Salem. Roanoke fell to 7-14 overall with losses to Stevenson and Randolph-Macon.

Against Stevenson both Michael Cummins and Jackson Rutkowski finished with 13 kills for Roanoke with Rutkowski hitting .458. Leo Houser had a match-high 37 assists.

Cade Kinne and Xzavier Dixson led the Maroons with nine kills each against Randolph-Macon. Davin Stevenson dished out 28 assists, one more than the entire Yellow Jackets team, and Parker Steele had a match-high 10 digs.

The Maroons will wrap up the regular season this weekend when they host Kean at 7 pm Friday night and Rutgers-Newark at 3:15 pm Saturday.

RC softball sweeps EMU

After getting rained out of doubleheaders Friday and Saturday the Roanoke College softball team swept a doubleheader from Eastern Mennonite on Sunday afternoon at the Botetourt Sports Complex. Roanoke won 3-0 and 12-2 to improve to 8-6 overall and the two wins were their first ODAC games of the season.

In the opener Jada Karnes improved to 4-2 on the mound with a complete game shutout. Madison Courts hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning for the big blow on offense.

In the second game Lauren Hoffman was three-for-three with four runs batted in and both Morgan Clark and Adriana Rivera scored three runs each to lead the Maroons. Lindsay Gedro pitched five innings to pick up her third win of the season.

The Maroons were at Guilford on Wednesday, but results were too late for publication.



Madison Courts of Roanoke College robs an Eastern Mennonite batter of extra bases with a running catch in right field in Sunday's sweep of the Royals at the Botetourt Sports Complex. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

On Friday they'll host Christopher-Newport in a rescheduled doubleheader at the Botetourt Sports Complex, beginning at 3:30 pm. The Captains are the second

ranked team in the nation in Division III.

Then, on Saturday, it's back to the ODAC schedule as RC hosts Bridgewater for two, beginning at 1 pm.



Luca Docking of RC fires a shot on goal in Saturday's win. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Maroons have showdown with Lynchburg

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team won their fifth straight game Saturday afternoon when they defeated Shenandoah, 19-5, at Kerr Stadium in Salem. The win lifted RC to 8-4 overall and 4-0 in the ODAC as they prepare to take on the University of Lynchburg this Saturday in Lynchburg. The 11th ranked Hornets are 7-4 and 3-0 in the conference coming into the week.

After a 15 point week, Roanoke's Luke Kammerman has been named the ODAC Men's Lacrosse Player of the Week. Kammerman led Roanoke to a pair of ODAC wins on the week

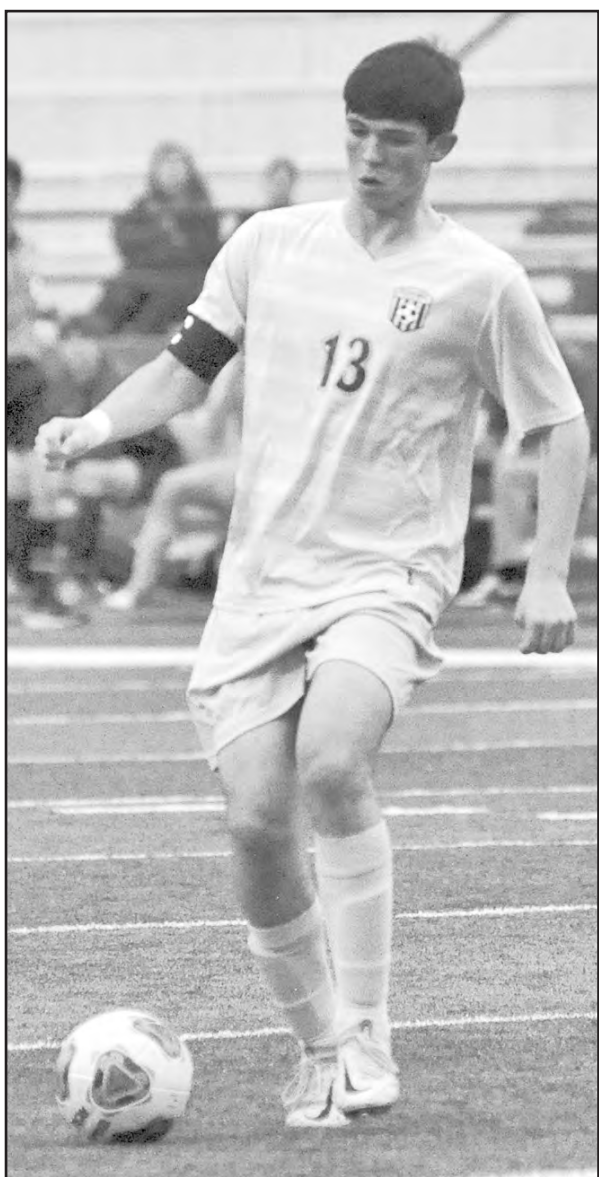
with his 15-point outing. In a mid-week game at Guilford, he tallied four goals, including two man-up, and a pair of assists in a five-point game. He followed that up with a nine-point game against Shenandoah on Saturday with four more goals while adding five assists. In the process he scored his 200th career point against the Quakers, and his 209 points (100g, 109a) have him sitting 11th all-time in Roanoke scoring history.

