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Welcome week held for Roanoke College Class of 2027

Wednesday marked first full day of classes

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Welcome week for the Roanoke College Class of 2027 kicked off last Sunday, Aug. 27 when more than 600 freshman and new transfer students arrived at the campus. The move-in weekend included a robust lineup of events, including the "President's Welcome with Frank Shushok Jr." and a campus-wide cookout. "Nothing is more electric than a campus bulging with the energy, creativity, sensitivity, and capacity of new Maroons," Shushok said. "In these moments, it's not lost on me that we're beginning anew the business of preparing another generation of students to make their mark on the world. I'm grateful we get to be part of such inspiring work."

The freshman class is the college's largest since 2019, representing 32 states and 31 countries. According to the college, 11.5% of the class are RC Honors Program students, 9% are international students, 46.6% are out-of-state students and 27% are Pell-eligible students. Additionally, 43% of the students are either first-generation, underrepresented

minorities or come from underserved backgrounds.

"As we start another school year, we are focused on making sure students have everything they need to succeed," Brian Reed, vice president for student success & the Roanoke Experience, said. "We're putting our hearts into creating a supportive community that encourages learning, creativity, and connection."

The activities for Monday included a first-generation student meetup and a range of events, including art, dining and shopping, in downtown Roanoke.

An opening convocation, led by Shushok and Kathy Wolfe, dean, was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday in the Cregger Center arena. Special guest speakers included Morehead Award winners Mazie Roop, a member of the class of 2026, and Raegan Middelthon, a member of the class of, in addition to Maggie Rahmoellar and Ivonne Wallace Fuentes, both of which received the college's 2023 Teaching Award.

While evening classes started on Tuesday, Wednesday marked the first full day of classes on the campus.

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Part of the welcome week included a president's welcome.



Students of the Roanoke College Class of 2027 moved onto campus on Sunday, Aug. 27.



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Members of the Fort Lewis Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution pose with Salem City Council Aug. 28 after Mayor Renee Turk proclaimed Sept. 17 Constitution Week.

Council agrees to hire Taliaferro for 3 more months

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

After a 30-minute closed session Monday night, Salem City Council unanimously voted to hire retiring City Manager Jay Taliaferro for an additional three months during transition to a new city manager.

Mayor Renee Turk said after the meeting Taliaferro's pay will be 3 months of 1/12 of his annual salary. According to Salem Communications Director Mike Stevens, Taliaferro's current salary is \$208,749.65.

Earlier this year Taliaferro announced he will retire Nov. 1 after 32 years in various positions with the city. He has been city manager since December 2019.

"We wanted to have the ability to call on

his expertise," Turk added.

During the work session that preceded the regular meeting, Councilmembers had a Zoom meeting with the Berkley Group's Joe Paxton and Karen Edwards, coming one step closer to a finished document that will be distributed to attract potential city manager candidates.

Paxton said his firm plans to send the completed document one more time before it is sent out nationwide on Sept. 4. The deadline for applications is Oct. 1.

At the regular meeting, resident Betsy Freund addressed Council about Broad Street-area neighbors' concerns over possible proposed developments for the HopeTree Family Services' Salem Campus.

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Northwest Ace Hardware, Salem Fair once again honor efforts of 127 Place



COURTESY PHOTO

This past June, fair fans purchased the Megapass unlimited ride tickets at area Northwest Ace stores in the region, at the Salem Civic Center box office and online.

One of the valley's most giving retailers, Northwest Ace Hardware, has once again teamed up with the Salem Fair to make a generous donation and a significant impact to a nonprofit organization.

This past June, fair fans purchased the Megapass unlimited ride tickets at area Northwest Ace stores in the region, at the Salem Civic Center box office and online. The number of ticket purchases before the start of the fair enabled the Overstreet family, that owns and operates the NW Ace chain of hardware stores, to donate \$6,345 to 127 Place.

"Northwest Ace Hardware is honored to once again make this award to 127

Place as a way of recognizing how its workers and volunteers are improving the lives of children in our hometowns and communities," said Nathan Overstreet, NW Ace Hardware vice president. "Our relationship with the Salem Fair has enabled us to collectively impact some folks we may not have otherwise reached."

The 35th Salem Fair once again attracted visitors from all over Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia during its 12-day run at the Taliaferro Complex. This year's fair featured a visit from Gov. Glenn Youngkin and a 50%

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Colonial Living History Day coming up at the Salem Museum



COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM

Fincastle Company

The Salem Museum will take visitors back to the colonial era on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a full day of living history. Costumed historians in Colonial-era clothing will bring history to life. A talk on the life of Salem's Gen. Andrew Lewis will be presented at 11 a.m. All the events are free.

Colonial living historians from the Fincastle Company will bring tools and other objects from western Virginia's frontier days to demonstrate the professions, trades and crafts that were essential in the era. Members of the group will share stories about the men and women who built a life on Virginia's frontier and who are remembered for their heroic deeds.

The museum explained that the Fincastle Company is a group of dedicated living historians who portray both military and civilian roles during the time of the American War of Independence. They conduct extensive research into the clothing and equipment of the era in order to be as accurate to the period as possible. The group performs living history displays at various historical sites across the mid-Atlantic region. They specifically portray the Fincastle/Montgomery County Militia which was an actual unit from Southwestern Virginia that served in the American Revolution.

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

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.

Rep. Cline Mobile Office Hours: A member of Congressman Ben Cline's staff will hold mobile office hours at the Salem Public Library, Meeting Room, 28 East Main Street, on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 10 a.m. A staff member will be available to meet with citizens to assist with problems they might have with a federal agency and hear their views on current issues before Congress.
DMV2Go: DMV2Go will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sept. 18.

Star-B-Q: One of the most respected new artists in country music is headed to Salem to headline the 2023 Star-B-Q concert at the Salem Farmers Market, according to the city of Salem. Dalton Dover will become the latest up-and-coming recording artist to play the annual fall concert on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Southwest Virginia's Travis Reigh will open the show.

Touch-A-Truck: Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism will hold a Touch-A-Truck event at Green Hill Park on Sept. 23 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

DMV2Go: DMV2Go will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Oct. 30

PAW Patrol Live! "The Great Pirate Adventure": The event will be at the Salem Civic Center Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$42.

Theory of a Deadman and Skillet: The bands will perform at the Salem Civic Center on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$40.50.

DMV2Go: DMV2Go will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Nov. 27.

Mannheim Steamroller: Chip Davis, founder and creator of Mannheim Steamroller, will celebrate over 35 Years of his annual Christmas concert tour during a Sunday, Dec. 3 performance at 7 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. It is the longest running concert tour in the entertainment industry. Tickets can be found at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at Ticketmaster.com.

DMV2Go: DMV2Go will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 18.

Public meetings:
 The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday,

Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.
 The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.
 The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.
 The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.
 The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
 The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.
 The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.
 The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
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SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



Tricorn hats COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM

The tricorn hat is an iconic fashion from the 1700s. Before these tri-corner hats, hats were usually tall with large brims. As wigs became important status symbols, hats became smaller with folded brims to better show them off. This design also kept soldiers' hats safe from the fire of their guns. Shortened hats were easier to hold under an arm when inside buildings. These factors gave tricorns their distinct size and shape that is synonymous with the Colonial Era. You can see these tricorn hats this weekend at the Salem Museum during Colonial Living History Day. Join the Salem Museum on

Sept. 2 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., when costume interpreters will take visitors back to the Colonial Era in Southwest Virginia with a full day of living history. Colonial re-enactors will demonstrate professions, trades, and crafts that were essential, and tell stories about the men and women who built a life on Virginia's frontier. At 11am there will be a talk about Andrew Lewis, Salem's famous colonial leader. Garrett Channell, the Salem Museum's director of education, will share Andrew Lewis' story, the role he played in the French and Indian War, and how his actions during the Revolutionary War helped secure the Colonies' independence.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of August 22, 2023 - August 28, 2023

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
8/22/2023	Brandi E. Powell	37	Failure to Appear
8/22/2023	Matthew S. Compton	35	Possession of Controlled Substance
8/22/2023	William B. Bradford Jr.	43	Robbery, Domestic Assault & Battery, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle
8/22/2023	Bradey M. Draper	28	Vehicle Theft, Grand Larceny
8/24/2023	Tyheem J. Brooks	47	Failure to Appear, Contempt of Court
8/24/2023	David P. Guiliani III	29	Sexual Battery
8/24/2023	Rebecca L. Sutton	48	Petit Larceny
8/24/2023	Connie M. Gardner	64	Petit Larceny
8/25/2023	Antonio R. Johnson	29	Public Intoxication
8/25/2023	Scott D. Wheeling	33	Burglary, Assault on Police Officer, Public Intoxication
8/25/2023	Matthew T. Whitt	35	Contempt of Court
8/26/2023	Jason D. Colley	50	Public Intoxication
8/27/2023	Tejah J. Sanders	18	Domestic Assault & Battery
8/27/2023	Stephanie M. Meadows	28	DUI
8/28/2023	Chelsea L. Dunithan	30	Petit Larceny
8/28/2023	Judetta M. Smith	41	Violation of Probation
8/28/2023	Adam D. Baugess	33	DUI

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of August 22, 2023 - August 28, 2023

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
23-AUG-2023	100 BLK Sheraton Dr	Damage Property
23-AUG-2023	1800 BLK W Main St	Embezzlement
25-AUG-2023	0 BLK E Main St	Assault on Police Officer
28-AUG-2023	100 BLK Electric Rd	DUI

Nominations open for 2023 Charles Brown Award

Roanoke College announced last week that nominations are now open for the annual Charles Brown Award, given to an outstanding Salem resident who has made a meaningful contribution to the quality of life in Salem.

To nominate someone for the award, fill out the form at https://forms_beta.roanoke.edu/formfinder/form/charles-brown. The deadline for nominations is Monday, Sept. 25, 2023.

The award was named in honor of Charles Brown, the first dean of Roanoke College and the former mayor of Salem. The award is presented each year to a dedicated Salem citizen who helps improve the quality of life in Salem. Nominees must be Salem residents. The award will be given at the college's annual Salem Appreciation Breakfast, which will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, at 8 a.m. in the Colket Center's Wortmann Ballroom.

Previous winners of the award include William Paxton Jr.

(1997), Clarence Caldwell Jr. (1998), James Taliaferro (1999), Ray Robinson (2000), Norwood "Woody" Middleton (2001), Warren Moorman (2002), Louise Braxton (2003), Roy Henrickson (2003), Dr. Esther Brown (2003), Gerald Pace (2004), Missouri "Mo" Nelson (2004), Brian Hoffman (2005), Dr. Richard "Dick" Fisher (2006), Dr. Walter Hunt (2007), Dr. N. Wayne Tripp (2008), Harry Haskins (2009) and Sonny Tarpley (2010).

