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Skating community members appeared at Monday night's Salem City Council meeting to ask for the demolished skating facility in Moyer Sports Center to be replaced. From right, they are, Laura Saunders, 9-year-old Kyle Saunders, Eugene Meador, Kathryn Elliott and Tara Bane.

Skating community renews request to replace skate park

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Skating and scooter enthusiasts came back to Salem City Council Monday night to renew their plea for replacing the demolished skate facility that was in Moyer Sports Complex for 30 years.

Laura Saunders, with her 9-year-old son, Kyle by her side, spoke during the Citizen Comment portion.

Without a skate park, the skate community is left with no place to skate, she said. Outdoor activities are good for children's physical and mental health,

Saunders added. "Without the park, the closest one is 28 miles from Salem," Saunders said.

"Four times more money was spent on maintaining the dog park than the skate park," she said.

Saunders explained that by skating at the skate park, Kyle had developed valuable life skills, including perseverance, goal setting, social skills of talking with older teens and adults, and more.

Among facts and figures she distributed before the meeting to Councilmembers were estimated costs for a new

skating facility. She said building a park would cost \$50 per square foot, with an average of 10,000 square feet, plus the cost of land.

The former skatepark was torn down after renovations to Moyer Sports Complex began in September for the softball complex and addition of pickleball courts. It is expected to reopen in 2024.

They were particularly distressed, members of the skating community said when they appeared in April, because Council made no announcement

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Layman Distributing spending \$6.8M to expand in Salem 42 new jobs will be created



COURTESY OF ROANOKE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Layman Distributing is relocating to a facility at 2157 Apperson.

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Layman Distributing, a small, woman-owned full-service wholesale distributor will invest \$6.8 million to expand in Salem, according to an announcement from Gov. Glenn Youngkin last week. The expansion will include a relocation to a facility at 2157 Apperson Drive that will provide twice the square footage of the distributor's existing facility, doubling the company's operational capacity.

"Layman Distributing is a hometown Virginia company that has found success for 75 years in the City of Salem, demonstrating the strength of the Commonwealth's strategic location,

world-class infrastructure, robust workforce, and innovative supply chain ecosystem," Youngkin said. "The Roanoke Region provides a convenient gateway to reach target customer markets, and this expansion will allow Layman to further extend its distribution reach. We look forward to a continued partnership with the company for years to come."

The announcement noted the project will create 42 new jobs.

"Layman Distributing is a valued long-term employer in the City of Salem and its expansion will bring 42 new jobs and strengthen Virginia's supply chain management sector," said Secretary of

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COURTESY OF ROANOKE COLLEGE

Roanoke College held its spring 2023 commencement ceremony last Saturday.

436 graduate from Roanoke College

Nikki Giovanni awarded honorary degree

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Roanoke College held its commencement ceremony for the Class of 2023 last Saturday, the first since new President Frank Shushok Jr. took over as the institution's 12th leader. American writer

A total of 436 students graduated, with 179 Bachelor of Arts, 177 Bachelor of Science and 80 Bachelor of Business Administration degrees being granted.

After the virtual ceremonies of the COVID-19 years, which dominated the start of this class's college experience, graduates and guests alike appreciated

gathering under beaming sunshine and dappled shade on the John R. Turbyfill '53 Quadrangle.

In his remarks to the graduates, Shushok noted that the stories of people all over the world are a collage made up not only of joy, success and adventure, but also failure, loss and doubt. He encouraged the students to celebrate everything that brought them to that moment and remember that they are capable not only of surviving everything that life offers, but of flourishing and finding purpose along the way.

He said, "Quite frankly, being human is no joke. But I want you to remember that you have the fortitude and

tools to take on hard things, whether that's a struggling relationship, another personal issue, a sticky work problem or a pandemic that shuts the entire world down. You know how to struggle and learn your way through it. From there, you can look back, understand the lessons, and say, 'Look at me now.'"

The Class of 2023 broke a record with seven students earning valedictorian honors. The previous record was last year's class with five valedictorians. The 2023 valedictorians are:

- Kasey Truman Draper, a business administration major from Roanoke

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Habeeb to lead division's alternative and online programs

Salem School Division Superintendent Dr. Curtis Hicks announced on Wednesday that veteran employee Scott Habeeb has been named the coordinator of alternative and online programs. In this newly created position, Habeeb will oversee alternative education programs for students in grades 6-12 and will coordinate a K-12 online academy partnership with Virginia Virtual, serving nonresident students from across the commonwealth.

"Scott Habeeb has spent the past 26 years serving the Salem community as a teacher, coach, and administrator," Hicks said. "During that time, more than 8,000 students have benefited from his ability to support and build on the culture of excellence that permeates Salem High School."

Habeeb began his Salem High School journey when he was hired straight out of Virginia Tech for his first teaching job in 1997. After seven years as a history instructor, he was named assistant principal in 2004 and in 2013, he replaced John Hall as the school's principal.

"Salem High School has been a second home to me, and this faculty has been my extended family for 26 years, which is nearly my entire adult life," Habeeb said. "I am so thankful for the many mentors and



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Habeeb

friends I have here and have had here over the years. While I'm incredibly excited about what's next for me, I know I will miss working alongside each of these wonderful people every day."

The division said that during his time in administration, Salem High School has been viewed as a leader in innovation. While some educators were invited to participate in the White House Summit on Next Generation High Schools, others were named Regional and State Teachers of the Year. The school also added Career and Technical

Education opportunities in Cosmetology, Health Sciences, Technology Education, Welding, and Computer Science, and expanded workplace-learning experiences through job shadowing, apprenticeships, pathway projects, and internships.

"Our student body has become more diverse during my 19 years in leadership here, and Salem High School has intentionally created spaces of welcome for all students," Habeeb said. "We have expanded clubs, classes, teams, programs,

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Talk & Tour: Documentary Screening & Walking Tour at Roanoke College's Historic Campus: On Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Salem Museum, Dr. Jesse Bucher will share the findings of the Center's Genealogy of Slavery Research Project conducted in summer, 2022. Six student researchers have identified more than 2,500 enslaved men, women, and children in Roanoke County. Dr. Bucher's presentation will include a screening of a short documentary by the project team that describes their findings, but also the emotions and revelations they experienced in the course of their research. The in-person program is part of the Salem Museum's Speaker Series and is free and open to the public. On Saturday, May 13 at 11 a.m., Dr. Bucher will conduct a walking tour of Roanoke College's historic buildings, dating back to the College's first structure, the Administration Building that was begun in 1848. The Roanoke College campus includes a number of historic structures, but three of them—a large antebellum mansion, the slave quarters that served the house, and a nearby family home—provide a rare window into life in Salem in the mid-1800s. Participants meet at Monterey House at the corner of Clay and High Streets. The tours are free and open to the public.

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.

2023 Movies at Longwood: On Friday, May 19 at Longwood Park, the free monthly entertainment begins with the Disney animated picture "Jungle Cruise." The movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m., and admission is free for all ages.