Wyatt Whitlow had six goals in the win over Shenandoah and Alex Feuer had 14 saves in the goal as he picked up his sixth win against just one loss.

Glenvar soccer teams remain unbeaten with two wins each

The Glenvar soccer teams remained undefeated as both the girls and boys recorded back-to-back wins on the first two days after spring break.

On Monday the Class 2 boys took a 7-1 win over Class 6 Franklin County at Highlander Stadium.



Glenvar's Jacson Shepherd controls the ball in Monday's win over Franklin County. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Bryce King started the scoring 8 minutes into the contest off an assist from Jacson Shepherd as Glenvar built a 4-1 lead by the half, then added three more goals after intermission. Goal scorers were King and Shepherd with two each, Fernando Garcia, Wesley Feliciano and Marco Gustafson, who started the game in goal. Zach Curfiss collected four assists and Colin Clapper had two.

Gustafson and Grayson Shepherd combined for nine saves in the net, including Shepherd saving a PK in the second half.

"It was a solid win for us," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "We don't like giving up the goal and there is a lot to learn from that one as we gave it up right before the half."

The girls played at Auburn Monday and shut out

a strong Eagle team, 7-0. Jules Stanley had three goals to lead the Highlanders, Davin Tate had two and Rhyann Harris and Lauren Claud had one each. Everly Shanks, Brooke Smyth, Faren Wilson, Tate and Harris all had assists in the shutout win.

On Tuesday Glenvar opened Three Rivers District play with a sweep of Carroll County, as the boys won at home and the girls won in Hillsville.

The boys took an 8-1 win as Shepherd scored a three goal hat trick and added two assists. Kian Fisher had two goals and Gustafson, Clapper and Fernando Garcia had one each as Glenvar improved to 5-0.

The girls shut out the Cavaliers on Tuesday, 3-0. Stanley had a goal and an assist, Avery Steger and Tate had goals and Harris had two more assists for the Highlanders as they improved to 4-0 on the season.

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Highlanders will be nesting at E&H, Shenandoah

Six new Wasps and a Hornet were at the Glenvar High School gym Tuesday afternoon and there was no need to call pest control. Six Glenvar athletes announced their intention to continue their education and play sports at Emory & Henry College and one is headed to Shenandoah University. Cara Butler, center, will play volleyball for the Shenandoah University Hornets and Emory & Henry bound athletes are, left to right; Jackson Swanson for track, Adrianna Hall for track, Hannah Hylton for volleyball, then Butler, followed by Caeden Bowker and brother Heath Bowker for track and on the end is Emma Whitlow, who competes in equestrian sports. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Davis wins one of the toughest NCAA basketball contests ever

The road to the NCAA Division I basketball title has come to an end, and a tough road it was this year. A plethora of upsets left our "Basketball Madness" contestants shocked and dismayed as they attempted to win the \$100 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's Restaurant in Salem.

Except for Salem's Justin Davis, that is. He defied the odds and won the contest by picking 45 of the 63 NCAA basketball games correctly.

