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Economic Development Authority hears updates

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Contributing writer

Members of the Salem Economic Development Council got updates on façade grants, developments and future projects at the Oct 10 meeting of the Salem Economic Development Authority.

Planning and Economic Development Director Tommy Miller briefed EDA Chair Dave Robbins, Vice Chair Quinn Monghan, and members Paul Kuhnel,

Cynthia Shelor and Macel Janoschka on conversion of two formerly vacant industrial properties. The meeting was held in Salem City Council Chambers.

STS Group North America Inc. is building at the rear of the former GE plant what it intends to be its North American headquarters in Salem. Parts will be manufactured for Volvo trucks. Miller confirmed the facility is on track to open by spring 2024 and employ 119 people. In answer to a question from an EDA member, Miller said hiring and training is already underway. There are

30 new hires with a goal of just over 40.

Miller said work on the Valleydale Multifamily Community on 8th Street is continuing. All the buildings of the former meat-packing plant have been demolished and fill dirt brought in as needed.

An informational meeting with East Bottom residents is planned for Nov. 8 at the Salem Civic Center, Miller said, to present plans and answer questions. Other Salem residents are invited, he added. Wayne Adkins has been working with business owners in East Bottom,

Miller said.

Adkins updated EDA members on the mural program, and showed renderings of the mural being painted on the side of the All Sports building on Main Street. The cost for the All Sports mural is a total of \$20,362, Adkins said.

Robbins said future murals are planned for Broad Street, the side of 2nd and Main (formerly Brooks Byrd). The EDA will pay for half and the businesses for the remainder, he explained.

Façade work will be done tying in Sports Haven and 2nd and Main, he said.

Salem Half Marathon was held on Saturday



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Salem Half Marathon was held on Saturday, Oct. 14. The race, which started at 8 a.m., took participants on a route along Main Street, the Greenway, the Roanoke College campus, the YMCA and Taliatferro Complex, as well as various neighborhood streets. To see more half marathon coverage, go to page 13.

Halloween decorating competition is happening between Academy, Broad streets

Competition seeks to keep Halloween tradition alive

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This Halloween, Academy Street and Broad Street are engaging in a friendly decorating challenge in the hopes of bringing the community together. The idea was conjured up by Academy Street residents Wendy Wall and Carrie Cox.

Cox grew up in the house that she and her husband now live in, which she's been decorating for Halloween for a long time. "I really love Halloween because Halloween on this street has always been magical. It's like a scene out of a movie. There's kids everywhere and it's wonderful," she said. "We really wanted to continue that and help keep that tradition alive."

Cox explained that Broad Street always seems to get more trick-or-treaters than Academy Street does, so there's friendly competition.

"It's very informal. It's who gets the most trick-or-treaters," she explained of the competition. "It's trying to get more people to embrace the spirit of it and build community." To spread the word about the effort, Cox and Wall went door to door on Academy Street and Broad Street and put flyers under residents' doormats.

Several houses are already decorated, but Cox anticipates more houses will be decorated once it gets closer to Halloween.

Cox estimates that she has roughly 250 trick-or-treaters each year. To get

an accurate number this year, she's bought counters for her kids to use to keep track. Each year, she keeps several full-size candy bars that she hands out to the standout costumes. "The costumes I see sometimes blow me away," she said. One of the recent costumes that stood out to her was a girl who was dressed as a jellyfish. The costume lit up. Another was a girl who dressed as a Mary Poppins vampire. "I love the creativity."

Editor's note: Homeowners who would like to share their Halloween decorations are encouraged to tag The Salem Times-Register in their photos on Facebook or email photos to a Boyd@mainstreetnewspapers.com.

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Carrie Cox always has a jack-o'-lantern display of dead rockstars at her house for Halloween.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CARRIE COX

The informal competition is aimed at increasing community engagement.



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Alice Louise Kassens provided an economic forecast for 2024 to chamber members.

Chamber of commerce hears 2024 economic forecast from Alice Kassens

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The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce held a business advocacy event on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 11 in the Scott Allison Foyer of the Cregger Athletic Center at Roanoke College in which Alice Louise Kassens, the John S. Shannon Professor of Economics at Roanoke College, provided an economic forecast for 2024.

The forecast focused on the upcoming economic landscape for the region, as well as for the state. The purpose of the forecast was to leave attendees enlightened and equipped to navigate the intricate currents of the year ahead.

At the beginning of her talk, Kassens provided a general overview by explaining what GDP means. "Measure of total spending in the economy," she noted. "Market value of all final goods and services produced within the economy over a specific period of time."

She went on to note that there are four spending groups in the economy: consumers, government, business and trade, including exports/imports. Consumers, she said, account for 67-70% of total spending in the United States.

Inflation in August was 3.7%, she explained, which was off its recent high of 8.9% in June 2022, but up in the last two months. Current prices, she added, are primarily driven by shelter, which peaked in March. Consumer spending, she said, is acting as a firewall against a recession.

In Virginia, there is a 6.5% job opening rate, making the commonwealth's job market tighter than the national average.

In her 2024 forecast, Kassens noted that the labor market will cool but not

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

CIAA Cross Country Championships: The event will be at Green Hill Park on Oct. 26

Pumpkinfest: Pumpkinfest, returns on Friday night, Oct. 27, at the Salem Farmers Market. This year's event runs from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and it will once again feature a costume contest and pumpkin give-away. Plus, all attendees can walk through our "Chefs vs. Surgeons" Jack O' Lantern patch, vote for their favorite carved pumpkin and later bid on it in the pumpkin auction. In addition, children can buy tickets for carnival games and inflatables, stroll through the trick-or-treat zone, get their face painted and enjoy sand art and a bake sale. This is 23rd year that Salem has joined forces with Q99 to present this event in Downtown Salem. Pumpkinfest admission for adults is just \$5 a person, but children 15-and-under will be admitted free. Dale's Diner, The Tailgate, Kettle Cooker Express and Sweet Surrender Ice Cream will be selling their amazing creations throughout the evening. Once again, Five-Dollar Shake will provide musical entertainment. All proceeds from the event will benefit Area 8 Special Olympics. Q99, Kroger and Salem Parks and Recreation are sponsoring this year's event and Q99's Dick and Dave once again will host the fall celebration. The Salem Farmers Market is located on the corner of Main and Broad Street in the heart of Downtown Salem. Salem is hosting several other exciting events for those in Virginia's Blue Ridge region during this week.

Trick-or-Treat with the Downtown Merchants: Youngsters will have a chance to Trick-or-Treat with the Downtown Merchants on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. Children can travel up and down Main Street from Academy St. to College Ave. Businesses that have a pumpkin sticker on their storefront window are participating. In addition, the Salem Sheriff's Office's Fall Open House is happening from 10 a.m. to noon at 2 E. Calhoun Street.

ODAC Cross Country Championships: The event will be at Green Hill Park on Oct. 28.

Big South Conference Cross Country Championships: The event will be at Green Hill Park on Oct. 29.

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

Trunk-or-Treat: On the actual Halloween night,

the Salem Civic Center is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event in partnership with the Paw Patrol Show. This will take place in the front parking lot at 1001 Roanoke Boulevard on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Traditional neighborhood Trick-or-Treating will take place citywide in Salem on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

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.

Do Values Matter?: The event will be on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wortmann Ballroom in the Colket Center. Join the Center for Policy, Ethics, and Law for an evening with Mark Quiner. Mark Quiner is an experienced group facilitator with over 40 years of experience. He currently serves as director of NCSL's Center for Ethics in Government, whose mission is to restore trust and confidence in representative government by promoting responsible behavior in legislatures and educating the public on the importance of the legislative process.

Previously, Quiner was the acting director of the Wyoming Legislative Service Office, where he served for 26 years. Following law school at the University of Wyoming, he worked for Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice C. Stuart Brown, then served as the state's assistant attorney general. This event is free and open to the public. To register, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/do-values-matter-tickets-675428884977>

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.

Salem Stampede Championship Rodeo: Southwest Virginia's favorite family-friendly event is back for the 56th year. The Salem Stampede Championship Rodeo bucks back into Salem Jan. 5-7 of 2024 with the same non-stop excitement fans have come to love for decades. Tickets are start at \$20 and go up to \$30. They can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Riley Green & Tracy Lawrence: Riley Green, the Academy of Country Music's new male artist of the year in 2020, is set to make his first appearance at the Salem Civic Center. Green will be joined by Tracy Lawrence and opening act Ella Langley when he hits the arena's historic stage on March 7, 2024. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online anytime at www.ticketmaster.com

Dustin Lynch: "Kill the Cowboy" tour: Country musician Dustin Lynch will perform at the Salem Civic Center on Friday, April 12, 2024, as part of his "Killed the Cowboy" tour with special guest Skeez. Tickets start at \$35.50. Lynch first appeared in Salem in 2015 when he starred on the final day of the Blue Ridge Music Festival at Salem Stadium. He was just starting to crank out hit songs back then, but he now has eight No. 1 songs, four top-5 albums, 10 gold and platinum certified singles, and he has tallied over 5.4 billion cumulative global streams. His sixth studio album is "Killed the Cowboy."

Public meetings:
 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.
 The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.
 The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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Stamp Machine

Introduced in 1905, stamp machines were once a common and convenient way to get stamps. They allowed people to get a few stamps at a time outside of Post Office regular hours, and could be found in local shops. In 1910, inventor Joseph Schermack perfected the machine and introduced the most

recognizable model. These machines were popular and common until the early 2000s, when they were becoming obsolete and their manufacturers were closing down, making replacement parts difficult to find.

One common place to find these machines was at a local drug store, like Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy. Brooks-Byrd opened in the 1950s, replacing Webber's Pharmacy that was in the same location, and was a staple of Salem's Main Street for decades.

This Schermack Stamp Machine from Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy is currently on display in the Salem Museum's new featured exhibit "Hometown History."

Scattered throughout Salem and the surrounding area are countless reminders of Salem's past. Many of these locations have either been replaced or forgotten after years of development. "Hometown History: Salem's Forgotten Beginnings" sets out to share these historic locations' forgotten stories.

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



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The Salem Stampede Championship Rodeo will take place Jan. 5-7.

Salem Stampede Championship Rodeo returning to Salem Civic Center

Southwest Virginia's favorite family-friendly event is back for the 56th year. The Salem Stampede Championship Rodeo bucks back into Salem Jan. 5-7 of 2024 with the same non-stop excitement fans have come to love for decades.

Professional cowboys and cowgirls, many from Virginia, will be competing in rodeo's most popular events, sanctioned by the International Professional Rodeo Association. The IPRA competition features bull riding, bronc busting, and barrel racing, and it is not unusual to have contestants from across the United States and Canada, including current or former world champions, utilizing this event as a final tune-up for the International Finals Rodeo.

The crowd-pleasing mutton busting

is back for cowpokes ages 5,6 and 7, who weigh 50 pounds or less. Organizers said fans love seeing how far the youngsters can successfully ride a sheep in the arena.

"Southwestern Virginia has always been good to us and last year was no exception," said Rodeo Spokesman Kevin DeBusk. "We had three sell-out performances, and we expect the same in 2024. We are so excited to be continuing the tradition of starting the rodeo season off at the Salem Civic Center."