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.

Memorial Day Weekend: Fallen Defenders—Past to Present: On Saturday, May 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., experience a unique display of military uniforms and Fallen Soldier Battle Crosses. The display will represent almost every major conflict in American history from the Revolutionary War through Operation Inherent Resolve. The display will be set up on the grounds of the Salem Museum and is presented by the 24th Virginia Infantry Living Historians, who will be onsite to answer questions. This event at the Salem Museum is free and open to the public.

Traditionally, in conflicts past, the spot where a soldier or a marine fell in battle was marked by a helmet placed on a rifle with its bayonet thrust into the ground. This marker was a powerful symbol of respect, but also of courage, sacrifice and loss.

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.

2023 Movies at Longwood: "Minions The Rise of Gru" will be shown on June 16 at Longwood Park. The movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m., and admission is free for all ages.

We The Kingdom: Grammy-nominated Contemporary Christian band We The Kingdom is set to take over the Salem Civic Center on Saturday night, June 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50, \$37.50, \$47.50, \$71.50 and \$99.50 for VIP packages. Preferred parking is \$10.

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.

2023 Movies at Longwood: "Lightyear" will be shown on July 21 at Longwood Park. The movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m., and admission is free for all ages.

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.

2023 Movies at Longwood: "Sonic 2" will be shown at Longwood Park. The movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m., and admission is free for all ages.

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, May 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Virginia Western Educational Foundation announces spring 2023 scholarship recipients



COURTESY OF VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Fall 2022 and spring 2023 scholarship recipients were honored Thursday, April 27 at the Annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony at Virginia Western.

ROANOKE — The Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation announces that it awarded \$207,406 in general scholarships to 133 students attending the spring 2023 semester at Virginia Western Community College. Fall 2022 and spring 2023 scholarship recipients were honored April 27 at the Annual Scholarship and Awards Ceremony in Whitman Theater.

The following Salem students received scholarships:

- Martha Adams Trust Scholarship
- Ryan Crouch—Richard J. Gaynor Memorial Scholarship
- Nicolette Foss—Dr. Donna Harpold Memorial Annual Scholarship
- Ellen Hartley—Fralin Futures STEM-H Scholarship
- Cordell Haynes—Fred Whitaker Company Annual Scholarship
- Rose Joy—Nicholas E. Janney Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Regan Laughlin—Fralin Futures STEM-H Scholarship
- Sean Laughlin—Down

- Syndrome Association of Roanoke Annual Scholarship
- John Morris Roslyn Educational Scholarship
- Kyleigh Smithey—Beverly Day Williamson, Jr. Endowed Scholarship
- Chandler Sutphin—Martha and William Adams Trust Scholarship
- Adam Warren—J.K. and Donna Speas Annual Scholarship
- Todd Blankenship—Hal & Lorraine Jones Memorial Annual Scholarship

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

CHAS. D. DENIT WRITES OF END OF 19TH CENTURY

As 1900 Dawned Editor Denit Aply Reviewed Changing Conditions and Pictured Coming Trends

From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*
 In 1899 when the nineteenth century with its spent force was about to fade from the picture and the twentieth century loomed upon the horizon, Editor Charles D. Denit took a backward glance at the departing century and also a forward look into the approaching years and most ably gave a picture of past and future trends. At that time he said editorially:

“Standing today upon the lofty, rugged crest of time and casting our vision backwards through the dim distant vistas of receding ages and generations, we note the departure into the shadows of an irrevocable past, of another century of the hoary traveler’s fast accumulating age.”

“Since its fateful dawn-just a hundred years ago-how many millions of our kind have come from the dark depths of the unknown, and have gone to the still darker shades of the unknown and the unknowable? At its dawn our country had just entered on its great mission of giving freedom to the king and priest ridden peoples of the world. Now she sits upon the highest pinnacle of the terrestrial universe and dictates laws and treaties for the governments of mankind, not by the power of her armies, but by the grander forces of high and moral principles.

Religion

“Then the disciples of the world’s greatest master were hurling invectives and diatribes from pulpit against pulpit—a crowd of carping, jarring, bickering sects—and intolerance of belief and practice filled men’s hearts, and wounded and weeping, love wondered forlorn and homeless.”

“Then the doctrine of the divine right of kings to rule and peoples to obey made men automatons fit for serfdom and degradation, and filled the earth with

hopeless miseries of poverty and lawlessness.”
 “Now old things are passing away and all things becoming anew. Old methods of thought and action, old doctrines, old ideals and ideas have given place to the inspiration of progress, of evolution and revolution,”
 “We pause a moment at the threshold of the opening century and ask the thrilling, interesting question: What will it bring mankind in religion, in law, in science, in discovery, in invention, in social, political, literary and financial development?”

Advances

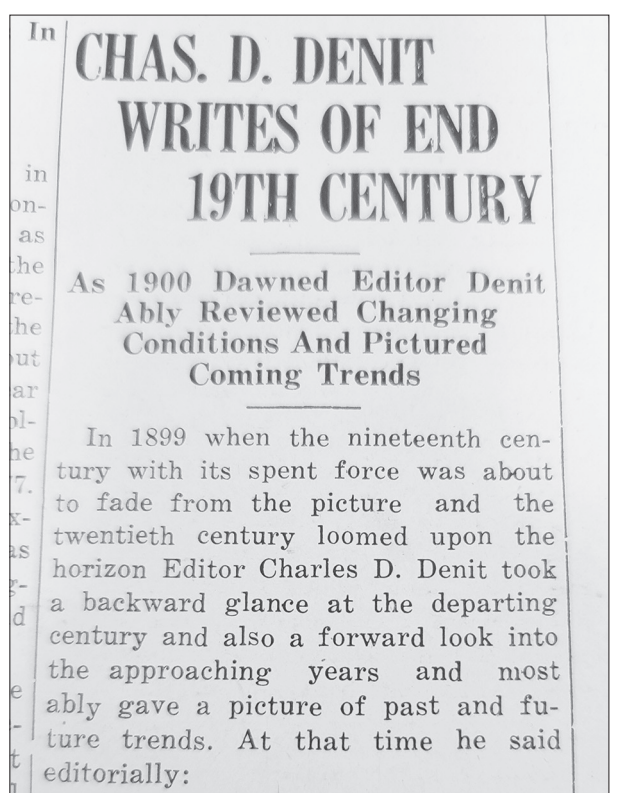
“Concluding from the achievements of the century that is past, and continuing the momentum and force of development in its later stages, we have assured promise of a total revolution of modern things. It will not be treading on the vocation of the ordained prophet to say that, ere it passes, the long, dark, damning, destructive, desolating, destroying reign and rule of Satan will have given way to the beneficent scepter of God’s immaculate Son.”

“The great movements in religion and government portend unmistakably the overturning of the present social, political, scientific and ethical systems.”

“The frightful orgy of human slavery has been swept into the abysmal depths where the wrecks of the decayed epochs have long been buried. Wars have practically been displaced by arbitration, save now and then a nation suffers a spasm of blood-letting and murder, and was against liberty and love and religion prevail.”