This year we had more entries than I can ever remember, and three contestants actually tied for the lead with 18. However, the tie-breaker was who won the championship, and none of the three had that. Next was who had one of the two in the championship game, and again that didn't apply. The third tie-breaker was who had the most in the Final Four, and Davis had Miami while the other two went 0-for-4 on that one, so Justin is our winner. In addition to the \$100 gift certificate to Salem's most popular restaurant Davis will also get a year's subscription to Salem's most popular weekly newspaper, The Salem Times-Register.

Thanks to everyone for playing and allowing me to spend a couple hours correcting the entries. Now I know what it feels like to be a school teacher the day after a test.

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Brian Hoffman

Middle School Sports

Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School teams have a full schedule this week after returning from spring break.

Today, Thursday, Lewis will take on William Byrd with a girls' soccer game at home and baseball and boys' soccer in Vinton. The softball teams were scheduled to play Wednesday at Oakley Field.

Glenvar teams met Cave Spring Tuesday and Christiansburg Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. Both Lewis and Glenvar had track meets Wednesday with Lewis at Salem High and Glenvar at Franklin County.

Lewis teams returned from break Monday to take on Read Mountain with mixed results. Both

soccer teams battled to ties as the boys did not win their game for the first time this year and are now 7-0-1 after playing to a scoreless draw. The backs were led by Jacob Daniel, and the offense had multiple shots on goal but just couldn't finish.

The girls also tied the Stars on the pitch, 1-1, as Rosie Home scored for the Wolverines in the first half. Read Mountain tied the score with a penalty kick in the second half and that's how the game ended. Lewis is now 4-1-4.

The Lewis baseball team fell to 1-6 with a 7-3 loss to the Stars at Kiwanis Field. The Wolverines would get on the board early and take a 3-1 lead heading into the third on a single by Derek



Brian Hoffman

New MLB rules are a hit

The new Major League Baseball season is here and the question everyone keeps asking is, "how do you like the new rules?" For the most part, it seems like most people like them.

The game is definitely moving along faster. Through the first weekend the games have been an average of 30 minutes shorter than in previous years, and they're still longer than an average basketball game so that's plenty of ballgame to watch.

The difference isn't so much the length of the game, but the quality of the game you're watching. There's more action with less "down time" between pitches, and that was really the point of contention when people were saying the games were boring. No one wants to see a pitcher walk around the mound and rub up a ball, or a batter step out of the box between every pitch and adjust his gloves, helmet and whatever he's wearing under his uniform pants. Not fun.

With the new rules the batter has to be in that box and the pitcher has to be ready to serve it up or there will be consequences. Here's a couple observations I had in the first games of the season.

I was watching a game on opening day, and you know where they list the score, count, outs, batter and pitcher in a corner of your television screen? Well, on opening day that bit of information also included the clock counting down for the pitcher. I found that to be extremely distracting while watching the game.

The next game I watched, on a different network, didn't have that and I really didn't pay attention to the pitch clock unless the umpire called an infraction. That was much better, in my mind, as far as enjoying the game.

And another thing. I'm watching the ESPN Sunday Night game between the Phillies and Rangers. Trea Turner of the Phillies is on first and takes off for second. He gets a great jump and surely has the base stolen, but the pitcher doesn't start his motion in time and the umpire behind the plate calls time as Turner is running for second. A "ball" is called on the batter and Turner has to go back to first.

To me, this is helping the team that was supposed to be penalized. If I'm the pitcher I'd much rather have a ball called than have the runner advance a base. If that's how it's going to work, and I'm the pitcher, I'm going to hold the ball until the clock goes off if I think the runner got a great jump at first and won't be thrown out. Unless there are three balls on the batter at the time, I'm sending that runner back to first. That's something they're going to have to look at.

As far as the larger bases, they really don't look any larger to me while watching on TV. The Salem Red Sox had the larger bases last year and I never would have known if I hadn't known.

The bases are three inches wider on each side, and that's supposed to help the would-be base stealers because it's an extra three inches they don't have to cover. I've heard that a bunch of times but, honestly, how many times is that three inches going to make a difference? Hold your fingers three inches apart and tell me, with a straight face, that's going to make a big difference.