Tickets are start at \$20 and go up to \$30. They can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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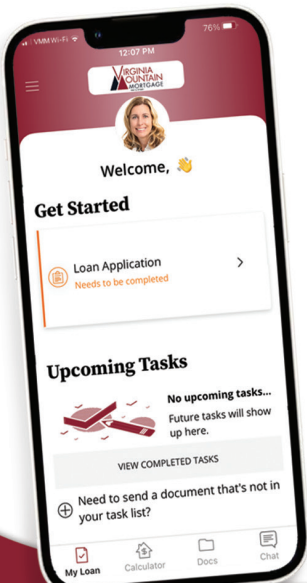


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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



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Dinner and a movie: Halloween edition

We had a discussion at work the other day about movies. Horror movies in particular. A horror film seeks to elicit fear or disgust from the audience while a thriller film likes to elicit suspense or anxiety from the watchers. Horror directors make the audience the victim while directors of thrillers make the audience an accomplice. Of the two, I tend to watch thriller movies, and then only in very small amounts. The first horror/thriller movie I was allowed to see was "The Changeling" in 1980. My mom wanted to see it so she took me with her. I still get goosebumps thinking about the piano scene. Because I am a chicken, I always find myself rewatching the same Halloween movies. It may be the tenth time I have watched it but I still watch it. I know where the scary parts are and that is a comfort. As you know, I tend to pair food with movies so here is my list for this year. I wait for "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" with anticipation and meatloaf. "Sleepy Hollow" with Johnny Depp is another favorite and needs pumpkin dip. "Corpse Bride" is red velvet cake. "Beetlejuice" is shrimp cocktail; Attack of the Killer Tomatoes is always grilled cheese and tomato soup. In 1982, I watched "Poltergeist" and I worried about the dog, E. Buzz, the whole movie (He made it out okay in the end). The steak scene is disturbing and creepy, so of course fried chicken. Killer Klowns from Outer Space has to have cotton candy. Betsy likes "Gremlins." She thinks she is Gizmo and wants to eat chicken legs after midnight. This week's recipe is for baked chicken legs. Don't worry I won't feed Betsy after midnight.

Baked chicken legs:

- 6-8 skin on chicken drumsticks

- 3 Tbsp cooking oil
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 1 Tbsp onion powder
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp smoked or sweet paprika (optional)
- 1 Tbsp dry mustard (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment paper.

In a large bowl mix together cooking oil, onion powder, salt, black pepper, garlic powder, paprika and mustard. Add in the chicken legs. Toss them in the spices until chicken is fully coated. Place the drumsticks in a single layer on the baking sheet.

Bake the chicken for 40-50 minutes at 425 degrees F lined with foil. Check at 30 mins. Turn chicken over. Bake for the final 10 to 20 mins. Check with a thermometer. The internal temperature of chicken should be 165 degrees F.

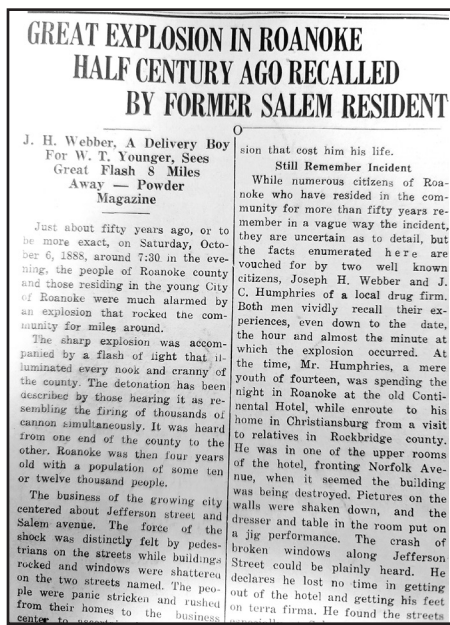
Tips for crispy chicken legs:

- Allow the chicken legs to come to room temperature.
- Pat the drumsticks dry with a paper towel before adding to the bowl with spices.
- Cook chicken on a rack so juices drain off drumsticks. Leave room between the drumsticks on the pan.
- Use a cooking oil with a high smoke point. Avocado oil works well as well as canola oil.
- Try different spices such as lemon pepper, Cajun, old bay and jerk seasonings.
- Chicken thighs also work but use bone in skin on thighs for the best results.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

GREAT EXPLOSION IN ROANOKE HALF CENTURY AGO RECALLED BY FORMER SALEM RESIDENT

J. H. Webber, A Delivery Boy For W. T. Younger, Sees Great Flash 8 Miles Away-Powder Magazine



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

Just about fifty years ago, or to be more exact, on Saturday, October 6, 1888, around 7:30 in the evening, the people of Roanoke County and those residing in the young City of Roanoke were much alarmed by an explosion that rocked the community for miles around.

The sharp explosion was accompanied by a flash of light that illuminated every nook and cranny of the county. The detonation has been described by those hearing it as resembling the firing of thousands of cannons simultaneously. It was heard from one end of the county to the other. Roanoke was then four years old with a population of some ten or twelve thousand people.

The business of the growing city centered about Jefferson Street and Salem Avenue. The force of the shock was distinctly felt by pedestrians on the streets while buildings rocked, and windows were shattered on the two streets named. The people were panic stricken and rushed from their homes to the business center to ascertain just what had happened. The most popular conjecture was that an earthquake had occurred in this vicinity. Another report that gained prominence was to the effect that the Crozier iron furnace had blown up, and people from all sections of the city hurried down to the banks of Tinker Creek only to find the rumor

to be false.

Transportation Poor

The only method of transportation in Roanoke was by private conveyance, by horseback or in a limited district by street cars. There were but a few telephones in use at the time and the people who had phones in their offices and homes were as much in the dark as the excited populace on the streets. People residing in Salem who heard the terrific explosion were as excited over the event as those who lived in and around Roanoke. The first information of a definite character to reach Salem was conveyed late in the night to the county seat by the late "Al" Fink who was engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and who operated a cigar stand on Salem Ave. Mr. Fink lived in Salem and drove his horse and buggy to and from his place of business daily. It was near midnight before he reached home and found a number of people gathered in the drug store discussing the event and endeavoring to arrive at some reasonable conclusion as to what had really happened.

Considerable time elapsed before the people of Roanoke were told what had really taken place. A magazine stored with thousands of pounds of blasting powder and dynamite located near the Franklin Road bridge, in close proximity to the present site of the Winston-Salem branch of the Norfolk & Western, for some reason, never positively determined, had exploded.

It was positively determined however that a man had been killed, but just who the unfortunate individual was, has never been known. A small portion of a human hand was found the next day and the heel of a shoe with fragments of flesh adhering to the inside, was also picked up. Among other things found in the vicinity was the cylinder of a revolver and several hundred feet from the scene of the explosion a mutilated dime was found buried in a fence post. Fences, bushes and trees within a radius of 200 yards were completely destroyed. Where the powder house stood an excavation as large as the foundation for a good-sized house was blown out to the

depth of ten or twelve feet.

The day following the catastrophe thousands of people visited the scene and there was not an inch of ground for several hundred feet around that was not carefully gone over in search of clues as to what might have caused the explosion, and at the time it was generally conceded that a young man named Brown who resided in the vicinity of Starkey, and who afterwards was found to be missing, was the unfortunate man who had lost his life.

It was ascertained that he had been in Roanoke during the day and people who knew him reported that he had left late that day walking towards his home. It was also stated that he was known to possess a revolver. The finding of a revolver cylinder at or near the scene the next day led many to believe that he had possibly fired a shot into the building with the resultant explosion that cost him his life.

Still Remember Incident

While numerous citizens of Roanoke who have resided in the community for more than fifty years remember in a vague way the incident, they are uncertain as to detail, but the facts enumerated here are vouched for by two well-known citizens, Joseph H. Webber and J. C. Humphries of a local drug firm. Both men vividly recall their experiences, even down to the date, the hour and almost the minute at which the explosion occurred. At the time, Mr. Humphries, a mere youth of fourteen, was spending the night in Roanoke at the old Continental Hotel, while enroute to his home in Christiansburg from a visit to relatives in Rockbridge County. He was in one of the upper rooms of the hotel, fronting Norfolk Avenue, when it seemed the building was being destroyed. Pictures on the walls were shaken down, and the dresser and table in the room put on a jig performance. The crash of broken windows along Jefferson Street could be plainly heard. He declares he lost no time in getting out of the hotel and getting his feet on terra firma. He found the streets, especially at Salem Avenue and Jefferson Street

filled with excited people, all of whom were endeavoring to find some plausible answer to what had just happened. Mr. Humphries left the following morning for his home in Christiansburg.

"Double Quick Time"

Mr. Webber during the previous year had worked on the Wertz farm a mile or so to the south, and almost daily had to pass the powder magazine. A few weeks prior to the explosion he had accepted a position in Younger's drug store at Salem, and on this particular night, had just made a delivery of medicine to the home of the late Rev. D. B. Strouse, and was returning to the store, when, without warning the whole world about him became so light that he could easily have seen a pin on the street. The light flash was followed by a report that shook the very earth under his feet. Asked if he was frightened, Joe answered: "Not much, but I made it back to Younger's drug store in a little bit better than 'double quick' time."

The following morning, he accompanied his father, Henry A. Webber, a deputy sheriff and several Salem citizens to the scene, the party driving down in a jersey wagon drawn by livery horses, the team being secured from a Salem livery firm. He recalls particularly the finding of the show heel with fragments of the human foot sticking to the inside. J. B. Fishburn of Roanoke was asked if he could recall what he was doing and where he happened to be on the night in question, and when told it was the occasion of the powder magazine explosion, he replied:

"I was keeping books in a store on Salem Avenue and after long hours of work, I realized I was very tired and sleepy. When that explosion occurred, and I heard the glass from the front windows crashing my first thought was of an earthquake."

Mr. Fishburn visited the scene the next morning and his version, as he remembered the occasion, was substantially in agreement with the facts as above stated.

-Prepared by Lisa King

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OPINION

Salem Friends celebrate 35 years of volunteer service during National Friends of Libraries Week: Oct. 15-21

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

It's National Friends of Libraries Week! Since the beginning of the American library movement, Friends groups have been formed by citizens using their collective powers to do everything from running a book sale to ensuring that our American library legacy remains viable. Library Friends groups are incredibly important. They can literally make the difference between a budget increase or cut for their libraries.

Friends of the Salem Library (FOSL) trace their roots

to a casual conversation in September 1988, between Joyce M. Foster and Earnestine Woodliff Lewis, former children's librarian. Acting on their ideas, Foster became the Friends organizer and mentor and a long-term treasurer for the group.

A reception held at the most recent FOSL meeting honored two volunteers who have given selflessly of their time for many years. Susan Ahalt received the 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of her long-term service as Secretary of the organization and the many years spent volunteering with the book sale. Ken Sosnowski received the 2023 Helen Robertson Memorial Award in recognition of the many years he served as the Head of the Book Sale. He also took over the Treasurer's job when founding member, Joyce M. Foster, turned over her long-held position to him. The award recipients received Jefferson cups with their names inscribed on them.

The goal of the FOSL group is to intensify public attention on the library, its resources, and services;

to become personally involved in rallying citizens, and support to assure adequate library funding at the municipal and state levels; and to encourage gifts and bequests to the library. Early on, the FOSL group was active in the campaign that resulted in the 1990-91 expansion and renovation of the library on Salem's Library Square.