“It is the expiring struggle of the monster Molock who has desolated the world with the sword and torch for a hundred generations.”

“We, who are the actors upon the world’s stage at the dawning of the twentieth century must align ourselves with the saving, loving forces that God has ordained



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for the redemption of our races and the destruction of Satan’s power, and we most humbly and devoutly offer Him our hearts and hand in the great conflict that will place His incarnate Son on the universal throne of the world. Let all of his children say amen.”

-Prepared by Lisa King

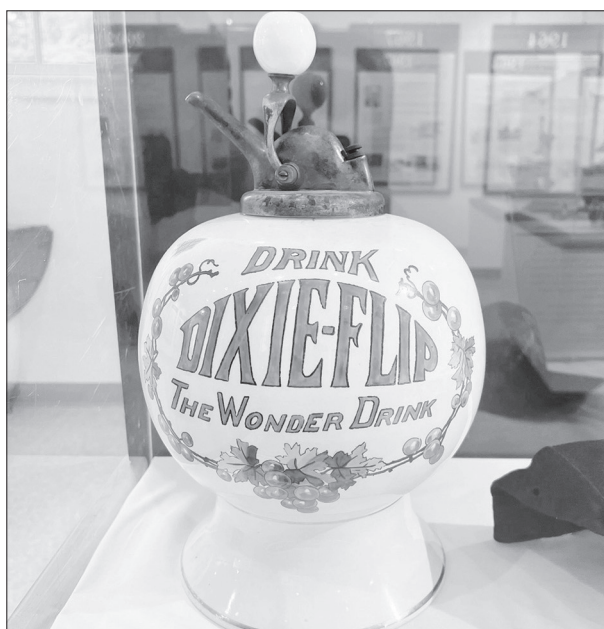
SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that Salem once had its own soda company? In the early 1900s, the Virginia Beverage Company had a plant in Salem that introduced two of the company’s best-selling products: King-Cola and Dixie Flip.

Pictured is a Dixie Flip dispenser that was used here in Salem. Dixie Flip was a white grape flavored soda introduced in 1917. It was described at the time as having a “white-grape, true-fruit, champagne” flavor. This dispenser held the syrup that was then mixed with carbonated water to make the soft drink. Dixie Flip was produced until 1923, when the company went bankrupt and closed.

This Dixie Flip dispenser is currently on display in the Salem Museum’s new permanent exhibit “Through Their Eyes.”

“Through Their Eyes” highlights sixteen major



Dixie Flip Dispenser COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM

events, dating back to 1671, that have shaped Salem and the Roanoke Valley into the community it is today. History gets personal as seen ‘through the eyes’ of men and women who lived here at the time. The Gallery features personal

narratives, pictures, maps, artifacts, hands-on elements, and augmented reality technology.

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

2023 Movies at Longwood schedule has been announced

The Salem Parks and Recreation Department announced the 2023 Movies at Longwood schedule last week. On Friday, May 19 at Longwood Park, the free monthly entertainment begins with the Disney animated picture “Jungle Cruise.” This is an adventure-filled Amazon jungle expedition starring Dwayne Johnson as the riverboat captain and Emily Blunt as a determined explorer on a research

mission. Also starring in the film are Edgar Ramirez, Jack Whitehall, Jesse Plemons, and Paul Giamatti. The movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m., and admission is free for all ages.

This year’s other movies for the summer of 2023 include – “Minions The Rise of Gru” on June 16, “Lightyear” on July 21 and “Sonic 2” on Aug. 11.

These Friday night events are designed for the

entire family to enjoy a free night at the movies under the stars, so everyone is welcome to bring chairs and a blanket. A variety of cinema-style concessions will be available from The Tailgate.

The department noted that pets are not allowed at these events. For additional information, please call Salem Parks and Recreation at 375-3057.

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VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders

in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a traffic shift with narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

WORK ZONE SPEED: With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday,

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POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of May 02, 2023 – May 08, 2023

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
05/02/2023	Nathan R. Henegar	26	Damage Property
05/02/2023	Brandi E. Powell	37	Public Intoxication
05/02/2023	Latisha M. Dixon	31	Assault on Police Officer, Assault & Battery, Damage Property, Criminal Trespass
05/03/2023	Christopher T. Norfleet	44	Public Intoxication
05/04/2023	Joshua S. Gutshall	36	Petit Larceny
05/04/2023	Nathan R. Henegar	26	Violation of Protective Order
05/04/2023	Joshua B. Graham	27	Failure to Appear
05/04/2023	Jessica E. Hatfield	31	Contempt of Court
05/05/2023	Amanda N. Maiden	37	Failure to Appear
05/05/2023	James R. Gober III	29	Contempt of Court
05/07/2023	Timothy L. Harris	33	Criminal Trespass, Failure to Appear
05/08/2023	Gabriel L. Haynes	24	Violation of Probation

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
02-MAY-2023	1300 BLK W Main St	Grand Larceny
02-MAY-2023	1900 BLK Electric Rd	Assault on Police Officer
03-MAY-2023	100 BLK Ferrum Dr	Grand Larceny
04-MAY-2023	100 BLK Kimball Ave	Vehicle Theft
08-MAY-2023	300 BLK Wildwood Rd	Burglary

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OBITUARIES

Copeland, Connie May Rush

Connie May Rush Copeland, 88, of Arlington, Va. and originally of East Gary, Ind., went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Connie played the clarinet in the Edison High School marching band. She worked as a radiology technician for many years. She also worked at the Episcopal Cathedral School in Santurce, Puerto Rico. The places she lived included Indiana, Florida, Cuba, New York, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and Arlington, Va. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Arlington, Va., and enjoyed gardening, cooking, and reading.

Her parents were Lloyd Dale and Newana Maxine

Rush; and her beloved husband of 58 years was Herbert Earl Copeland, Jr.

She had 2 children, Lynn (Bryan) and



Carol (Roger); 5 grandchildren, Christopher (Carley), Amy, Hannah, James, and Ross; 3 great-grandchildren, Brooklynn, Chloe, and Cassidy; and a very special family friend, Irma De Romero. The family is

incredibly grateful for the fine staff with the Lewis-Gale Medical Center's surgical ICU department.

A period of visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem, Va. A funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023, in the funeral home's chapel. She was laid to rest beside her husband on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contacting family members to give to an education fund that has been set up for her great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey.com.

Transportation Board holding public input meeting May 16

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is hosting nine meetings across Virginia and is inviting the public to share feedback on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding, as well as other transportation initiatives. Members of the community may participate by attending public meetings or submitting comments online, by email or by mail.

The Salem District meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16, at 4 p.m. in the Salem Civic Center's Community Room located at 1001 Roanoke Boulevard in Salem.

The public will have an opportunity to learn and share feedback about the Draft Fiscal Year 2024-2029 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP), which allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation, and transportation demand

management projects.

