

VESTED PARTNERS
A MULTI-FAMILY OFFICE



LEGAL
FINANCIAL
FIDUCIARY
INSURANCE

Robyn Smith Ellis, Attorney
www.vestedmfo.com
540.389.6060

SALEM TIMES-REGISTER

Thursday, May 23, 2024 • (USPS 631-140) • \$1.00

VESTED PARTNERS
A MULTI-FAMILY OFFICE



LEGAL
FINANCIAL
FIDUCIARY
INSURANCE

David Ellis, CFP®, AIF®
www.vestedmfo.com
540.389.6060

OurValley.org

Wallace runs for second term to 'create Stronger Salem'

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Incumbent Salem City Council member Jim Wallace is running for a second term that he says is sole in his mission to create a Stronger Salem. He is running as a Republican, after running as an independent his first term.

The three goals in his 2020 campaign were to improve the city's economic development, improve schools, and provide more transparency in government.

As part of his re-election campaign, Wallace said he is offering a report card that shows how things have changed in the last four years during his time on the council.

On that report card, he said, were economic developments that started with the hiring of Director of Economic Development Tommy Miller. Major accomplishments were:

- Valleydale redevelopment project, a \$50 million investment in the city that will provide 300 apartment units;
- \$6.8 million expansion of Layman Distribution that created 40 jobs and kept the company in Salem;
- STS committed to a \$32 million investment that will create 119 jobs in part of the old GE Building;
- Wabtec chose Salem for a \$2.7 million expansion and 38 new jobs, and
- Cleaning up the corner of Rt. 419

and Main Street with a \$9 million investment for high-end storage.

"Economic development is crucial for Salem and its citizens as it helps foster growth, create jobs, and improve overall quality of life," Wallace said.

"By attracting new businesses and industries, economic development injects fresh opportunities into the community, providing residents with more employment options and potentially higher incomes. This, in turn, can lead to increased spending within the community, boosting local businesses and supporting a vibrant economy," Wallace said.

For these reasons, Economic

See **Wallace**, page 6



COURTESY PHOTO



Donnie Richmond, left and organizer Fred Eichelman catch up on old times at the festival.



Rebecca Holden, actress, right, poses with fan Shannon Abell.

PHOTOS BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Happy Trails Film & Festival goes off without a hitch

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

It all started with a Science Fiction Convention called Roanoke Valley Conventions for Fantasy and Science Fiction. It was started by organizer Carol Webster's father, Fred Eichelman, his wife and a few other people. Over the years it has evolved into the Happy Trails Film & Festival. "They felt like they were called to do something more faith based," said Webster of the first few festivals. Then in 2005 or so they became involved with a Western festival in Winston-Salem. Over

the years, relationships with stars developed and when the Western festival folded, there was a void left to fill.

This year's festival featured panels, workshops, movie screenings and autographs from stars.

"The first thing they did was to bring back celebrities from 25-30 years of working with them," said Webster. It was more of a reunion and it was at the Holiday Inn. Many people asked for a convention back in Roanoke and that's when Eichelman and Webster and many celebrities and volunteers started

the Happy Trails Film Festival. "He (Eichelman) collected autographs and was a teacher, he would play movies in the classroom and ask those actors to write letters to the students, or sometimes they would do phone calls," Webster added. That was back in the 70s way before the Happy Trails convention. It has been through the meeting of stars at other festivals and conventions and word of mouth that brings the stars to Happy Trails year after year.

The festival's Happy Trails name

See **Festival**, page 5

Terrill named to Roanoke College Board of Trustees

After two years of leadership as co-chair of the Roanoke College Parent Leadership Council, Nicole (Brewer) Terrill has been named a voting member of the Roanoke College Board of Trustees, according to an announcement last week from the college.

Terrill holds a B.A. in

English and sociology from Roanoke College (Class of 1995) and a master of public health from Columbia University's Mailman School. She has a working background in health care administration,

See **Terrill**, page 5



COURTESY PHOTO

Terrill

Military and Career Signing ceremony held

Salem High School held its annual Military and Career Signing ceremony last Friday afternoon in the school auditorium. Five seniors are headed to military service to serve their country in the Marines and Army while 10 others have earned full-time employment with area businesses or are heading to trade schools and other educational outlets to earn professional credentials.