Membership is open to any citizen at any of several membership levels. Please pick up a membership application form at the library, or better yet, attend one of their meetings.

Members of FOSL are now beginning the task of sorting donations for a Christmas pop-up sale at the Salem Farmer's Market and a book sale in March. They usually meet semi-weekly on Monday mornings to keep up with this task. The book sales are held twice a year to raise money to support special needs and programs in the library is the major job the volunteers undertake every year. Otherwise, the group meets quarterly. They will be electing a new slate of officers in January.



FOSL President Lydia Spruhan, from left, Ken Sosnowski and Susan Ahalt

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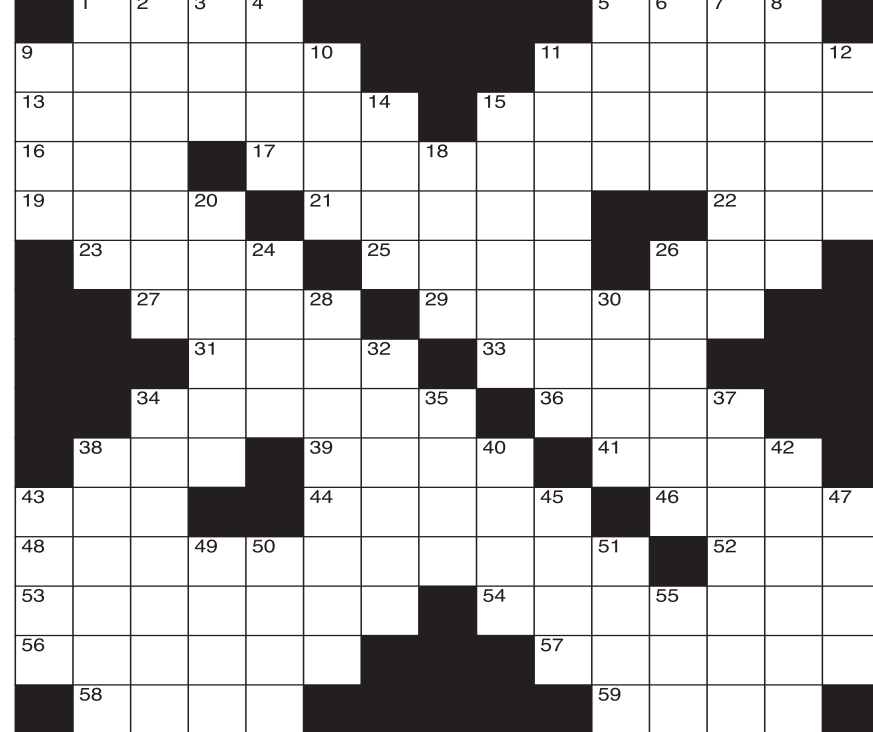
Halloween from page 1



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Academy Street resident Carrie Cox, one of the competition organizers, always decorates her house for Halloween. She said Halloween on the street is "magical."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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

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V DOT ROADWATCH

Interstate 81

I-81 & ROUTE 11 BORING SCHEDULED - Mountain Valley Pipeline is expected to perform boring across Route 11 near Apgar Drive between September 11 and September 26. In addition, boring is tentatively scheduled across I-81 near MM 130.11 between October 26 and November 17.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 - A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

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

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

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

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may

be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated for May 2024.

DECK POURS: Crews will be performing deck pours. Drivers should expect possible flagging operations on Route 605 and slow-moving concrete trucks traveling on I-81 northbound and southbound within the work zone.

SLOW ROLLS: A slow roll operation may be in place daily, Monday through Friday, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

ROUTE 605: Alternating lane closures and flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays. **Montgomery County:** Paving on I-81 southbound between mile marker 108.7 and 109.9 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Wednesday and from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Thursdays. Virginia State Police assisting.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Interstate 581

I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY - Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

Roanoke City

13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR - A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is nearing completion.

Once complete, a new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. Minimal traffic impacts at this time. The project is expected to be completed in late fall 2023.

Roanoke County

SIDEWALK PROJECT ON SOUTHBOUND WILLIAMSON ROAD IN HOLLINS AREA - On weekdays starting the week of October 9, work on a project to construct new sidewalk along the section of southbound Route 11 (Williamson Road) between Plantation Road and Peters Creek Road may cause lane closures. Drivers in the Hollins area can expect periodic right lane closures of southbound Williamson Road between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. As work progresses, occasional nighttime lane closures also will be scheduled. The sidewalk project is expected to be completed in summer 2024.

STARKEY ROAD AND BUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD ROUNDABOUT - A road project to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Route 904 (Starkey Road) and Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) is underway. The new roundabout is now open to traffic and drivers should be aware of the new roundabout configuration. There will be occasional flagging operations in place between the 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the intersection of Starkey Road and Buck Mountain Road, drivers should still expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic for final paving, additional concrete pouring and pavement marking until the project is finished. Final completion is expected in late spring 2024.

LANE CLOSURES WITH FLAGGING OPERATIONS: Lane closure times of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. have resumed due to school now being in session.

ROUNDABOUT: The roundabout configuration has been set up. This means drivers should continue around the circle without turning left and that drivers in the circle have the right of way.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE - Mountain Valley Pipeline is expected to begin full construction again by mid-July. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the remainder of the project (with a tentative completion date of February 2024) to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is February 2024.

PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Botetourt County

ROUTE 795 CLOSURE FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT - Route 795 (Orchard Drive) in the Daleville area will be closed at house number 62 for a pipe replacement beginning Monday, October 23 at 9 a.m. The road will reopen by the end of the day on Thursday, Oct. 26. Message boards will alert drivers.

Lake Spring pond has leak



COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM

The pond at Lake Spring has sprung a leak, according to the city of Salem. "Employees from the Salem Street Department began working on the pond closest to West Main Street Tuesday, October 17," the city said. "A water leak in the masonry will be repaired and the bottom will be cleaned while the weather is cooperative." While water levels in the pond will be very low while work is ongoing, the back pond where the ducks reside will not be affected.

Evensong to be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

On Sunday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m., a Service of Choral Evensong will be offered at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 42 E. Main Street in Salem. "This centuries-old, reflective service includes readings from scripture, music and prayer. Evensong has its origin in the ancient monastic service of vespers. During the reign of Henry VIII, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer changed the service to Evensong for the Anglican Church. Evensong is sung daily in cathedrals and parish churches throughout the world," according to Steven Lawrence, the church's organist and director of music.

The St. Paul's choir, under the direction of Lawrence, will sing settings of the Evening Canticles by Richard Shephard and the anthem "Hear My Prayer" by Felix Mendelssohn featuring soprano

Asherah Capellaro. The choir will be joined by organist Sumner Jenkins of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lynchburg. Jenkins will play music by Detrich Buxtehude and J. S. Bach. Officiating the service is The Rev. Dr. James Hubbard, Rector of St. Paul's. The preacher will be Salem native The Rev. Willis Logan. Fr. Logan is the Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Fincastle.

"We warmly invite everyone to attend this service of Choral Evensong and hope that you will find it an opportunity for refreshment, renewal and joy. A reception follows the service in the Parish Hall," Lawrence said.

For more information, visit www.stpaulssalem.dioswva.org or call the church office at (540) 389-9307.

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Chamber

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COURTESY PHOTO

The business advocacy event was held in the Scott Allison Foyer of the Cregger Athletic Center at Roanoke College.

drastically, unemployment will be up a bit, various factors like the Israel/Palestine conflict, AI and a possible government shutdown could impact the economy, the Federal Reserve rates will most likely hold steady and the election will impact the economy.

"We were very pleased with the turnout, talk and engagement of the audience," Amanda Livingston, executive director of the chamber, said following the event. "Lots of great questions. It was very well received."

In addition to her professorship, Kassens is a research fellow with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis's Institute for Economic Equity, a senior analyst with the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research and a member of the Virginia governor's Joint Advisory Board of Economists.

During her opening remarks, Livingston noted that the chamber has added 91 new members since January, which brings the number of members to 415.

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City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of October 10, 2023 – October 16, 2023

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
10/11/2023	Jermaine M. Jones	37	Violation of Probation
10/11/2023	Jason T. Janney	46	DUI
10/11/2023	Julie D. Chisom	41	Shoplifting
10/12/2023	Ellen D. Daugherty	68	Violation of Protective Order
10/12/2023	Joseph E. Hansil Jr.	62	Shoplifting
10/12/2023	Christopher L. Guillement	35	Possession of Controlled Substance
10/13/2023	Daniel A. Lilly	51	Failure to Appear, Violation of Probation
10/14/2023	Cassandra L. Ferreira	47	Public Intoxication
10/14/2023	Marcus A. Perry	28	DUI
10/15/2023	Philip H. Rupprecht III	42	False Name or Address to Police
10/16/2023	Tala L. Snider	24	Identity Theft

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of October 10, 2023 – October 16, 2023

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
11-OCT-2023	500 BLK Chamberlain Ln	Grand Larceny, Credit Card Theft

OBITUARY

Nixon, G. David



On Sunday, October 1, 2023, David Nixon of Bent Mountain, Va., was joyfully reunited in Heaven with Jesus. He was 64 years old.

David Nixon was a devout follower of Christ who lived a life of faith, love, and service. He was born on October 31, 1958, with his twin sister, Denise (Cee) to George and Ruth Nixon (nee Whitlock). Cancer is listed as his official cause of death, but he used his seven-year terminal diagnosis as a testimony to the peace and joy found in Christ.

David's steadfast faith and devotion to the Lord was a beacon of hope to all those around him. He was diagnosed with stage four cancer in 2016 with a prognosis of three years to live. David lived for seven years and spent every moment of those years joyfully embracing life, and truly living. His cancer journey brought him closer to Jesus every day. He recently told his pastor and friends that if he had been aware of what these seven years would bring, he would have prayed for cancer to come sooner. This time with cancer was the happiest time of his life. He wanted to shout his testimony to the world - to put all differences in doctrine aside and embrace the Word of God and the Love of Jesus. His absolute conviction brings unparalleled peace to his family and friends at this time.

David was a member of New Century Church in Roanoke, Va. His truth growth in Christ started at New Century Church, and he began to be filled with the Spirit in a visible way. He credited his pastors, Jay Owen and Chase Krug, his church family, his various small groups, and spiritually mature mentors for this incredible spiritual growth. Worshipping at New Century on Sundays and with his groups during the week was something he looked forward to all week. He was a volunteer greeter for many years and loved the ability to welcome members and guests into God's House.

In his professional life, David worked as an Attorney in Roanoke, Virginia for over 30 years. He considered his role as a lawyer as a spiritual gift, and helping others through difficult times was truly passion work for him. He practiced law until the very end of his life, and it brought him joy to do so.

David graduated from Roanoke College in 1981, Magna Cum Laude. He attended Wake Forest University and graduated with his Juris Doctor in 1984. He was a member of the Roanoke and Virginia Bar Associations, the Christian Legal Society, and David was proud to be one of ten lawyers who practice collaborative law. Some of his educational and professional honors include being a member of Phi Alpha Delta, Blue Key Society; Appointed Escheator by Governor Allen for Roanoke City in 1994, for 23rd Judicial District, 2001; Vice President of Legal Affairs, Blue Ridge Housing Development Corporation; Former Chairman, Roanoke City Fair Housing Board; Former Member, Roanoke City Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Board; and Former Chairman, Roanoke City Republican Party.