More recent recipients include Herman Reavis (2011), Sally Southard (2012), Bob Rotanz (2013), Carey Harvey Cutter (2014), Joan Dorsey (2014), Dr. J. Burks Logan (2015), William "Bill" Sinkler (2015), John Hildebrand (2016), Diane Washenberger (2017), Eric "Ric" Atkins (2017), Forest Jones (2017), David Turk (2017), James Bryant (2018), Regine Archer (2019), Lisa Bain (2021), and Laura Tucker (2022).

- The Salem Times-Register



will partner with the Salem Public Library on September 9, 2023

at the Olde Salem Days Event

Voter Registration & Education will be provided

A table will be set up inside the front entrance of the library for participants attending this event to register to vote if they have not registered

Information available about the voting process:

How to register

Online registration:

www.elections.virginia.gov

Location of local registrar's office

Same day voting

How to check on your voter status

Registration Deadline

Rank Choice Voting

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon
Contributing
Writer

Tailgating with chicken cheese ball/spread

Most of us associate fall with changing leaves, holidays, and cooler weather. For sports fans it means football is back. And that means tailgating is back. Gathering with friends, loved ones, and even strangers to eat, play games, and cheer is a time-honored tradition. Tailgating is a 150-year-old experience of fandom, community and supporting your team. The first tailgating party goes back to the civil war. According to popularmechnics.com, The First Battle of Bull Run in Summer 1861 marks the start of the tradition. After the first skirmish in the Civil War, a Union captain wrote an account that states nearby residents traveled on a Sunday to the Virginia countryside to watch the battle, share picnics, and shout words of encouragement to their preferred side. The first sports related tailgate took place Nov. 6, 1869. That day, the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) and Rutgers University met in what is considered the first recorded game of American football, and fans partied along with the game.

Tailgating has grown with technology. First the automobile, then portable grills and coolers. Most tailgating fare is designed to be held with one hand because the other is occupied with a drink. Tailgating party menus often include foods like chicken wings, pizza, chili, potato skins, chips and numerous dips, beer and lots of bacon. Market research shows vegetables, like baby cut carrots, are the top foods eaten at Super Bowl Parties.

This week's recipe is one I have made for years. When I have to bring something, this is what I make. It is a spread that is versatile. It can be eaten with club crackers or chicken in a Biskit crackers. For those on keto diets, spread it

on celery, or spread on a flour tortilla and roll it up. My recipe is for a cheese ball but I always put it in a crock and cover with cling film to store. It is best after it has sat in the refrigerator for a bit, so make ahead is best. I use jarred jalapenos instead of fresh but both are good. I also use dry onion instead of fresh, I just add water and then drain the onion when I am ready to use. The recipe calls for canned chicken but I have used chopped rotisserie chicken. I like to keep the ingredients on hand during the holidays and this makes it easy to throw together. I mix it all in a food processor, a little at a time. This makes everything chopped fine and you get a bit in each bite. Occasionally, I have used a lot of jalapenos and garlic powder, other times not so much. This recipe doubles well. Store in an airtight container.

Chicken cheese ball/spread Ingredients

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 1 5 oz can chicken, drained, (about 1/2 cup chopped cooked chicken)
- 2 TBLSP chopped jalapeno, (I use 1 TBLSP chopped pickled jalapenos instead of fresh) 1 TBLSP chopped onion (I use 1/2 TBLSP reconstituted dry onion)
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Mix cream cheese and chicken, add jalapeno, onion and garlic powder. Mix well.
- To make a cheese ball: Roll into a ball and roll in chopped walnuts. I put mine in a crock or lidded bowl and store in the refrigerator. Serve with club crackers, celery sticks, chicken crackers, or pork rinds.

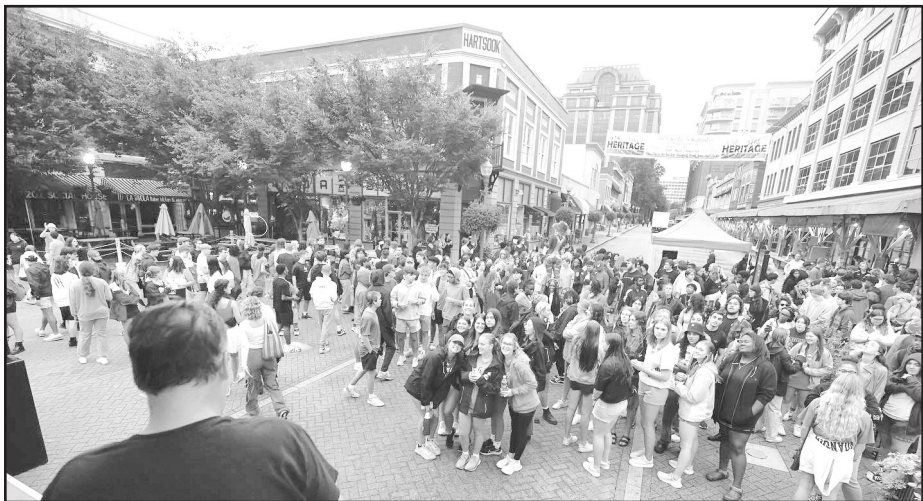


PHOTO BY SHELLY KOON

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During the welcome, students signed the student roll.



COURTESY OF ROANOKE COLLEGE

The activities for Monday included a first-generation student meetup and a range of events, including art, dining and shopping, in downtown Roanoke.

Council

"Broad Street has some of the oldest and most beautiful homes in North Salem; it is one of the jewels in the crown of our city. Because this neighborhood is landmarked, it would seem appropriate to maintain the historic character of this street by limiting nearby development," she said. HopeTree is said to be considering selling a portion of the campus of the historic former Virginia Baptist Orphanage founded in 1890 for development of houses, and possibly offering some of the former children's cottages for commercial uses. No request has been filed with the Salem Planning Commission, but on Monday night, Community Development Director Chuck VanAllman said his office has received a draft plan.

Mayor Turk told Freund and other Broad Street-area supporters in the audience, "We understand your concerns and have met many times with HopeTree officials...I know there are a lot of rumors. I don't know if there are 300 houses proposed to be a fact, but as soon as we know anything it will be passed along." Councilman Randy Foley pointed out "HopeTree property is

not city property. They can develop whatever they want. Before there is any action, HopeTree will have to submit plans to the Community Development department, the Salem Planning Commission and then Salem City Council."

In other matters at the meeting, Mayor Turk proclaimed the week of Sept. 17 as Constitution Week. She read and presented the proclamation to Fort Lewis Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Elizabeth Vincel. September 17 is the date the United States Constitution was signed. Twelve members of the DAR were present for the proclamation,

in addition to member Sewyard McKinney's service dog Knight.

Council passed zoning requests for:

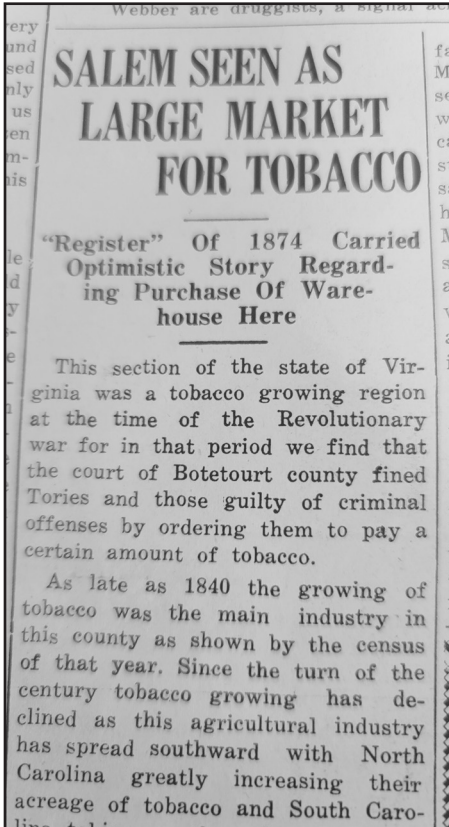
128 Dalewood Drive from single family to duplex; 105 St. John Road from Highway Business District to Heavy Manufacturing. Applicant Ted Dyer said he plans to put warehouses on the property;

2005 East Main Street from Residential Single Family to Highway Business District. Doyle Properties owner said he plans to put a "high-end pre-engineered building" there to store his antique vehicles. It was a split vote, 3-2, with Foley and Vice Mayor Jim Wallace dissenting.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

SALEM SEEN AS LARGE MARKET FOR TOBACCO

"Register" Of 1874 Carried Optimistic Story Regarding Purchase Of Warehouse Here



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

article from The Register concerning the erection of a tobacco warehouse here:

"It gives us great pleasure to announce the fact that Salem is to have a tobacco warehouse. Capt. J. B. Bransford, in connection with a gentleman of long experience, and one of the most successful sellers in Virginia, have formed a co-partnership under the name of J. B. Bransford & Co. and will open a first class warehouse in this place at once. The first sale will take place on March 5 and every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter. They have leased the large tobacco factory of John Hurt and will convert it at once into a warehouse. Now let the farmers of Roanoke, Franklin, Montgomery and other counties send their tobacco at once, and we will insure them as good prices as can be obtained any place in the state. Should the prices not prove satisfactory here, these gentlemen have made arrangements with Messrs. Hutchinson and Savoy, inspectors and sellers of leaf tobacco at Mayo's warehouse in Richmond which will enable them to forward all tobacco directly to them in case it does not bring good prices here."

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

This section of the state of Virginia was a tobacco growing region at the time of the Revolutionary war for in that period we find that the court of Botetourt county fined Tories and those guilty of criminal offenses by ordering them to pay a certain amount of tobacco.

As late as 1840 the growing of tobacco was the main industry in this county as shown by the census of that year. Since the turn of the century tobacco growing has declined as this agricultural industry has spread southward with North Carolina greatly increasing their acreage of tobacco and South Carolina taking up the culture of the weed as a comparatively new venture. At the time of the Civil War, South Carolina almost exclusively depended upon cotton as a money crop.

Want Tobacco Warehouse

In 1874 Salemites had visions of making this town a big tobacco center as will be seen from the following

"We are also warranted in saying to the planters, that the merchants of this place have procured a lot in town, upon which they will erect a house and stables for their especial accommodation, so that they will be at no extra expense in staying overnight when they bring in their tobacco."

