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Salem High School earns first state debate championship

Salem High School won the school's first state championship in Debate on Saturday at James Madison University, beating second place Rock Ridge, 21-13.

Salem was led by the State Championship Policy Debate team of junior Claire Rawlins and senior Kaylee Christley who went undefeated in five debates while debating the yearlong resolution on whether the federal government should adopt "a federal jobs guarantee, expanding Social Security, and/or providing a basic income." Debaters must be prepared to debate both sides of the resolution in the hour and a half long competition.

Rawlins also has the distinction of becoming the first student in Salem history to win both a Forensics event title, Impromptu Speaking, and a debate event

in the same year. It is a very rare event in VHSL history that any student does this, the division said. She also won a first-place medal for Policy speaker points, which is an individual award that does not impact team points.

Christley won her second medal at state debates after placing 4th in Policy last season.

Christley and Rawlins went a combined 10 wins and 1 loss in VHSL competition while winning the Region, Super Region and State championships.

Lebron Parsell and Hannah Gordon placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in Lincoln-Douglas, while debating the March-April resolution, "The primary objective of the United States criminal justice system ought to be rehabilitation."

It was Stovall's second state debate medal after placing 3rd in Lincoln-Douglas last year. Stovall was also a state champion in Extemporaneous Speaking for Forensics.

The girls combined to win eight team points for Salem, with team points awarded as 7, 5, 3, 1 for first through fourth places. Both Parsell and Gordon had 5-2 records on the day, with Parsell winning the head-to-head matchup as the tiebreaker.

Additional medalists include:

- Luke Stovall placed 2nd in Policy speaker points
- Rebekah Steinweg was 3rd place in Congressional Debate
- Luke Stovall and Lance Toapanta were 3rd place in Policy Debate

-The Salem Times-Register



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Salem High School debate team



Three Bur Oak trees were planted.



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Salem is designated as a "Tree City U.S.A." community.

Arbor Day celebrated at West Salem

Students at West Salem Elementary School joined forces with city and school leaders Friday, April 26 to celebrate Arbor Day and in the process Pay It Forward.

Students from the school's "Leadership Club" took part in a tree planting ceremony alongside Mayor Renee Turk, Councilman Hunter Holliday, Salem Horticulturist Jeff Ceaser, Virginia Forestry's Dennis McCarthy, Assistant Principal Marcus Crowder and others.

The students participated in an

interactive question and answer session, recited a poem and listened to Mayor Turk read an Arbor Day Proclamation from the Salem City Council before rolling up their sleeves and separating root balls and planting the trees.

Three Bur Oak trees were planted on the front lawn of the Bruffey Street school before the students returned to class.

Organizers thanked the employees from the Beautification Division of the Salem Street and General Maintenance Department for doing the heavy

lifting and digging the holes. Salem, according to the city, is proud to be a designated "Tree City U.S.A." community.

This year, West Salem's Leadership Club consisted of 36 student leaders and teacher mentors. The club has significantly contributed to the Roanoke and Salem communities working with the Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry and the Roanoke Rescue Mission, according to school officials.

-The Salem Times-Register

Roanoke College receives \$3.5 million grant for lab school

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The Virginia Board of Education last week approved Roanoke College's application for a laboratory school and awarded the college a \$3.5 million initial start-up grant to launch the school in fall 2024.

The new lab school, Explore@RC, will allow local high school students to participate in a dual-enrollment program, taking college-level courses on Roanoke College's campus and getting a jump start on earning a four-year degree. The program was designed in partnership with Salem City Schools and will serve Salem High School students in the first year, but Explore@RC staff are currently working with neighboring districts to expand access, officials said.

"At Roanoke College, our eyes are fixed on serving our community – and this news is just one more example of our abiding commitment to partnering with schools, government and industry to lift up everyone," said Roanoke College President Frank Shushok Jr.

The Board of Education funding, made possible by the College Partnership Laboratory Fund, is believed to be the largest government grant ever awarded to Roanoke College, according to officials. Roanoke College is one of only two private colleges in Virginia that has been approved for a lab school.

"Our team is so excited to launch Explore@RC," said Lisa Stoneman, chair of Roanoke's Education Department. "These initial dual-enrollment courses are just the beginning of our community outreach vision. Growing into our 150-student capacity and extending on-campus learning opportunities to middle and elementary students is part of our dream for a lab school

that will positively impact the region as well as the students and faculty at Roanoke."

A lab school is defined in Virginia as a public, nonsectarian, nonreligious school established by a public institution of higher education or an eligible private institution. In a 2022 special session, the Virginia General Assembly appropriated \$100 million into the College Partnership Laboratory Fund to establish and support lab schools. That included \$5 million for planning grants to eligible institutions, \$20 million for initial start-up grants for approved lab schools, and \$75 million for per-pupil operating grants to support ongoing expenses for the operation and maintenance of lab schools.

Roanoke received a \$192,541 planning grant in June 2023, and an interdisciplinary planning committee led by faculty from the college's Education Department worked closely with Salem High School faculty over the past year to design the dual-enrollment program. That included coordinating transportation, schedules and state graduation requirements to ensure that students can complete their high school courses while also earning college credits. The team also coordinated with Virginia Western Community College (VWCC) to make sure Explore@RC complements rather than duplicates VWCC's existing dual-enrollment program with Salem.

"As a small school division, we rely on a host of local partners to expand opportunities for our students," said Curtis Hicks, superintendent of Salem City Schools. "The research is clear that taking college-level courses makes it more likely that students will attend college at some point after high

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Little Feet Meet held last week



The annual event took place at Roanoke College's Alumni Field.



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More than 500 students participated in the event.

More than 500 students participated in the annual "Little Feet Meet" Wednesday, April 24 at Roanoke College's Alumni Field.

Students from 35 area elementary schools stretching from Botetourt County to Salem, their teachers, assistants, and coaches attended the meet and showcased their skills in running, jumping and throwing.

South Salem Elementary School was featured during the opening ceremonies torch lighting ceremony as young Falcons carried in the torch and led the crowd in the Special Olympics Pledge.

Students from Roanoke College, ECPI University, Salem High School and Lord Botetourt High School, as well as community members, and area law enforcement officials served as volunteers and cheerleaders throughout the meet.

For the students with disabilities, the Little Feet Meet events serve as a public celebration of meeting key developmental and social milestones, organizer said.

Students without disabilities practice and compete with their team and serve as super fans. Together, these kids and their teachers are changing the game, creating a new space for students

to form friendships based on shared values versus differences. Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools use sports to develop school communities where youth are agents of change. They are fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for students with intellectual disabilities.

Community partners for the event include Roanoke College, Public Schools in the Roanoke Valley, ECPI University, Community Foundation of Western Virginia, Hall Community Services, Delta Dental and Freedom First.

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly): All ages are invited to participate in the non-judgmental program at the Salem Senior Center on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. There is a registration fee and a \$3 per month fee. Call Charlene Lester at 540-293-7753 with questions.

Dr. Diana Christopulos Lecture: NARFE will host Dr. Diana Christopulos on Friday, May 3 at Jersey Lily's Roadhouse (1650 Braeburn Drive, Salem, VA 24153). The lecture will be "Veterans, Federal Officials and the Appalachian Trail in Roanoke, 1932-2024." The meeting doors will open at 11:15 a.m., with lunch options. Lecture will be at 12:30 p.m. Visitors

are welcome.

First Mondays: The family-friendly events are held by Gary John, who manages the "Mason Creek" bluegrass group, and Vicky Sword from the center. The bluegrass/acoustic shows are free, but a tip bucket will be passed around for donations to the musicians. Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered. The event is on Monday, May 6: 7 p.m. - Mike Conner and 8 p.m. - Rarely Available. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

Happy Trails Film & Television Festival: The festival will take place at CommUNITY Church in Salem on

May 17, 18 and 19. There will be panels, workshops, special programming, autographs and a banquet. The event is billed as a "nostalgia/faith media convention for the whole family."

Lebanese Festival: This year marks the 23rd Lebanese festival and will be held May 31 and June 1-2, 2024, at St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church, 4730 Cove Road, N.W., Roanoke, VA. The festival is open Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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Shane Gillis: Shane Gillis is coming to Salem this summer to headline the arena with his standup comedy on June 21. In 2021, Gillis released his debut comedy special "Shane Gillis: Live in Austin" on YouTube. It has been viewed over 14 million times. Gillis is one-half of Patreon and Apple's top 10 podcasts Matt and Shane's Secret Podcast. Tickets start at \$42.50 and go up to \$92.50. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Switchfoot leads trio of rockers: Switchfoot, Blue October and Matt Nathanson are excited to announce a triple headliner Summer Tour dubbed "Help from My Friends". The 30-city-run of dates will make a stop in Salem on Friday night, July 26. Featuring three of the most beloved and genuine artists of the new millenia, the performances will make for an enthralling evening with each performance complementing the other two. Each night a different artist will open and close the show and fill the middle spot. Ticket prices are: Floor \$49.50, \$39.50, \$49.50, & \$59.50 Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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5: 7-9 p.m. - Maynard and Lee Palmer. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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Rock Royalty ZZ Top: "That Little Ol' Band From Texas" has been at it for well over a half century, delivering rock, blues and boogie on the road and in the studio to millions of devoted fans. ZZ TOP is synonymous with beards, hot rod cars, spinning guitars and that magic keychain, all of which transcend geography and language. The band will perform on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are: \$49.50, \$59.50, \$79.50, \$89.50, \$99.50 and \$139.50. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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Public meetings: The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The School Board will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m.



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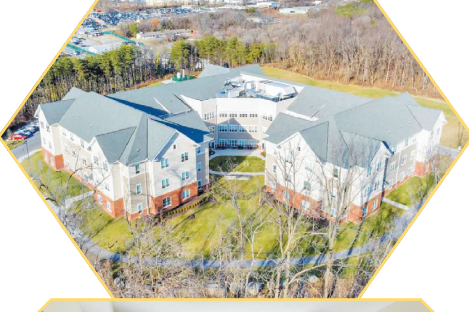
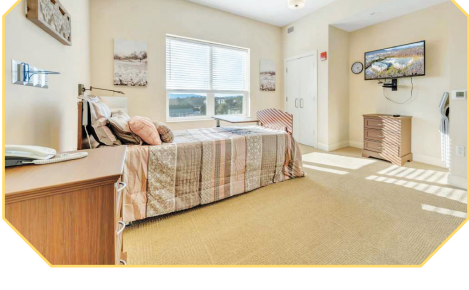
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

May ushers in Strawberry season. I love a fresh ripe strawberry. According to Britannica.com the strawberry is a member of the rose family, with the most common varieties being a hybrid of the wild Virginia strawberry (native to North America) and a Chilean variety. Botanically, the strawberry fruit is considered an “accessory fruit” and is not a true berry. Although they have been around for thousands of years, strawberries were not actively cultivated until the Renaissance period in Europe. 75 percent of the North American crop is grown in California, and many areas have strawberry festivals, with the first one dating back to 1850. Strawberries are liked for their characteristic aroma, bright red color, juicy texture, and sweetness. Strawberries are rich in antioxidants and vitamin C, natural anti-inflammatory agents that help reduce chronic inflammation and its associated health issues. Strawberries are rich in dietary fiber, which supports healthy digestion. They’re also low in calories, containing only about 32 calories per half a cup.