David had many hobbies and interests, including Bible study, politics, traveling, worship and bluegrass music, community events, life on Bent Mountain, biking, hiking, pastry and sweet connoisseur, and sitting out on his back deck relaxing. He had a lifelong love of running and completed his last half marathon in spring of 2016. He was determined to run with cancer, not away from it.

David's family was the center of his life. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Ruth and George Nixon, and his sister, Delores "DeeDee" Carroll.

David is survived by his son and family, Kirk Nixon and Darlene Smith,

with his granddaughter, Ella Nixon. Watching his son become a father held meaning that cannot be contained by words for him. He is survived by his daughter and family, Jessica (Sweet Pea) and Nick Blandy, with his grandchildren, Finn (Little Sweet Pea) and Declan (Dec) Blandy. His grandchildren will remember his love and goodness, and the memories of afterschool donuts with Papa will live on. He is survived by Jeff and Lizzie Person.

David is survived by his siblings, Carolyn "Kack" Lynch, John and Debbie Nixon, and his twin sister, Denise "Cee" and Alan Campbell. He is survived by his nieces and nephews, Todd Carroll, Missy and Brian Owens, Jay Lynch, Justin Nixon, Kyle and Michelle Nixon, Emma Nixon, and Blake Campbell, as well as several great-nieces and nephews. He loved his role as Uncle Dave. His love for being surrounded by family and turning nonevents into parties on the mountain was legendary.

Another branch of his family lives on in the Hoffman family. Matthew Hoffman was his brother in Christ, and a friend turned family member in this world. David considered the Hoffman children, Israel, Rayna, Ethan, Josiah, Elleanna, Alayna, Levi, Asa, Isaiah, and Elias his extended grandchildren and they brought him immeasurable joy.

He is also survived by his "Little Brother," Ronnie Pannell III, his sister, Autumn Leftwich, and their mother Tandeia Pannell. To name other special friends and friends who became family would be impossible - as his close friends described it, David's life was a ripple effect with our God in the middle.

A Celebration of David's Life and Faith was held at New Century Church on Monday, October 9, 2023. The family received friends on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at Oakey's South Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Blue Ridge Women's Center in David Nixon's memory, as he often referred to this as his favorite charity. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.Oakeys.com.

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Saturday, October 21, 8 am - 1 pm
451 Summit Ridge Rd, Daleville (Ashley Plantation)
Items include:
oak dresser with mirror, white wicker chaise lounge for a child, gardening items, picture frames, lawnmower blades (John Deer, unused), Lots more.

Yard Sales - Botetourt County

AUCTION Saturday, October 28, 2023 10 AM
Partial Estate for Pearl Anderson
309 Holcombe Ave New Castle VA 24127
These items and more available:
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Yard Sales - Salem

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Legals - Botetourt County

ABC NOTICE

Family Dollar Stores of Virginia LLC, trading as Family Dollar #27282, 19026 Main Street, Buchanan, VA 24066.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store License: Beer and Wine OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. **CL23007009-00** RADFORD CITY Circuit Court, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CHRISTINA NICOLE HAMBLIN v. RONALD GLENN HAMBLIN
The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that RONALD GLENN HAMBLIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before DECEMBER 13, 2023. OCTOBER 13, 2023 MELISSA WHITE, DEPUTY CLERK

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given

to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:30 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. Consider the request of Bruce Maxey, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception permit to allow a 1,200 square foot detached garage on the property located at 1862 Murrell Avenue (Tax Map # 128-1-4).
2. Consider the request of

Legals - City of Salem

Crystal Lowery, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1000 Blk Ohio Ave (Tax Map # 197-1-15) from HM Heavy Manufacturing District to RSF Residential Single Family District.

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting. 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on October 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.
Request of GKM Properties, LLC, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(A) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 800-802 Maryland Avenue, Tax Map # 147-2-1. The petitioner is requesting a variance of twenty-five (25) feet of frontage and twenty-five (25) feet of lot width.
At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 3753032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

13978 Potts Creek Road, Paint Bank, Virginia 24131
Tax Map/Parcel Identification Nos. 20 A 10, 20 A 11, 20 A 11B, 20 A 12 CRAIG COUNTY, VA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated September 14, 2017 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 170000518 (Book 206, Page 101), the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale in front of the Craig County Courthouse, 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia, on November 4, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., property located at or near 13978 Potts Creek Road, Paint Bank, Craig County, Virginia, which property is more particularly described as follows:
All those three (3) certain tracts or parcels of real property, situate in Craig County, Virginia, containing 164.314 acres, more or less, and being comprised of Parcel A, containing 67.836 acres, more or less, Parcel B, 21.25 acres, more or less, and Parcel C, 75.328 acres, more or less, as more particularly shown upon that certain J. Brad Smith, LS, survey of said Tracts, dated May-June 2015 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia, in Deed Book 198, at pages 478 and 479, and further being Parcels I, II, and III

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conveyed unto Judith Smith Bess by Karen Smith Denny, et ux., by Deed dated December 15, 2015, and of record in Craig County Deed Book 198, at page 482.

Parcel C subsequently was subdivided into Tax Map Nos. 20 A 11 and 20 A 11B. These two tracts will be sold as one (1) parcel. This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1. AUCTION: Substitute Trustee has employed The Counts Realty & Auction Group ("Auction Company"). The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale outlining additional terms of sale and settlement that will be available for review prior to the announcement of sale. Settlement within thirty (30) days of sale.
2. DEPOSIT: A bidder's deposit of \$15,000.00 per tract in certified funds (cash, cashier's or certified check made payable to Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC) required.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements made on day of sale take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale or the property.
4. BUYER'S PREMIUM: A 10% buyer's premium will be in effect on day of sale that is added to the high bid amount to determine the contract sales price.
5. "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS": The property is being sold "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS". Potential buyers must perform such independent investigations with respect to the property as they deem necessary.
6. ADVERTISEMENTS: All information provided by Auction Company and Substitute Trustee is deemed reliable but is not warranted. Information contained in the brochure and any advertisements by Auction Company are subject to verification by all parties relying on it. No liability for its accuracy, error or omission is assumed by Auction Company or Substitute Trustee.
7. REPRESENTATION: Auction Company and its representatives represent the party foreclosing on the property.
8. BID INCREMENTS: Auction Company reserves the right to set bid increments and to establish the bid sequences for the order of the sale and/or to change both. Lienholders reserve the right to bid at the sale.
9. LINES ON PHOTOGRAPHS: Any property lines drawn on the photographs in the marketing materials are not exact. Refer to the title documents found in the land records for the actual property lines.
Employees, directors and officers of Farm Credit of the Virginias, ACA, and their immediate family and companies in which they have an interest are not eligible under federal regulations to purchase this property at foreclosure.

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104
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 CATHY HUGHES appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 20, 2023 @8:30 AM.

Order of Publication

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The object of the complaint in the above styled case is to quiet the title via adverse possession to that certain parcel identified as 4792 Piney Woods Rd., Riner, VA 24149 (Montgomery County Tax Map # s 127-A-72), Located in Montgomery County, Virginia.
It is ORDERED that any of the following persons shall appear at the above named Court and take such action as he/she deem necessary to protect his/her interests on or before November 17, 2023.
-Gail Williams
-LaShavio Diggs
-Robert Beale, Jr.
-Raymond Beale
-Barbara Ann Beale
-Freddie Hart, Jr.
-Any Descendant of Alvia Ellen Pack Jones, deceased
Any person desiring a copy of the Complaint, Survey, or any additional information should contact Ryan L. Pry, counsel for plaintiffs, at P.O. Box 3785, Radford, VA 24143, or at 540-838-2233 prior to the above date.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this ORDER OF PUBLICATION be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Christiansburg News Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, Virginia. Entered this 2nd day of October, 2023.
By K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge
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SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
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Big Pickleball event at Oakey this week

The courts at the Oakey Field Complex will be the site of the 2023 Spartan Pickleball Fall Classic this weekend. There is a Friday night pickleball social event that is geared towards non-serious pickleball players and the actual tournament will start at 8:30 am on Saturday with 119 people registered to play.

“That blew away my initial participation goal,” said tournament organizer Jill (Archer) Perez. “We have folks on the waitlist and simply couldn’t take them due to only having six courts.”

The tournament will include doubles events in ages ranging from 14 years old up to 60 and older in men’s, women’s and mixed divisions. Matches are scheduled from 8:30 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 8:30 am until 1:30 pm on Sunday. Friday’s social event will include music and cornhole and the participants will rotate on and off the court throughout the evening.

“In addition to players, we have some fantastic

sponsors,” said Perez. “We couldn’t have done this without their support. The Salem High School tennis players have signed up to work in pairs for two-hour shifts working our hospitality tent. There will be food and drinks offered to the players and sponsors all weekend.”

All donations, sponsorships and registration payments go directly to The 24153 Club and will benefit the boys’ and girls’ tennis teams at Salem High. Perez is a former player for the Spartans.

“Tennis was such a huge part of my life growing up in Salem and my son, Drew, is a sophomore and I’m thrilled to be able to help give back to a sport and school program that doesn’t get much attention or support,” said Perez. “The community has been so gracious and supportive of the fundraiser and especially the tournament.”

This is planned to be an annual event and more events like this are planned when the pickleball courts at the Moyer Complex are completed in 2024.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Aaron Brower runs for a long TD for Salem in a recent 10U sandlot football game.

Super Bowl action begins

The annual Sandlot Super Bowl football tournaments begin this week with games at several fields in Roanoke County. All championship games are in Salem at Salem Stadium on November 4.

The nine team 8U playoffs began Tuesday with eighth seeded Franklin County playing ninth seeded Hidden Valley at William Byrd’s Patterson Stadium. The winner will join seven others at Northside Saturday with Glenvar meeting Vinton at 10:15 am and Salem meeting North Roanoke at 12:45 pm in two of the four games. Semifinals are October 28 at Cave Spring.

The 12 team 10U playoffs begin on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week with quarterfinals on the 28th at Cave Spring and Glenvar. Semifinals are November 1 at Northside and final seedings won’t be determined until after the regular season ends this week.

In the 12U tournament all eight teams will play this Saturday at either Byrd or Cave Spring’s Bogle Field. Salem will play Hidden Valley in the “four-five” game at Byrd at 11:15 am. Glenvar does not have a 12U team but Highlander Field will host the semifinals on October 28.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cheer teams have regional competition

The Glenvar High cheerleaders placed first in last week’s “Battle at Draft” competition at Stuart’s Draft High School. The Spartans also competed in the event and finished fourth. Here both teams gather for a group shot. This weekend both the Spartans and the Highlanders will have region competition. Salem will be in the Region 4D cheer competition in Winchester and the Highlanders will cheer in the Region 2C event at Graham Middle School in Bluefield.