The students include:
Autozone: Malachi Nelms
Dollar Tree: Manny Bonet, Isaac Presson
LewisGale Medical Center: Macie Parsons
Mersen: Madelyn

Graboyes
Salem Civic Center: Bryson Williams
The United States Marines: Ronaold Martinez-Delcid, Emma Powell, Gabe Roberts, Nathaniel Smith
The United States Army: Kimberly Benitez-Soto
Universal Technical Institute: Anthony Zuniga-Gomez
NASCAR Technical Institute: Connor Clinevell, Brooklyn Finley
University of Northern Ohio: Andrew Cox

-The Salem Times-Register

Salem School Board recognizes employees, students



Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez, left, John Wright, Isaac Presson and Nancy Bradley.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The school board unanimously approved Resolution 265 at its May meeting to officially honor the first Virginia High School League Debate State Championship team in Salem High School history.

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

First up on the agenda for the Salem City School Board at its Tuesday, May 14 meeting was the recognition of Employee Appreciation Week. Teacher Appreciation Week, established by the National Congress of Parent Teacher Associations in

1984, was celebrated May 6-10. Teachers are central to the school division's core mission of teaching and learning, and the school board said that it deeply values their contributions.

Though teachers are an integral part of the educational system, the board believes that every employee plays a vital role in educating

Salem's young people and deserves recognition for their efforts.

In celebration and in conjunction with Employee Appreciation Week, the school board continued its tradition of showing gratitude by gifting employees a choice of a padfolio, utility tote, or clear stadium

See **School Board**, page 3



COURTESY PHOTO

2024 signees

Relationship Banking
Business Lending
Merchant Services
Treasury Management



Bank of Botetourt

www.BankofBotetourt.com 540.591.5000

Member FDIC



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.

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.

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, June 3: 7-9 p.m. - Eastern Divide. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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.

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, July 8: 7 p.m. Virginia-Carolina Band. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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.

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, Aug. 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.

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, Sept. 9: 7-9 p.m. - The Guard. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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.

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, Oct. 7: 7-9 p.m. - Franklin Station. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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, Nov. 4: 7-9 p.m. - Luv Buzzards. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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, Dec. 2: 7-9 p.m. - The Bluegrass Brothers. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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

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

The School Board will meet on Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

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

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

The School Board will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

In honor of Memorial Day, the Salem Museum wants to highlight an important and interesting item from World War II in their collection.

An iconic part of United States military history is the M1 helmet, one of the most successful attempts by the U.S. at making an original combat helmet.

The M1 was introduced for use in World War II. It covered more of a soldier's head and provided more protection than World War I's M1917, a British designed helmet. The M1 was the first helmet to use two pieces—the iconic outer steel shell and an inner lighter-weight liner. They were approved for combat in 1941, and were used for many conflicts

until 1985.

You can see this helmet on display this weekend as part of the Salem Museum's Hands-On History display. For May and June items are from D-Day and World War II.

Join the Salem Museum for "Remembering D-Day" on June 8 from 10am-4pm. To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, the 24th Virginia Infantry Living Historians will be on hand in uniform with an extensive collection of objects from D-Day and WWII.

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



U.S. World War II M1 helmet

COURTESY PHOTO

FROM THE ARCHIVES

MOUNT REGIS SANATORIUM ONE OF LEADERS IN MEDICAL FIELD OF VIRGINIA; FOUNDED IN 1914

Dr. Everett E. Watson Established the Institution on Mt. Regis Hill - Most Modern of Sanitary Treatment In Use

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

Mount Regis Sanatorium, a private institution for the treatment of pulmonary diseases was established near Salem by Dr. Everett E. Watson in May, 1914, and since that time has risen to a position of high rank in the country. It is situated on the summit of Mount Regis Hill, fifteen hundred feet above sea level, and enjoys a charm of unsurpassed scenic beauty.

On the summit of the hill all of the surrounding territory may be seen from the porches of the Sanatorium, which is sufficiently far removed from the town to be free from noise, and yet close enough to afford a panoramic view of greatest quality. Toward the east can be seen the Peaks of Otter, McAfee's Knob, Mill Mountain, all of the other well-known peaks of the Blue Ridge, Twelve O'Clock Knob, the huge Diamond Orchard tract and many others.

In a publication issued by the Sanatorium in connection with pointing out to newcomers the fine climate of the county, since twenty-four hours per day in the open air essential to the cure of tuberculosis, states the following:

Healthiest In U.S.

"Roanoke County, of which Salem is the county seat, holds, from a health and climatic standpoint a position that is unique. According to records of the United States Public Health Service, it is one of the two most healthful counties in the entire

United States. It is also one of the best sanitated counties in the nation and stands first in permanent sanitation. Virginia is so rich in tradition and boasts so much of historic interest that even Virginians often fail to appreciate its climatic advantages. To quote from an article published December 17, 1926, and written by T. F. Suthers: "A few years ago someone asked the Literary Digest this question: What section of the United States has the most desirable all-year-around climate? The Digest replied: From the best authorities on the subject of weather conditions it is a section of Virginia at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the vicinity of the City of Roanoke."