"The name of our new warehouse is 'Planter's Warehouse'. Since it has been ascertained that we are to have a tobacco warehouse here, Mr. C. L. Preston, one of our most substantial citizens, has determined to start at once a factory for the manufacture of tobacco. He has not determined as yet as to the location of it but it will be somewhere within the corporate limits of the town. Mr. Preston is a No. 1 business man and has the capital to drive a large business. We also hear of two other factories but shall not mention names until all the arrangements are perfected. Mr. John W. Hurt has some time ago decided to start a tobacco factory and has nearly all the arrangements made towards that end."

- Prepared by Lisa King



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OPINION

Cancer prevention: Good news and opportunities

Health Column

Roanoke City and Allegheny Health Districts

Earlier this year, readers of our newsletter voted cancer as one of their top health concerns. That concern is rightfully placed, as cancer is the second leading cause of death in the country, after cardiovascular disease. While the healthcare system focuses on the treatment and management of cancer, public health helps Virginians focus on prevention through adopting healthy behaviors and avoiding unhealthy environments, and by improving access to cancer screening for early detection.

On these fronts there is good news- the risk of dying from cancer has dropped over 30% in the past three decades thanks to improvements in prevention and early detection, as well as advances in treatment options (American Cancer Society). One of the biggest success stories is the decline in rates of lung cancer, due

in part to more prevention (fewer people smoking) and improved screening (cancers being caught in earlier stages).

We encourage all Virginians catch up on medical visits for routine screenings, such as mammograms, pap smears, and colorectal checks that may have been delayed by the pandemic. We also strongly recommend teens complete the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination series to protect against HPV-related cancers. However, we should not think of health as something we only get at the doctor's office; instead, it is something that starts in our families and homes.

For people who smoke, the single best way to decrease the risk of cancer is to quit using tobacco products, which are related to one out of every three U.S. cancers. Quit Now Virginia is a free service for Virginians 13 and older who want to quit tobacco (800-QUIT-NOW). Participants can choose among coaching options that include one-on-one sessions, a text messaging support program, and nicotine replacement therapy. Services are available 24/7 for users of cigarettes, vape products, and snuff or dip, as well as those supporting someone trying to quit.

We can also decrease our risk of cancer by eating a nutritious diet filled with fruits and vegetables, being physically active, and wearing sunscreen. Taken

together, these behaviors can have a great impact on our health before we ever see a healthcare professional.

Our role in public health is to work with policymakers to ensure everyone has access to the prevention and care they need to be healthy. For example, Virginia Department of Health (VDH) public health programs such as Every Woman's Life support women who struggle financially to gain access to free breast and cervical cancer screening services. Because people's health can be affected by where they live, VDH offers a low-cost radon test kit program that allows Virginians, including those struggling to get by, to affordably test the air in their home. This program, which starts again on October 1, allows residents to test for indoor radon, a colorless, odorless gas thought to be the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Roanoke City and Allegheny Health District's mission is to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities, and that includes working with health partners to reduce the number of people who get cancer, have complications from it and die from it. Our work helps Virginians expand their opportunities to make choices for living a long, healthy life.

- Christie Wills

New Roanoke College survey: Virginians have mixed opinions on direction of Virginia, nation

The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College interviewed 702 adult residents of Virginia between Aug. 6 and Aug. 15, 2023, in a survey of public attitudes related to national political anxiety, satisfaction with democracy, and trust in governmental institutions. The survey has a margin of error of 4.20%.

Approval, favorability, directions of Virginia and nation

Virginians' approval of Gov. Glenn Youngkin and President Joe Biden remains approximately the same as our most recent poll in May, with 51% of Virginians approving of the way Youngkin is handling his job as governor and 40% approving of the way Biden

is handling his job as president. The percentage of Virginians who believe things are generally on the wrong track in Virginia and the nation remains stable from our last poll, with 44% reporting that things are on the wrong track in Virginia and 73% reporting that things are on the wrong track in the nation. As for the legislatures at the national and state levels, 18% of Virginians approve of the way Congress is handling its job and 44% approve of the way the Virginia General Assembly is handling its job. The approval rating for the General Assembly has dropped about six points since our last poll in May. Finally, with all seats up for grabs in the General Assembly this November, approximately 55% of Virginians say they are at least somewhat closely following the legislative elections coming up this November.

Virginians' favorability ratings for key political figures such as Youngkin, Biden and former President Donald Trump also remain stable from our last poll. Approximately 48% of Virginians report a favorable impression of Youngkin while 41% report an unfavorable impression. At the national level, 43% and 30% of Virginians report favorable impressions of Biden and Trump, respectively, while 53% and 65% report unfavorable impressions. We also asked Virginians about their impressions of the U.S. Supreme Court for the first time since our November 2022 poll, and the court's favorability and unfavorability ratings remain about the same at 42% and 51%, respectively.

As we have reported before, there are substantial partisan gaps in Virginians' attitudes, including 47- and 54-point gaps in Youngkin's approval and favorability ratings, 70- and 75-point gaps in Biden's approval and favorability ratings, and a 67-point gap in Trump's favorability rating. These gaps also appear in Virginians' attitudes about the direction of the nation (35-point gap) and favorability rating of the U.S. Supreme Court (44-point gap).

2024 Republican nomination, potential general election matchup

The Roanoke College Poll continued measuring Virginians' opinions about the current Republican presidential nomination race, including who they would most prefer to be the Republican candidate for president in 2024. We provided survey respondents an updated field of candidates based on recent national polling, including Trump, Ron DeSantis, Chris Christie, Nikki Haley, Mike Pence, Vivek Ramaswamy and Tim Scott.

Although he has not entered the race, we also included Youngkin in the list of candidates again.

Trump maintains a commanding lead of 47% as the first choice among self-reported Virginia Republicans, followed by DeSantis at 13% and the rest of the candidates in single digits. While Trump's level of support remains about the same as our last poll, the percentage of Republicans reporting DeSantis as their first choice has dropped by 15% since our last poll in May. We also asked Virginians to report their second-choice candidate for the Republican nomination, where the results showed a more competitive field. Approximately 19% of Republicans reported DeSantis as their second choice, followed by Trump (17%), Ramaswamy (17%), Youngkin (14%), Scott (9%), Pence (8%) and Haley (6%).

Looking ahead to the 2024 presidential election, we asked Virginians who they would vote for in a hypothetical matchup between the two parties' leading nominees. Biden leads Trump by about nine points at 51% to 42%, which is a drop from his 16-point lead we reported in our May poll. Looking at a breakdown by party identification, while both Biden and Trump have solidified support among Democrats and Republicans, respectively, our poll finds that Biden has a 21-point advantage among independents at 55% to 34%. We also asked Virginians, if Biden and Trump are the party nominees in 2024, whether they would consider voting for an independent candidate for president in 2024. Approximately 47% of Virginians said they would consider an independent candidate while 50% said they would not. Looking at the results by party identification, 54% of independents said they would consider voting for an independent presidential candidate.

Trump indictments

We also asked Virginians for their opinions about three of the now four indictments facing Trump. The percentage of Virginians who reported hearing or reading a lot or some about former President Trump being indicted was 82% in the case involving allegations about classified documents, 77% in the case involving allegations about hush money payments, and 84% in the federal case involving allegations about the 2020 presidential election. For each of these cases, we asked Virginians whether they think Trump did something illegal, did something unethical but not illegal, or did

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5. Avert something bad	31. Spiritual leader	66. Tantalizes
10. Sounds	33. Soup dish	67. Dark brown or black
12. Immediate dangers	35. Philippine island	CLUES DOWN
14. Legendary Tar Heels coach	37. No longer fashionable	1. Not naturally outgoing
16. Californium	38. Peaks	2. Exclamation of pain
18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)	40. Alabama football team	3. Polynesian garland of flowers
19. Coastal Scottish town	41. ___ King Cole	4. Surrounded by water
20. Triangular lower back bones	42. Digital audiotape	5. Church towers
22. Trouble	44. Open trough	6. Hot beverage
23. A way to smile	45. The woman	7. Body parts
25. Something that is not what it seems	48. Cools down	8. Travel documents
26. Of she	50. Turkic language	9. Railway
27. Temporary living quarters	52. Body part	10. Gradually wear away
28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal	53. Pulse steadily	11. Measuring instrument
	55. Embedded computer hardware company	13. Minor dust-ups
	56. Indicates shape	15. Strongly alkaline solution
	57. Thou (plural)	17. Extreme scarcity of food
	58. Odd and remarkable	18. Dash
	63. An evening party	21. Philly culinary specialty
		23. Popular lager ___ Adams

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24. Snitch
27. Trimmed
29. Greek god of desire
32. Take to the limit
34. Cool!
35. Sound mental health
36. Native American group
39. Test for high schoolers
40. Rocky peak
43. Preferences
44. Bother
46. Call attention to (slang)
47. Snake-like fish
49. Bulgarian capital
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nothing wrong. A majority of Virginians reported that they think Trump did something illegal in the cases involving classified documents (54%) and the 2020 election (51%), while about a third reported that they think he did something illegal in the case involving hush money payments (34%). There are substantial differences between Democrats and Republicans in these responses, including 70- and 72-point gaps in beliefs about whether Trump did something illegal in the classified documents and 2020 election cases, respectively, and a 54-point gap in beliefs about whether Trump did something illegal in the hush money payments case. Among independents, 64% reported that he did something illegal in the classified documents case, 33% reported he did something illegal in the hush money payments case, and 58% reported that he did something illegal in the 2020 election case.

Issues in Virginia, nation

We also asked Virginians for their opinions on a range of public policy issues. First, on the issue of abortion, approximately 86% of Virginians think that abortion should be legal in at least some cases. Since the last time we measured this in November 2022, the percentage who think it should be legal in all cases is down six points and the percentage who think it should be legal in some cases is up five points. Second, on the issue of climate change, 74% of Virginians think that climate change is a great deal or some threat to the country's well-being, while 64% think that climate change is having at least some effect on their local community. Third, on the issue of education, 44% of Virginians think that K-12 schools are having a positive effect on the way things are going in Virginia, while only 38% think that K-12 schools are having a positive effect on the way things are going in the country. Fourth, on the issue of student loan debt and forgiveness, 47% think that people who owe student loan debt should be paying their debt now, while 49% think that the debt should be deferred.

We asked Virginians for their opinions about recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions about the Biden administration's student loan forgiveness program, the use of race in college admissions processes, and whether a wedding website designer can deny services to same-sex customers. Approximately 34% of Virginians approve and 44% disapprove of the court's decision

in the student loan case, while 46% approve and 33% disapprove of the court's decision in the race and college admissions case. About 34% of Virginians approve of the court's decision in the wedding website and same-sex customers case, while 45% disapprove of the decision.