The Draft FY 2024-2029 SYIP identifies projects proposed for inclusion in the final program, which will be before the CTB at its June meeting. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the federally required Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to document how Virginia will obligate its federal funds. The Draft FY 2024-2029 SYIP includes projects recommended for funding in the following programs:

- SMART SCALE, the Board's statewide multimodal transportation prioritization process that provides funding for highway, transit capital, rail capital, transportation demand management, and bike/ped projects.

- State of Good Repair, a program that provides funding for deteriorated pavements and structurally deficient bridges owned or

maintained by VDOT and or localities.

- Comments will also be accepted for new projects valued at more than \$25 million.

In addition to providing spoken or written comments at one of the public meetings, comments can be submitted via online form, email, or mail by May 24, 2023:

- For roads and highways: Six Year Program @ VDOT.Virginia.gov or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

- For transit and rail: DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov or Public Information Office, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219.

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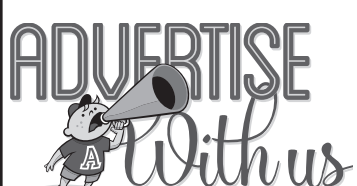
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HIGHLANDERS MOVIN' UP

These Glenvar seniors made their college choices official on Tuesday as they plan to further their education while participating in collegiate sports. Left to right, with sport and college, are Sydney Loder(Columbia University, Track & Field), Brooklyn Woolwine(Roanoke College, Track & Field), Avone Noel(UVA-Wise, Track & Field), Jake Cline(Virginia Tech, wrestling), Jacson Shepherd(Univ. of Lynchburg, soccer), River Smith(VMI, wrestling), Molly McCroskey(Roanoke College, Track & Field), and twins Isabella and Marco Gustafson, who are both going to Roanoke College to play tennis. The Highlanders celebrated their big day with friends and family at the Glenvar gym.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

AL seasons conclude

The Andrew Lewis Middle School spring sports teams wrapped up their seasons with games against Pulaski last week.

The baseball team won 9-2 at Billy Sample Field in Salem to finish the season with a winning record at 8-7. Kobe Hairstion started the game on the mound for the Wolverines, allowing one hit and two runs over four innings. Derek Bush earned a save, allowing no runs and striking out three in two innings. Lewis would pull away for good in the fifth on two monster doubles by Landin Barton and Rocket Cowling to win 9-2.

"This has been a rollercoaster ride in my first year at Andrew Lewis. I am so proud of this group," said coach Andrew Reedy. "We left the field better ballplayers, better men, and as a closer family. I couldn't be prouder."

The softball team finished the season at 9-9 after winning at Pulaski, 12-9, as Evie Van Liew tripled and Emory Coe knocked her in for an extra inning win for Lewis.

"We saved the best for last," said coach Lawrence Van Liew. "We were very competitive all season and it was a fun group."

The boys soccer team finished 15-1-2 as they beat Pulaski, 2-0, in coach Perry Manning's last game as coach after 38 years at the helm. Sam Villegas scored both goals and Caleb Moshier had an assist in the win at Pulaski.

For the year Lewis outscored the opposition 54-5 and had 14 shutouts. Of the 25 plays 19 either had a goal or an assist this season.

"Losing Jacob Daniel, the center of our defense, to a knee injury was a difficult blow half way through the season," said Manning. "The team responded by stepping up and continuing to shut out opponents. True to their character they kept Jacob right there on the field by playing for him in so many ways on and off the field.

"Thanks for the wonderful outpouring of support as our season came to a close. I couldn't have ended my coaching career with a better group of guys and with such a wonderfully supportive group of parents."

The girls ended their season with a 4-1 win over Pulaski at home to finish 11-2-6 on the season. It was the fourth consecutive winning season for the Wolverines, and the eighth graders finished with a 25-5-7 record in their two years on the team.

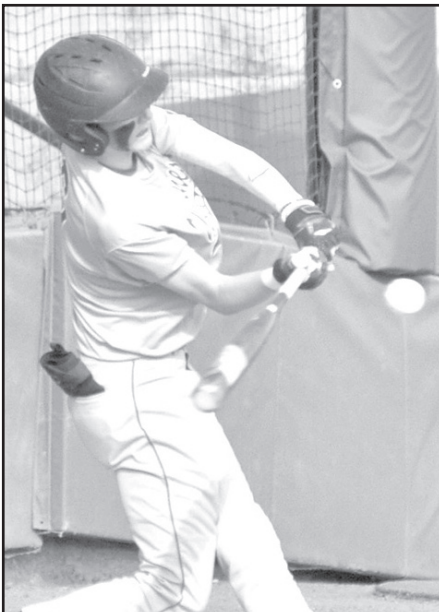
Rosie Horne was this year's Challenge Cup Winner, noted coach Estaban Martinez.

"It is a tradition at Andrew Lewis Middle School soccer," he said. "It's a series of competitive events throughout the season within groups or individually. We actually have a trophy in the trophy case with student names on it from years past, and hers' goes on this year."



Above, Andrew Lewis soccer players surround Perry Manning after his last game as Wolverine coach after 38 years. Below left, Tanner Overstreet takes a rip in Lewis' baseball win over Pulaski. Below right, Rose Horne is the girls' soccer team "Challenge Cup Winner."

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Spartans run at Cosmo, Dogwood

The Salem High track team participated in two meets Saturday, as some Spartans attended the annual Cosmopolitan Club meet at William Fleming and some others competed in the Dogwood Invitational at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

At Fleming, the Blacksburg boys and girls swept the Senior Division and also won the girls part of the Junior Division, for ninth and 10th graders. William Byrd won the boys' Junior Division. Salem's Walker Peterson was awarded the Cosmopolitan Club Outstanding Male Athlete Award for 2023, a value of \$3,500.

Placing in the Senior Division for Salem were Josiah Moyer with a fourth in the Long Jump, Addy Funk with a sixth in the 1,600 meter run, and the girls 4x800 relay team of Elizabeth Bocock, Mary Chamberland, Lyndsy Rothkopf and Funk won the 4x800 relay.

In the Junior Division Coen Logan took fourth in the 100 dash and sixth in the long jump and Blake Bass was sixth in the high jump for the boys. For the girls, Sutton Semones was fifth in the shot and Erin Armistead took sixth in the 400.

In Charlottesville, the Salem boys finished ninth as a team among close to 150 schools entered. Dominic Wright posted an impressive 11.17 seconds in the 100m dash to qualify him for the state meet also with a season best. Peyton Lewis took

first in the event with a Personal Record and New School Record of 10.50. Also taking first place was the boys 4x100m relay team of Jonathan Vernon, Josiah Persinger, DaRon Wilson and Lewis, setting a new meet record of 41.50 seconds, just off their new school they set the previous weekend.

Persinger jumped a state qualifying mark in the long jump at 21'2.75", placing him 13th out of 45 athletes. In the boys 200m we had Vernon ran a blistering 22.13 seconds to improve his personal best by over three-tenths of a second. Also achieving a personal best in the 200m was Trenton Moyer at 23.03.