There are many private cottages each named after a physician such as Holmes, Carter, Simmons, and Taliaferro, well-known for their outstanding work on the conquest of disease.

Main Building

On the first floor of the attractive main building are the reception and assembly rooms, the physicians' offices, examination and throat-treatment room, bacteriological and X-Ray laboratories, business office and two emergency rooms. Adjoining these are the dining room, kitchen, cold storage and sterilizing room for dishes. Over the dining-hall and apart from the main building is the nurses home. The second and third floors of the main building are occupied by patients.

The Sanatorium is equipped with every modern convenience.

The X-Ray laboratory which is equipped for fluoroscopic and stereoscopic work is in the hands of a competent operator. Other equipment consists of sterilizers of the latest design, running ice water on every floor, and the latest of cold storage equipment.

The institution has an abundant supply of pure freestone water piped from a mountain spring located at the base of Twelve O'Clock Knob. To insure its purity the water is examined bacteriologically at regular intervals.

The main building of the Sanatorium is insulated and no trouble or expense is spared in the effort to make the culinary department efficient and attractive. The limited number of patients makes it possible to cater to individual tastes in the preparation and serving of food. Every dish is thoroughly sterilized in a modern electric sterilizer.

In the private cottages which are available for those preferring this type of accommodation there is a living room, dressing room, bath, sleeping porch and bedside long-distance telephone.

Dr. Watson lives on the Sanatorium grounds and is available day and night. Graduate nurses are employed and each department head has been at Mount Regis for many years.

THE TIMES-REGISTER

MOUNT REGIS SANATORIUM ONE OF LEADERS IN MEDICAL FIELD OF VIRGINIA; FOUNDED IN 1914

PROMINENT



F. C. Wiley

F. C. Wiley Long Power In Life Of County Section

Frank Cameron Wiley, the possessor of Salem's famous "25" combination has been a power in the upbuilding of Roanoke County and surrounding territory for many years. Mr. Wiley was born in Blacksburg, but came to Salem to live early in life. He was educated in the Salem graded school and at V. P. I. Later he married Miss Annie Langhorne, well

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

This weekend is the Memorial Day holiday or as most of us think, the start of summer. Pools will be open, and summer sales will be happening. But Memorial Day is much more than that. Of the two holidays that celebrate our military, Memorial Day honors America's military men and women who lost their lives in service to their country. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971 to honor those who served and died while serving in the U.S. military. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes and by flying the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon. Memorial Day is a day of National mourning so don't wish anyone a "Happy Memorial Day." Instead say "I hope your Memorial Day is meaningful and you enjoy your weekend."

The National Moment of Remembrance Act became law in December 2000. What is the National Moment of Remembrance? The moment was created so Americans would pause their day-off festivities and solemnly remember why they are not at work or school. No matter where they are, Americans at 3 p.m. are to stop for one minute to reflect on the sacrifices that U.S. military members have made. The time, 3 p.m., was chosen because "it is a time of day when most Americans are likely making the most of the freedoms we enjoy," according to the White House website. Sixty seconds is a small amount of time out of a 3-day holiday weekend compared to what we have asked of our service members. Memorial Day weekend is a time for us to reflect on all of those who gave everything with such an unselfish heart. I am so thankful for them & their families who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This week's recipe is for a patriotic fruit dessert that is easy to make and a hit at most potlucks. They may not be the healthiest kind of salad, but creamy fruit salads are one of my favorite side dishes to make.



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

Red, white and blue cheesecake salad

Ingredients:

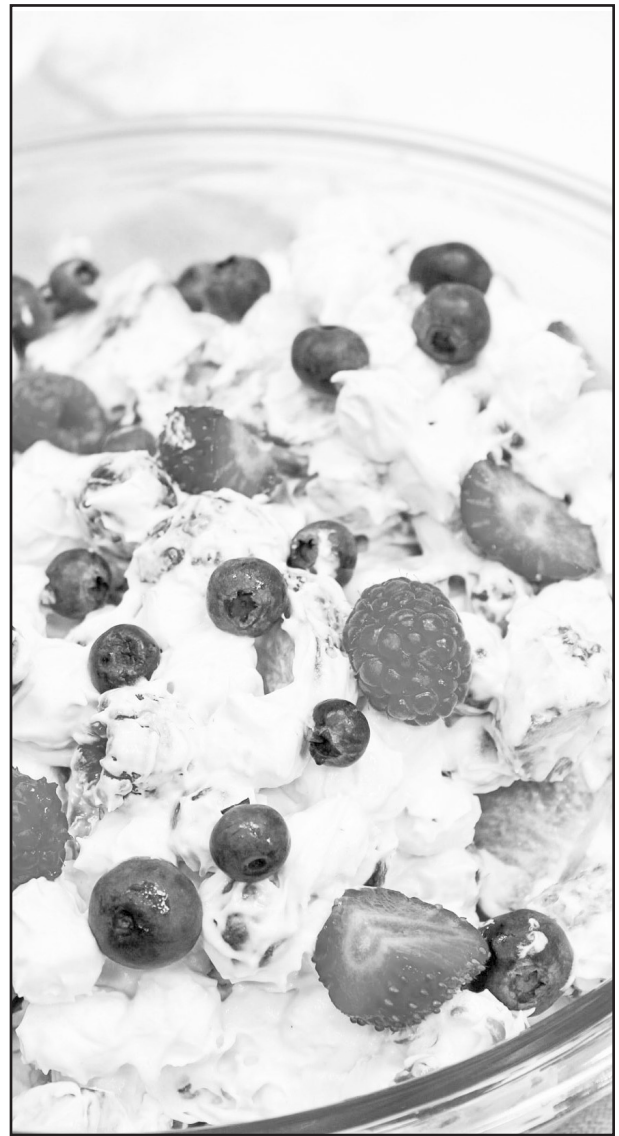
- 8 ounces whipped topping thawed
- 1 small package cheesecake pudding powder (3.4 ounces)
- 2 cups vanilla yogurt (about 3 6-ounce yogurt containers)
- 16 ounces sliced strawberries
- 1 ½ cup fresh blueberries
- 2 cups mini marshmallows

Instructions:

In a large bowl mix together the yogurt and pudding powder. Fold in the whipped topping. Cover and refrigerate to allow it to set up for about an hour. Add the sliced strawberries, blueberries, and marshmallows right before serving. Keep refrigerated.

Recipe tips:

You can add so many different delicious things to red, white, and blue cheesecake salad. Add More Fruit: Add fresh raspberries, cherries, or blackberries! Add More Texture: Add in slivered almonds, shredded coconut, or acini de pepe. (This will make it taste like frog eye salad but that is another article!) Cheesecake Pudding Substitute: If you cannot find it or just do not have it on hand, swap out the whipped topping and pudding powder for 8 ounces of cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, and 2 cups heavy whipping cream all whipped together. If you have leftovers of your red, white, and blue cheesecake salad, cover bowl tightly with plastic wrap or transfer to an airtight container. It will stay good for 3-4 days. If you are planning to make this salad ahead of time, I recommend storing your pudding mixture and fruit separately until ready to serve.



COURTESY PHOTO

School Board

from page 1



"Delphi" students with school board members Stacey Danstrom and Rachel Thompson and sponsor Fred Campbell.



COURTESY PHOTOS

SkillsUSA winners with their Salem High School Principal Kelly Linkenhoker and school board members Andy Raines, Nancy Bradley and Rachel Thompson.

bag, each featuring the division's logo. These gifts were distributed to all employees who requested one during the week of May 6-10 to honor their service.

Secondly, the board recognized Isaac Presson for his outstanding achievement in winning the overall Top Jazz Soloist at the Music in the Parks competition.

The Pride of Salem marching band traveled to Williamsburg recently, to participate in the Busch Gardens Music in the Parks competition, joining 22 schools from South Carolina to New Jersey. The jazz band competed on a Friday night at Bruton High School, performing three jazz pieces, each featuring an improv section where students improvised their solos. Among all the jazz bands, Isaac Presson was recognized as the Top Jazz Soloist for the weekend and received a medal during the award ceremony. Additionally, Presson was honored with the Louis Armstrong Award at Salem High School for his exceptional talent as a jazz musician.

Recognitions also went to SkillsUSA winners. Students from Salem High School participated in various local and regional events to qualify for the state SkillsUSA conference, where they competed against peers from other schools in a range of skills. SkillsUSA features a diverse array of competitions, including fantasy make-up, drones, and crime scene investigation, beyond the traditional areas of cars and welding. The students invested many hours perfecting their skills, and 22 of them earned the opportunity to compete at the state level.

Four students from Salem High School stood out with remarkable achievements resulting in gold medals: Connor

Clinevell won in principles of engineering and technology, Sam Clause in poster design, Clara Gunter in essay writing, and Laylah Gerrol in customer service. Each of these students secured first place in their respective categories, earning the prestigious Gold Medal. Furthermore, Connor and Laylah have qualified to compete in the National SkillsUSA competition in Atlanta, June 24-28.