Satisfaction with democracy, the election campaign

IPOR is partnering with Dr. Matthew Bergman and Marymount University's Center for Professional Ethics and Social Responsibility to measure the public's satisfaction with democracy, trust in governmental institutions, and attitudes about campaign messaging. IPOR will field a series of questions about these topics in this year's surveys.

The Roanoke College Poll asked Virginians' opinions about their satisfaction with democracy and their exposure to political campaigns. On a 10-point scale, Virginians were overall more satisfied with how democracy works within the state (6.2) and their city or counties (6.3) than in the nation overall (5.1). While the state and city/county values are similar to our results from May, the level of satisfaction with the nation overall has slightly dropped by 0.2. There were notable party differences between these. On all three measures, Virginia Democrats had notably greater satisfaction than Virginia Republicans, with independents in the middle. At the national level, this difference was most stark, with Democrats having 0.9 greater satisfaction than Republicans. This drops to 0.6 greater at the local level and only 0.2 at the state level. Regionally, those living in the Shenandoah Valley are the least satisfied with the way democracy works at the country level while those in Northern Virginia and Southside are the most satisfied. At the state level, Southwest Virginia and Shenandoah Valley are the most satisfied while the Central Region around Richmond is the least satisfied. Such differences suggest that the underlying dynamics of the public's satisfaction with democracy differs when they are asked about their national versus state level satisfaction.

With the upcoming elections, we also asked Virginians if they have noticed any advertisements related to political campaigns. About 55% of our respondents recalled seeing some sort of campaign advertisement. Of these, 22% recall seeing a positive advertisement while 50% recall seeing one that was

negative. Respondents were also asked about the topics that were covered in the advertisement. About 60% said that the topic was related to a candidate's competence or character while only 30% noted the focus was on an issue or specific policy. The ads were moderately memorable such that 44% of respondents were able to recall information contained in the ad, with many respondents reporting how they did not appreciate the attacks contained therein or questioned the veracity of the information provided.

Analysis

"Virginians' attitudes about the direction of Virginia and the country remain mixed yet stable," said Bryan Parsons, senior political analyst at IPOR. "This is also true in their approval and favorability ratings for political figures like Youngkin, Biden and Trump. With that said, partisanship continues to shape the way Virginians evaluate key political figures and events."

"As far as the Republican presidential nomination process goes, Trump maintains a commanding lead over the rest of the Republican field. While most Virginians have heard at least some news about Trump's indictments over the past few months, that doesn't seem to be affecting his popularity for the Republican nomination."

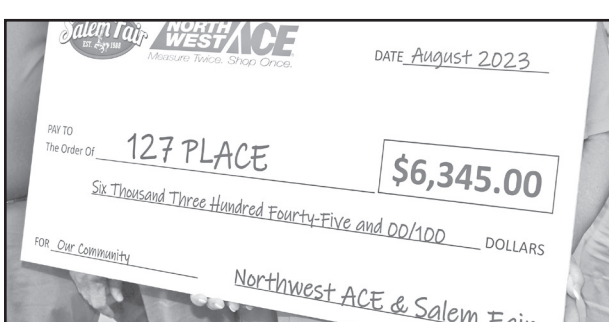
"Virginians are split in their opinions of Trump's indictments. While a majority believes he has done something illegal in the cases involving allegations about classified documents and the 2020 presidential election, nearly a third believe he has either done nothing wrong or has done something unethical but not wrong in those cases. Only a third of Virginians believe he did something illegal in the case involving hush money payments."

"The takeaway from this poll is that partisanship continues to shape Virginians' views on everything from the direction of Virginia and the country to positions on key issues in public policy. There are substantial partisan gaps in attitudes on issues such as abortion, education, student loan debt, climate change and recent decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court. Our poll provides more evidence of the depths of polarization in American politics."

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Donation

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The number of ticket purchases before the start of the fair enabled the Overstreet family, that owns and operates the NW Ace chain of hardware stores, to donate \$6,345 to 127 Place.

jump in the sale of those advance unlimited ride tickets. "The purchase of the passes for the 2023 Salem Fair got off to a slow start but finished stronger than ever," said Wendy Delano, Salem director of civic facilities. "We are thrilled to partner with Northwest Ace Hardware throughout the year and especially during the fair when we can join forces to highlight the great work 127 Place is doing."

The organization 127 Place has a goal of helping children who are unable to help themselves. The members strive daily to positively impact the lives of vulnerable children, their families, their communities and the world.

"As I mentioned last year when we were humbled by this honor, Roanoke has the largest foster care population in the state," Ray Moore, 127 Place founder and board member, reiterated. "We want to keep kids from entering foster care in the first place, and that means we must go the extra mile to support the extended family members who fill the gap. This donation will help us accomplish that goal."

Currently, there are approximately 5,000 children in foster care in Virginia. In most cases, the brokenness of family disruption is not something they chose, but rather something that happened to them.

"This is yet another way the generosity of our fairgoers makes a difference beyond the midway," said Carey Harveycutter, Salem Fair manager. "More than 2,500 pairs of socks were donated at the gate for the Roanoke Rescue Mission and Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet, and a record 4,723 pounds of food was collected for the Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry."

We are thankful the fair can impact the community in this manner and especially honored that we can assist 127 Place."

127 Place serves as a Community Champion in the CarePortal network, which connects churches and community responders to requests that are posted and vetted by social workers at local departments of social services and other requesting agencies like Total Action for Progress, the Rescue Mission, and the Blue Ridge Women's Center. 127 Place funds some requests and provides a storage space for donations of frequently requested items like furniture that churches can use to meet requests.

"This \$6,400 is going to make a big difference in our community. We plan to use this money to provide beds, groceries, clothing, rent and utility assistance to families, so that children don't have to go into foster care," said Moore.

Since launching in February 2019, CarePortal churches in the Roanoke Valley Region have met 88% of 1,488 submitted requests serving 2,415 children with an economic impact of \$1,285,196.

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At 11 a.m., Garrett Channell, the museum's director of education and archives, will reprise his talk about Lewis. In "Pioneer and Patriot: The Life of Andrew Lewis," Channell, will share the general's heroic story, how he twice won Virginia's freedom and which Founding Father he was surprisingly close to.

"The Salem Museum includes exhibits about two of the area's colonial heroes, Col. William Fleming and Gen. Andrew Lewis. Fleming's battle sword from

the French and Indian War is featured. Fleming was a noted physician and statesman. Lewis is remembered for leading his troops to victory in the French and Indian War and Dunmore's War. He also drove Lord Dunmore—the last British Governor—out of Virginia just days after the signing of the Declaration of Independence," the museum said.

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In preparation for the

anniversary, the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) is encouraging localities across Virginia to commemorate the Revolution with events and activities that showcase local history. The Salem Museum's Colonial Living History Day is one such VA250 event, focusing on life on Virginia's western frontier during the colonial era.

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Roanoke College featured in The Princeton Review's 'Best 389 Colleges for 2024'

Roanoke College is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduates, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company spotlighted Roanoke College in the newest edition of its annual guide, "The Best 389 Colleges: 2024 Edition" (Penguin Random House).

Only about 15% of the nation's four-year schools are picked for profiles in the book. The Princeton Review chooses colleges based on data collected from annual surveys of 2,000 higher ed administrators on their institutions' academic offerings. The company also reviews survey data from students who report on their experiences at their institutions.

Roanoke students who took part in surveys reported that they were happy on campus, loved the Blue Ridge region, and had access to great facilities and internship opportunities. In addition to being profiled in the book,

Roanoke was singled out for inclusion on multiple best-of lists:

- Great Schools for Business/Finance Majors
- Great Schools for Psychology Majors
- Best College Radio Station
- Best Athletic Facilities

The Princeton Review's best-of lists are based on the student reviews gathered in its surveys. The company poses 85 questions to 165,000 students across all the schools profiled.

The college has been recognized by the best colleges guide every year since the book's 2012 edition. It was elevated to the list of Great Schools for Business/Finance Majors in 2014 and Great Schools for Psychology Majors in 2015.

Its athletic resources at the Cregger Center and its popular student radio station, WRKE, joined the

accolades in 2022.


The Cregger Center (left) is a state-of-the-art, five-story athletic facility. WRKE (right) is a student-run radio station whose livestream has attracted listeners in 40+ countries.

"We created our rankings to provide a resource for college applicants that helps them answer what may well be the toughest question in their college search — 'What's the best school for me?'" said Rob Franek, editor-in-chief of The Princeton Review and lead author of "The Best 389 Colleges." "Our selection of colleges for this book reflects our high opinion of the schools: We recommend each one as academically outstanding."

The profiles and rankings in "The Best 389 Colleges" are posted online and can be searched for free.

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3465 WEBSTER ROAD, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 26, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$105,539.12 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 070000271. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on October 2, 2023, at 9:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEING THAT CERTAIN 0.713 ACRE, AS SHOWN ON HTAT CERTAIN PLAN OF SURVEY PREPARED BY JACK G. BESS, C.L.S., FOR GERALDINE B. CARTER, DATED APRIL 3, 1980. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees,

Legals - Botetourt County

LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-359323-1.

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 740 Elizabeth Avenue, Salem, VA 24153

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated July 31, 2002 and recorded at Instrument Number 020003402 in the Clerk's Office for the City of Salem Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$87,400.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps for the Circuit Court for the City of Salem located at 2 E Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153-7933. September 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit: BEGINNING at a point on the south side of Elizabeth Avenue, said point being N. 82 degs. 58' E. 339.50 feet from the intersection of Arch Street and Elizabeth Avenue; thence N. 82 degs. 58' E. 62.50 feet to an iron; thence S. 7 degs. 02' E. 158.05 feet to an iron; thence S. 87 degs. 37' W. 62.71 feet to an iron; thence N. 7 degs. 02' W. 152.96 feet to the place of BEGINNING, and being part of Lots 7 and 8, Section 3, Map of Puckett Addition; and BEING the same property conveyed unto the Grantor herein by deed dated July 30, 2002 from James M. George and Buddy D. Mason and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office immediately prior hereto. AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com

Legals - City of Salem

Trustee's Sale

1442 Filson St, Salem, VA 24153 (Parcel ID: 239-6-1)

Default has been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 18, 2004, in the original principal amount of \$74,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Salem, Virginia on November 15, 2004, as Instrument Number 040004736, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on September 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM, in front of the building housing the City of Salem Circuit Court, 2 East Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153, the property designated as Lot 10, Block 6, according to the Map of Section 3, South Side Hills, made by Raymond E. Robertson, SCE, February 26, 1955, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Roanoke County, Virginia, in Plat Book 6, page 43. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$7,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 413 Stuart Circle, Suite 314, Richmond, VA 23220, File No. 22-001096, Tel: 804-525-1570.