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BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 7th and Florida Streets, Salem VA. Pastor: Roger D. Counts, 540-389-3818. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - 447 Dalewood Avenue, Salem, 986-0062, Pastor Carl Goodman. Coffee Bar 9:00 a.m., Connect Groups 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Children & Student Ministry 5:00-6:30 p.m.; Thursday 7:00 pm Young Single Adults, Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 10:30, Lifegroups meeting throughout the week. www.lbcva.com.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2721 12 O’Clock Knob Rd., Salem, Pastor: Clay Dalton; Sundayschool, 9:45AM, Sunday morning worship, 11:00AM, Sunday evening, 6:00PM, Wednesday evening, 7:00PM.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH - 4339 Daugherty Road, Salem, Greg Irby, Pastor, Church: 380-3567; Home: 389-7240, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship Services 11:00AM & 6:00PM, Mid-week Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00PM, www.templebaptch.com.

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

BETHEL BAPTIST - 1601 S. Colorado St., Salem, Pastor Hilton Jeffreys, 389-2376, Sunday: Connect Groups meet at 9:30am; Worship Service starts at 10:30am. You can stream live with us at 10:30am on Facebook, YouTube, our App & Website (www.bethelbaptistva.com). Tuesday mornings we have Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.; Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm we have TeamKid for kids 3 years old through 5th grade, Amplify Youth (6-12th grade), Band of Brothers Men’s Bible Study and then our College & Young Adult Bible Study at 8:00pm. www.bethelbaptistva.com

MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev. Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sundays: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed: 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST - 703 Hemlock Road N.W. Roanoke, 342-6492. Roy E. Kanode, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Awanas 5:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30p.m.; Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m.; Praise Kidz 6:00p.m.; Family Night Activities 6:30 p.m. website: www.ridgewood-baptist.com.

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - Salem Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension, Salem, 387-3200, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. North Campus: 7640 Alpine Road, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. Southwest Campus: 3585 Buck Mountain Road, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. www.fcclife.org.

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WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Minister Neil Richey, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 PM.

CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON

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SALEM CHURCH OF GOD - 600 Craig Avenue, Todd Stiffler, Pastor, 387-2068, Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship and Kids Church 10:30 am, Wednesday Bible Study and Classes at 7:00 pm. www.salemcog.church

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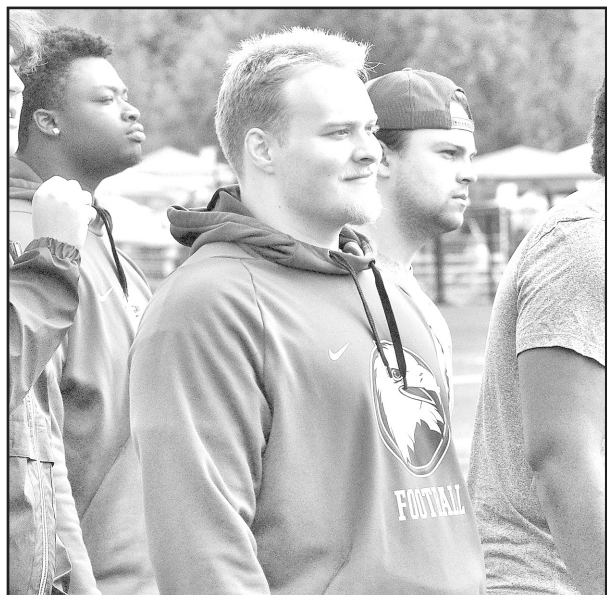
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Local talent on B'water team

The Bridgewater College football team has a wealth of local talent and a 4-2 record despite falling to Randolph-Macon, the 10th ranked team in Division III, in Bridgewater last Saturday by a 36-3 score. Above left, Salem's Viante Tucker sat out Saturday's game with an elbow injury suffered the week prior. Tucker is just four receptions away from 100 for his college career and hopes to return this week. Above right, former Salem fullback Cam Leftwich is now carrying the ball for the Eagles and, below left, former Spartan Cameron Martindale plays defense line for Bridgewater. Martindale also missed Saturday's game with a knee injury. Below right, former Glenvar standout Bradey Loder is a key member of the special teams for Bridgewater. The Eagles will be at Averett this Saturday for a 2 pm game.



Glenvar Middle ends football season with shutout of Central Academy

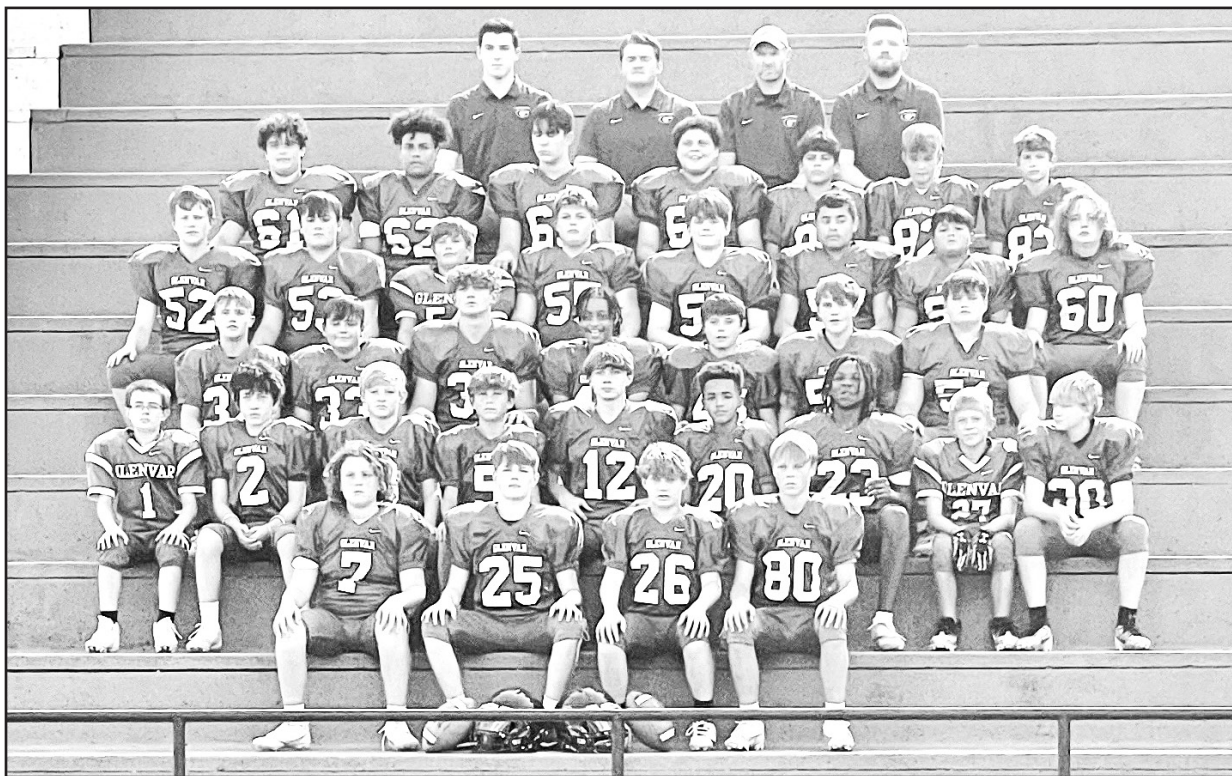
The Glenvar Middle School football team wrapped up the season with a 13-0 shutout win over Central Academy at Highlander Stadium last Thursday.

Money Shaw ran for a touchdown in the first quarter, then Kiptyn Jones found Haden Henderson in the back of the endzone on the last play of the

first half to take the 13-0 lead into intermission. Both defenses played well in the second half as Henderson led Glenvar in tackles with four and a half. The Highlanders picked up their fourth shutout of the season and ended the year with a 6-3 record.

"It was a great way to end our season," said coach Josh Jones.

"The guys executed really well, especially on the defensive side of the ball. We are really proud of how they came along throughout the season. It was a fun group to coach. We had 14 eighth graders and a ton of seventh graders who played really key minutes, so we look forward to seeing what they can do in the future."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Glenvar Middle School football team finished their first season under Josh Jones with a 6-3 record.

Third straight unbeaten season for Wolverines

The Andrew Lewis Middle School football team completed and undefeated 8-0 season with a 27-0 victory over the Cougars of Pulaski Middle School at Salem Stadium last week. With the win the Wolverines completed their third undefeated season in a row.

Andrew Lewis was led by tailback Jayden Wood's two touchdowns. Wood ran a sweep 30 yards for one score and caught a Jaidyn Rudisell pass for the other touchdown. Also scoring was quarterback Jaidyn Rudisell, who ran a boot for a score, and

running back Braylon Smith scored a touchdown as well.

The defense only allowed four first downs in shutting out the visiting Cougars. The defensive line played a solid game with Jake James, James Semones, Alex Regan and Kafur Gulfan performing well. The secondary of Tristen Noel and Greyson MacBrien tackled and played the pass well.

"It was the conclusion of an awesome year where the players practiced and played with enthusiasm," said coach Brian Hooker.

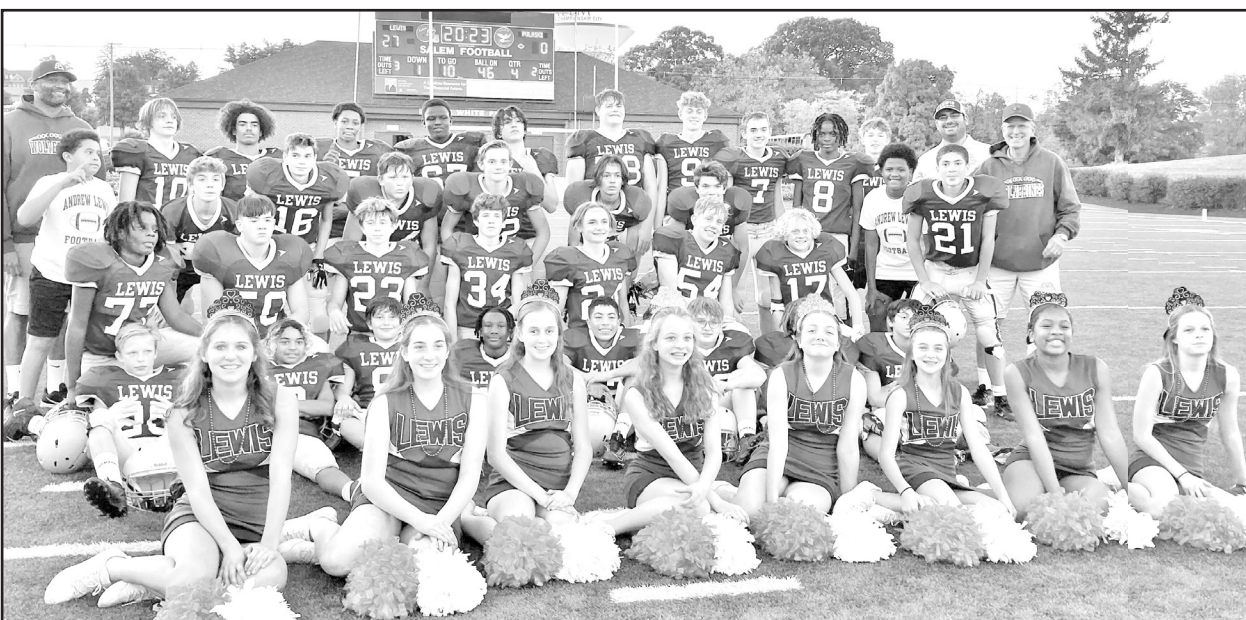


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Above, the Andrew Lewis Middle School football team and cheerleaders pose for a group shot after the Wolverines defeated Pulaski Middle, 27-0, to complete their third straight undefeated season. Right, Jayden Wood of Lewis dashes for his second touchdown of the game, putting some icing on the cake for the Wolverines.