I believe the best way to eat strawberries is freshly washed from the Salem Farmers Market but here are two recipes to highlight strawberries.

Fresh strawberry cake

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened, plus more for greasing the pan
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup milk (low fat is fine)
- About ¾ pound strawberries, hulled and halved

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F and butter a 9-inch deep dish pie pan (or 9-inch round cake pan). In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside. With an electric mixer, beat the butter and 1 cup of the sugar until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the egg and vanilla and beat on low speed until well combined. Gradually add the flour mixture, alternating with the milk, and beat on low speed until smooth. (Note: the batter will be thick.) Transfer the



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batter to the prepared pan and smooth with a spatula. Arrange the strawberries on top, cut side down, so that they completely cover the batter (the recipe calls for approximately ¾ pound of strawberries; use more or less if necessary). Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar over the strawberries. (Don't be tempted to omit the sugar here; it balances the tartness of the berries and forms a deliciously crisp crust on top the cake.) Bake for ten minutes, then reduce the heat to 325°F and bake until the cake is lightly golden, and a tester comes out clean, about an hour. Let the cake cool in the pan on a rack. Serve with sweetened whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, if desired. Cake can be stored at room temperature for several days, loosely covered. Freezer-Friendly Instructions: The cake can be frozen for up to 3 months. After it is completely cooled, cover it tightly with aluminum foil or freezer wrap. Thaw overnight on the countertop before serving.

Strawberry nice cream

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe bananas; frozen
- 16 oz. bag frozen strawberries; about 2 1/2 cups (You can use fresh strawberries but freeze them first)
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup milk or almond milk
- 1/4 cup honey; melted

Instructions:

Place all of the ingredients in a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth and all of the ingredients are combined, about 5 minutes. Be sure to scrape down the sides of the blender or food processor often. Serve immediately. If you want the consistency to be more like a thick frozen yogurt or pour the ice cream mixture into a loaf pan or airtight container. Cover with plastic wrap or a lid and place in the freezer and freeze for at least an hour.

When ready to enjoy, use an ice cream scoop and serve in a bowl or ice cream cone. Enjoy!



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SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



Student art on display

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Visit the Salem Museum this weekend to see over 200 works of art created by local students. Works included were submitted by students in the 6th-12th grades.

Various mediums of art are featured in this show, including: drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, digital art, and more.

Visit the Salem Museum this weekend to support local students and see their wonderful creations.

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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school. Explore@RC is just one more example of our broader community coming together to provide additional educational and career opportunities for our students."

Explore@RC will enable students to enroll in innovative, inquiry- and problem-based college courses while they are still in high school. These courses are designed to help develop critical thinking and practical skills necessary for success in college, careers and community leadership. The program also offers a capstone course that emphasizes connection and work-based learning opportunities.

The classes will span multiple disciplines but align with specific career pathways such as education and global studies; science, engineering and technology; and communication and civic leadership. Each career pathway will include field-based research components, community-engagement courses, and general education courses that could help students tick boxes for college graduation requirements before many of their high school classmates have even considered college.

For example, a student interested in education might take Principles of Education and Mathematical Concepts in K-8 on the Roanoke Campus every morning, then head back to high school for lunch and afternoon classes, officials said. A student interested in STEM/health care might add Intro to Public Health and Chemistry &

Crime to her high school coursework. It is possible that an Explore@RC student could graduate high school with almost two years' worth of college credits under their cap, saving considerable time and money.

According to the Institute of Education Sciences, students who take dual-enrollment courses in high school are more than 50% more likely to graduate from college than students who don't, officials said.

Education students at Roanoke College will serve as peer mentors to Explore@RC students, helping them to prepare for the college classroom and campus life. The program will also offer professional development opportunities for teachers, pre-service teachers and faculty.

Lab School Executive Director Natasha Watts is currently meeting with students, parents and community leaders to spread the word about Explore@RC. She will oversee all aspects of the lab school, including advising students and liaising with

stakeholders. Officials said more information about the lab school, including applications, can be obtained by emailing explore@roanoke.edu.

"Students who take dual-enroll courses are more likely to graduate from high school, are better prepared to transition

to a college setting, and spend less time – and money – completing a college degree," Shushok said. "This partnership is an investment in our community that will pay great dividends by providing local students with clearly defined pathways to college and careers."

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Anyone not having received a tax bill please contact the office of the Treasurer, 114 North Broad Street Salem VA 24153 or phone 540-375-3024.

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OPINION

The House was back in session last week, with an extra day of session on Saturday to finish out the week. House Republicans brought forward various separate spending bills to address ongoing conflicts around the world. In addition to funding, we also considered several measures to demonstrate our support of Israel and take action against Iran. I also had the pleasure of recognizing some of Virginia's Sixth District student-athletes. As always, I enjoyed meeting with organizations, businesses, and friendly faces in D.C. and back home. As we finish a district work week, followed by four consecutive weeks back in session, I will continue fighting for the best interests of Virginia's Sixth District and our great Nation.

Supporting Our Allies

The Biden administration's weakness on the global stage has only emboldened our adversaries, which has



Ben Cline

Congressman

in turn only escalated violent conflicts worldwide. Under this administration, we've witnessed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, China's alarming threats against Taiwan, and most recently, Iran's unprecedented direct assault on Israel. The challenges facing Israel, Taiwan, and Ukraine are distinctly separate, demanding separate responses and separate votes on spending bills to address them individually.

Israel stands as our foremost ally in the Middle East, and they are currently fighting the Hamas, Houthi, and Hezbollah terror groups, as well as Iran – the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism. I voted in support of providing military aid to Israel to help them in their fight against these terror groups and ensure their nation continues to exist.

At the beginning of this year in his New Year's address, Chinese President Xi made a troubling declaration that he aims to take action against Taiwan. I also voted in favor of providing Taiwan with military aid to help deter Chinese aggression and preserve peace in the region.

Regarding my vote against additional Ukraine funding, I condemn Russian aggression and pray

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Fight the bite: Tick-borne diseases

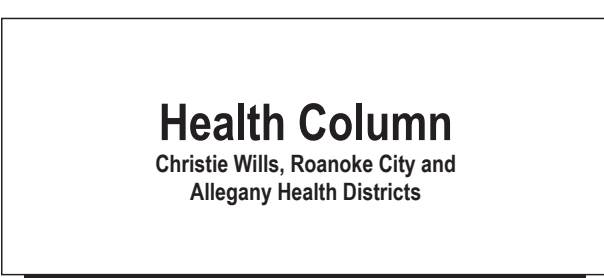
As we enjoy another beautiful spring in Southwestern Virginia, we encourage residents to take steps to protect themselves from ticks. Sometimes tiny and hard to spot, ticks can cause serious medical problems including Lyme disease and alpha-gal food allergy, and some life-threatening diseases such as ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

In recent years we have seen a significant jump in reports of tick-borne diseases. In 2023, the number of reported Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) Lyme disease cases (91 cases) increased more than 50% over 2022 (58 cases).^{*} Tick-borne diseases can pose a serious public health threat because if left untreated, in some situations they can lead to severe illness requiring hospitalization or even death. We are also seeing increases in acquired red meat allergies caused by ticks, sometimes referred to as "alpha-gal syndrome."

Although more than 15 different types of ticks have been found in Virginia, the ticks of particular concern are:

- the black-legged tick, which transmits Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis and more.
- the Lonestar tick, found in suburban areas at lower elevations such as ours, which transmits ehrlichiosis and alpha-gal syndrome.
- the American dog tick, which can transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

The most important protection strategies are those that prevent you from being bitten in the first place.



The best protection is to use an insect repellent that protects against both ticks and mosquitoes, such as those with a concentration of 20-50% DEET. Follow the product label directions for safe use on your skin and on your clothes. Although natural substances such as eucalyptus or lemon oil have repellent qualities, they may not be as effective as DEET.

Pre-treat your shoes and clothes with permethrin spray to provide a long-lasting repellent barrier. Also, tuck your pants into your socks when you are outdoors, and remember to protect your pets: medicated collars, and oral or topical products formulated specially for pets can be very effective.

After outdoor activity, inspect yourself and your children, clothing, and gear for ticks. The running water of a shower can also wash away ticks before they attach.

If you do find a tick, use tweezers to carefully pull the tick straight away from your skin removing the head as well as the body. Do not attempt to cover it

in petroleum jelly, nail polish remover, or any other substance. Be careful not to squeeze the tick's swollen belly. After tick removal, clean the skin and bite area with rubbing alcohol. The longer ticks are attached to the body, the greater chance that they can pass along an illness.

Also, take a careful look at the tick. Each tick species transmits different diseases, so knowing which tick has bitten you gives more insight to diagnose any resulting illness. If you have symptoms such as a bulls-eye rash, fever, or body aches, please call your healthcare professional. Poor health outcomes (hospitalization and death) can be prevented with early recognition and treatment of these diseases.

Rather than dispose of the tick, consider mailing the tick to the Virginia Department of Health for identification. This free service, part of the "Virginia Tick Survey," provides information about tick species and can offer treatment insight should you become sick. In addition, the survey data is shared with the public at the county level on the VDH website.

Knowing how to protect yourself and your pets can help ensure your enjoyment of outdoor activities throughout the upcoming warmer months. More information about tick-borne diseases and how to participate in the tick survey are available on the VDH website.

^{*}The Lyme disease case definition changed in 2022, resulting in a reclassification of Virginia cases that may not have been captured prior to 2022.

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May book club meetings:
 Thursday, May 9, 6 p.m.: Silent Book Club: Join us with your current read.

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.: True Crime Book Club: Discuss the book "The Lost Girls by Robert Kolker."

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.: Nonfiction Book Club: Discuss the book "The Lost Tomb by Robert Kolker."

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.: Same Page Book Club: An LGBTQ+ book club for the community and allies.