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of David A. Thompson, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a 1,500 square foot detached garage on the property located at 640 Joan Circle, (Tax Map # 243 - 2 - 16). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316
Case No. JJ00376703-03 RADOFRD CITY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Miranda Sue Simpkins. Toney Lee Martin, Christopher and Christa Simpkins, Tammy Sue Davidson *v.* Karen Sue Webb
The object of this suit is to: DETERMINE CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE MINOR CHILD. It is ORDERED that TONY LEE MARTIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 22, 2023.
July 21, 2023
Sally Davis, CLERK

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 201 S. Main Street and 105 Lee Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tax Map Nos. 257-A 47 and 257-A 48
Parcel ID Nos. 002611 and 002612
In execution of a Credit Line Deed of Trust dated February 20, 2020, in the principal amount of \$2,109,000.00, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 2020001260, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on September 8, 2023 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:
All of the following tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Blacksburg, Mt. Tabor Magisterial District, County of Montgomery, State of Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:
Two parcels of adjacent real estate in the Town of Blacksburg, County of Montgomery, Virginia bounded in part by South Main, Lee, and Church Streets, Blacksburg, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 257-A 47 (PID 002611) and 257-A 48 (PID 002612), beginning at the corner of Main and Lee Street and running with the south line of Lee Street in an easterly direction 268 feet to the corner of Lee and Church Street in a southerly direction 100 feet to a point on said line; thence in a westerly direction parallel to Lee Street 268 feet to a point on the east line of Main Street; and thence with the east line of Main Street in a northerly direction 100 feet to the place of Beginning.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.
WOODS ROGERS VANDEVENTER BLACK PLC, Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,200-104
Case No. CL23000992-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* NANNIE FAY LONG, THOMAS LONG AND EDWARD LONG *v.* NONE
It is ORDERED that GAIL LONG, BETHANY LONG, SABRINA LONG, SCOTTY W. LONG, BILLY W. LONG appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 20, 2023 AT 8:30 AM..
AUGUST 9, 2023
TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

Notice of Public Hearing

Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:
ROW 23-0001/ORD 2036-Request to vacate approximately 20,439 square feet of Town-owned Right-of-Way known as Rimrock Drive (adjacent to Tax Parcel 347-8 1) at 2600 Research Center Drive by Snyder- Hunt Company, LLP (owner).
A request to vacate approximately 20,439 square feet (0.47 acres) of Town-owned Right-of-Way known as Rimrock Drive from Research Center Drive to its termination at Route 460 Bypass. The application states that the vacated property will be absorbed into Tax Parcel 347-8 1 and used as a private driveway to access the Blue Ridge Cancer Center. Rimrock Drive ROW is a built street and includes sidewalk and utilities.
RZN 23-0002/ORD 2035-Request to rezone approximately 1.1 acres from R-4 Low Density Residential to PR Planned Residential in the 1200 block of Airport Road (Tax Map Number 317-2 31, 32, 34A & 317-2 32A, 33, 34) by Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley (contract purchaser) for Blacksburg Fire Safety Foundation (owner).
A request to rezone approximately 1.1 acres of land from R-4 Low Density Residential to PR Planned Residential for the development of 11 income-restricted townhomes with 33 bedrooms total in the 1200-block of Airport Road. Townhomes will be sold to buyers earning between 30%-80% of Area Median Income (AMI). The Future Land Use Designation for this parcel is Medium-Density Residential. This development request represents an increase in the allowable bedroom density above the Future Land Use density of 20 bedrooms per acre.
ROW 23-0002/ORD 2032-Request to vacate approximately 0.13 and 0.09 acres (total of 0.22 acres) of Town-owned Right-of-Way in the 1200 block of Airport Road by Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley (contract purchaser). This is a request accompanying RZN 23-0002 to vacate approximately 0.22 acres of unbuilt Town-owned Right-of-Way adjacent to Tax Map Number 317-2 31, 32, 34A and Tax Map Number 317-2 32A, 33, 34 known as unbuilt Airport Drive and unbuilt Virginia Street. The land to be vacated would be incorporated in the proposed Habitat for Humanity townhome development as driveway and rear yard space.
Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning request and right-of-way vacation requests may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will take action. Copies of the request and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

Legals - Montgomery County

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, September 12, 2023

beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:
Ordinance 2023: An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Space on the North Main Street Water Tank to New River Valley Unwired Ventures, LLC. The proposed ordinance request is to provide New River Valley Unwired Ventures, LLC the opportunity for a one year lease term to place wireless equipment on the Town's water tank with an option to extend for an additional year.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed item above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

Services Needed Salem Area



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Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at https://plov4va.com/. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (https://eva.virginia.gov).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Monday October 2, 2023 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements. Questions can be directed

Services Needed Salem Area

to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov EEO/AA Employer

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Glenvar's Adam Harvey chips out of trouble as a Patrick County player looks on in last week's Three Rivers District golf match at Hanging Rock. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Highlanders 4th at "The Rock"

The Glenvar High golfers hosted a leg of the Three Rivers District tour at the Hanging Rock Golf Course in Roanoke County last Thursday and finished in the middle of the pack among seven district teams.

Floyd County was the team winner once again with a score of 306, followed by James River at 310. Radford was third at 329 followed by Glenvar at 341, Patrick County at 345, Carroll County at 347 and Alleghany at 352.

Peyton Mason of Floyd was the individual medalist with a 73, followed by Lucas Beeler of Radford at 74. Glenvar's low score was a 78 by Adam Franklin. Tyler Smith had an 83, Grayson Shepherd shot 89 and Adam Harvey and Riley Wolk tied for Glenvar's fourth scoring card with 91 each. Connor Magruder also played and had a 98.

"That is two rounds in a row where Adam(Franklin) has put it together for a strong performance," said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff. "We once again improved from last year's team score by 16 shots for a Team Total of 341. We had some struggle, but they persevered and shot in the 80's. We were disappointed to not go lower but still overall a really solid day at Hanging Rock. Super proud of the continued growth and improvement of this young squad."

Monday's match scheduled for the Olde Mill course was postponed by rain and will now be played on Tuesday, September 5, at 2 pm.

Salem golfers play at HVCC today

The Salem High golfers will be at the Hidden Valley Country Club today for a River Ridge District match. The Spartans and Hidden Valley High will host the match, scheduled to tee off at noon.

The Salem varsity was idle in the past week but the junior varsity team played a match. Last Tuesday at the Hunting Hills Country Club Mike Bateman finished tied for first in a 15 player field. Salem put two in the top

10 for this tournament as Bateman shot 41 and Will Creger shot 49 to finish eighth.

"It's great seeing young players getting tournaments and competing against other schools," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "Mike played great making his tournament debut for Salem. He had to miss our first jayvee match due to another tournament taking place in Reston, VA."

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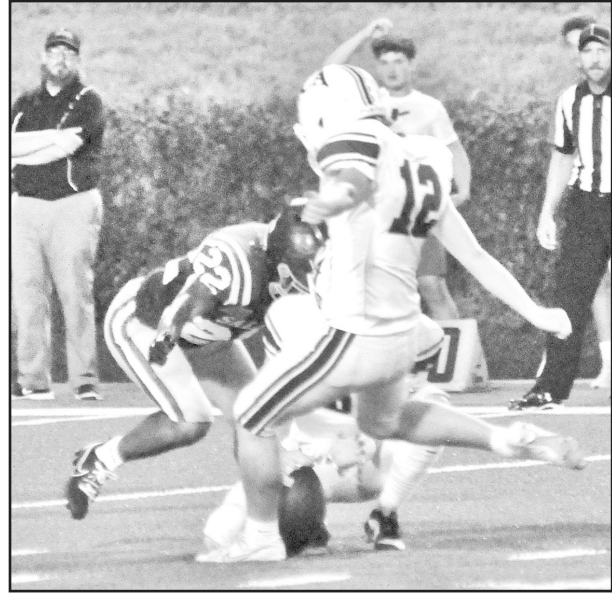
and took over on their own 40. Keeping the ball mostly on the ground, the Spartans drove the ball 60 yards for a touchdown, capped by a four yard run by Josiah Persinger with 5:08 to play. The two-point conversion pass by Eli Taylor was tipped but Jaelyn Allen was able to catch it in the end zone just before falling out of bounds and the game was tied at 14-14.

And that's the way it stood for a while. LCA had two attempts at a field goal just before the half. On the first try a bad snap resulted in a pass for a first down. Then a shorter try missed when Persinger flew in off the corner and disrupted the kick before it could be attempted. Salem took a knee and it was all tied up at the half.

The Spartans moved the ball to the LCA 30 midway through the third quarter but fumbled it away. Then the Spartans were stopped on downs with just under 10 minutes to go in the fourth quarter at the LCA 26.

Salem forced a punt on the next series and threatened again, only to have a fourth down pass intercepted at the LCA 27 with 5:38 on the clock. Shortly thereafter LCA's Davidson ripped off a 46 yard run to the Salem 13. The Bulldogs scored on an eight yard pass to Davidson and the extra point kick was good for a 21-14 Bulldog lead with 2:50 remaining in regulation.

"A little A-throwback we hadn't seen," said



Salem's Josiah Persinger nails the LCA holder to disrupt a field goal attempt at the end of the half Friday.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Holter. "We'll learn from it."

Salem's Josiah Moyer returned the kickoff to the 23, then Taylor hit a streaking Khamari Garner with a 44 pass play that carried to the LCA 32 and the Spartans were on the move. They got all the way to the 15 with a minute to go, but a fourth and six resulted in a fumble after Taylor couldn't find a receiver and was hit from behind. Lewis recovered but it was short of the first down line and that was the ballgame.

Lewis finished with 133 yards rushing on 23 carries to lead the Spartans while Jayveon Jones had 68 yards on 21 attempts. Davidson had 135 yards on 18 carries for LCA.

In his first start for Salem Taylor was five for 13 for 118 yards but the two interceptions hurt. Holter has no doubt things will get better.

"Eli Taylor has grown so much and he's going to be a damn good quarterback," said Holter. "He'll develop into a great one. We've seen a lot of good things from him."