Hail to the PIGSKINS

T.J. Beason Myers was the only contestant to miss as few as three games and that was good enough to win the football contest that appeared in last week's edition. We had a slew of folks who missed four but T.J. was one of the last ones I corrected as I watched the Phillies beat the Diamondbacks Monday and she pulled out the win in the bottom of the ninth.

It was a week of upsets for sure. T.J. missed Allegheny over Glenvar and William Byrd over Lord Botetourt in the high school ranks. She got all the college games right but missed Houston over New Orleans in the pros, and that was good enough to win the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's as well as a \$20 gift certificate from Macado's.

For our 19th Hole question I asked you to pick a possible new name for the Washington pro football team, as it has been rumored the new owners might like to put their own stamp on the team. I'd actually heard "Spartans" mentioned as Magic Johnson is a part owner and he was a Spartan at Michigan State. However, no one suggested that in our contest.

We had some good ones. Many took a political twist like "Mudslingers" and "Gridlocks." One person suggested "Swifties," but that might be better for the team in Kansas City.

The one that made me laugh the most was Randal Sowers' suggestion of "Pigskins." And, when I got to thinkin', it made some sense.

A football is often referred to as a "pigskin," so that would fit right in. Also, the Washington team is famous for its great offensive lines, nicknamed the "Hogs," and a hog is nothing more than a pig as far as I know. I'm no farmer, but I could probably play one on TV. I've watched a lot of "Green Acres." Love Mr. Haney.

Randal added on his entry, "that way we can still say 'the Skins,'" and heaven knows a lot of folks would have liked to have kept the name Redskins. You could even rework the fight song with something like, "Hail to the Pigskins, Hail Victory; Swine in the Pig Sty, Fight for old DC."

I like it. Randal gets a free day of golf at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street in Salem.

For this week's 19th Hole give me your prediction of the big "Big 10" game between Ohio State and Penn State on Saturday at noon. I think it's stupid they still call it the "Big 10" when they have more teams than 10, but with two California schools coming into the "Atlantic Coast" conference who's to say what sounds stupid?

Put your prediction for the Buckeyes and Nittany Lions game in the space provided and the closest to the actual score gets a free day of golf.

—Brian Hoffman



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HOKIES WIN HOMECOMING GAME

It was a happy Homecoming in Blacksburg Saturday night when the Virginia Tech football team took a 30-13 win over Wake Forest. Here Tech tight end Benji Gosnell battles for extra yards against the Demon Deacons. Tech is off this weekend, returning October 26 for a Thursday night game at Lane Stadium against Syracuse.

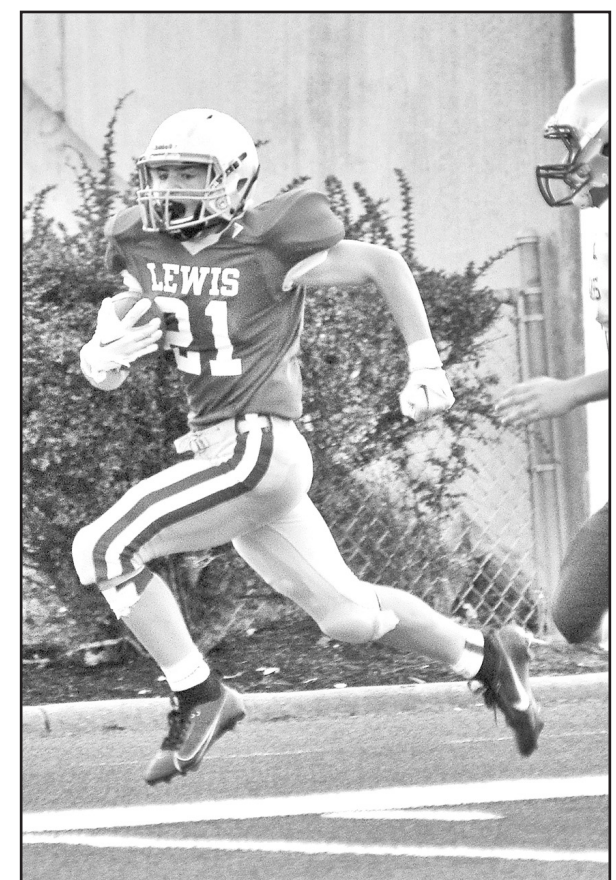
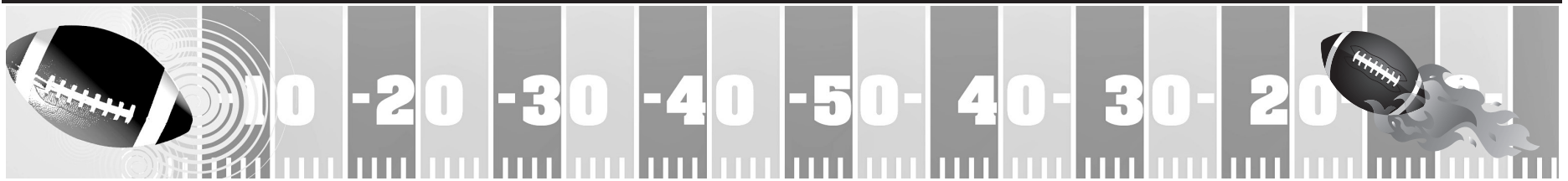


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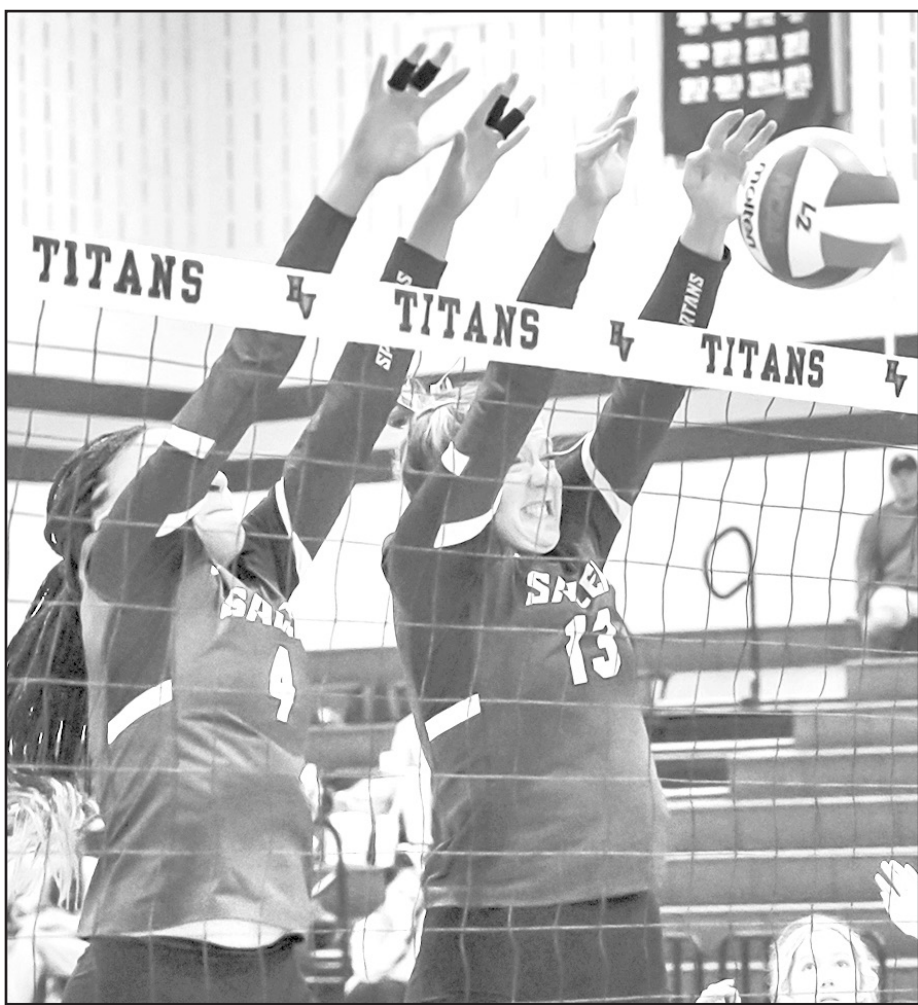


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Salem's Gabby Crawley, left, and Emme Custer go high for a block in last week's match at Hidden Valley.

Spartans host PC in v'ball tonight

The Salem High volleyball team will likely see its season come to an end tonight when the Spartans host Pulaski County in the final match of the regular season.

Salem lost a home match to Patrick Henry on Tuesday to fall to 2-9 in the district and 6-13 overall. The top four teams in the River Ridge District make the district tournament, which starts Monday, but Salem won't qualify. It also appears the Spartans won't have a good enough record to compete in the Region 4D tournament that begins on October 31 at the sites of the higher seeds.

Last Thursday the Salem girls played host to Christiansburg and lost in three sets, 25-18, 28-26 and 25-17. Myah Crews led the Spartans with eight kills and 12 digs while Tinsley Thomas had six kills and a dozen digs. Makenzie Board dished out 14 aces.

Maroons fall to Randolph-Macon

Visiting Randolph-Macon came from behind to win the last two sets and defeat Roanoke College in an Old Dominion Athletic Conference volleyball game in Salem last Saturday. The Yellowjackets won 25-16, 18-25, 12-25, 25-13, 15-9.

Ryanna Clark led the Maroons with 15 kills on the day while Kylee Draper had the team-high 27 assists. Jordan

Gorman had the team-high 14 digs.

Roanoke was back on the road on Tuesday to take on Averett University in Danville, the first of four straight matches on the road. Roanoke is at the University of Lynchburg next Tuesday, October 28, then plays two matches in Washington, D.C. on October 28.

The Maroons fell to 6-3 in the ODAC and 11-8 overall.

Roanoke women take top spot in ODAC soccer

The Roanoke College women ran their unbeaten streak to 12 straight games with a 4-0 win over Eastern Mennonite in Harrisonburg last Saturday. The Maroons had a big game with Washington & Lee in Lexington on Wednesday of this week but results were too late for publication.

Against EMU Roanoke scored all four goals in the first half to take command of the game early. The Maroons got on the scoreboard for the first time in the 19th minute when MC Petrucelli scored the game-winner at 18:35. Just 10 minutes later Rebecca Carr took a pass from Morgan O'Neill at 28:54 that she put past the EMU goalie for an insurance goal. Roanoke took half the time between their first two goals for the third when Tessa McMillan scored one on a penalty kick goal. McMillan then would find Madalyn Szoke for the final goal of the half at 39:30.

The win moves the Maroons into sole possession of first place in the ODAC with a conference record of 5-0-2 and an overall record of 8-2-4. The Maroons lost their first two games of the season and have not lost since heading into this week's action. After Wednesday's game at W&L the Maroons the Maroons will head to Newport News for a 5 pm game with Christopher Newport on Saturday.



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RC's Morgan O'Neill controls the ball.

Highlanders host River in match to determine last spot in tournament

The Glenvar girls will get ready for the volleyball post-season when they play host to James River tonight in a big Three Rivers District showdown at GHS. It's the last regular season match for both teams.