May book clubs for kids:
 Tuesday, May 14, 3:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8. Middle School Book Club. Register at saalemva.libcal.com

Friday, May 17, 3:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8. Middle School Graphic Novel Book Club. Discuss the book "Cat's Cradle: The Golden Twine" by Jo Rioux. Register at saalemva.libcal.com

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

- Hot meal
- Razor clams
- Blood-sucking African fly
- Chauvinists
- Windy City football player
- An alternative
- Federal Housing Administration
- Styles hair
- Arabic female name
- Paddle
- Area once separated from Germany
- Marketplace
- Gode Airport
- Upset
- Where wrestlers sweat
- Garland
- Robert ___, poet

CLUES DOWN

- Type of whale
- Type of medication
- Land of the free
- Formed an opinion of
- Logo
- No (Scottish)
- Leaves tissue
- Sacred state to Muslims
- Thus
- African nation
- Someone who has a stake in
- Parties
- Subsystem producers
- Large, flightless birds
- Compromises visibility
- A ballet enthusiast
- More (Spanish)

CLUES ACROSS

- An iPad is one
- Fruit of the oak tree
- Della ___, singer
- Women's clothing retailer
- Mailed
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Pouch
- Radioactivity unit
- Month
- Nanosecond
- Domestic
- What a boy becomes
- Breezes (anc. Greek)
- Jogged
- At the stern
- Lawrencium
- Destructive to both sides
- Arterias
- Removes

CLUES DOWN

- Skeletal muscle
- Hands (Span.)
- Weighed
- Businessman
- Famous clock Big __
- Unkeyed
- Break between words
- Ink (slang)
- Disappointed
- Stroke
- Curdled milk
- Restaurants
- Explosive
- Type of tierrier
- Disfigure
- Innermost cell layers
- Bar bill
- Distinct period of history
- Mode of transportation
- Equal (prefix)
- Operating system

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Car show held on Saturday



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

A car show was held at T.J.'s Mustang Supply and Body Shop on Kessler Mill Road in Salem on Saturday.

Roanoke College Class of 2024 readies to celebrate commencement

The Roanoke College Class of 2024 is set to walk across the stage for commencement on Saturday, May 4. Nearly 400 graduates will celebrate earning their bachelor's degrees and another 10 will become the first graduating class of Roanoke College's new MBA program.

The graduation ceremonies will formally begin at 4 p.m. Friday, May 3, with Baccalaureate, an annual worship service held in the Cregger Center. The Rev. Christopher Bowen, Roanoke College's Timothy L. Pickle Dean of the Chapel, will preside and offer a message for students. All graduates, family and guests are welcome to attend. No tickets are required.

Commencement is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, on the John R. Turbyfill Quadrangle. Commencement exercises are open to all family and guests. No tickets are required.

The Class of 2024 hails from 27 states and 12 countries. This year's ceremonies will also celebrate the first cohort of students to graduate from a 4+1 MBA program unveiled in 2023. The intensive program empowers Maroons to earn their master's in business administration on an accelerated one-year track.

During commencement, Roanoke College will present an honorary degree

to Virginia Western Community College President Robert Sandel in gratitude for his immense contributions to education across the region.

Sandel has been a powerful voice for student success and access to higher learning during his 22 years of leadership at Virginia Western. He's also been a close partner of Roanoke College, most recently in the Rapid Maroons initiative announced last fall to create a direct path for Virginia Western students who want to transfer into Roanoke College and earn their bachelor's degree.

At Virginia Western, Sandel's forward-thinking vision ushered in an era of unprecedented growth, including the creation of the cutting-edge Fralin Center for Science and Health Professions, a new Student Life Center, and a more than \$30 million STEM Building that opened in 2019. He also worked with the Virginia Western Educational Foundation to spearhead the launch of the nationally recognized Community College Access Program that helps local students in need with tuition expenses.

Roanoke College described Sandel as a tireless advocate for education and its power to transform lives, communities and economies for the better. His work has been honored with a Roanoke



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More than 400 graduates will participate in the ceremony.

City Citizen of the Year Award and a Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council Ruby Award.

Commencement will be held outdoors on the quad, rain or shine. The ceremony will be livestreamed via Roanoke College's YouTube channel. In the case of severe weather, the event may be moved to the Salem Civic Center, located at 1001 Roanoke Blvd. If that is necessary, an announcement will be

made on the morning of Saturday, May 4, via Maroon Alert, social media and Roanoke College's website.

Graduates will complete their final exams on April 30 and enjoy Senior Week festivities afterward. More details about Commencement and a direct link to the ceremony's livestream can be found at roanoke.edu/commencement.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of April 16, 2024 – April 22, 2024

4/16/2024	Brooke L. Thompson	33	Criminal Trespass
4/16/2024	Joseph D. Sagers	43	Assault & Battery
4/18/2024	Robert C. Headen	33	Possession of Controlled Substance, DUI, Failure to Appear
4/18/2024	Andres A. Palacios Meza	28	Fail to Stop
4/18/2024	Timothy L. Hodges	22	Public Intoxication
4/18/2024	Benjamin F. Bryant	32	Possession of Controlled Substance, Possess Firearm by Felon, False Name to Police, Paraphernalia, Obstructing Justice
4/18/2024	Amanda M. Snider	32	Possession of Controlled Substance
4/19/2024	Sydney M. Herbol	34	Public Intoxication
4/19/2024	Tyler R. Haynie	30	Public Intoxication
4/19/2024	Shawn M. Honeycutt	37	Public Intoxication
4/19/2024	Cody A. Mallory	36	Criminal Trespass, Public Intoxication
4/19/2024	Ronnie F. Daniel	33	Possession of Controlled Substance
4/19/2024	Michael Murden	61	Urination In Public
4/20/2024	Christopher A. Lindamood	62	Public Intoxication
4/20/2024	Raven C. King	29	Conceal Merchandise, Criminal Trespass
4/21/2024	Damon M. Nolasco	22	Public Intoxication
4/21/2024	Christopher A. Lindamood	62	Public Intoxication
4/21/2024	Casey J. Heilman	35	Petit Larceny
4/21/2024	Beverly C. Walkup	37	Petit Larceny
4/21/2024	Matthew J. Gibbs	24	Public Intoxication
4/21/2024	Brandon M. Heffinger	20	DUI

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of April 16, 2024 – April 22, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
18-APR-2024	700 BLK W Main St	Possession of Controlled Substance, Possess Firearm by Felon

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

On Tuesday, May 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., Salem City Council will hold a public hearing in Council Room, City Hall, located at 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia for the purpose of receiving public input on the 2024-2025 budget.

All persons shall be offered an opportunity to speak and state their views concerning all aspects of the budget within such reasonable time limits as shall be established by City Council. Persons desiring to speak may be asked to register at the meeting. Written comments of interested citizens will be received by the City Clerk prior to the hearing.

A summary copy of the budget may be viewed on the City of Salem website: <https://www.salemva.gov/214/Annual-Budgets>.

The recommended budget is summarized as follows:

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

REVENUES	RECOMMENDED BUDGET 2024-2025
General Fund	
Beginning Balance - July 1	\$ 3,044,795
General Property Taxes	51,890,783
Other Local Taxes	29,110,800
Permits and Licenses	359,440
Fines and Forfeitures	128,500
Revenue from Use of Money & Property	6,342,391
Charges for Services	3,711,197
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,307,696
Miscellaneous	376,000
Revenue from the Commonwealth	15,977,951
Revenue from the Federal Government	110,998
Total General Fund	114,360,551
Debt Service	5,545,754
Electric	50,964,990
Water	8,498,402
Sewer	8,603,156
Civic Center	5,682,444
Salem Catering and Concessions	920,246
School Component Unit	
State Revenue, excluding Sales Tax	25,731,101
Sales Tax	4,423,748
Federal Revenue	4,001,953
Local Revenue	22,896,130
Other Revenue	564,441
Total School Component Unit	57,617,373
Total Revenues All Funds	252,192,916
Less Fund Transfers	(32,217,657)
Total Net of Transfers	\$ 219,975,259

EXPENDITURES

General Fund	
General Government Administration	\$ 10,700,126
Judicial Administration	3,135,634
Public Safety	24,140,564
Public Works	18,063,920
Health and Welfare	7,137,055
Education	26,538,801
Parks, Recreation and Cultural	8,990,936
Community Development	3,787,749
Non-Departmental	11,865,766
Total General Fund	114,360,551
Debt Service	5,545,754
Electric	50,964,990
Water	8,498,402
Sewer	8,603,156
Civic Center	5,682,444
Salem Catering and Concessions	920,246
School Component Unit	58,502,373
Total Expenditures All Funds	253,077,916
Less Fund Transfers	(32,217,657)
Total Net of Transfers	\$ 220,860,259

OBITUARIES

Copenhaver, Douglas Blaine

Douglas Blaine Copenhaver, 83, of Salem passed away on April 28, 2024.

A native of Virginia he was the devoted husband of 65 years to Eleanor Vaught Copenhaver who survives and the son of Charles E. Copenhaver and Lottie Dix Copenhaver, both deceased. Douglas retired from VDOT after 42 years of service.

In addition to his wife those left to cherish his memory are his children, Karen



Collier and husband Larry of Clermont, FL and Michael Copenhaver of Myrtle Beach, SC; two grandchildren, Katelyn Clawson and husband Ryan of Clermont, FL and Kelsey Sprouse

and husband Brian of Roanoke, VA; and two great grandchildren, Nora Clawson and Nolan Clawson.

The family will receive friends at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem on Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm.

A funeral service will be held in the chapel of Lotz Funeral Home in Salem on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Ben Lockhart officiating. Burial will follow in Sherwood Memorial Park.

Eichelman, Carolyn Harr

On Sunday, April 21, 2024, Carolyn Harr Eichelman of Salem graduated to be home with the Lord. Mrs. Eichelman, a retired Roanoke County teacher turned author, is survived by her beloved husband Dr. Fred R. Eichelman, two children, Carol Lyn Eichelman Webster and Fredric Roger Eichelman, II, as well as five grandchildren, James William and Michael Fredric Patrick Webster and Anne Marie, Josiah David, and Fredric Charles Eichelman and one Great Grand Child, Lilly Mae Webster. Mrs. Eichelman was well loved as a teacher and was also called "the hostess with the mostest" for looking after a number of film and TV stars as well as politicians who came to the Roanoke Valley.

Carolyn Eichelman was born in 1936 in Argo, Kentucky, the only child of Everett and Ida Harr, and raised in Vansant, Virginia. She attended Grundy High School where she was a member of the Beta Club and played basketball. As head of the girl scouts, she succeeded in getting the town council to build a new bridge for the safety of children. She was also active in the Thespians. Her college work was at Radford College, now university, and her training was as a teacher with a business minor. She later did graduate work at the University of Virginia, and received a Masters in Elementary Education and Supervision from Virginia Tech and State University.