This week the Spartans will try to even their record with a home game against Franklin County. Salem won last year's game, 33-32, in a nail-biter that went down to the final play. The Eagles, coached by former Salem assistant JR Edwards, opened with 28-24 win over Bassett last week.

"A JR Edwards coached team is always well-coached and fundamentally sound," said Holter. "They'll play great defense and try to grind us."

The Spartan jayvees won last week. After three scoreless quarters the Spartans pulled out a 7-6 win over LCA in Lynchburg. They'll be at Franklin County tonight.



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Our football contest is back this week, celebrating the 50th year we've given away great prizes.

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This week's games only include high school and college contests, as the NFL is still a week away. We'll add those games next week and go all the way to the week before Christmas, when we'll add some extra prizes for our final contest with bowl games and your chance to pick the Super Bowl winner and NCAA national champion. I can tell you right now it will probably be Georgia or Alabama.

Also, each week I'll ask you a special "19th hole" question with an opportunity to win a free day of golf at the Salem Municipal Golf Course on Academy Street. If you win you can play all day, and proprietor Chuck Johnston will even throw in a free cart. A "pull cart" that is, not one with a motor.

For this week's "19th hole" give me your prediction for Virginia Tech's opening game with Old Dominion this Saturday night. I need the winner and the score, and put it in the space provided on the entry blank on the facing page. All rules of the contest are also included on that page.

And remember, ODU beat 'em last year.

-Brian Hoffman



Hokies open at home Saturday

The Virginia Tech Hokies will open their football season this Saturday night when they host Old Dominion University at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg. Local players for the Hokies this year include (front row, l to r) P.J. Pringle and Marcell Baylor (Radford), Cole Beck and Brayden DeMasi (Blacksburg), (back row) Hunter McLain, Gunner Givens, and Jesse Hanson (student assistant) (Lord Botetourt), and Jorden McDonald and Jayden McDonald (Salem).

PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Wolverines shut out Fleming in defensive battle, 8-0

The Andrew Lewis Middle School eighth grade football team defeated the William Fleming Colonels, 8-0, in Roanoke last Thursday to run their record to 2-0 on the season.

Braylon Smith scored the only touchdown of the game and was on the receiving end of the two point play on a pass from Jaidyn Rudisell. Fleming was inside the Wolverine 10 yard line twice but the Lewis defense held without allowing any points.

The defense was led by Greyson MacBrien, who recovered a Fleming fumble and made a touchdown saving tackle. Also playing well on defense were Tristen Noel, Parker Woolwine and Jayden Wood. The eighth grade team is on the road at Ben Franklin Middle today.

The Lewis seventh grade team lost to Covington Middle, 40-14, on Thursday and returned to action on Monday with an 8-0 win over the Ben Franklin seventh grade team to run their record to 1-1 on the season.

GMS downs Blacksburg in football, 20-0

The Glenvar Middle School football team remained undefeated after two games with a 20-0 win at Blacksburg last week.

Kiptyn Jones hit Jake Franklin with a touchdown pass right before the half to give Glenvar an 8-0 lead at intermission. The Highlanders added two more scores in the fourth quarter on touchdown runs by Franklin and Money Shaw.

"The defense played excellent again,

keeping Blacksburg off the scoreboard," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. Haden Henderson, Garrison Burris and Parker Doolan all had interceptions for Glenvar.

"The team has played well in our first two games." Said Jones. "There is still much room for improvement but the guys are playing hard."

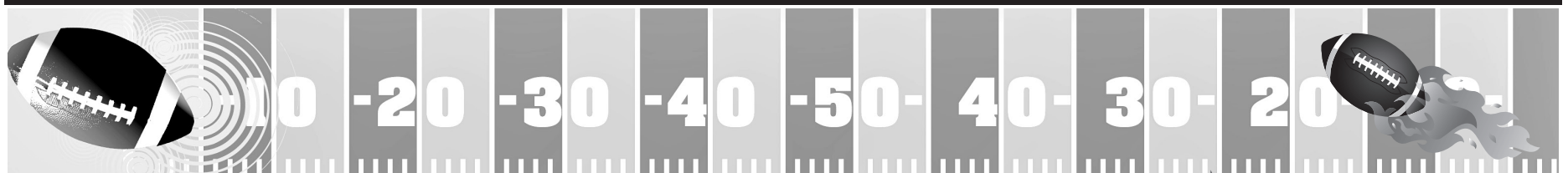
Glenvar will be at Covington Middle School today.



REC. Mikah Ringley of the Salem 8-and-Under football team breaks free for a touchdown on opening day at Spartan Field last Saturday. The Salem team played Franklin County.

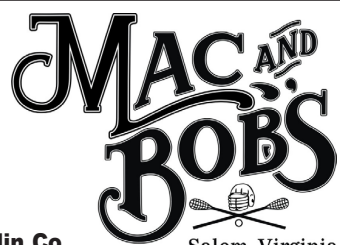
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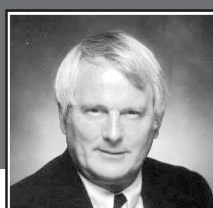
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-First prize will be awarded to the person who picks the most games correctly.

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The 19th Hole (see story)

RC welcomes new coaches for 2023-24 school year

With fall sports about to begin at Roanoke College, Salemites will see some new faces around town. The school has hired a variety of new coaches to the athletic staff as the 2023-24 year opens.

One face that won't be new is Lilly Blair, was named an assistant for the RC women's lacrosse team. One of the top players in Roanoke women's lacrosse history, the Salem native has returned to her alma mater.

Blair returns to Salem after a career which saw her be named IWFLCA Second Team All-American, ODAC Offensive Player of the Year, First Team All-ODAC three times, IWFLCA First Team All-Region three times, VaSID First Team All-State twice, ODAC Player of the Week one time, CSC First Team Academic All-American twice, CSC Academic All-District twice, IWFLCA Academic Honor Roll twice, ODAC Women's Lacrosse Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and VaSID Academic All-State Team.

She finished her career playing in 77 games with 61 career starts. She scored 247 goals and 72 assists for 319 career points. Of her career goals, 13 were game winners while she finished her time in uniform with 11 woman-up goals and one woman-down goal. She also snagged 71, scooped up 110 ground balls, and forced 54 caused turnovers.

Blair will assist head coach Erica Brown in all facets of the Maroons program. Blair begins her duties immediately.

RC men's soccer coach Ryan Pflugrad has hired Matt Campbell as the program's new assistant coach. Campbell comes to Roanoke most recently after serving as a graduate assistant coach at fellow ODAC member Randolph during the 2022 season. He graduated in May 2023 with a Masters in Coaching and Sport Leadership from Randolph.

Prior to his time with the WildCats, Campbell spent his four seasons as a collegiate player at another ODAC school, Virginia Wesleyan. With the Maroons he played in 62 games, starting 52 and was a two-year captain. In 2021 he was named the VWU Sport and Recreation Professions Outstanding Student. He also served as the team's representative on the SAAC committee. He graduated in 2022 from the Virginia Beach institution with a Bachelors in Sport and Recreation Management.

"His experiences in the ODAC as a player and coach, regional recruiting ties, and drive to develop positive team cultures and successful teams stood out in our search process," said RC head soccer coach Ryan Pflugrad. "His motivation and skill set will benefit our players' experiences and our program here at Roanoke."

Briana Banks has announced the hiring of Kelsey Martin '19 as a field hockey assistant coach. Martin is originally from Wilmington, Delaware, where she was a 16 season athlete throughout high school for The Tatnall School. After high school, she played field hockey for the Maroons from 2015-2018, serving as one of the senior captains for the 2018 season.

Derek Workman is the new Director of Cross Country and Track and Field at Roanoke. Workman comes to Salem from Washington and Jefferson College in Pennsylvania where he oversaw both cross country programs as well as the track & field teams the past five seasons as head coach. He spent the two years prior to that as an assistant coach with the Presidents.

"We are excited to welcome Derek to the Maroon family," said RC athletic director Curtis Campbell. "Derek's professional attitude and previous work experience make him a natural fit for the College. I look forward to watching Derek build on the winning tradition of Maroon athletics."

After joining as a coach last season and having a stellar playing career, Nick Price '22 has been elevated to Men's Basketball Assistant Coach on Clay Nunley's staff beginning in 2023-24.



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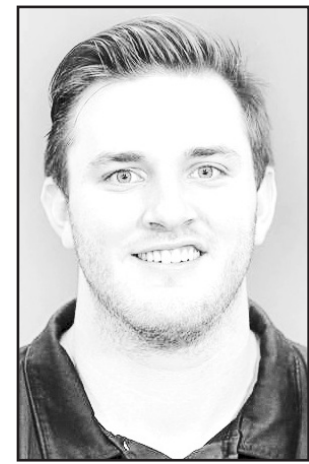
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"I am beyond grateful to Roanoke College and Coach Nunley for this amazing opportunity to be a member of a community that empowers its students to achieve their dreams," said Price. "I am excited to return to Roanoke College Men's Basketball in this new role as an assistant coach and I'm looking forward to being a part of the long-standing legacy and future growth of this program."

Price played all four years for Nunley, including the COVID shortened 2020-21 season. He finished his career with 331 points, 245 assists, 188 rebounds, 90 steals, and 25 blocks. He scored a career-high 17 points at Guilford on January 12, 2022.

Also, Marc Slade has been elevated to Associate Head Coach for the Maroon's men's basketball program. Slade, who joined the staff in 2020, assists Nunley in all facets of the Maroon program. Previously he served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Emory & Henry during the 2019-20 season.

Prior to his stint at E&H, Slade spent two seasons on the bench at Randolph. He came to the WildCats from Guilford where he served as an assistant coach helping guide the Quakers to the 2017 ODAC regular season and tournament titles. Slade played basketball for four years at Methodist University and was named a captain in his senior season.

Head women's basketball coach Carla Flaherty has hired Cydni Cole as an assistant coach for the Maroons.

Cole comes to Roanoke after spending last season at NCAA Div. II McKendree in Lebanon, Ill. as an assistant coach. Prior to her season at McKendree Cole spent three seasons with the Webster University Gorlocks, who are an NCAA Division III school located in Webster Groves, Mo., and are a charter member of the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Cole was a part of three consecutive regular season title teams and two NCAA Division III Tournament teams.

Cole played collegiately at both George Mason University and Appalachian State University and also

played basketball in England while obtaining her master's degree from Leeds Beckett University.

"I am thrilled to welcome Cydni to our Maroon family," said Flaherty. "Her experience, knowledge, passion, and enthusiasm will be immediately impactful."

After spending the past three seasons on head coach Bill Pilat's men's lacrosse staff, Matthew Lintner has been elevated to lead assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. He will remain as the Maroons' offensive coordinator.