The Three Rivers District varsity and jayvee tournaments will be held next week, with the top four varsity teams and top two jayvee teams competing. The varsity semifinals will be Tuesday, October 24, at the top two seeds with the championship on Thursday at the site of the highest remaining seed. The jayvee championship will be held at Alleghany High next Wednesday. If a school is playing in the jayvee and varsity championship and both have the higher seed, the jayvee championship will be moved to the 26th and games will be 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Thursday's River-Glenvar match is a big one, as with one week to go those two were tied for the fourth spot and the top four make the tournament. Alleghany was the leader in the 3RD as of Monday with a 9-1 district record followed by Carroll at 8-3 and Radford at 7-3. River and Glenvar both come into the week at 5-5 while Floyd, at 1-9, and Patrick, at 1-10, have already been eliminated from the tournament. On Tuesday River was at Patrick in a match they were expected to win and Glenvar upset Alleghany at home in four sets, 25-16, 23-25, 25-13 and 25-12.

"It was our best match of the season," said Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback. "The girls

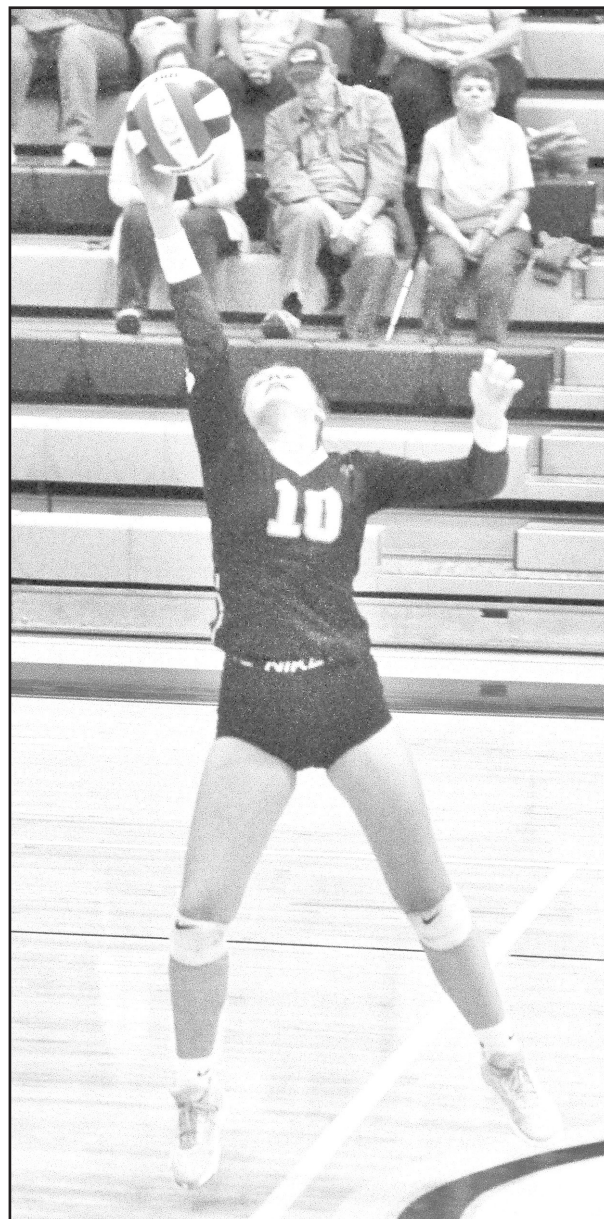


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Glenvar's Jamie Forster reaches to save the ball.

played fantastic."

Daisy Ann Dawyot had 13 blocks for the Highlanders while Natalie McMahon had 15 kills. Audrey Conner dished out 40 assists in the win as Alleghany lost a district match for just the second time this season.

Last Thursday at Floyd Glenvar won in three games, 25-22, 25-14 and 25-15. Conner had three aces and 19 assists, Dawyot had six kills and

10 blocks and McMahon had seven serving aces.

"All played well and we enjoyed supporting Floyd's 'pinkout' efforts," said Rohrback. "They did a great job supporting two families with members battling cancer."

Alleghany has clinched a spot in the jayvee championship with River, Glenvar and Patrick battling for the other spot with a week to go.



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Middle School Highlanders finish season on high note

The Glenvar Middle School volleyball team, coached by Stephanie Butler, won their final match of the season to finish with a winning record last week. The Highlanders beat Floyd County in three sets, 25-17, 23-25 and 15-4 to finish the season with an 8-7 record. Left to right are Kherington Jewell, Averie Shepherd, Kaylee Board, Maudie Doolan, Peyton Hamilton, Emily Rohrback, Lauren Brock, Paisley Hodge, Emma McClanahan, Elisabeth Harrison, Sidney Smyth, Maryssa Campbell, Savanna Smith, Ryan Jones, Kylana Carter, Kinley Jarvis and Camryn Stevens.

RC men defeat Shenandoah in soccer

The Roanoke College men's soccer team was hoping to even their season record when they played host to Randolph College on Wednesday night in Salem. The Maroons were 6-7-1 after defeating Shenandoah, 2-1, in Salem last Saturday.

The Maroons trailed 1-0 into the 74th minute of that game when the Hornets were called for a foul

in the box alongside the back end line. Dylan Berk lined up and fired the penalty kick goal to the right side as the SU goalie dove to the left, tying the score up at 1-1 with less than 17 minutes to play. Just six and half minutes later, Florin Wyss sent a ball from midfield into the box that was passed to Michael Ramsey, who one-touched a pass to Slate

Danforth who fired what would be the game-winner at 79:00.

Glenvar grad Luca Gustafson earned the his fifth win of the season playing the final 45 minutes of the contest in goal.

The Maroons will play the final two games of the regular season on the road, Saturday at Randolph-Macon and next Wednesday, October 25, at Averett.

Maroon field hockey shuts out Royals

The Roanoke College field hockey team put a damper on Eastern Mennonite University's homecoming game last Saturday when they took a 4-0 win over the Royals in Harrisonburg. The Maroons improved to 4-1 in the ODAC and 6-5 overall with the win.

It did not take long for the Maroons to get on the board as Saige Bullock scored what would become the game-winner just 1:25 into the game. Elyse Cosgrave added an insurance goal in the first quarter at 12:14, giving the Maroons a 2-0 lead, then just 56

seconds in to the second period Kaitlin Thompson found the back of the box with her first career goal. Grace Vernarelli added the final goal of the day at 32:30 before the teams settled into their defenses. Madison Wingerter picked up her fifth win of the season playing all 60 minutes in goal while only needing to make one save.

The Maroons were scheduled to be back home on Wednesday for a 4:30 pm game against the University of Lynchburg at Kerr Stadium. They'll stay home to host Shenandoah at 2:30 pm on Saturday.

Roanoke runners prep for ODAC meet

The Roanoke College cross country team warmed up for the ODAC championships with the Roanoke XC Invitational at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County last Friday. The Roanoke women came in seventh place in the meet with 223 points as Division II Fayetteville State was the team champion, totaling 49 points. Eastern Mennonite harrier Lucy

Unzicker led the pack with a mark of 22:45.3. Evelyn Magee was Roanoke's top individual performer, scoring 38 points after completing the 6K race in 25:40.

The University of Lynchburg won the men's team race with 49 points and the Maroons were 10th. Southern Virginia's Dylan May was the top individual performer with a time of 24:40.6. Ian Fellows

led the way for the Maroons, scoring in 50th place with a time of 28:02.7.

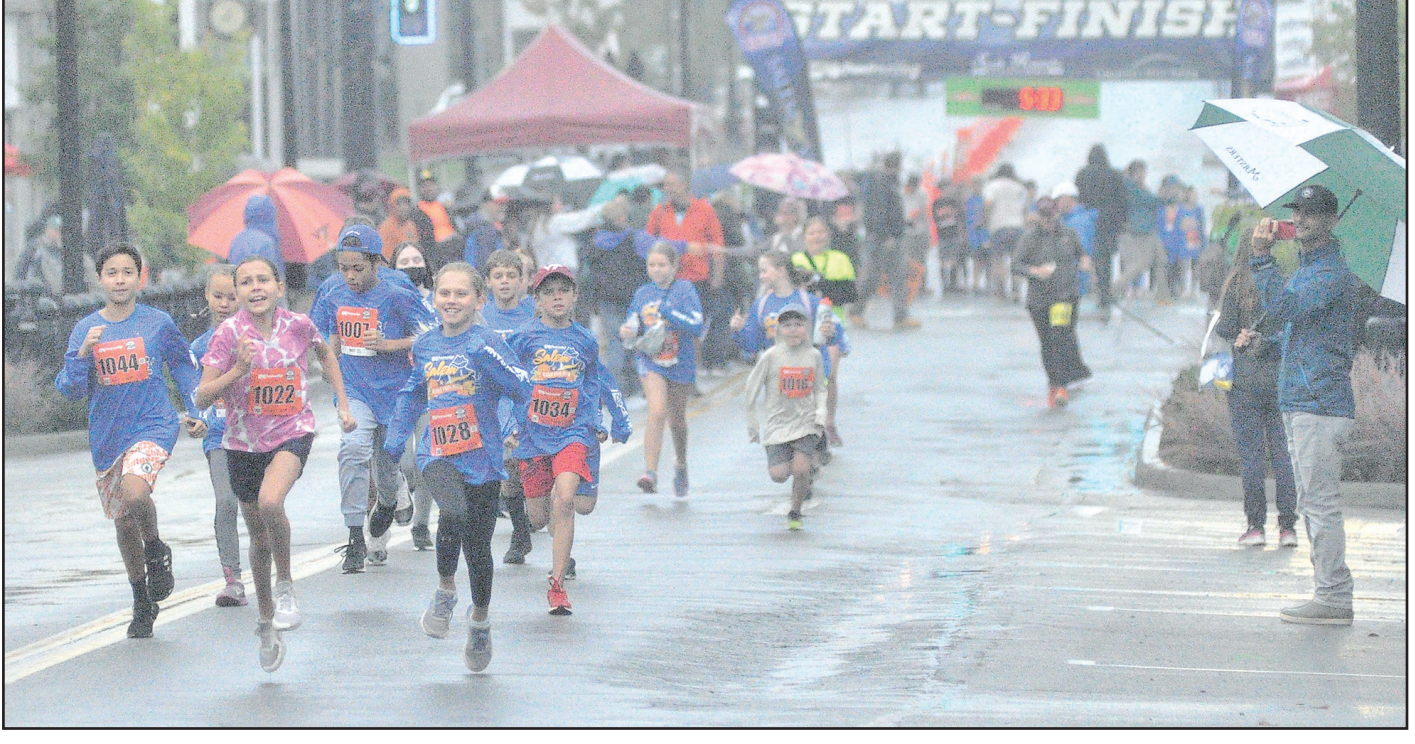
Green Hill will be the site of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference cross country championships on Saturday, October 28. The men's 8K race is scheduled to begin at 11 am with the women's 6K championship race taking the gun at noon.