The board also celebrated the achievements of students and staff featured in the magazine, "Delphi."

On March 15, 2024, Salem High School's renowned literary art magazine, "Delphi," was honored with a Silver Crown Award for the 2023 issue by the prestigious Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University in New York City. This marks the fifth CSPA crown award for "Delphi" and the first under the leadership of its editor, Anne Hayden Hall.

The theme of the 2023 "Delphi" issue is "Enjambment," with a cover designed by student Maisie Page. The cover was recognized as the best in the commonwealth by the Virginia High School League and received high praise from the CSPA judges.

Additionally, Anne

Hayden Hall and Lei Chan received national recognition from CSPA for their contributions to the 2023 "Delphi." Anne Hayden earned a second-place Gold Circle Award for her interview with poet and Salem High School alumna Allie Hoback, while Lei Chan received a Gold Circle Certificate of Merit for her portfolio of photographs featured in the magazine.

Lastly, the board approved a resolution honoring the Salem High School Debate team:

**R E S O L U T I O N
NUMBER 265**

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SALEM HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

WHEREAS, teaching and learning form the foundation of a school's endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Mark Ingerson successfully expanded the school's Forensics Dynasty into the arena of Debate and captured the school's first State Debate Title on April 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the team's 21-13 victory over Rock Ridge High School during Class 4 competition at James Madison University was fueled by junior Claire Rawlins and senior Kaylee Christley; and

WHEREAS, the powerful

duo went undefeated and captured the Policy Debate title during five rounds of the near 90 minute competition; and

WHEREAS, Rawlins and Christley compiled a record of 10 wins and only 1 loss in VHSL competition while winning the Region, Super Region, and State championships; and

WHEREAS, Rawlins is now the first student in Salem history to win both a Forensics event title and a Debate event title in the same academic year; and

WHEREAS, seniors Lebron Parsell and Hannah Gordon placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in Lincoln-Douglas debate; and

WHEREAS, junior Rebekah Steinweg contributed to the win with a 3rd place finish in Congressional Debate; and

WHEREAS, sophomore Luke Stovall and senior Lance Toapanta placed 3rd in Policy Debate; and

WHEREAS, junior Charlie Bain and freshman Dylan Hancock also competed in Congress Debate at the state championships in Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, Alex Wong served as the Debate Team's Assistant Coach helping the students throughout the year with

speaking, argumentation, and writing skills; and

WHEREAS, junior Kaelyn Henzey provided support to the team throughout the season in her role as team manager; and

WHEREAS, the Salem High School Debate Team brought recognition, honor, and pride to Salem High School and the City of Salem; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem School Board believes that strong extracurricular activities are an integral part of its educational program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem School Board

believes this team represents the school division's most essential functions of teaching and learning;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Salem School Board hereby expresses its congratulations and appreciation to Mark Ingerson and the members of the Salem High School Debate Team for their accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the coach and each team member and that a copy be placed on display at Salem High School.

All Positions Available, SALE REP, ACCOUNTANT and MANY MORE

- Bookkeeper • Cashier • Payroll
- Customer Service
- Account Coordinator
- Finance • Business • Marketing
- Admissions Representative
- Office Clerk • Help Desk Assistant

As part of our expansion program, our company is looking for part time Work from home Account Manager and sales representatives, it pays \$1700 monthly plus benefits and takes only little of your time. Please contact us for more details. Requirements - Should be computer literate. 2-3 hours access to the internet weekly. Must be over 24yrs of age. Must be Efficient and Dedicated. If you are interested and need more information, contact: Kenneth.bbraun.com@outlook.com for more details.

Locally Owned & Operated
Serving Families in the Roanoke Valley since 1866



- Traditional Funerals
- On Site Crematory
- Pre-Planning
- Aftercare Services
- Compassionate Personalized Care

JOHN M. SINCE 1866
Moakey & SON
Funeral Home & Crematory

305 Roanoke Blvd., Salem • 540-389-5441 • www.johnmoakey.com

OPINION

Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge celebrates National Travel and Tourism Week

Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge is celebrating National Travel and Tourism Week (May 19 – 25) this week. Each year, visitors bring millions of dollars to Roanoke and the surrounding area. Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge works hard behind the scenes every day to attract those visitors by promoting the region.

Tourism is back and making a bigger impact than ever before. Data shared by Virginia Tourism Corporation showed that visitors to Virginia's Blue Ridge were responsible for generating over \$1.2 billion in 2022 – finally topping 2019's pre-pandemic numbers. Visit VBR's five localities also collected record-breaking lodging taxes of over \$10 million during the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The destination marketing organization (representing the Cities of Roanoke and Salem and the Counties of Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke) is building on the success of a 2023 spring marketing campaign in DC/Northern Virginia (a top visitation market) with a similar campaign in the same area this

spring. Last year's marketing campaign saw an 69% YOY increase in traffic to Visit VBR's website from users in the DC-area. Visitation from the DC area grew by 7% and visitors spent 20% more per day in the Roanoke region (compared to 2022).