The boys 4x400m relay also improved their season best time clocking 3:30.22 with Bryson Hill, Mitchell Taylor, Rumiel Nugent and Nazeser Miller. This time ranks them second in the region and top 10 in Class 4A.

In the girls meet Myla Green placed 17th out of 80 athletes in the 100 hurdles with a season's best time of 15.90, qualifying her for the Regional & State meet. The girls 4x100m relay placed 16th among 40 teams with Isabella Bruno-Gaston, Shaniya Robinson, Genelle Balthazar & Myla Green.

The entire team with travel to Christiansburg Saturday to compete in the Blue Demon Invitational. Glenvar will also attend this meet.



Lewis, GMS compete in MS meet

The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar middle school track teams wrapped up their seasons last weekend when they competed in the middle school division of the annual Cosmopolitan Club Track meet.

The Lewis boys brought home the Cosmo championship trophy, beating out 26 schools and holding off a strong Northside team. Double winner DaVon Jones, who won the high jump and the 110 meter hurdles and took second in the 300 hurdles, led the boys' team. Aedon Wiley won the 200 meter dash and took second in the 100 meter.

Jordan McCadden placed second in the triple jump, while Tristen Noel took second in the 400 meter dash. Jones, Wiley, McCadden, and Kyshead Arrington were runner-ups in the 400 meter dash. Noel, Nasir Ward, Mike Tatoute, and Logan Poff took home silver in the 1600 meter relay to wrap up the scoring for the champion Wolverines.

The girls' team placed third out of twenty-six teams and brought home the third place trophy. Brinklee Hall completed an undefeated season in the discus by winning the gold medal.

Zariah Sanders took third in the 100 meters, while Maekayla Scott took home silver in the 300 meter hurdles. Sanders, Scott, Ava Shifflett, and Synia Law won bronze in the 400 meter relay. Macy Gibson placed sixth in the discus, while sister Kate Gibson placed fifth in the shot. McKenzie Holland finished fourth in the shot put for the Lady Wolverines.

For Glenvar, Spencer Britton won the 800m finals with a nail biter finish. Britton outkicked a Maury River runner to win with a 2:12, also breaking the team record. Spencer also placed third in the 1600m finals with a time of 4:52. The race featured three of the top five middle school 1600m runners in the state. The finish was exciting to the line with the top three separated by only two seconds, and Britton's performance set a new team record.

For the girls, Aiden Beverly finished off the year with a strong performance in the 200m, finishing second.



At the Cosmo. Top left, Walker Peterson runs for Salem. Top right, left to right, Elizabeth Bocock, Mary Chamberland, Lyndsy Rothkopf and Addy Funk won the girls' 4x800. Above, DaVon Jones(left) and Jordan McCadden run the middle school 300 meter hurdles. Left, Spencer Britton and Aiden Beverly medaled for the Glenvar Middle School team.

ACTION PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Highlanders hot on pitch

The Glenvar soccer teams keep rolling along as the boys and girls both posted wins last week. The boys have lost just once and the girls have two losses with a little over a week to play in the regular season.

The boys kept up their winning ways with a 6-1 win at Carroll County and an 11-0 shutout of Alleghany at Highlander Stadium. Against Carroll, Aidan Hylton scored the first two goals 12 minutes into the game, Jason Shepherd scored twice and Kian Fisher and Wesley Feliciano scored one each. Shepherd, Fisher and Colin Clapper added assists as Glenvar outshot Carroll 21-5.

Last Thursday was Senior Night as Glenvar recognized Alex Byrd, Clapper, Marco Gustafson, Tyler Pierce and Shepherd prior to the game, then put nine on the scoreboard in the first half. Bryce King and Shepherd finished with three goals apiece and also scoring were Feliciano, Clapper,



Fernando Garcia controls the ball for Glenvar.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Pierce, Tyler Curfiss and Cooper Mullins.

The boys are now 12-1 and were scheduled to play at Radford Wednesday. Next Tuesday they'll finish their game with Salem that was interrupted by lightning on April 14 at GHS.

The girls returned from a week off with two convincing wins, shutting out Alleghany, 8-0, on the road then downing Auburn at home on Monday, 8-1.

Jules Stanley hit the net four times in the win at Alleghany. Davin Tate had two goals and two assists and Campbell

Hardin had two goals and one assist. Faren Wilson had three assists.

On Monday Stanley scored two more and scoring one time each were Wilson, Hardin, Tate, Rhyann Harris, Megan Pomerleau and Anna Vecellio. Harris had three assists, Wilson had two and Tate and Stanley helped on one goal each.

With the wins the Highlanders are now 11-2 overall and 5-0 in the district. They were scheduled to host Radford Wednesday and next Monday, May 15, Carroll County comes here.

Salem soccer teams top Knights

The Salem High soccer teams swept Cave Spring on the pitch last Friday as they jockey for position in Region 4D with the season nearing an end. The boys won 2-1 at Cave Spring and the girls took a 1-0 win at Spartan Field.

At Cave Spring, Buddy Reed opened the scoring 11 minutes into the game with a beautiful finish off a nice feed from Elijah Clark. The Knights drew even three minutes later and it was level at the half, 1-1.

Salem freshman Logan Lavinder got the game winner 20 minutes into the second half when Graham Fischer found him with a "through ball" and Logan was able to finish. The Spartans and keeper Max Benne shut out the Knights in the second half to pick up a big River Ridge District win and improve Salem's overall record to 10-4.

Meanwhile, the girls were involved in a battle royale in Salem. The game was scoreless at intermission before Zada Craig got the only goal of the game in the second half off an

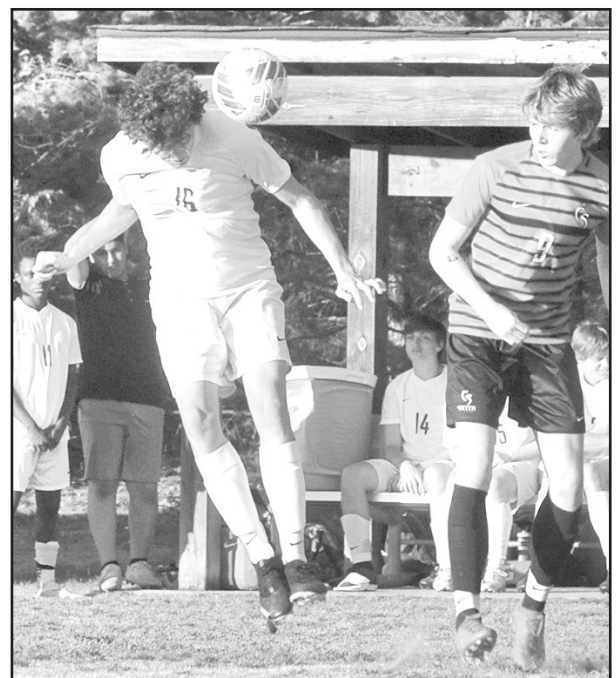
assist from Eliza Fleenor. Allison Kessel recorded the shutout in goal.