I do think it will be safer for the first basemen, who will have less of a chance of getting stomped on by a runner heading for first. Then again, if they really want to make that safer then use the double-bag deals like they do in slow-pitch softball, where the first baseman stands on one bag and the runner can step on the adjoining one.

Finally, I love the rule that says two fielders must be on each side of second base and have their feet in the dirt. I hated those shifts. I got so tired of seeing a batter smoke one up the middle and the shortstop is right there behind the bag, or a lefthander drilling a ball that should be a base hit, only to have a "short fielder" field it for an out. There are balls that are struck that are supposed to be hits from the time you play little league ball, and I felt like those batters were getting cheated.

Now, I heard that some teams are considering moving the leftfielder into short right when a lefthanded, "dead pull," hitter comes to the plate. That's somewhat circumventing the new rules, but apparently there's no rule against it. Hopefully, there will be next summer.

All in all, I think folks like the new rules. I, for one, never complained about a baseball game being too long. When I was a kid and went to Phillies games at old Connie Mack Stadium I tried to get my dad to take me the ballpark when there was a double-header. Back in those days you paid one price for two games, like you do in the Carolina League now, only the big league games were nine innings each instead of seven like the Salem Red Sox play. And, when the second game was over, I found myself still wanting more. My dad didn't, but I did.

All in all, I give the new rules two thumbs up. And if one of the thumbs gets you a stolen base because the bag is three inches closer, then so be it.

Bush but Read Mountain scored three times in the third to take a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Read Mountain took a 15-3 win in softball.



Olivia Crosswhite has been a workhorse on the mound for the Lewis girls.

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SALEM RED SOX OPEN SEASON AT HOME TONIGHT

The Salem Red Sox will open the 2023 Carolina League baseball season tonight, Thursday, when they host the Delmarva Shorebirds, a farm team of the Baltimore Orioles, in a three game series. Games are scheduled for 7:05 pm Thursday and Friday with a 6:05 pm game on Saturday, April 8.

Last year's number one overall pick, Jackson Holliday, spent plenty of time in the Baltimore major league camp this spring and impressed Orioles' brass with his advanced tools at just 19 years old. His highly anticipated regular-season debut is expected to come Thursday in Salem. He won't be alone in terms of big names as Miguel Bleis, a potential five-tool outfielder who turned 19 on March 1, is also expected to start for the Salem Sox.

Salem Red Sox Home games include 10 six-game series and two weekend series for a total of 66 contests to be played at Carilion Clinic Field. Tuesday through Friday games at Salem Memorial Ballpark will begin at 7:05 pm with the exception of April 18th, to begin at 6:05 pm, and two day games set for April 19th and June 13th, both slated for 11:05 am. The Red Sox will return to the field on Thursday's as the BeerMongers, a nod to the craft industry, featuring drink specials. Friday games will continue to feature Friday night post-game fireworks.

Saturday games will begin at 6:05 pm and Sunday games will begin at 3:05 pm. Mondays will remain a league-wide off day, with the Carolina League All-Star Break scheduled for July 11-13th. The 2023 season will conclude on Sunday, September 10th, as the Red Sox host the Carolina Mudcats. Gates will continue to open one hour prior to first pitch, with early entry for season ticket holders.



Jackson Holliday(left) was the number one pick in last summer's MLB draft by the Baltimore Orioles and Miguel Bleis (right) is one of the top prospects in the Boston Red Sox organization. Both are expected to be on the field tonight when the Salem Red Sox open the Carolina League season against the Delmarva Shorebirds.

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Virginia Tech School of Communications to broadcast home Sox games

The Salem Red Sox are teaming up with the Virginia Tech School of Communication for the third consecutive year ahead of the 2023 baseball season to broadcast all 2023 Red Sox home games. Giovanni Heater and Tyler Katz will be the voices of the Salem Red Sox when the season opens tonight at Salem Memorial Ballpark. Games will be aired on streaming services and MiLB.com.