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Over 800 runners compete in Salem

Runners filled the streets of Salem last Saturday as the annual LewisGale Salem Half Marathon took the gun bright and early at 8 am. It was a great turnout with 820 total runners. There were 372 entered in the half marathon, 391 in the Virginia's Blue Ridge 8K run and 57 kids in the G&H Contracting Kids run. Above left, runners take off in front of the Farmer's Market. Above right, man's best friend stops to beg for a drink from volunteer Jason Preas as runners navigate Market Street. Right, there are lots of smiles as the kids take off for their run. For winners and complete results check the half marathon website at <https://www.salemhalfmarathon.com/Race/Results/68760#resultSetId-413496;perpage:100>.



Spartan boys take first in meet on the golf course

The Salem and Glenvar High runners were scheduled to compete in the annual Metro Cross Country race in Blacksburg on Wednesday. The race has been held since the mid '70s and has been run at several different locations, including what was formerly known as the Salem Baptist Home, but in recent years Blacksburg has served as the home base. The Spartans and Highlanders warmed up for the Metro by running in a quad-meet at the Salem Municipal Golf course last week, with Lord Botetourt and Cave Spring also competing. The Salem boys and Cave Spring girls were team champs and Salem used the occasion to recognize the five seniors on the team. "The athletes did an outstanding job on a perfect day to run," said Salem coach Tom Roth. "We were able to recognize our five seniors, Brooke Bowers, Lyndsy Rothkopf, Zane Easter, Lance Toapanta and Carson Tucker, before the races began." In the boys' race Salem was first, followed by Cave Spring, LB and Glenvar. Salem's Easter was the individual winner in 17:11 over five kilometers of fairway turf with Tucker taking fourth. Also scoring were Austin Prosser in eighth, Grant Horner in 10th and Isaac Snow in 11th place. Charlie Horrell led Glenvar with a third place finish.

Also scoring were Aldin Smith in 17th, Tyler Davis in 18th, Evan Harris in 23rd and Cooper Mabes in 26th place. In the girls' race Cave Spring took the top spot with Glenvar second, Salem third and LB fourth. Everly Shanks and Val Castillo were fourth and fifth for the Highlanders. Anna Hall was 16th and also scoring were Emma Pope in 18th and Joanna Killeen in 21st. "Our runners showed tremendous improvement in their times and their placement in this meet," said Glenvar coach Madison Bourne. Salem's Addyson Funk was the individual winner in the girls' 5K race with a time of 21:26. Ashlyn Davis was seventh, Harper Rocovich was 13th, Callie Conner was 22nd and Bowers was 23rd. In the middle school race Glenvar had individual winners among both the boys and girls with Bryce Austin winning the boys' race and Ava Poindexter coming across the line first among the girls. Neither the River Ridge nor Three Rivers District will have a district meet this season. Salem will run in the Region 4D meet at the Kernstown Battlefield course and Glenvar will compete in the Region 2C meet at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County. Both are scheduled for November 1st.



Par for the course
Salem's Addyson Funk, left, was the winner of the girls' cross country race at the Salem Municipal Golf Course last week. Below, Glenvar's Aldin Smith(#575) and Tyler Davis(#561) race at the golf course. Below left, Salem recognized seniors, left to right, Zane Easter, Lyndsy Rothkopf, Carson Tucker, Brooke Bowers and Lance Toapanta prior to the meet.

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Fords run 100 miles through the wilderness

Brothers Jason and KJ Ford participated in the 10th annual "Cloudsplitter 100" race on High Knob, deep in the heart of Central Appalachia, last weekend. The 100 mile race began and ended in Norton, VA at the Norton Farmer's Market and, due to the dif-


ficulty of the 100 mile distance, the cutoff time was 40 hours. Jason and KJ finished the 100 miles in 36 hours and 27 minutes. High Knob is located at the highest point in the Cumberland Mountains at an elevation of 4,223 feet above



Jason(left) and KJ Ford.

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sea level. The 100 mile course, as well as the accompanying 100k, 50k and 25k distances, wind along rugged, rocky and remote trails within Jefferson National Forest. Although parts of this region have been developed, strip mined or heavily logged, High Knob remains relatively untouched, and it is home to some of the greatest diversity of plant life in the Commonwealth of Virginia, making it a true ecological treasure. Jason and KJ are both graduates of Glenvar High School and former football players for the Highlanders.




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Spartans return from bye at Cave Spring Friday

The Salem High football team will be back on the field this Friday after having their bye last week. The Spartans will take on River Ridge District rival Cave Spring at Bogle Field.

The Spartans have owned this rivalry of late. Salem has won the last 12 meetings with the Knights and 35 of the last 37. When Salem High opened in 1977 the Knights won the first seven meetings, including five straight with a Stevens at quarterback. Mike Stevens had coached Andrew Lewis High before Salem opened but didn't get the Spartan job and left to be an assistant at Cave Spring, taking his kids with him. The Knights then beat the new Spartans three times in a row with his son Brian at quarterback, then two more times with Brian's younger brother Todd behind center.

That all changed in 1983 when Willis White arrived to coach the Spartans. They lost to Cave Spring his first season, 21-14, but the following year Salem won 35-7 to start the 35-2 run.

Salem coach Don Holter, who

played for White, scouted Cave Spring's game with Patrick Henry last Friday and came away impressed. The Knights lost to a strong PH team 35-28 while running much of the same stuff Salem runs. Former Spartan quarterback Nick Leftwich coached the Knights for two years and brought in the "Salem Way," and when he left for William Fleming last spring new coach Hunter Shepherd knew a good thing when he saw it.

"Cave Spring is a physical football team and we'll have our work cut out for us," said Holter. "They run right at you with two tight ends and they've been getting better every week."

Salem will welcome the return of junior quarterback Eli Taylor, who broke his collarbone the third game of the season at William Fleming. He's screwed up, stapled and healed and ready to return, and he'll start on Friday.

"He's our quarterback," said Holter. "When he got hurt Dr. (James) Farmer said recovery time would be six to eight weeks, and he's ready to go. Young bodies heal fast. He's been

cleared by the doctor and we're calling him our 'Six Million Dollar Man'."

Salem won all four games with senior Chris Martin replacing Taylor at quarterback, but the passing game was toned down during that stretch.

"When we get to the playoffs we know we're going to have to be able to throw the football," said Holter. "It's a credit to Chris and his leadership that we've done this well while Eli was out. He guided our offense and our success is also a tribute to our offensive line."

The Spartans moved up a spot, from third to second, in the Region 4D rankings without playing a game. Millbrook, who had been in second, dropped to third with a loss to Jefferson High of West Virginia last week. Salem now trails only Jefferson Forest, but the Cavaliers will be hard to catch after beating E.C. Glass last week.

The Salem jayvee team was also off last week and they'll return with a game against Cave Spring at Salem Stadium on Thursday night.



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Salem quarterback Eli Taylor watches the fourth quarter from the sidelines after breaking the collarbone on his "non-throwing" shoulder at William Fleming September 8. Eli will return to the Salem offense this Friday at Cave Spring.



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Above, Glenvar's Rhett Henderson (#51) protects quarterback Brody Dawyot. Below, Ben Holiday (#74) tackles an Alleghany ballcarrier.



Highlanders will host James River with Virginia Media Rocking Chair on the line

The Glenvar football team hopes to get back to their winning ways this Friday when the Highlanders host James River in the annual battle for the "Virginia Media Rocking Chair." The Highlanders are coming off a 27-10 loss to Alleghany at Highlander Stadium last week, and a win over James River would get the place rocking again.

"To me, it's a big deal," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "We've had the chair since 2014 and it means something to the kids. And this is a big game, it's a district game and we can't afford to lose any more games and chances for playoff points."

The game was started in 1996 when Glenvar left the Pioneer District to join the Three Rivers. River and Glenvar had been big rivals in the Pioneer and the battle for the rocker was an attempt to keep the rivalry thriving. It was continued when James River joined Glenvar in the 3RD and the Highlanders have dominated the rivalry in recent years.

The rocker, painted in the green and gold of Glenvar and the red and black of River, has resided in the GHS office since 2014. Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford painted the current chair after the original was broken, and it includes the scores of all the games since 1996. It's become a favorite piece of furniture at GHS for the past 10 years.

"I do not think our kids even know anything about the rocking chair," said River coach Tim Jennings. "We haven't had the chair in our possession in more than a decade, so it's probably a unicorn for them."

With last week's loss Glenvar fell from second to third in the Region 2C rankings, behind Radford and Gretna. They missed a good chance to pick up some points against a Class 3 Alleghany team that should win at least eight games in the regular season.

"They're good, I knew Alleghany and Radford would be the teams we had to beat for the district championship," said Clifford. "Alleghany always had good athletes and when they combined with Covington after last year we knew they'd have some good football players. What's disappointing is that we didn't play up to our potential."

Glenvar took the early lead on a 15 play drive that resulted in a 42 yard field goal by Carl Muse. Four penalties hurt the drive, and twice Glenvar had scores wiped off the board by yellow flags.

Alleghany scored in the second quarter to take a 7-3 lead, then the Cougars ran back the second half kickoff for a 13-3 lead after a missed conversion attempt.

"We kicked to their best player, then we did a poor job covering," said Clifford. "He didn't even get touched."

Alleghany never trailed after that point, scoring again on a drive where they picked up a first down on a third-and-21 draw play. Jack Camper scored on a one yard run to pull Glenvar closer but the game would end 27-10.

Statistically, quarterback Brody Dawyot was 14 for 23 passing for 139 yards. Shane Gibson had four catches for 58 yards and Dawson Anderson had four for 52. Alleghany did a good job of neutralizing Glenvar's running attack.

On defense Gibson had a dozen tackles to lead the team. Nate Johnson had seven tackles, including a sack.

Now 5-2, Friday will be the last home game of the regular season. Glenvar finishes up with James River this Friday followed by trips to Floyd County and Carroll County, and three wins should get them at least one more home game for the playoffs.

Davis qualifies for girls' state

Salem's Taylor Davis finished in third place at Auburn Hills Monday to qualify for a spot in the Girls State Open golf tournament next Tuesday, October 24. The state tournament, for girls from all size schools in Virginia, will be held at the Twin Lakes Golf Course in Clifton, VA.

"It was 44 degrees, wind blowing all day, wind chill in the mid 30s, and rain sprinkling on and off throughout the day," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "These ladies had to battle some incredibly tough elements all day long and only 15 percent of the field, three girls, would claim a spot in the state. It made for a fun day on the course watching these ladies battle the elements and with each other."

Ashnoor Kaur of Hidden Valley won the round with a four-over-par 76. Alisa Davidov of Lord Botetourt was second at 79 and Davis

was third with an 80. Davis grabbed the last spot in the state with a three stroke edge over Lisu Wang of Blacksburg.

"It was a back and forth battle between all three girls before Ashnoor went back to back birdies on 16 and 17 to pull away from the other two," said Hancock. "Alisa reached the par five 18 in two and made a two putt birdie to punch her ticket. Taylor had a tricky chip that was tough to get close on 18 and ended with a two putt bogey, but that was more than enough to seal the deal."

"I'm beyond proud of Taylor. She kept fighting all day. Had a few bad breaks, but kept fighting back. She had multiple times where she bounced back after things didn't go her way. Her short game came up big. We are lucky to have such an amazing young lady to represent the Spartans at the Girls State Open."



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Salem's Taylor Davis will compete in the girls' state golf meet in Clifton next Tuesday.