"It was a full team effort," said Salem coach Kayla Wood. "We had three subs and were using players in new and different positions. I am proud of the way this team fought for each other to win."

The girls are 8-5-1

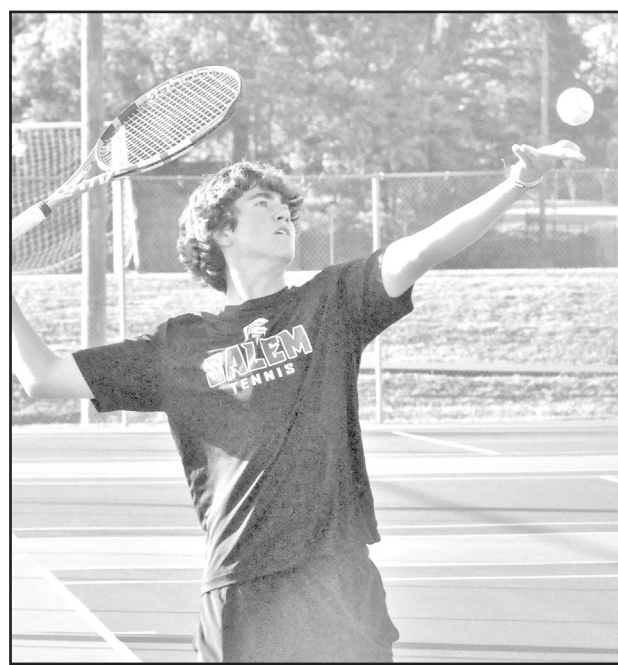
with the win. "We are chasing the number one or two seed to play in the district championship game, a goal of ours this whole season," said Wood.

The girls will host Pulaski County for "Senior Night" Friday and the boys are at Pulaski.



Salem's Grant Clemens heads the ball in last week's win at Cave Spring.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Salem's Cooper Davis serves one up in his singles win at Cave Spring last week.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem tennis teams sweep Cave Spring

The Salem High tennis teams swept Cave Spring in a pair of River Ridge District matches Friday. The boys won 6-3 at Cave Spring and the girls took an 8-1 win Salem.

At Cave Spring, the boys played doubles first and won the first and third matches for a 2-1 lead. Cave Spring won at number two and three singles but Salem got wins from Drew Perez at one, Cooper Davis at four, Logan Butcher at five and Aidan Bush at six to pull out the match. Davis avenged a prior

defeat and that was key to the win.

At Salem the girls won five of six singles with Claire Rawlins, Lauren Baba, Caroline Loveday, and Anna Spence all winning in straight sets and Salem won by forfeit at six. In doubles Rawlins and Baba won at one, Loveday and Morgan Tobey won at two and the Knights forfeited at three.

The Spartans will take on Pulaski on Friday with the girls at home and the boys playing the Cougars in Dublin.

Glenvar boys go to 10-0 in tennis

The Glenvar boys tennis team remained undefeated with an 8-1 win over Alleghany on the Glenvar courts last Friday. The Highlanders were at Floyd on Tuesday but results were too late for publication.

"This is a big week with Floyd Tuesday, Senior Night with Northside on Wednesday and Radford away on Friday," said Glenvar coach Bob Haynie. "We still have plenty of areas to improve on, but best thing about this group of guys is that they are coachable, hard working, and humble."

The girls won at Alleghany last Friday, 8-1, and were scheduled to play Floyd at home Tuesday, at Northside Wednesday and home to Radford Friday. The girls have just two losses this season.

Maroons sweep W&L to earn spot in ODAC baseball tourney in Richmond

The Roanoke College baseball team swept Washington & Lee in a best-of-three series last weekend to advance to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship tournament this week. Roanoke beat W&L, 5-3 and 4-1, at Ben Franklin Middle School in Rocky Mount.

The sweep puts the Maroons in a four team, double elimination field this week at the University of Richmond's Pitt Field. The tournament starts today with top seeded Lynchburg meeting fourth seeded Randolph-Macon at 11 am, followed by third-seeded Roanoke

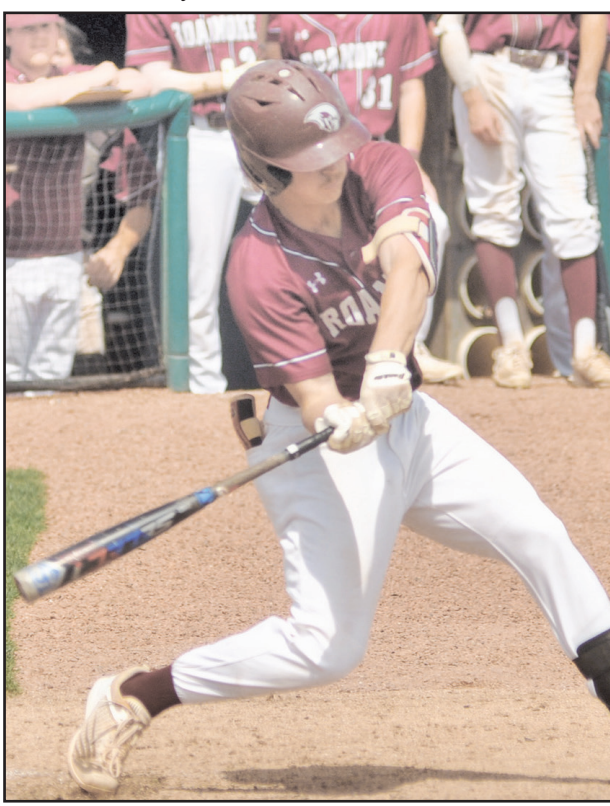
against second seeded Shenandoah at 2:30 pm. The tournament continues through Saturday with a berth in the NCAA Division III tournament going to the winner.

Roanoke comes into the tournament with a 27-15 overall record. The Maroons served as the home team for the games played in Franklin County as the Red Sox were home at Salem Memorial Ballpark and there was a youth tournament scheduled at Kiwanis Park.

On Saturday Will Turner improved his record to 6-1 when he went seven innings on the mound to pick up the win. Aiden Kuhle pitched a scoreless eighth and Alex Markus struck out the side in the ninth to earn his fourth save. Jacob Bonzon, Jonny Wall and Conner Butler all had two hits for the Maroons.

On Sunday RC made a third game unnecessary when they beat the Generals 4-1. Jackson Murphy pitched seven innings and picked up his fifth win against one loss with a 10 strikeout outing. Owen Ledford pitched the last inning and a third for a save and Conner Butler had a home run and three RBIs for the Maroons. Wall had three more hits to improve his team-leading batting average to .383.

With the two game sweep Roanoke is now 27-15 on the season.