Heater is currently a sophomore at Virginia Tech in the Sports and Media Analytics program. "Gio" was born and raised in Syracuse, New York and currently serves as the Broadcast Coordinator of Special Content on the leadership team for 3304 Sports. He began broadcasting in high school, founding The Northstar Network at Cicero-North Syracuse High School. Last summer, he called basketball play-by-play for the Syracuse Stallions

of the TBL and broadcast the TBL Summer League in Las Vegas, NV in 2021.

Gio has called play-by-play of Virginia Tech football, basketball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, and volleyball while also working as a Production Assistant for the ACC Network. In the fall, he was the voice of Galax High School Football on WCGX 96.5 "The Cat." Heater works for Tech Sideline, hosting their daily show, TSL Today, also serving as the head of their social media graphics department.

Katz is currently a Senior at Virginia Tech majoring in Sports Media & Analytics with a minor in Meteorology. Originally from Davie, Florida, Tyler has spent the past two summers working as the broadcaster for summer collegiate baseball teams in the midwest, including the Pierre

Trappers of the Expedition League in Pierre, South Dakota; and the Waterloo Bucks of the Northwoods League in Waterloo, Iowa. Katz currently serves as the Sports Director for 3304 Sports and acts as the public address announcer for Virginia Tech volleyball, and previously for Virginia Tech baseball, soccer, and lacrosse.

3304 Sports is the multi-media online platform for student sports journalism and the digital home of the Sports Play-by-Play class at Virginia Tech. Members of the 3304 Sports team cover major college sporting events, giving them the opportunity to learn and grow in a professional environment.

Sports Media & Analytics students at Virginia Tech study sports journalism and work in the school's digital broadcast studio, newsroom, and media lab. Students learn in real-world

environments through extensive field work on campus and at stadiums and arenas throughout the ACC and the country.

"We are delighted that Tyler and Giovanni, two outstanding students in our SMA program will have the opportunity to broadcast professional baseball in Salem and to learn, grow and develop their skills as part of the Red Sox organization," said ESPN and Westwood One broadcaster Bill Roth, who serves as a Professor of Practice in Virginia Tech's School of Communication.

"We are very excited to continue the partnership with Virginia Tech School of Communication," said General Manager, Allen Lawrence. "This collaboration is a great opportunity for students in the program and a perfect fit for providing on-air coverage for our fans."



Left, Salem's Reese Redford(#1) fires a shot on goal in Monday night's game with Virginia Episcopal Academy at Spartan Field. Right, Bailey Stratton of the Spartans goes to the crease.

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Lacrosse teams look to bounce back against Glass

The Salem High lacrosse teams returned from spring break on Monday and both teams had a rough night. The boys dropped a 4-2 decision at North Cross and the girls lost at home, 14-8, to Virginia Episcopal School.

The boys got two goals from Dakotah Hawkins and one each from Kaidan Garst and Jackson Winger. The Spartans were down four starters due to injuries as they fell to 3-2 on the season.

The girls are now 2-2 and both teams play E.C. Glass this week. The girls will host the Hilltoppers Wednesday and the boys go to Lynchburg to play Glass on Thursday.

"We are focusing on EC Glass, who ended our season early last year," said Spartan girls' coach Maggie Pace. "Monday was all about finding team chemistry and getting people in the most beneficial places."

Salem and Glenvar will meet in baseball, softball and soccer Friday

Salem and Glenvar High School athletic teams will go head-to-head in baseball, softball and soccer this Friday in the first of two meetings between the local teams in each sport.

The baseball teams will play at Kiwanis Field at 5 pm Friday. Salem is 5-1 after knocking Hidden Valley from the ranks of the unbeaten Tuesday with a 6-5 win in nine innings at Hidden Valley.

Caleb Furnage hit a sacrifice fly to center with the bases loaded in the ninth for the winning run. Wilson Rakes got the win on the mound in relief of Carter Black and Brayden White while Trace Monroe had four hits. Monroe will pitch against Glenvar Friday.

The Highlanders dropped to 2-4 with a 5-1 loss to Carroll County in their Three Rivers District baseball opener on Tuesday. The Highlanders played error free ball behind tough luck losing pitcher Dawson Anderson.

"We out hit them, 7-6, but we just couldn't get the big hits when we needed them," said Glenvar coach Jeremy **continued on page 8**