Mrs. Eichelman began her teaching career in Roanoke City with Preston Park Elementary. She married Fred R. Eichelman in 1960 and transferred to Roanoke County Schools where Dr. Eichelman was a teacher. Carolyn took a leave of absence while her two children were small and then returned to education as one of the first teachers in the Roanoke City Total Action Against Poverty (TAP) Head Start program. She later transferred to Salem where she was assistant head teacher for the Salem Head Start center. Working with her husband she was instrumental in the integration of the county school system.

After returning to public elementary school education Carolyn Eichelman taught at Conehurst, Academy Street, G. W. Carver, and her final teaching years, when Salem created its own school system, at Mason's Cove. While in Salem, Carolyn received the Salem Jaycees Outstanding



Teacher Award and in a statewide competition placed as second runner up. Her work in creating "interest centers" drew many observers from around the state and in the 1970's, she headed a University of Virginia run team to write the first state wide curriculum guide for kindergarten.

Carolyn Eichelman was a life member of the National Education Association serving many terms as a faculty representative and as a delegate to state and national conventions. She was one of the organizers and early officers in Salem's Jaycettes and active in the Beverly Heights Civic League.

Her activities also extended into politics where she was a delegate to state Republican conventions, was one of the founders of the Salem's Republican Women organization and a worker in many political campaigns. She also hosted local Republican gatherings while active within the party.

For over forty years Mrs. Eichelman was very active as a chairperson for various committees associated with local media conventions. For RoVaCon she was deeply involved in the scholarship program which provided scholarships for dozens of high school seniors. For Rising Star, Starz 2000, Point North † and Happy Trails Virginia Style she was in charge of guest relations in working with film and TV stars. During the last few years Carolyn was very much involved in programs supporting cancer research, something she wrote published articles about, as well as raising money. She also hosted a number of social events in connection with the conventions both at the event itself and the Eichelman home.

In later years, she was a director for Point North † Outreach, Inc. the international Christian media organization. With her husband she encouraged young Christians to go into film and wanting to "walk the walk and not just talk the talk" and she served as an extra in two Christian films made in the Roanoke Valley.

Carolyn Eichelman was involved in programs to protect children and adults from abuse and to help

children with learning disabilities. She also returned to other loved activities, such as art and landscape planning. Another interest was travel with her husband and her favorite places abroad were England and Spain.

Mrs. Eichelman was a member of COMMUNITY Church in Salem and prior to that had been a member of First Baptist Church in Roanoke where she has served as a Sunday School teacher and on several committees. Prior to this she was a Sunday School teacher both at Salem Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian Churches. In her home, she co-hosted with her husband a monthly Bible Study titled God At The Movies. She also took part in Bible Study programs and film showings at the Richfield Retirement Community. She was pleased to be considered, with her husband Fred, as an intercessory missionary in visiting and helping their son and family when they served as missionaries in Spain.

Her daughter Carol Lyn Eichelman Webster is an award-winning drama and English teacher at William Byrd H. S. in Roanoke County, and her husband Buddy Webster is employed by Fuji. Her son Fred and wife Mary Kay Eichelman are home missionaries who work with international students at Virginia Tech and State University. William Webster is a retired army officer now a general contractor and his wife Dr. Brittany a pharmacist. Annie Eichelman is a social worker in Columbus, Ohio. Josiah and wife Emily Eichelman are engineers in Charlotte, NC. Michael Webster is with the Western Virginia Water Authority. Freddy Charles Eichelman is a research assistant at JMU.

Carolyn will be deeply missed by her family and her community which extends from England to California.

As a survivor of cancer, Carolyn Eichelman was very involved in cancer research and for that reason, requests in lieu of flowers that contributions be made instead to cancer research.

Services were at COMMUNITY Church, 1923 E. Main St, Salem, VA on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The viewing was held one hour prior to the service, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The officiating Minister was Pastor Dr. Thomas William McCraken, III.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.simpsonfuneral.com

Parkside Picks to be held at Green Hill Park on Saturday

Roanoke County—Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism has announced its inaugural community yard sale and flea market event, Parkside Picks, taking place on Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. This new event brings together over 70 vendors offering a wide range of items, from vintage finds and collectibles to handmade crafts and household goods.

As a first-time event, Parkside Picks aims to create a unique space for families, friends, and neighbors to discover hidden treasures and breathe new life into pre-loved items, organizers said.

“We’re excited to launch Parkside Picks at Green Hill Park,” said Kelly Brammer, assistant director of tourism. “It’s a fantastic opportunity for the community to get together, have fun, and

discover some amazing bargains. With more than 70 vendors and food trucks, there’s something for everyone.”

No festival is complete without delicious food! Food vendors will offer a variety of cuisine for both breakfast and lunch. Organizers said they would have coffee available for purchase since it’s an early morning. Food trucks participating include: Hangry, Empanada Nirvana and The Coffee Bus.

Parkside Picks is a free event open to the community with a rain date of May 11. Visitors are encouraged to bring reusable bags for their purchases.

Visit www.RoanokeCountyParks.com or call (540) 387-6078 ext. 0 for event details.

—The Salem Times-Register



COURTESY IMAGE

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for peace in the region. However, we have already given over \$100 billion to Ukraine without sufficient accountability from the Biden administration as to where the money has gone. While financially supporting our allies can sometimes be in America’s best interest, we must exercise fiscal responsibility and demand some accountability for American tax dollars from this Administration.

To assist Ukraine, I voted for the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act that gives the president the authority to confiscate Russian sovereign assets that have been frozen in America and transfer them to assist in Ukraine’s reconstruction efforts. This legislation also prohibits the release of funds to sanctioned Russian entities until Russia withdraws from Ukraine and agrees to provide compensation for harm caused by this unprovoked war. This bill has passed the Senate and has been signed into law.

America’s Broken Border
Last week, I also voted in favor of H.R. 3602, the End the Border Catastrophe Act, which would have fixed our broken asylum system, hired more Border Patrol agents and provided them with the resources they need while reinstating Trump-era policies like Remain in Mexico, and forced the Biden administration to resume the border wall. Unfortunately, the bill failed to get the 2/3 majority required by leadership to pass under suspension of rules.

We need strong, common-sense border security measures to protect the American people. For years now, House Republicans have been calling on President Biden to secure America’s border. We have not only been trying to negotiate with President Biden to fix the problem, but we also passed legislation, like H.R. 2 that has been deemed the strongest border security bill that has passed Congress; and it has been over in the Senate since last year.

Failure To Hold Mayorkas Accountable

Unfortunately, the Senate voted down both articles of impeachment against DHS Secretary Mayorkas after the House sent over articles of impeachment last week. We did our job in the House by passing the articles of impeachment, and I am disappointed that Democrats in the Senate unanimously voted to bypass their constitutional duty and hold a trial. Secretary Mayorkas has lied to Congress and ignored his statutory responsibility to secure our nation’s borders. Everyday that Mayorkas has been in his job, Americans are less safe. He deserved to be held accountable.

Joe Biden and Mayorkas’ policies have effectively rolled out the welcome mat for millions of illegal immigrants to enter our country unchecked. Among those entering are people on the terrorist watch list, only a fraction of whom have been apprehended. This leaves an unknown number who have successfully entered our country. House Republicans will continue to force this issue, bring legislation to the floor, and put pressure on the Senate to take up this critical issue.

Protecting Americans From Foreign Adversaries
I voted in favor of H.R. 8028, the 21st Century Peace Through Strength Act, which also included H.R. 7521, the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act. As you might remember, the House passed this TikTok bill back in March, which is a crucial step in safeguarding our nation’s security and ensuring that the American people are not targets of foreign manipulation, surveillance, or targeting through online applications, like TikTok. The bill prohibits marketplaces—like app stores and web hosting services—from hosting applications controlled by foreign adversaries of the United States and offers ByteDance, which owns TikTok, a specific window to divest or the application will face a prohibition in the U.S.

The new bill includes some small but important changes from the bill in March that strengthen the bill’s fight with judicial scrutiny as well as extending the length of time given to ByteDance to divest. This

legislation is crucial to protect the well-being and national security of the American people and our country from foreign adversaries.

Standing with our Ally Israel

This week, we took significant legislative steps to reaffirm our unwavering support for Israel and to hold Iran accountable for its actions. The measures we’ve passed, alongside other crucial pieces of legislation ignored by Leader Schumer in the Senate, offer a robust strategy to address the threats posed by Iran.

- These measures, which I supported, include:
- H.R. 6046, the Standing Against Houthi Aggression Act, which redesignates the Houthis as a Foreign Terrorist Organization after the Biden Administration removed them from the list.
 - H.R. 6323, the Iran Counterterrorism Act, which requires Iran to cease support for acts of international terrorism as a condition for the President to waive secondary sanctions and provides for a congressional review process for national security interest waivers of these sanctions.
 - H.R. 4691, the Iran Sanctions Relief Review Act, which provides for tighter congressional oversight of any Administration attempt to weaken sanctions imposed on Iran.
 - H.R. 5947, which ensures Iran cannot gain access to funds that could be used to support terrorism including funding the Biden Administration has tried to make available to the Iranian regime.

By supporting Israel’s defense efforts, imposing sanctions on Iranian leaders, severing their financial lifelines, and targeting their allies and terrorist networks, we’re sending a clear message. Our commitment to Israel’s security and our determination to counter Iran’s malign activities remain steadfast.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Congressman. If my office can ever be of assistance, please contact my Washington office at (202) 225-5431.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

GARST FORT IS ONE OF OLDEST IN THE COUNTY

No Exact Date Can Be Found But earliest Settlers Came From "Penn's Woods" Peep-holes Shown

From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*
By Staff Correspondent

Tips given here and there directed the hunt for the oldest house in Roanoke County. We believe we found it when we sighted the old Garst Fort House in a walnut grove near Green Ridge.

This ridge, green all the year round, running along the base of Brush Mountain is watered by numerous springs, and it is easily understood why settlers should choose this spot for making camp. Here, where water was plentiful, where the forest was dense and game abounded, where the approach of the enemy

could be sighted from every direction, a little band of white settlers built a settlement house so planned that in case of attack they could have access for weeks at a time, to a well supplied larder and to water, without leaving the place.

Frederick Garst Settled Here

In just what year that happened, could not be learned, but tracing back the threads of information given as a memory record from several sources, this became known as the Garst Fort House, from having been occupied by Frederick Garst and this party that drifted in here from Penn's Woods (Now Pennsylvania), and originally were immigrants from Germany. It is not known whether the Garst party were the builders of the first occupants.