Last year's campaign and this year's feature DC metro station advertising takeovers, digital advertising, wrapped buses and in-person activations. Wrapped cars with VBR messaging and imagery are being placed at strategic events around DC/Northern Virginia as a new strategy for the 2024 campaign. The cars have "swarmed" events including the DC Cherry Blossom Festival, Alexandria Dog Walk, and on May 21, a Washington Nationals game.

Visit VBR is sending a team to D.C. on Tuesday, May 21 to host travel media and meeting planners at the Nationals game. The team will promote metro mountain appeal of Virginia's Blue Ridge in addition to its easy accessibility. Travel articles in major publications such as Southern Living, AAA, and major



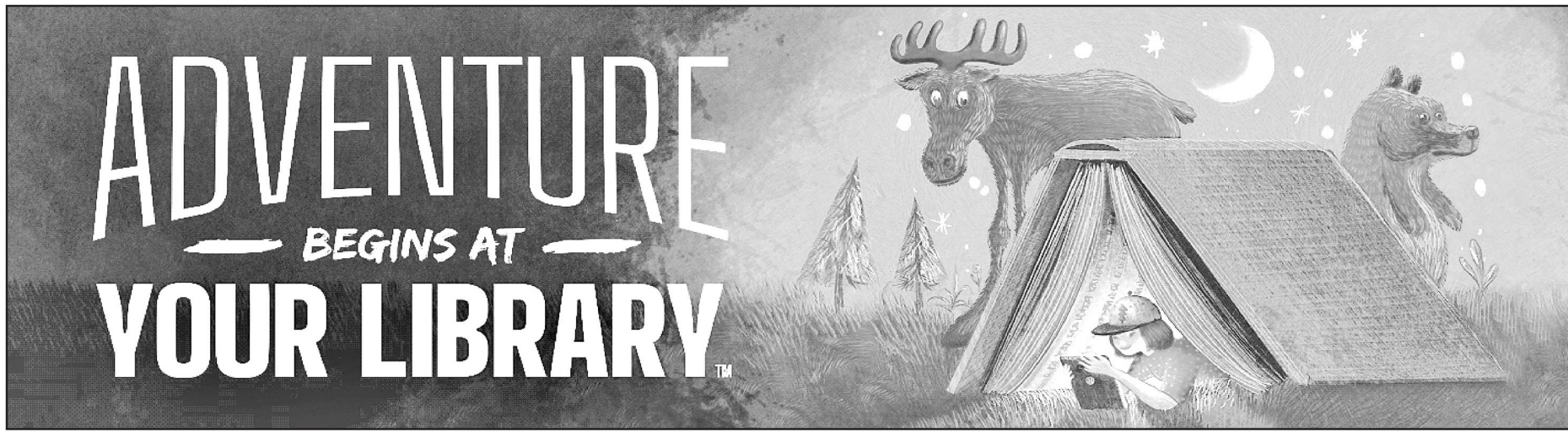
COURTESY IMAGE

broadcast stations play a big role in spreading the word about the region to potential visitors. Conventions and other large events also play a significant role in generating economic impact from visitation.

-Kathryn Lucas

Director of public relations at Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge

Adventure Begins at Your Library with the Summer Reading Program at the Salem Public Library



This summer unlock a world of adventure with the Salem Public Library's 2024 summer reading program, "Adventure Begins at Your Library!" for ages birth to 5th grade, and "Summer Adventure Begins at Your Library!" for 6th grade to 12th Grade.

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

Information about summer programs for children and teens at the library are/will be available on the library website under the "calendars" link: www.salemlibrary.info, on our social media accounts, and on a brochure at the library for the month of June that will be available to pick up June 1.

What is Beanstack?

Beanstack is the online tool Salem Public Library, and many other libraries use to present and track reading challenges. It is an easy way to keep track of the books you read. Create a Beanstack account for yourself or your whole family, and you will be able to register for any seasonal library reading program for your age category. Go to our website: www.salemlibrary.info and click on the "Youth Services" link to find the link to sign up for a Beanstack account. A family account makes it easier to keep track of younger family members' reading. Adults, stay tuned for your reading challenges that occur other times of the year.

SALEM TIMES-REGISTER

A newspaper of, by and for the people of the City of Salem and Roanoke County.