"I want to thank coach Pilat for his continued trust in me to help the program," said Lintner. "I am looking forward to the continued success that we have built."

Lintner returned to Roanoke in the fall of 2020 as an assistant coach for the Maroons. During his time as a student-athlete at Roanoke, Lintner played in 66 games for head coach Bill Pilat. For his career, he tallied 85 career points on 55 goals and 30 assists. During his senior season, Lintner scored 28 goals to go with 15 helpers on his way to being named Third Team All-ODAC as an attackman.

Jack Fishwick '21 has been elevated to head men's and women's tennis coach after spending the past two seasons as an assistant for the Maroons.

Fishwick played all four years for the Maroons. He played number two singles and doubles positions his freshman and sophomore year before stepping up to one singles and doubles position his junior and senior year. During his sophomore year, he was named ODAC Player of the Week honors and during his senior year he was named ODAC Player of the Week twice. Fishwick was also named All-ODAC his final season at number one singles and doubles.

"I want to thank Mr. Campbell and Dr. Shushok for this opportunity to lead a program that is near to my heart," said Fishwick. "This is an exciting time for Maroon tennis as we look to build into a contender for an ODAC championship."

Still to be named is a head football coach for the new RC program. The school has been taking applications and a new coach should be named soon.

Roanoke women's soccer team hosts invitational this weekend

Kerr Stadium in Salem will be the site of the Roanoke Invitational as the Roanoke College women's soccer team opens the fall season.

Roanoke will take on Penn State-Harrisburg in the season opener on Friday night at 7:30 pm. On Saturday, also at 7:30 pm, Roanoke

will host Grove City. The University of Lynchburg will also compete.

The ODAC coaches have picked the Maroons to finish sixth among the 13 ODAC teams this fall. Under the direction of head coach Phil Benne, the Maroons collected 84 points from the vote among the league's head

coaches. NCAA Final Four participant Virginia Wesleyan has been picked to repeat with 136 points and seven first-place votes. Washington and Lee has been picked to finish second with 131 points and three first-place votes as Bridgewater has 121 points to round out the top three.

Defending ODAC champion Lynchburg is picked fourth with 119 points while Randolph-Macon sits one spot ahead of Roanoke in fifth with 97 points. Guilford and Shenandoah each received 78 points for a tie for seventh-place with Ferrum (52) and Averett (44) rounding out the top 10.

Red Sox have last road trip of the season in Augusta

The Salem Red Sox will wrap up their 2023 Carolina League season with one road trip and one homestand as August turns to September.

The Sox will be in Augusta this week for a six game schedule with the Greenjackets, a farm team of the Atlanta Braves. Salem is back home next Tuesday to finish out the season with six against the Carolina Mudcats from the Milwaukee Brewers organization.

Salem left for Augusta with a second half record of 23-31 in the North Division of the Carolina League's split season. The Sox were home to host the Fredricksburg Nationals last week and went 2-4 in a six game homestand.

The Sox had a chance to break even on Sunday but let one slip away in an exciting 8-7 loss that went 13 innings. Johanfran Garcia's home run to lead off the bottom of the ninth tied the game



Johanfran Garcia of the Salem Red Sox watches his game-tying home run in the bottom of the ninth of Sunday's game.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

at 4-4 and in the next three innings both teams scored one run each to keep the game going until the 13th, when the Nats scored again but Salem couldn't answer in the bottom of the inning. Marvin Alcantara had

three hits for the Red Sox Sunday and Johnfrank Salazar had a two-run homer in the fourth inning. Luis De La Rosa pitched the last three innings and took the loss. He gave up three runs but none were earned.

RC soccer men open in Ohio

The Roanoke College soccer team will open this weekend with two games in Granville, Ohio. Roanoke will play host Denison on Friday at 7 pm, then take on Capital on Sunday at 1 pm.

Maroons are back and looking to take that next step this season to claim an ODAC Championship. They will

have two teams picked ahead of them as the Roanoke men's soccer team has been selected to finish third in the ODAC Preseason Men's Soccer Coaches Poll.

Roanoke, under the direction of head coach Ryan Pflugrad, collected 123 points from the leagues head coaches. Defending ODAC

Champion Washington and Lee was picked to finish first with 144 points and 12 first place votes with Lynchburg picked second with 131 points and the remaining first-place vote.

The Maroons home opener will be at Kerr Stadium on Friday, September 8, against Aglethorpe.

Maroon field hockey opens at home Friday

The Roanoke College field hockey team will open at home Friday with a 3 pm game at Kerr Stadium in Salem.

Roanoke, under the direction of 14th-year head coach Briana Banks, has been selected to finish fourth in the ODAC standings for the 2023 season. Lynchburg is picked to finish first after collecting four first place votes for 74 points. Defending ODAC champion Washington and Lee is picked sec-

ond with three first-place votes and Shenandoah garnered the final three first-place votes and is picked third with 72 points. The Maroons are picked fourth with 56 points and Randolph-Macon rounds out the top five with 49 points.

The first ODAC contest for Roanoke is against Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 4 pm at Donald J. Kerr Stadium.

RC volleyball in "Cougar Classic"

The Roanoke College volleyball team will open this weekend with an appearance in the "Cougar Classic" at Averett University in Danville.

The Maroons have two matches Friday, at 4 pm against Randolph and 6 pm against Piedmont. On Saturday they play Waynesboro at 10 am and Bob Jones University at 2 pm.

Roanoke has been picked to finish sixth in the 2023 ODAC Preseason Women's Volleyball Coaches Poll. Defending ODAC champion Randolph-Macon has been picked to repeat with 137 points.

The Maroons will make their home debut on Friday, September 8, when they host the Maroon Classic at the Cregger Center in Salem.



Glenvar's Sophia Hammersley digs one out in last week's match at Glenvar.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Highlanders look for first win at home tonight against Byrd

The Glenvar volleyball team will be looking for their first win tonight when they take on their third straight opponent from a higher classification. The Highlanders will host Class 3 William Byrd following a jayvee game, with the varsity set to serve it up around 7 pm.

The defending 2022 Class 2 state champs are finding the going tough due to graduation from the championship team and injuries to some key returning players. After opening the season with a three-set loss to Giles the Highlanders were at Class 3 Cave Spring last Thursday. The led after two sets but the Knights rallied to win a five setter, 25-21, 12-25, 17-25, 25-21 and 15-9.

Daisy Ann Dawyot led Glenvar with 13 kills, nine digs and 16 blocks.

"She was a monster in the front row,"

said Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback.

Mahre Swanson had three aces, 18 digs and led the team in serve receive while Audrey Conner had 30 assists, eight digs, and one block.

At Blacksburg Monday the Class 4 Bruins took a three-set win over Glenvar, 25-12, 25-20 and 25-17. Conner had 14 assists and nine digs, Dawyot had five kills and three blocks, Jamie Forster had four kills and 10 digs and Olivia Fobare had nine digs.

"We're hoping to get a couple players back in the near future, but as of right now we are still down two starters," said Rohrback. "The girls are working hard and improving on a daily basis, and their attitude and effort right now is fantastic. I am proud of them as they battled a very talented and experienced Blacksburg team for every point."

Middle School volleyball teams meet Hidden Valley

The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School volleyball teams will get a look at Hidden Valley on back-to-back nights this week. Glenvar was scheduled to play at Hidden Valley on Wednesday and Lewis is at Hidden Valley this afternoon.

Lewis is 2-3 on the season after splitting two matches in the past week. The Wolverines rallied to beat Read Mountain in three sets last Thursday, 10-25, 25-19 and 15-13 in the tiebreaker. Lewis lost to Byrd in three sets Monday, 25-20, 13-25 and 17-15 in a third set that required extra points.

"Close matches are our specialty," said Lewis coach Perry Manning. "Great experiences for a very young team."

Glenvar was at Christiansburg last week, where the Highlanders lost in three sets, 25-21, 14-25 and 16-14. The Highlanders hosted Alleghany on Monday and lost in two, 25-16 and 25-22.

Spartans to host Celtics

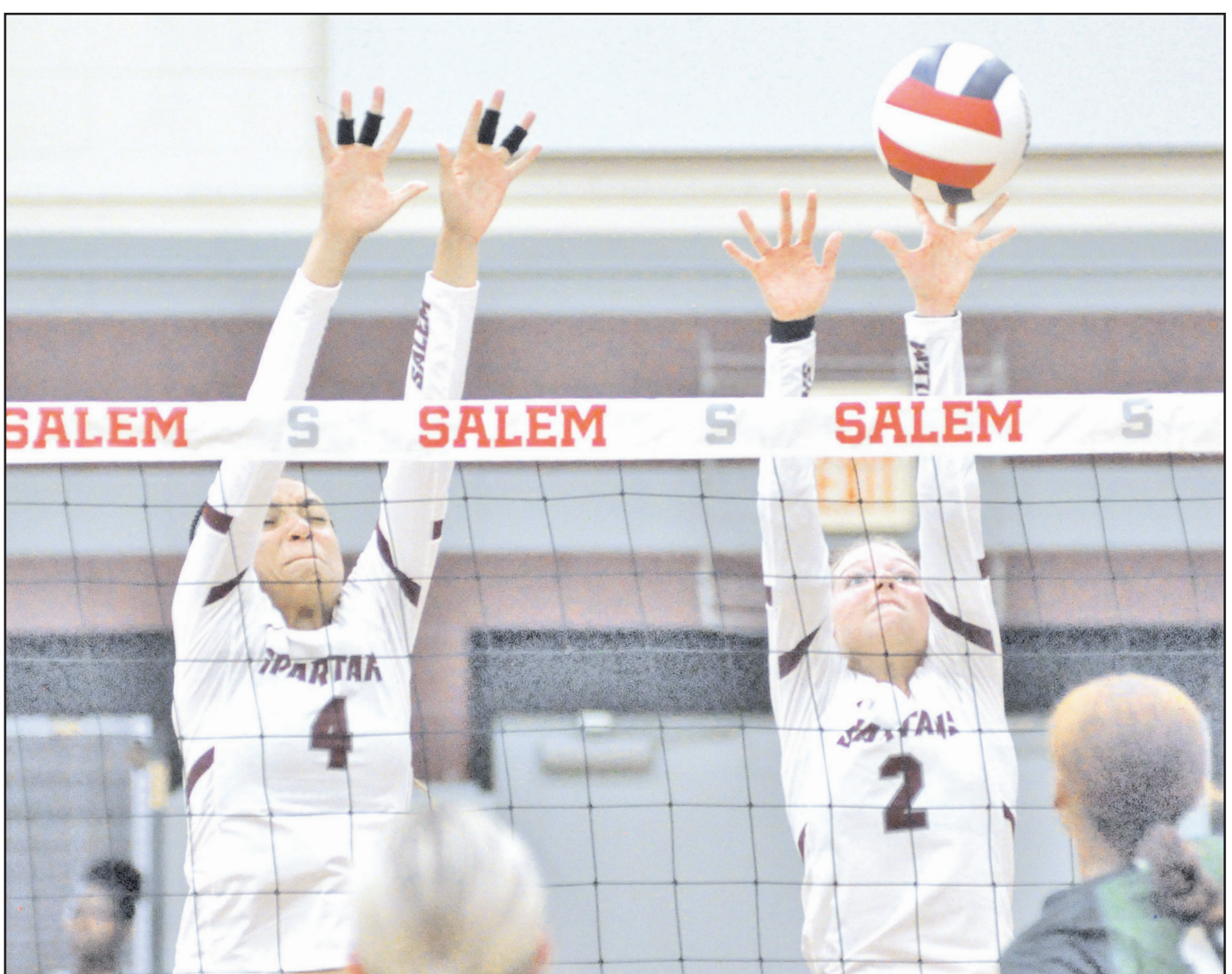
The Salem High volleyball team will be back on the floor tonight when the Spartans host Roanoke Catholic in a non-district match. Salem is 2-2 after dropping a five set match to E.C. Glass in Lynchburg on Tuesday.