Built of logs hewn from the virgin forest, the house still stands a monument to those first builders. It is a three-story building at the front, where the ground floor rests on the side of the hill. At the back, it is four story, with the stone basement forming the foundation that has withstood the weathering of apparently, an approach to two centuries. Through the center of the natural rock floor of the basement, runs a wide, cold, clear stream of water from the spring gushing from the rock foundation. In either side of the basement, built against the wall, remain portions of the storage bins for food supplies. A stairway leads to the upper stories. The first and second loors evidently, were the main residential portions of the house, large enough to accommodate several families. The story goes that the Fort House was originally enclosed by a stockade but markings of this have been effaced.

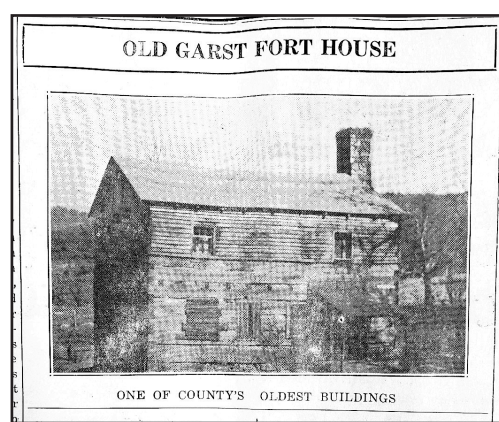
The third floor, recently re-roofed by the

new owner, has lowered the building; but when visited several years ago, the writer found the third floor intact as it was originally planned. It was a long garret room under a sloping roof, and which apparently served as a general work room. There were remnants of a hand loom, quilting frame, hand-made rocker crib and other furniture, and parts of a cobbler's outfit. A few remaining specimens of children's handmade shoes of rawhide hung from one of the rafters.

Has a Centry Tower

The wide rock chimney which forms the flue to the great open fireplace in the first floor, is narrowed at the third floor, where it set about two feet beyond the walls. Back of this chimney, but invisible from the outside, is a square peephole from which observations could be made. This was the centry tower of the Fort House.

A story is told by Mr. Joel Garst, about one of his forebears, whose name has come down through the generations as the cunning "Indian" Garst. While splitting logs in the woods one day, Garst saw some Indians approaching. He beckoned them to come nearer, which they did, being filled with curiosity at the maneuver and strange implements of the paleface. Indian Garst had driven two wedges into a log. He made signs to the Indians to each hold a side of the log apart and he would show them how he split logs. they took hold, and Garst knocking out the wedges, the Indians were caught with their fingers in the log. With the Indians trapped, Garst made his escape to the Fort House.



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

Links in the history of this settlement are lost, but in time, the property came into the possession of one Christley Swartz, from whom it descended to Jacob Showalter (recent former owner) through his first wife who was Swartz' daughter.

Some veteran walnuts still form a shade grove about the Old Garst Fort House. If these trees could talk, it would be easy to write the history of those early which settlers who braced dangers of pioneering that this beautiful valley might one day become the home of their descendants.

The old manor house, or plantation home, is now about a thing of the past in the south. It is said that before the civil war a traveler on a Mississippi steamboat was seldom out of sight of one of these fine homes.

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Maroon laxwomen 2nd seeded

The Roanoke women's lacrosse team has secured the second seed in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Tournament.

The Maroons received a bye into the semifinal round on Friday, May 3 and will play host to the winner of a quarterfinal matchup featuring number three Shenandoah and sixth-seeded Bridgewater. Bridgewater was scheduled to face SU in the quarterfinals in Winchester on Tuesday.

On the opposite side of the bracket, defending champion Washington and Lee has earned the top seed and will host the other semifinal game on May 3. The Generals will face the winner of a quarterfinal contest that matches fourth seed Lynchburg with fifth-seeded Randolph-Macon. The two semifinal winners will square off in the championship game on Sunday, May 5, with the higher seed serving as host.

Roanoke closed out the regular season with a 14-3 overall record and an 8-1 mark in ODAC games. The Maroons' only blemish in conference play was an 11-9 setback at eighth ranked Washington and Lee on April 6. In the final regular-season polls, RC is ranked 14th in the ILWomen/IWLCA Top 25 and 13th in the USA Lacrosse Magazine Top 20.

The Maroons are seeking the program's 11th conference title. Roanoke has advanced to each of the past three ODAC championship games, falling to W&L in all three finals.



PHOTO BY RYAN HUNT

Pilat's 400th win puts RC in ODAC semifinal

The Roanoke men's lacrosse team defeated Shenandoah, 16-6, in the quarterfinal round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament Tuesday. Roanoke now advances to today's semifinal at the University of Lynchburg.

The win was the 400th for RC coach Bill Pilat, who is in his 36th season as RC coach. The former Maroon goalie has a coaching record of 400-179, and

is just the seventh coach to reach 400 career wins across all divisions in NCAA lacrosse history.

Salem's Wyatt Whitlow had a big night Tuesday with seven goals for the Maroons. Luca Docking had two goals and three assists as Roanoke improved to 14-4 on the season.

The Maroons came into the tournament as the third seed, behind top-seeded Washington & Lee and Lynchburg. Washington

& Lee will host the winner of a game between Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sydney in the other semifinal. The two semifinal winners will meet in the championship game on Saturday, May 4, with the higher seed serving as host.

Roanoke completed the regular season with a 7-2 record in ODAC play. The Maroons are currently ranked No. 19 in the USILA Top 20.



PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Mia Potter(#22) goes to the goal in last week's SHS win over North Cross.

Salem lacrosse girls down North Cross

The Salem High girls split two lacrosse games against private school competition last week. Last Thursday the Spartans won at North Cross, 16-3, then dropped a 14-6 decision to Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg Saturday.

Seven different Spartans scored against North Cross, led by Bailey Stratton with four goals. Mia Potter and Anne Craig Thomas had three each and scoring twice were Juli Redding and Ashlyn Davis. Rylee McNeil and Londin Fralin had one goal each.

The defense was led by Aniyah Fox with three ground balls and two caused turnovers. Gabby Crawley had two ground balls and one caused turnover and Bailey Redford

was solid in the goal with five saves.

On Saturday afternoon the Spartans took on a talented VES team. The host team rained 36 shots on the goal and Redford stopped 22 of them in a valiant effort in defeat. Stratton and McNeil had two goals each for the Spartans while Fralin and Cameron Walsh had one each. Chloe May and Davis had three caused turnovers each.

"It wasn't the outcome we wanted but we saw great highlights," said Salem coach Carly Coyle.

The Spartans will be back in action tonight with a 5:30 pm game against Hidden Valley. It will be "Youth Night" and a benefit to fight cancer in honor of the local Potter family.

Hornets sweep track

The Roanoke College women were third and the men were fourth at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship track meet at Bridgewater College last weekend. The University of Lynchburg swept both the women's and men's titles at the Jopson Athletic Complex on the BC campus.

Lynchburg, owners of 32 overall men's and 14 overall women's outdoor crowns, has now captured four straight men's outdoor titles and six consecutive women's outdoor championships. This marked the third straight season that Lynchburg claimed both indoor and outdoor titles on both sides of the ledger.

In the men's meet, Washington and Lee University made a bid to snap the Hornets run on championships but ultimately the Hornets earned 174.0 points to the Generals 169.0. Bridgewater finished third with 96.0 points.

Lynchburg ran away in the women's points race, collecting 224.0 points to runner-up WLU's 140.5 markers. Roanoke College took third with 120 points as Mikayla Hefferon won the 400m and was part of the victorious 4x400 relay for the RC women. Hefferon collected her third career title in the 400m at the ODAC outdoor meet, crossing the tape first in 58.13 seconds. Haylee Gamble also earned all-conference honors in the race, finishing third in 58.57 seconds. Hefferon and Gamble teamed up with Lindsey Hobin and Maryrose Molina-Shuman to win the 4x400 relay in 3:56.9

Gamble secured All-ODAC laurels with a runner-up placement in the 200m, clocking in at a career-best 24.96 seconds. Anna Stafford notched a third-place showing in the pole vault, recording a mark of 3.11m to earn all-conference recognition.

The 4x100 relay squad of Hobin, Gamble, Nalonda Henderson and Eleanor Hinckley also garnered an All-ODAC citation after placing third in 47.93 seconds.

In the 100m hurdles, Rebecca Carr received all-conference honors by coming in third in a season-best 14.76 seconds. Also scoring for the Maroons in the event were Olivia Viers (15.22 seconds) and Cammi Winston (15.37), who finished fifth and sixth.

Ophelia Ladner rounded out Roanoke's All-ODAC performers on Saturday by finishing third with a personal-best time of 1:05.36 in the 400m hurdles. Hobin placed fifth in 1:08.32, and Winston also scored in the race by placing eighth in 1:19.31.

Four Maroons earned points in the discus as Abby McGlothlin came in fourth with a career-best throw of 36.92m, followed by Claudia Disbrow in sixth (34.84m), Grace Fowler in seventh (34.30m) and Alex Bibza in eighth (34.29m). Disbrow placed fifth in the javelin with a personal-record distance of 34.96m.

In the 100m, Henderson finished fifth in 12.31 seconds, while Hinckley landed in seventh at 12.52. Winston scored for the Maroons in the triple jump, placing sixth at 10.72m.

Joining Roanoke's Saturday All-ODAC performers were Fowler (shot put) and Kaitlyn Nguyen (high jump), who both finished as the runners-up in their events on Friday.

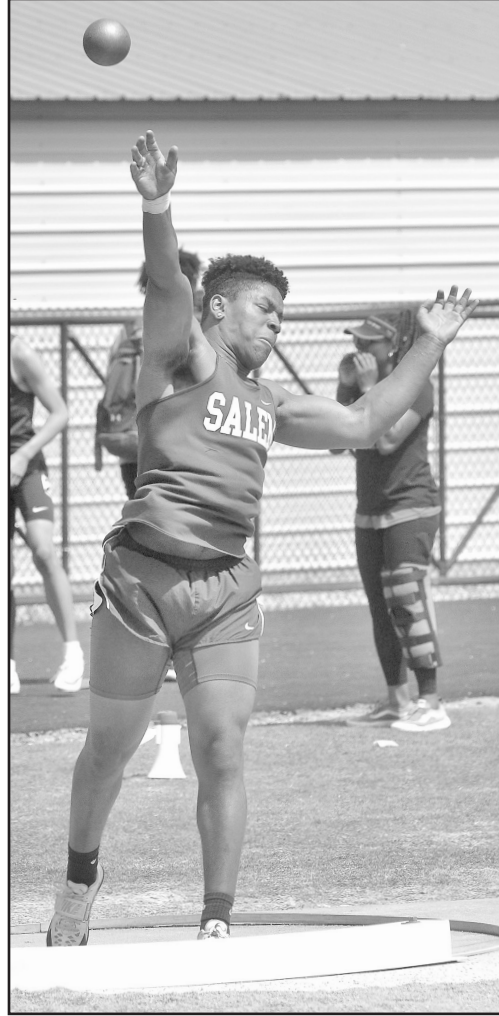
For the men, RC's Brady Fowler set a school and meet record in the 100m and also took part in the winning 4x100 relay. Fowler clocked a time of 10.35 seconds in the 100m, breaking the program and ODAC championship meet records to claim the title. Joseph Eldridge finished fifth in 10.74 seconds, and Elijah Bolich placed eighth at 10.78 to also score for the Maroons.