Conner Butler of Roanoke College homered and drove in three runs for the Maroons in Sunday's clinching win.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Jose Ramirez of the Salem BeerMongers (ie Red Sox) pitches against Fayetteville in last Thursday's game in Salem.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem will celebrate 15 year anniversary as Red Sox affiliate on Saturday night

The Salem Red Sox will be home all week to host the Columbia Fireflies in a six game series at Salem Memorial Ballpark. The Sox opened the series with a 6-5 walk-off win over the Flies on Tuesday.

Salem led 5-4 after eight innings Tuesday but Columbia, a Kansas City Royals farm team, scored a run in the top of the ninth tie the game. Salem then scored on a "walk off walk" in the bottom of the ninth when Luis Ravelo drew a free pass on a full count with one out and the bases loaded. Marques Johnson picked up the win after blowing a save in the top of the ninth.

The homestand continues through Sunday, with weekday games at 7:05 pm, a Saturday game at 6:05 pm and Sunday's getaway game at 3:05 pm. Salem then goes to Lynchburg next week for a six game series, beginning Tuesday.

The Sox were home to Fayetteville last week and split six games with the Woodpeckers. After winning the first two games, 12-2 and 12-5, Fayetteville pecked back with three straight wins, 7-0, 5-2 and 5-3 on Saturday night. The Sox ended the skid with a 5-0 win on Sunday as four Salem pitchers combined for a shutout. Noah Dean pitched the first five innings and picked up the win, fanning five.

This week's promotions include Pirates Night Friday, a 15th anniversary giveaway celebrating 15 years as a Red Sox affiliate on Saturday and a special Mother's Day game Sunday.

RC women receive NCAA lax bid

Despite losing to Washington & Lee in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship game, the season is not over for the Roanoke College women's lacrosse team. The 16th ranked Maroons were granted an at-large bid into the 2023 NCAA Tournament.

The 15-3 Maroons will travel to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for the First and Second Round games. They begin with a contest against Bryn Athyn (11-2) with the winner facing off against host site Franklin & Marshall (15-4).

Roanoke advanced to the ODAC Tournament final this season where RC dropped a 16-9 decision to Washington and Lee, Division III's second ranked team, in Lexington. That followed a 12-5 win over Shenandoah in the ODAC semifinals last Friday at Kerr Stadium.

Salem High product Lilly Blair leads the Maroons this season with 75 points, scoring 47 goals and assisting on 28 others. Not far behind is fellow Salem native Libby Bowman with 72 points on 54 goals and 18 assists. Sophia Chickering leads Roanoke in draw control wins with 128 and on the defensive side of the field, Natalie Mason has the team-high 48 ground balls while Addison Schmidt has forced

a team-high 38 caused turnovers. Kyleigh Chickering has started 17 games in goal, posting a 14-3 overall record with 110 saves in 893 minutes.

Bryn Athyn won the 2023 Colonial States Athletic Conference title with a 10-8 win over Wilson College. Tenth ranked Franklin & Marshall will host the first two rounds of the tournament and await the win-

ner of Roanoke and Bryn Athyn. The Diplomats come into the tournament after winning the Centennial Conference Championship over number eight Gettysburg, 15-14.

The first round game with Bryn Athyn is a rematch of the first round last year, which the Maroons won 23-4 before falling to Gettysburg in overtime, 9-8.



RC's Lilly Blair blows by a Shenandoah defender in last week's win at Kerr Stadium.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC lax men fall on late W&L rally

The Roanoke College men saw their lacrosse season come to an end with a loss to Lynchburg in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament semifinals last Thursday. The Hornets took a 12-10 win in Lynchburg to end Roanoke's season.

Lynchburg had to come from behind to subdue the Maroons, scoring twice in the final five minutes and 17 seconds to break a 10-10 tie to pull out the win. Roanoke led 6-5 at the half and 9-8 heading into the fourth quarter. However, Lynchburg finished strong and held RC scoreless over the last six minutes while scoring twice.

Luke Kammerman and Quinn Evans scored two goals each for Roanoke. Salem's Wyatt Whitlow had one goal and finished the season with a team high 58 goals. Alex Feuer made nine saves against the Hornets while facing 21 shots in his 60 minutes in goal.

With the loss Roanoke finished the season at 11-8. The Hornets advanced to the ODAC championship game, where they dropped a 12-11 decision to third seeded Washington & Lee in Lynchburg Saturday.



SALEM LACROSSE

Above, Salem's Bailey Stratton fires a shot for the girls' lacrosse team. Left, Salem's Julian Warme (white jersey) is sandwiched between to Christiansburg opponents in last week's win over the Blue Demons at Spartan Field.

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SHS lacrosse teams play Knights tonight

The Salem High lacrosse teams will take on Cave Spring tonight as they try to keep the ball rolling with the season nearing a close. Both teams had convincing victories over Christiansburg and Franklin County in the past week.

Last Thursday was Senior Night for both teams, as Seniors were recognized between the games at Spartan Field. The boys got things rolling with a 25-0 win over the Blue Demons and the girls followed with a 21-4 thumping of the visitors.

For the boys, Kaidan Garst had a big night with five goals and five assists. Jackson Jones had four goals, Trey Joyce had three and Andrew Crumpacker, Eli Chambers, Dakotah Hawkins, and Parker Dallas had two each. Hawkins and Jackson Winger had four assists each.

For the girls, Zoe Blair had five goals and two assists and Ella Walker had four goals and two assists. Mia Esworthy had two goals and two assists as seniors led the charge. Reese Redford took over in goal for sister Bailey in the second

half and Bailey got a goal playing the field.

On Monday the girls hosted Franklin County and took a 16-3 win as Blair and Bailey Stratton had four goals each and Juli Redding and Anne Craig Thomas each had three goals. Natalie Major led the defense with four of 16 total team caused turnovers and Bailey Redford made six saves in the cage.

The girls are now 8-3-1 and are looking forward to tonight's game at Cave Spring

"They played Rockbridge close and

also beat PH this year, so it should be a good game," said Salem coach Maggi Pace.

The Salem boys will take a 9-3 record into tonight's game with Cave Spring at Spartan Field. Salem had little trouble beating Franklin County in Rocky Mount Monday, posting a 17-1 win as Holden Custer and Crumpacker scored five goals each. Hawkins and Joyce had three goals each, Landon Miles had four assists and Julian Warme had his first career goal in his first year playing lacrosse.



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Above, Salem's Brayden White gets back to the bag just in time as Glenvar firstbaseman Jimmy Blount takes a throw to first trying to pick him off. Right, Highlander centerfielder Josiah Wayne makes a running catch to rob Salem of a hit in deep leftcenter field in last week's game at Billy Sample Field.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Spartans beat Glenvar to sweep season series

The Salem High baseball team swept the season series with Glenvar when the Spartans took a 9-5 win at Billy Sample Field last week. It was a spirited game from start to finish as the neighboring schools played a two-game season series for the first time in many years.

The Spartans struck first in the bottom of the third after Nate Wells reached on an infield error, Brayden White drew a walk, and Caleb Furrage doubled off the right center field wall. Furrage scored on a line drive single by Wilson Rakes to go up 3-0.