The Spartans started off the season with two wins. After defeating Roanoke Catholic in Roanoke to open the season the Maroons beat Northside in three sets last Wednesday in their home debut. The Spartans won 25-22, 25-21 and 25-19.

Myah Crews led the Spartans with 11 kills and eight digs. Katie Johnson had 14 digs and three serving aces while Makenzie Board had 23 assists, four kills and two aces.

On Thursday the Spartans played their third match in as many days and fell to Jefferson Forest in Forest, VA in three very similar sets, 25-21, 25-20 and 25-20. Crews had seven kills, 13 digs and four aces while Johnson had nine digs and three aces. Middle hitter Emme Custer had seven kills and a block.

After tonight's home match with Catholic the Spartans are off until Tuesday, September 5, when Jefferson Forest comes to Salem.



Salem's Gabby Crawley(#4) and Tinsley Thomas(#2) go up for a block in last week's win over Northside at Salem High.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem, Glenvar cross country teams open today at Smith River Complex

The high school cross country season will officially take the gun this week with both Salem and Glenvar scheduled to today in Axton, VA. Both local teams will compete in a meet at the Monogram Foods Smith River Sports Complex. The meet is hosted by Bassett and will include both the boys and girls.

The Salem boys' cross country team has 10 returning runners from last fall. Those with varsity experience, and who competed in the regional meet last year, include Carson Tucker, Zane Easter, Lance Toapanta and Rick Rawlins. Also returning with varsity experience are Yuvraj Singh and Grant Horner.

The other returning runners are Austin Prosser, who was an 8th grader last year, Luke Stovall, Conner Rothkopf and Grafton Smith. New to the program this year are Isaac Snow and eighth grader Gaven Horner.

"The team has had a good summer of senior led runs and we finished a good preseason," said Salem coach Tom Roth. "Last year we were fifth in the region and two teams ahead of us have changed regions. Region 4D has added five schools from the Winchester area. We know that several of those teams, like Handley and Millbrook, were strong last year. Also, Blacksburg and Jefferson Forest are still in our region."

Salem will have a home meet at the Salem Golf Course on October 11.

"My basic expectations have not changed," said Roth. "I'd like to see individual improvement with each runner, not only during the season but from year to year. We not only want to develop good runners, but also to develop good students and good

citizens."

The Salem girls have a new coach as Elliot Petry takes over the team. He welcomed returning seniors Brooke Bowers and Lyndsy Rothkopf, juniors Callie Conner and Claire Rawlins and freshmen Ashley Toapanta and Ashlyn Davis, who ran as eighth graders last year. New this year are juniors Addyson Funk and Caroline Loveday, sophomore Chloe Underwood, freshmen Leah Johnson, Harper Rocovich, Kaylyn Ross and Aubrey Snead and eighth graders Caroline Huff, Maggie Hutton, Charity McGugan, Kathryn Rincon and Karoline Williams.

"We have a relatively young team, so our goal is to improve throughout the season and stay healthy after battling some injuries last year," said Petry. "After a team of eight girls last year, we are looking at 18-19 girls and none of our new girls are seniors, so we have seen some growth. Hopefully we can stay healthy and get stronger through the year."

Glenvar also has a new coach as Madison Bourne takes over for Amanda Spradlin. Returnees for Glenvar's boys include senior Charlie Horrell and sophomores Tyler Davis and Aldin Smith.

"Each of these runners have proven to be consistent and reliable last year, and will certainly be a key to our success this year," said Bourne.

New to the boys' team are freshmen Spencer Britton and Evan Harris.

For the girls, seniors Joanna Killeen and Emma Pope will anchor the team.

"Both of these girls have been running since middle school and have helped build up the team to what it is now," said Bourne.

Also returning is sophomore Everly Shanks. Last year Everly was the only girl to go to the state meet for Glenvar.

The Highlanders have a new junior who comes from Eastern Montgomery High, Val Castillo.

"She will be a huge asset to the girls' team," said Bourne. "We have several new freshmen joining the girls team as well."

Bourne has high hopes for the team

as she takes over a program that has been one of the best in the region and state in recent years.

"I think this could be a fantastic season for both the boys and girls varsity teams," she said. "We have two strong groups of runners that train together and know how to race. I believe both teams will do very well in the regional meet and then at the state meet if they qualify."



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Left, Salem quarterback Eli Taylor hands off to Peyton Lewis as Jackson Bryie(#55) clears some space and guard Wilson Rakes(#50) pulls to lead the way. Right, Salem's Julian Warme tackles LCA tailback Gideon Davidson at the line of scrimmage in Friday's game at Salem Stadium.

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Spartans stopped on final drive in 21-14 loss to Liberty Christian

The high school football season opened last Friday and, for the third year in a row the Salem High Spartans lost their opening game. The Spartans dropped an exciting 21-14 decision to Liberty Christian Academy at Salem Stadium.

While it was a tough loss for the Spartans, Salem fans need not freak out over one loss. Take away the first game loss in the past two years and Salem was 21-3 in the other games. Coach Don Holter isn't afraid to open with a good team, as nationally acclaimed Martinsburg of West Virginia was the team Salem debuted with in 2021 and '22 and this year's

LCA team has a huge line and some big-time college recruits.

"That was two good football teams going at it," said Holter. "Our kids fought to the end and played with attitude and effort. We turned the ball over three times and three times we couldn't convert on fourth and short, and that makes it tough to win."

Salem got off to a slow start, falling behind 14-0 in the first quarter. The Spartans had the ball first and were moving but an interception by Clemson commit Gideon Davidson stalled the drive and the Bulldogs answered with a 56 yard touchdown pass from quar-

terback Jeb Moon to Dalton Nesselrotte that quieted the large crowd on the Salem side.

The 'Dogs made it 14-0 on a four yard run by Davidson with 1:13 left in the quarter and Salem was on the ropes. However, the Spartans came out swinging as Salem senior Peyton Lewis returned the kickoff 77 yards to set up a three yard TD run, also by Lewis around left end on the first play of the second quarter. The extra point kick failed but Salem cut the lead to 14-6.

Salem held the Bulldogs on the ensuing series

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Big second half sparks Glenvar over Galax in season opener

The Glenvar football team opened the season with an impressive win over Galax last Friday. The Highlanders used a dominating second half to roll to a 39-21 win over the visiting Maroon Tide.

"We didn't play well in the second quarter but we made some adjustments at halftime," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "When you play so many kids two ways it's hard to figure it out on the field, but were able to get into the locker room and sort some things out."

The Highlanders took the early lead. After stuffing the Tide on fourth and short by forcing a fumble Glenvar drove 64 yards for the game's first score, with Brody Dawyot hitting Shane Gibson with a short pass and Shane bulling his way over for a seven yard score.

Galax tied the game on a 30 yard pass play early in the second quarter, and the Tide recovered an onside kick at midfield on the ensuing kickoff. They drove 51 yards in just over two minutes, scoring on a 19 yard pass play to take a 14-7 lead. However, Glenvar was able to tie the game at 14-14 on an eight yard pass from Dawyot to Peyton Deel inside of two minutes to go until halftime and it was all knotted up as the teams headed for the locker room.

The turning point of the game came at the start of the second half. Trey Dawyot took the second half kickoff 75 yards for a TD and Glenvar had the lead for the first time since the opening quarter.

"That was a big momentum swing," said Clifford. The Highlanders missed the extra point but never trailed again, putting 12 more points on the board in the third quarter. Brody Dawyot completed a 31 yard TD pass to Reed Hutchison with about eight minutes to go in the quarter. A two point attempt failed but the Highlanders now led 26-14.

Glenvar held the Tide on the ensuing series and forced a punt. Then sophomore Cooper Mullins broke loose for a 75 yard touchdown run and Glenvar was off and running with a 32-14 lead with under five minutes to go in the third period. Brody Dawyot added a touchdown run in the fourth quarter and the rout was on.

"I'm really proud of our kids," said Clifford. "That was a solid win against a good football team. They're physical and tough, and they're going to win six or seven games this year."

Brody Dawyot finished 14 for 22 passing for 222 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran seven times for 63 yards and a score.

Mullins had 83 yards rushing on six attempts while Gibson and Jake Stanley had 15 yards rushing each.

Hutchison had six receptions for 112 yards while Trey Dawyot and Deel had two receptions each and Gibson had one.

On defense Ben Holiday had a big game with 10 tackles, including two for losses. Jack Camper had 12 tackles and Gibson had eight.

The Highlanders will try to make it two in a row this week as they travel to Bedford to take on Liberty High. The Minutemen are licking their wounds this week after being thrashed by William Byrd in Vinton last Friday, 72-0.

"It wasn't as bad as it looked, Byrd capitalized on some mistakes," said Clifford. "They've dropped to 2A and they're in our region, so this is an important game."

Glenvar's jayvee team won in Galax last week, 43-0. The jayvees will host Liberty at Highlander Stadium tonight.



Above, Glenvar's Reed Hutchison breaks free for a long gain after catching a pass. Below, the GHS defense makes a big stop on fourth and short early in Friday's game with Galax at Highlander Stadium.

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