USPS 631-140
(540) 389-9355

1633 West Main Street

www.ourvalley.org

Michael Showell, Publisher

Aila Boyd, Executive Editor, aboyn@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Brian Hoffman, Sports Editor, bhoffman@ourvalley.org

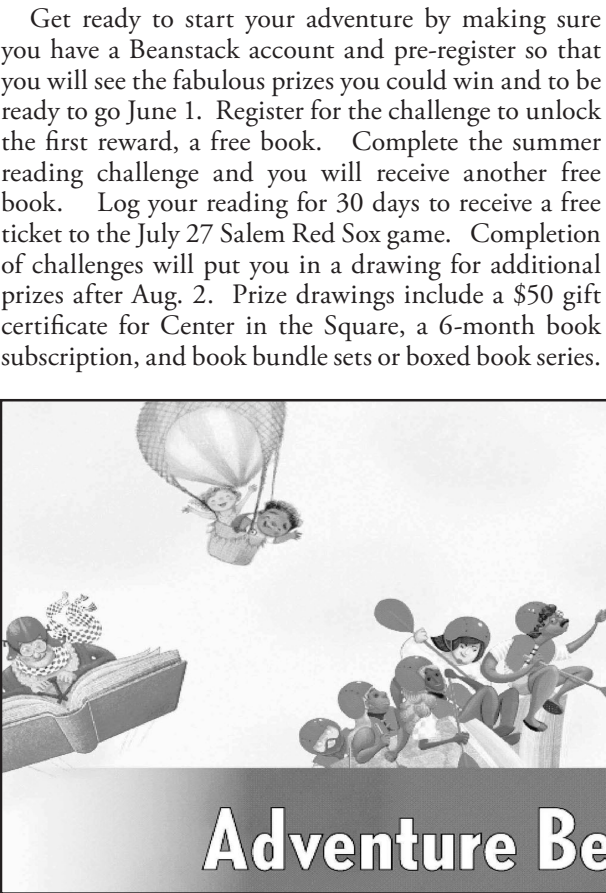
Wendi Craig, Advertising Consultant, advertise@ourvalley.org

Debbie Nixon, Graphic Designer, dnixon@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Give us your view: aboyn@mainstreetnewspapers.com

The Times-Register encourages letters from our readers on topics of general interest to the community and responses to our articles and columns. Letters must be signed and have a telephone number where you can be reached to be considered for publication. All letters will be verified before publication. The Times-Register reserves the right to deny publication of any letter and edit letters for length, content and style.

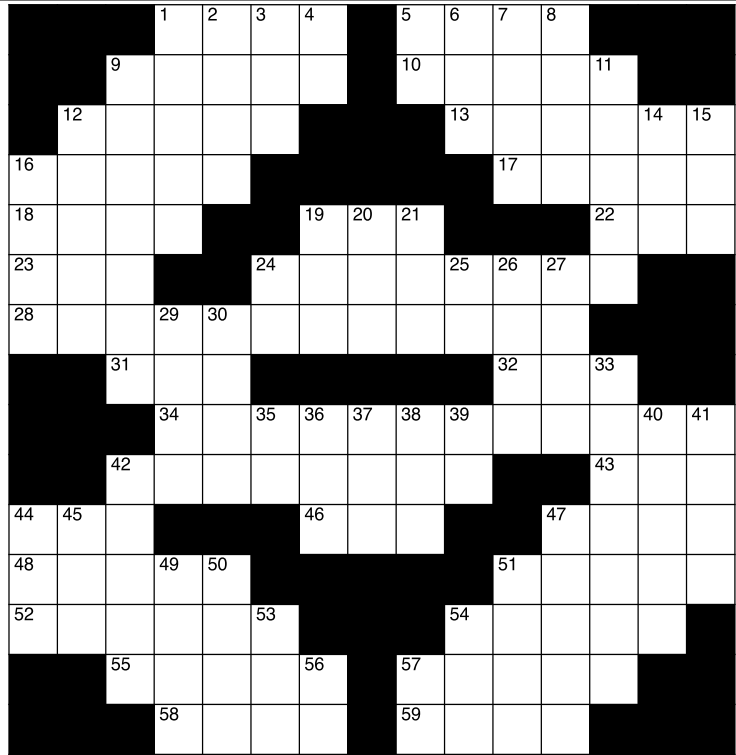
The Times-Register (USPS 631-140) is published weekly for \$46 a year in Salem and Roanoke County, \$50 in adjoining counties and \$54 out of state by Virginia Media Inc., P.O. Box 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Periodical postage paid at Salem, VA. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE SALEM TIMES-REGISTER, P.O. Box 1125, Salem, VA 24153