Glenvar answered in the top of the fourth to tie the game when Adam Franklin drew a lead off walk, Jimmy Blount singled and Salem committed an error that loaded the bases. Dawson Anderson singled in Franklin then, with two outs, Salem committed another error to allow the Highlanders to make it 3-3.

Highlander starter Anderson walked the bases loaded with no outs in the bottom of the fourth. He struck out the next batter, but then walked two more and Trace Monroe singled to right field, scoring White and Owen DeWalt to make the score 7-3.

The Spartans made a pitching change in the fifth,

bringing in Evan Fletcher to replace White on the mound, and the Highlanders promptly loaded the bases with one out. However, a base running error resulting in an inning ending double play on a pop up to first baseman Grant Keffer allowed Salem to get out of the inning unscathed.

The Spartans pushed two more runs across in the fifth, taking advantage of two Highlander errors, and the Spartans held on for the win.

Fletcher got the win in relief of White, who allowed just one earned run over the first four innings. Trace Monroe had two hits for Salem while Blount and Dawson had three hits each for Glenvar.

Salem was back in action Friday and dropped an 8-3 decision at Cave Spring in a River Ridge District game to fall to 11-5 on the season. Monroe took the loss with five and a third innings on the mound, fanning five. Salem had five errors in the game.

Glenvar returned to the diamond Monday and lost at Hidden Valley, 5-4. The Highlanders led early, 4-0, but the Titans rallied to win as Blount took the loss on the mound despite allowing just two earned runs. Adam Franklin had two hits and an RBI for the Highlanders.

Teubert pitches Highlanders to win over Salem in softball

The Glenvar girls won a pitchers' duel in last week's border war as the Highlanders downed Salem in softball, 5-1, at the Glenvar High field.

The game was scoreless through three with Glenvar's Abby Teubert and Salem's Cora Grace Sparger both posting zeros on the board. The

Highlanders broke the ice in the fourth when Teubert and Hannah Street both singled, then pulled off a double steal. Both scored on passed balls to give Glenvar a 2-0 lead after four innings.

In the bottom of the fifth Glenvar scored three runs on consecutive hits by Izzy Shearer, Madison Duncan,

Teubert and Street to take a 5-0 lead. Salem got one back in sixth when Lauren Jordan tripled and scored on a ground out by Sparger, but that was the only run Teubert allowed. Salem had two runners in scoring position in the top of the seventh but Abby got a strike out to end the game.

Glenvar had six hits with Teubert and Street getting two each. Teubert went the distance on the mound allowing five hits with 14 strikeouts and just one walk.

The Spartans were back in action Friday with a home game against Cave Spring at the Salem Civic Center Field. It was another tough day for the Salemites as they dropped to 5-13 on the season and 2-8 in the district with a 14-0 loss to the Knights. The Spartans will host Pulaski Friday.

Glenvar returned to the diamond Monday and dropped an 8-6 decision to Hidden Valley at Glenvar. The Highlanders led 6-3 after five innings but the Titans scored two in the top of the sixth and three in the seventh to pull out the win. Glenvar left 10 runners on bases, including three in the home third when they loaded the bases with no outs but couldn't push one across.

Shearer had three hits to lead Glenvar. Street pitched the first five innings before Teubert came on to pitch the last two and take the loss.

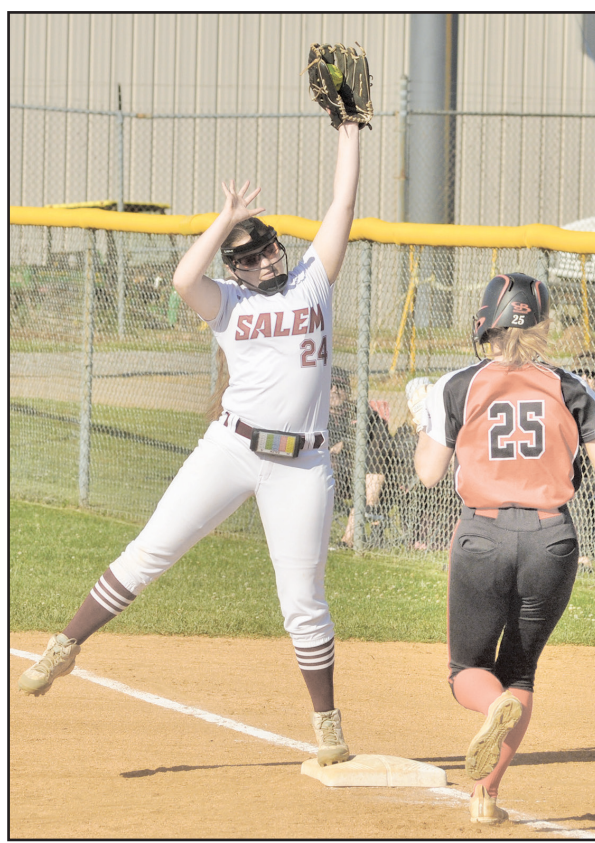
On Tuesday at home Floyd County had a big seven run third inning and Glenvar fell to the Buffalo Gals, 12-2. Teubert had two hits and split time on the mound with Street as Glenvar fell to 6-11 overall.

Glenvar will be home Friday to host Radford in a Three Rivers District game.



Left, Glenvar Ali Brown stretches to record an out in last week's win over Craig County in New Castle. Right, Abbi Neff of Salem goes high for a putout at first in Salem's game with Cave Spring at the Salem Civic Center.

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Roanoke College softball team will play for ODAC crown in Botetourt this week

The Roanoke College softball team will play Randolph-Macon in a best-of-three series for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship, beginning today at the Botetourt Sports Complex.

Today's game will be at 4 pm, with the second game scheduled for 1 pm Friday. If the two teams split, then a third and deciding game will be played at the BSC in Daleville at approximately 3:30 pm Friday. The winner gets the ODAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Roanoke is the top seed in the tournament and Randolph-Macon comes in as the second seed. Both teams advanced by winning their respective "pods" last week, with the Maroons winning three one-run games in their pod at Liberty University. The Maroons defeated Shenandoah on Friday, 2-1, Lynchburg on Saturday, 5-4,

and Guilford on Sunday, 3-2.

Against Lynchburg Roanoke led 5-1 after five innings before the Hornets cut the lead to 5-4 with three in the top of the sixth. Lynchburg loaded the bases in the top of the seventh but Roanoke was able to work out of the jam without allowing a run. Jada Karnes picked up the win on the mound while Lindsay Gedro pitched the last inning and a third for a save. Meri Bostic, Adriana Rivera and Lauren Hoffman all had two hits for RC and Hoffman drove in two runs.

On Sunday Karnes improved her record to 16-3 with a complete game win over Guilford. Rivera and Lilly Burns had two hits each for the Maroons.

With the win Roanoke improved to 27-10 overall. Randolph-Macon comes into this week's ODAC final with a record of 36-8.



Jada Karnes of Roanoke College pitches in the ODAC softball tournament at Liberty University last week.

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