The 4x100 relay team of Bolich, Fowler, Bryson Hill and Aidan Spradlin also placed first. Their time of 41.45 seconds matches their own season-best mark, which ranks second in program history. The 4x400 relay team of Bolich, Hill, Lorenzo Camobreco and Andrew Estes came in fifth in 3:26.12.

Daniel Graham set a personal record of 15.17 seconds to finish as the runner-up in the 110m hurdles, earning All-ODAC honors. Davis Neel placed sixth in 16.11 seconds. Bolich also established a season-best time in the 200m, completing the race in 21.79 seconds to place second and grab an all-conference citation.

Dominic McCombs picked up points for Roanoke in the pole vault, placing seventh with a mark of 3.58m. The Maroons' Saturday All-ODAC haul was complemented by Jared McIntyre, who secured all-conference recognition on Friday as the second-place finisher in the high jump.

Now the Maroons will wait for selections to be announced for the NCAA Division III outdoor track & field championships, which are slated for May 23-25 in Myrtle Beach, SC.



Left, Salem's Dontay Davis puts the shot in the Titan Classic at Hidden Valley Saturday. Right, Sophia Hammersley comes down the stretch for Glenvar.



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Cosmo track at Fleming this week

Salem High and Glenvar will send teams to Roanoke this weekend for the annual Cosmopolitan Club Track meet. The three day meet is held at William Fleming High School.

The middle school field events and running trials will be Thursday. Junior Division athletes, in ninth and 10 grades, will have field events Friday at Fleming along with trials and some senior running trials. Senior field events, for juniors and seniors, will be Saturday morning and all running finals, for all three classes, will begin at 11:30 am Saturday.

Both Salem and Glenvar competed in the Titan Track Classic at Hidden Valley High School last Saturday. The Blacksburg girls and Salem boys won team championships. The Salem girls were eighth and Glenvar's girls were ninth and Glenvar was 18th in the boys' meet.

The Salem boys had a couple firsts, including a double winner in Mitchell Taylor who won both the 110 and 300 hurdles. Josiah Persinger won the 200 and anchored the winning 4x100 relay team with Justice English, Khamari Garner and Aedon Wiley.

English took second in both the 100 and 200 while Nazeser Miller was second in the 400. Austin Prosser took fourth in the 3,200 and Dontay Davis was sixth in the discus.

For the girls, Addy Funk won the 3,200, Aaliyah Rochford was fifth in the shot put and Shaniyah Robinson was sixth in the 100. Salem was fifth in two relays with the 4x100 team of Maekayla Scott, Erin Armistead, Annae Ligenfelter and Robinson and the 4x400 foursome of Angeline Odupelu, Khanadia Cummings, Scott and Zi'Leyah Haynes.

For Glenvar, Valeria Loreda Castillo was second in the 3,200 and fourth in the 800. She also state qualified for the 3,200 with a time of 12:39.

Kamirah Watts was third in the shot put at 31' 7". Sophia Hammersley state qualified in the 300 hurdles with a time of 50.79.

Roanoke softball is third seed

The Roanoke college softball team's late-season surge has earned the Maroons the number three seed in the 2024 Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament. The Maroons will travel to second-seeded Randolph-Macon College and face sixth seeded Guilford College this Friday in a first-round matchup.

Virginia Wesleyan will host the fourth, fifth and eighth seeded teams in a double-elimination "NCAA regional-style" pod while the Yellow Jackets will welcome the third, sixth and seventh seeded teams to Ashland. Roanoke College (26-12, 16-6) and the University of Lynchburg (27-11, 15-7) earned the third and fourth seeds outright. Bridgewater College (18-22, 11-11) finished solo fifth, but tiebreakers were needed to determine the final three seeds among five teams.

Pod play is slated to begin on Friday, May 3, and continue through Sunday, May 5. Each team will play once on day one, with three games scheduled on day two. The third day will feature either one or two games depending upon the results in the double-elimination format.

The two advancing teams from the pod play will meet the following weekend on the highest remaining seed's campus in a best-of-three championship series. Definitive game times and dates will be determined following pod play and will take into account possible graduation festivities for the competitors. The three games will be scheduled in a window from Thursday, May 9 through Saturday, May 11.



240 tee it up at Spartan Classic

The Hanging Rock Golf Club was the site of the third annual Spartan Invitational last Friday. A total of 240 golfers competed in the fund-raiser with 30 four-somes teeling off at 8 am and 30 more at 1:30 pm.

The event is put on by the Salem High football team and the Salem Sports Foundation. Money

raised goes toward football expenses as well as money that the Sports Foundation uses for scholarships and expenses for all sports at Salem High. The tournament was held on a beautiful day in southwest Virginia.

"Thanks to our sponsors and all the people who came out to play," said Salem coach Don Holter. "It

was a beautiful day, but if it had been raining they still would have showed up. Folks in Salem know how important it is to support the young people in the community and I'm grateful for the volunteers and great support we get for this tournament."

Next year's tournament is already scheduled for the last Friday in April.



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Salem's Kathryn Ha studies her putt at the U.S. Open Qualifier.

Busy spring for Salem golfers

The Salem High School golf team has been active this spring playing in golf tournaments all over the country. Spartan junior Kathryn Ha continues to excel in national and world class tournaments.

Ha competed in the U.S. Women's Open Championship Qualifier at Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria, VA, competing against 69 of the top amateur and professional golfers from all over the country. Only the top two players advanced to the LPGA U.S. Women's Open at Lancaster Country Club in Pennsylvania as the grueling 36 hole qualifier took place on Thursday, April 25.

Kathryn got into red numbers several times throughout the day before finally scoring 72 in Round 1 and a 72 in Round 2 for an even par score of 144. She finished tied for sixth, beating numerous professionals and some of the top NCAA DI Women's Players in the country. The University of Virginia commit was one shot away from a spot in a playoff for the last alternate spot.

Next up for Kathryn is the Mizuno Americas Open on May 13-19 at Liberty National Golf Club in New Jersey, where she will be playing alongside professional golfers.

Also playing in some tournaments was Salem High senior Taylor Davis. Taylor played on the Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Tour (PKBGT) at Orchard Creek on Saturday April 27.

On the men's side Mike Bateman, an 8th grader at Andrew Lewis Middle School, played in the local qualifier for the Scott Robertson Memorial Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, at Olde Mill Golf Resort in the Lanto Griffin Junior Tour. Bateman battled through some ailments Saturday, but bounced back on Sunday to win his division at Olde Mill. Bateman beat the entire field by six shots.

"A lot of big things are coming for this young 8th grader," said Salem High School varsity golf coach Blaine Hancock.

Bruins frustrate Salem again

The Salem High boys' soccer team bounced back from a tough loss to Blacksburg with a 6-1 win over Hidden Valley at Spartan Field Tuesday.

Salem dominated the Titans, losing the shutout late in the game. Logan Lavinder led the Spartans with two goals and two assists and Graham Fischer had two goals and one assist. Anthony Rugama and TJ Fisher also had goals and TJ, Elijah Clark and Kai Weiss all had assists.

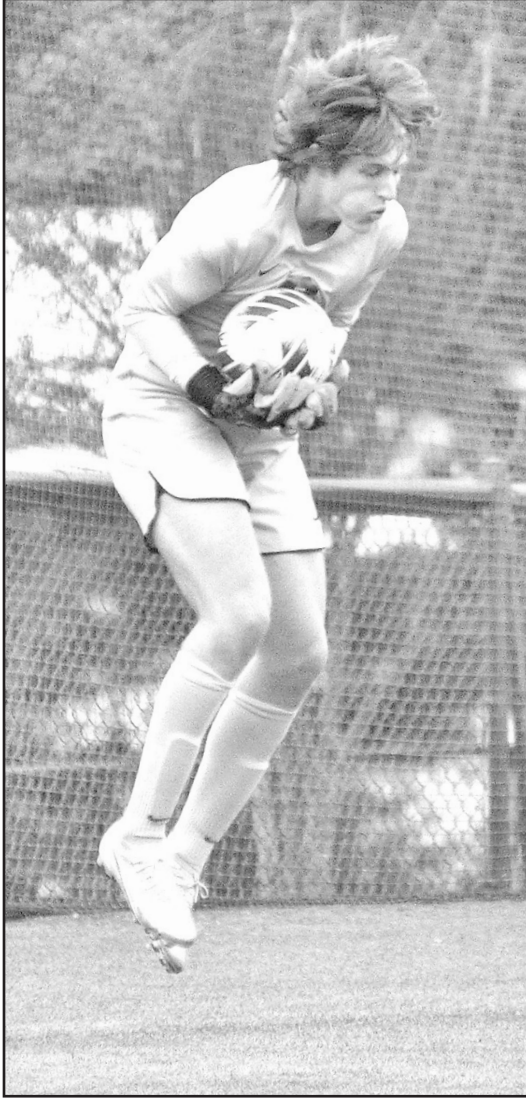


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Max Benne makes a save against Blacksburg.

The win lifted Salem to 9-2-1 on the season and both losses have been to Blacksburg. Last Friday in Salem the Bruins scored early and made it hold up for a hard-fought win. The shots on goal were about even.

"Really thought the guys settled in after giving up the early goal and played well, but we couldn't find the net," said Spartan coach David Atkins. "Max Benne had nine saves in the net and a solid performance."

The Spartans have never beaten Blacksburg and may play them twice more this year. If the Bruins and Salem are one-two in the River Ridge standings at the end of the regular season they would play for the district championship, and the two could also meet in the region.

Salem is at Christiansburg Friday, and next Tuesday they play Patrick Henry at Merrill Gainer Stadium in Roanoke. That will likely determine if Salem is in the district championship game as the Spartans tied PH the first time around and will likely need to beat them Tuesday to play Blacksburg for the championship.



PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Avery Mangus heads the ball for Salem.

SHS girls host Demons Friday

The Salem High girls soccer team will host Christiansburg Friday as they look to pick up a River Ridge District win. Salem dropped their last three RRD games in a span of three nights last week.

After losing to Cave Spring on Tuesday, April 23, the girls fell to Hidden Valley a night later, 3-2. Salem was leading 2-0 at the half on goals by Laikyn Funk but the Titans answered with three in the second half to pull out the win.

Last Friday in Blacksburg the girls fell to a strong Bruins team, 4-0. With that loss Salem fell to 6-7 overall and 4-5 in district play.

After Friday's home game with Christiansburg the girls will be back home next Tuesday to host Patrick Henry.

SHS tennis plays C'Burg Friday

The Salem High tennis teams took on Blacksburg last Friday with mixed results. The girls pulled out a 5-4 win in Blacksburg but the boys fell to the Bruins in Salem, 7-2.

The girls won just two of six singles, with Lauren Baba winning at two and Caroline Lovejoy at three. However, Salem pulled out the win by sweeping the doubles to improve to 9-2 on the season. Baba and Lovejoy won at one, Anna Spence and Elisa Nguyen won at two and Mira Makked and Josephine Eaton won a third doubles. The first and second doubles both won tie-breakers in a razor close match.

In the boys' match Drew Perez won 6-0, 6-0 at number one singles and teamed with Joren Poush to win at first doubles, 9-7 in a pro set.

"The boys finished down 2-7 to perennial power Blacksburg, the identical result as in their first encounter, but this

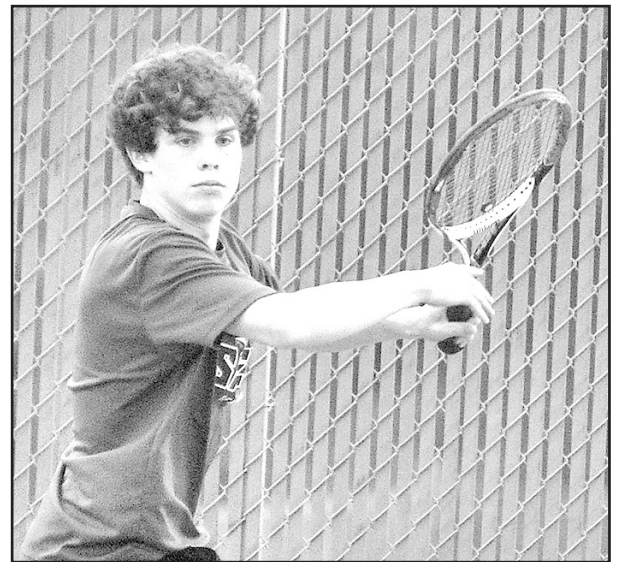


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Charlie McDonald hits a return for Salem.

was a much more closely fought match, contested at a significantly higher level," said Salem coach Steve Willinger.

Poush, Cooper Davis and Charlie McDonald started slowly, but rallied effectively as the games proceeded at numbers two, three and six. Aggressive groundstrokes brought number four Logan Butcher within reach of an upset

in one of his finest performances. Likewise, Alan Burr's balanced approach presented a formidable challenge in the fifth position.

Both Spartan teams were scheduled to play Hidden Valley on Tuesday but results were too late for publication. On Friday they take on Christiansburg with the girls at home and the boys on the road.

Three Rivers tennis is tough

The Glenvar tennis teams will have a preview of the post-season when they play matches with Radford and Floyd in the next week. In boys tennis Radford is first in the region rankings and Floyd is third, and in girls' tennis Floyd is number one and Radford is number two.

Glenvar isn't chopped liver, as both Highlander teams are also among the region's best. The boys are second ranked after beating Carroll County last week, 7-2, then getting edged by Radford, 5-4.

"We're beginning to peak at the right time and gaining confidence," said Glenvar coach Bob Haynie of the 8-5 boys' team. "The Three Rivers District is by far the toughest district I've been around."

Glenvar led 4-0 against Radford after sweeping the doubles and taking first singles with Alec McIlwain.

"Radford then had to hit a royal flush to get the win and they did with the help of a crucial injury to one of our top players, and by pulling out two extremely close matches," said Haynie. "We should see them again at least twice."

The girls won at Carroll last week, 5-4. The match was tied when the number one and three doubles teams were on the court. Natalie McMahon and Rebecca Magruder won at one and Priya Patel and Julia Carroll won at three to pull out the win. Singles winners were Jamie Forster and Rayah Kelley as the girls' improved to 7-4 on the season.

This week both teams were scheduled to play Floyd on Wednesday, with the girls at home and the boys at Floyd. Then the Floyd boys will come here Monday.

The girls are at Radford Friday and at Floyd next Tuesday, May 7.



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Around first base and headed for home

Kids run the bases, as they do after the final out of every Salem Red Sox homestand. And, if you're wondering, yes they're running the wrong way. These kids headed to third and ran clockwise around the diamond before the Sox staff could direct them.

Sox host Myrtle Beach this week

The Salem Red Sox are back home this week to play a six game series with the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. Myrtle Beach is a farm team of the Chicago Cubs, and the Pelicans opened the series with a 12-4 win over the Sox on Tuesday.

Games at Salem Memorial Ballpark are scheduled through Sunday of this week. Weekday games are scheduled for 7:05 pm with a Saturday game at 6:05 pm and a Sunday get-away game at 3:05 pm.

Salem has a 9-13 overall record after Tuesday's loss. The Sox split six games with the Carolina Mudcats in Zebulon last week. Salem dropped the first two games of the series, falling 4-2 and 4-3, before bouncing back to win the next three in a row by scores of 3-1, 3-1 and 4-2 on Saturday night.

Starter Jedixson Paez started Saturday night's game and pitched five strong innings, allowing one run on four hits while striking out five. Royman Blanco picked up the win as he pitched three scoreless innings of one-hit ball as the Sox came from 2-1 down to tie the game in the seventh and score two runs in the eighth, highlighted by an eighth inning home run by Albert Feliz.

Carolina won Sunday's game, 4-3, to earn the split. The Mudcats concluded the series with Salem with a 15-6 overall record and first place in the Carolina League's North Division.

After this week's home series against Myrtle Beach the Red Sox will be on the road for the next two weeks, with six games in Columbia followed by six in Augusta.



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Glenvar's Adam Franklin puts the tag on a Hidden Valley runner at third base in Monday's win.

Anderson pitches GHS over HV

Glenvar senior Dawson Anderson pitched a complete game shutout to lead the Highlanders to a win over Class 3 Hidden Valley in baseball Monday. Glenvar won 3-0 at Highlander Field.

Anderson allowed just two hits while striking out eight. He walked four, including a batter with two outs in the top of the seventh. Coach Jeremy Cromer gave him one more batter to finish the job.

He was at 111 pitches with the walk and he was going to come out if he didn't get the next batter," said Cromer. "But he did. He pitched a really good game."

Hidden Valley matched the Highlanders

through four and a half innings before Glenvar put three on the board in the bottom of the fifth. Jake Stanley reached on a bunt that was misplayed, putting runners on second and third, and Reed Hutchison followed with a clutch single to break up the scoreless tie. When the dust cleared the Highlanders scored three runs and that was plenty for Anderson.

With the win the Highlanders swept the season series from the Roanoke County rival Titans. Last week at Hidden Valley Glenvar took a 6-4 win as Cale Vaughan and Adam Franklin split time on the mound. Vaughan pitched the first three and two-thirds innings

and got the win and Franklin pitched three and a third for a save. The two combined to allow just three hits while fanning nine.

Vaughan was also the hitting star on this day with two hits and three runs batted in. Anderson had two hits and an RBI and Hutchison and Stanley had one RBI each in the win.

With the two game sweep the Highlanders are back over .500 at 7-6, and they were scheduled to play James River in Buchanan on Wednesday. It will be the first of four straight road games with trips to Radford Friday, Carroll County next Monday and Floyd County on Tuesday, May 7.

Salem downs HV in softball

Cora Robinson got the win on the mound and had three hits as the Salem High girls defeated Hidden Valley in softball Tuesday, 6-4, at Hidden Valley.

Robinson pitched four innings and gave up three earned runs before Cora Grace Sparger pitched the last two innings. Robinson had two runs batted in and Caitlin Wells had two hits and scored twice. Sparger, Catherine Henderson and Sarah Tennant all had hits for the Spartans as they evened their record at 9-9. Salem is 4-7 in the

River Ridge District.

Last Friday in Blacksburg the Bruins took a 14-5 win over Salem in a River Ridge game. Wells was four-for-five at the plate and Robinson had two hits. Sparger was tagged with the loss in the circle.

The Spartans were scheduled to host Amherst in a non-district game on Wednesday but results were too late for publication. On Friday Christiansburg is here and next Tuesday, May 7, Salem is at Patrick Henry.

RC is second seed in ODAC baseball

The Roanoke College baseball team enters the eight-team 2024 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Tournament as the second seed and will host seventh-seeded Virginia Wesleyan University this weekend in a best of three series.

The Maroons versus Marlins series will be held at Pulaski's Calfee Park, starting with game one Saturday at 6 pm. Game two is slated for noon Sunday and if game three is needed to decide a winner it will begin a half hour after the conclusion of game two on Sunday. The Maroons are 22-18 overall and 15-7 in the conference games.

The four teams advancing teams, reseeded if necessary depending on results, will travel to Tysons, VA for a double-elimination showdown at Capital One Park, a new state-of-the-art facility featuring a turf playing surface, full stadium amenities for players and fans alike, and a vibrant surrounding area to add to the experience. Games at Capital One Park will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, May 9-11. Each team will play once on

Thursday with three games on Friday with at least one contest on Saturday. A possible winner-take-all title game would also be played on Saturday depending on the previous results in the double-elimination format.

Randolph-Macon College (25-11 overall, 16-6 ODAC) stands atop the ODAC table with Roanoke College (22-18, 15-7) pulling off a Saturday sweep of the Yellow Jackets to take the second seed. Shenandoah University (25-13, 14-8) won the league's final regular season game on Sunday to secure the third seed.

The determination of the final opening weekend series location came down to tiebreakers. Defending champion Lynchburg (25-14, 13-9) took the No. 4 spot and Bridgewater College (25-14, 13-9) came in at No. 5.

Guilford College (20-20, 12-10) occupies sixth position, while Virginia Wesleyan University (20-17, 11-11) returns to the ODAC baseball post-season for the first time since 2019 as the seventh seed. Washington and Lee University (16-17, 10-12) caps the field as the eighth seed.

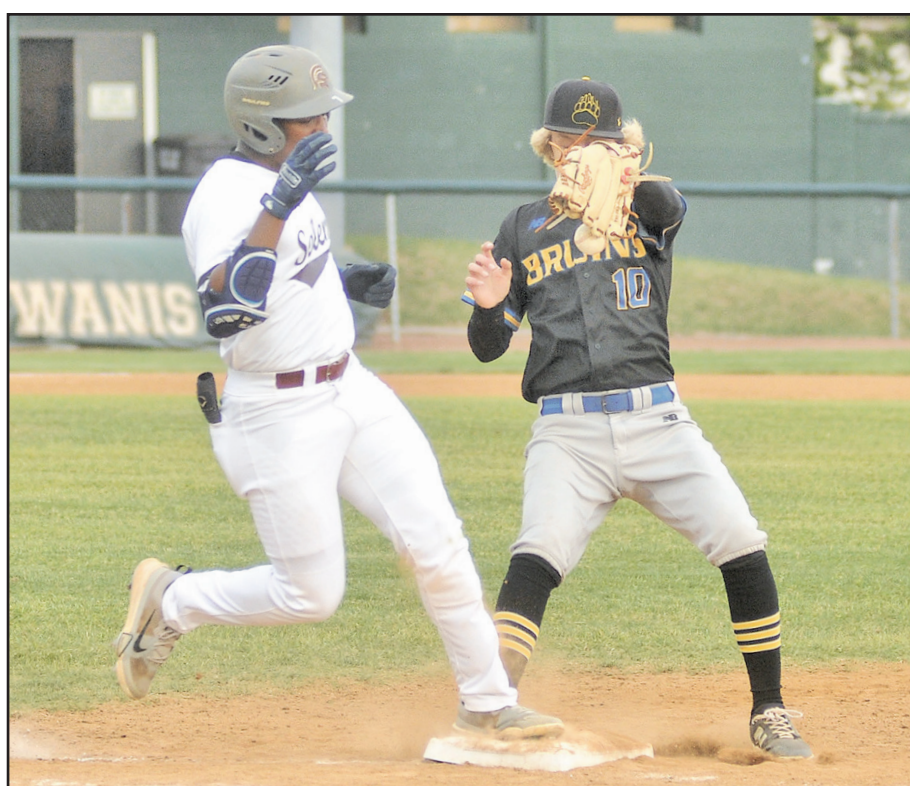


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Salem's Brayden White is safe at first as the Blacksburg pitcher can't handle the throw in Friday's game at Billy Sample Field.

Monroe shuts out Titans on two-hitter

Trace Monroe pitched a two-hit complete game shutout to lead the Salem High baseball team to a 2-0 win over Hidden Valley at Billy Sample Field Tuesday. The Spartans are back home today to host Roanoke Catholic in a non-district game.

Monroe struck out 13 and walked just one in Tuesday's win as Salem improved to 11-4 on the season. Salem scored the only run they would need in the first inning when Carter Black led off with a single and scored on a ground out by Mason Hale. The Spartans added a second run in the third inning when Wilson Rakes got a hit and scored on Thomas Millard's ground ball. Salem had six hits in the win.

The Spartans split games on back-to-back nights last week. On Thursday at Maher Field in Roanoke they roughed up Roanoke Catholic, 17-1. Mark Debord picked up the win on the mound with five two-hit innings while Evan Fletcher was four-for-four at bat. Millard had three hits and three runs batted in and Brayden White had two hits and two RBIs.

On Friday at Kiwanis Park the Spartans lost to Blacksburg, 14-4. The Bruins had 12 hits in five innings to win by mercy rule. The Bruins belted two home runs in the game.

Salem trailed 5-1 into the bottom of the third and mounted somewhat of a comeback. Monroe doubled and a single by Caleb Furmage made the score 5-3, but Blacksburg scored four runs in the top of the fourth and never looked back.

The Spartans are now 4-4 in the district and they're at Christiansburg for a River River game Friday. After this week's action they'll host Lord Botetourt in a non-district game on Monday, then travel to Roanoke Tuesday for an RRD game at Patrick Henry.

Glenvar softball splits with HV

The Glenvar girls split two close softball games with Hidden Valley in the span of six days. Glenvar won 3-2 at home last Wednesday then lost 4-1 at Hidden Valley on Monday.

Last week at Glenvar the Highlanders got on the board in the first inning when Amelia Gierke and Abby Teubert both singled. Claire Spence then singled to score them both.

Hidden Valley scored two runs in the third inning off GHS pitcher Hannah Street to even the score, but the Highlanders went back in front with a sixth inning rally. Chloe Maxey reached base on a fielding error and Audrey Moles ran for her and scored on a single by Hayden Hartz. Street then struck out the first two batters and coerced a pop up for the third out to end the game. Hannah went the distance on the mound only allowing four hits and striking out seven.

On Monday of this week the Highlanders returned the trip to Hidden Valley and the Titans evened the score. Glenvar held a 1-0 lead going into the bottom of the fifth inning, on an RBI double by Street in the first, but Hidden Valley scored four runs on five hits with two outs in the fifth to take the lead.

The Highlanders were plagued by LOBs in the loss, leaving two on in the fourth and leaving three runners on base in the fifth and sixth innings. Glenvar was held

to four hits, two by Gierke and one each by Claire Spence and Street. Abby Teubert went the distance on the mound and had six strikeouts.

With the split the Highlanders are 8-7 on the season and they were scheduled to play at James River in a Three Rivers District game on Wednesday. The Highlanders are at Radford Friday.



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Haley Leginus makes the catch at first.

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Left, Glenvar's Kian Fisher tracks down a loose ball in front of the Magna Vista goal after a long throw in by Cooper Mullins. Center, Kian goes to the turf to kick the ball into the cage for the first goal of the night in Glenvar's 5-0 win. Right, he poses for a photographer to celebrate the score.

Highlanders shut out Magna Vista to stay undefeated at 11-0

The Glenvar soccer boys expected Magna Vista to give them their toughest challenge to date last week but the Highlanders came up big. Glenvar took a 5-0 win over the Warriors at Highlander Stadium to remain undefeated at 11-0.

Glenvar jumped on top early when Kian Fisher knocked home a long Cooper Mullins throw-in. Mullins then connected with Bryce King on the next goal midway through the first half off another long throw to give the Highlanders a 2-0 lead at halftime.

Tyler Curfiss made it 3-0 five minutes into the second half as Mullins was credited with the assist again. Then, nine minutes later, Mullins would

head a King corner kick in to make it 4-0, and Fisher then found the back of the net again off a Mullins assist eight minutes later to close out the scoring. Grayson Shepherd recorded his eighth shutout in the net with seven saves.

"I thought we played a really solid game from start to finish," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "Grayson made some good saves in the net for us and we tracked really well defensively as a team, which limited their options. We also executed our set pieces well to help us earn the victory."

The loss was just the second of the season for Class 3 Magna Vista, who fell to 8-2-1. The Highlanders, who won the 2023 Class 2 champion-

ship, haven't lost a game in over a year. Their last loss was a 2-1 defeat to Salem on April 7, 2023. The Highlanders beat Salem in the second meeting of the 2023 season and the Spartans opted out of the rivalry shortly thereafter.

Glenvar was scheduled to put their unbeaten record on the line Wednesday with a home game against James River. It will be the first of three home games with Radford due in Friday and Carroll County next Tuesday for the last home game of the regular season. That will be "Senior Night," and it certainly won't be the last home game of the spring as the Highlanders are certain to host some games in the post-season.



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Salem's Jackson Winger(#13) had five goals against Franklin County. Here he goes to the crease in Salem's win over E.C. Glass.

Spartan lacrosse team unbeaten at 9-0

The Salem boys' lacrosse team continued to dominate the competition with another convincing win last week. The Spartans improved to 9-0 on the season with a 23-3 win over Franklin County at Salem High last Wednesday.

Salem had 10 different players score goals, including five by Jackson Winger. Jackson Jones, Holden Custer, Dakotah Hawkins and Ty Hicklin had three each and Jones and Custer also had two assists. Kaiden Garst had two goals and two assists and scoring once each were Andrew Crumpacker, Oliver Farver, Wade Marble and Tucker Preas. Crumpacker also had two assists.

The Spartans will put their undefeated record on the line tonight when they play host to Hidden Valley. It will be the second game of a doubleheader with the girls, scheduled to face off at approximately 7:15 pm.

Next Monday the Spartans are at Jefferson Forest, and on May 8 Patrick Henry is here as the schedule picks up.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar's Annie George(#14) holds off an Auburn defender in Monday's win at Highlander Stadium.

Stanley's hat trick lifts Glenvar girls to 10-0

The Glenvar girls' soccer team got a scare from Auburn on Monday but finished strong to remain undefeated. Glenvar won 5-2 at Highlander Stadium.

The Highlanders had a 3-0 lead at the half before Auburn scored two quick goals midway through the second half to cut the lead to 3-2. However, Jules Stanley found the net for some insurance, then scored on a penalty kick after she was fouled in the box to put some icing on the cake.

"It was a big battle for us and I'm very proud of our girls and the way they handled themselves," said Glenvar coach Kyleigh Drew. "They could have folded when Auburn came out strong but they didn't give up. It was a good team win to start off the week."

Stanley finished with a three-goal hat trick. She scored the second goal of the game off an assist from Davin Tate, then had the two goals in the second half. Annie George had the first goal of the game, scoring just two minutes in off a corner kick from Tate. Campbell Hardin converted a penalty kick to put Glenvar up 3-0 at the half in what was a very physical game.

With the win the Highlanders improved to 10-0 overall. The Highlanders were scheduled to play at James River on Wednesday and Friday they go to Radford.



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Salem High athletes are college bound

Salem High School recognized Spartan seniors who have chosen to continue their education and play sports in college upon graduation during an assembly on April 17. Those who participated, along with sport and college, included, front row left to right; Zack Easter(Swimming, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology), Jayveon Jones(Football-Christopher Newport University), Eliza Fleenor(Swimming-University of Lynchburg), Myah Sowder(Cheerleading-Roanoke College) and Sofia Yanez-Yelazquez(Soccer-Hollins University). Standing in the back, left to right, are Chris Martin(Football-Georgetown University), Josiah Moyer(Football-Christopher Newport University), Ruimel Nugent(Track-Roanoke College), Khamari Garner(Football-Roanoke College), Dakota Hawkins(Lacrosse-Emory & Henry College) and Jaelyn Allen(Football-Virginia Tech).