Adventure Begins at Your Library

COURTESY IMAGES

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 007 Connelly
- Presides over meetings (abbr.)
- Trefoil
- Father of Paris
- Asian nut for chewing
- Machine gun from the air
- The communion table
- His razor
- Father
- Doctor of philosophy
- Cologne
- Black tropical Am. cuckoo
- Diversifies
- Razor author 14th C
- Maple sugar fluid
- A corp.'s first stock offer to the public
- The premier bike race

- References
- Extremely high frequency
- Actress Farrow
- Not good
- State of annoyance
- S. China seaport
- Bengal quince
- Provide the means
- A large and imposing house
- Excessively fat
- Spars
- Former wives
- Repeat
- Podetiums
- Frankenberg river
- Feel ill
- 12th state
- "Anything Goes"

- author's initials
- Daily time units (abbr.)
- Cagiva ___: motorcycle
- Drug agent (slang)
- Study of poetic meter
- Ceremonial staffs
- Russian pancake served with caviar
- Supervises flying
- Large Australian flightless bird
- As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- Before
- Hall of Fame (abbr.)
- Constitution Hall org.
- Atomic #35
- Ducktail hairstyle
- Independent ruler
- Oval water scorpion
- Modern London Gallery

- On top
- Identicalness
- 2002 Olympic state
- Tease or ridicule
- Arrived extinct
- Opposite of begin
- Ol' Blue Eye's initials
- South Am. nation
- Type of salamander
- S. China seaport
- Woman (French)
- 007's Fleming
- ___ Domingo
- A French abbot
- Gorse genus
- An uproarious party
- Point midway between E and SE
- A waterproof raincoat
- Spanish be
- Of I

YOUR LOCAL NEWS



JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT!

SALEM TIMES-REGISTER

- DIGITAL ONLY**
One Year Digital Subscription \$29.00
- DIGITAL & PRINT**
Yearly Print & Digital Subscription \$67.00
- PRINT ONLY**
Yearly Print Only Subscription \$46.00 In County \$50.00 Out of County \$54.00 Out of State

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SALEM TIMES-REGISTER

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Check Enclosed _____ or call (304) 647-5724 to pay by credit card

Mail to: Circulation Department, SALEM TIMES-REGISTER, P.O. BOX 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or call us at (304) 647-5724.

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS



May 23
Green Hill Park
 11am - 2pm

Rocky Mount Smokehouse
Copper Dog & Co
Empanada Nirvana
Salty's Lobster & Co
Chris's Coffee & Custard

COURTESY IMAGE

Food Truck Thursday coming to Green Hill Park

Roanoke County – Roanoke County welcomes Food Truck Thursday to Green Hill Park on Thursday, May 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to mouthwatering food, attendees can take in the peaceful surrounding of this scenic park, which features a section of the Roanoke River Greenway. While seating will be available, feel free to bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the park your way.

Organizers say to stay tuned for more details about Food Truck Thursday, which will return to Roanoke County Parks in the fall.

This culinary event takes place at Green Hill Park, which is located at 2500 Green Hill Park Rd. Salem, Virginia 24153.

Food vendors:

- Rocky Mount Smokehouse

- Copper Dog & Co
- Empanada Nirvana
- Salty's Lobster & Co
- Chris's Coffee & Custard

-The Salem Times-Register

Another I-81 nighttime lane, ramp closure planned near Salem

As part of the Interstate 81 widening project in Roanoke County near Salem, a nighttime lane and ramp closure on southbound I-81 are scheduled for Thursday, May 23, so barrier wall can be repositioned, and traffic switched into a new pattern, according to an announcement by VDOT.

Weather permitting, starting at 11 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, southbound I-81 will be reduced to one lane between mile markers 138 and 136 until 5 a.m. on Friday, May 24. In addition, the ramp from southbound I-81 onto Wildwood Road at exit 137 also will be closed from 11

p.m. until 5 a.m. If the traffic pattern change cannot be made because of weather, the lane and ramp closure will be rescheduled for the following week on Tuesday, May 28 from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, VDOT said.

Once the barrier wall has been moved, southbound I-81 traffic using the exit 137 off ramp will be shifted into a new pattern and traveling on a different portion of roadway. To get the latest traffic information, visit www.511Virginia.org.

-The Salem Times-Register

Salem VA Health Care System to hold job fair

The Salem VA Health Care System will hold a job fair for veterans and their family members Friday, May 31 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Bldg. 5 Auditorium. A partnership of six veteran-focused community programs will be hosting 20 employers at the Salem VA facility. The event will conclude at 2 p.m.

Businesses in attendance:
 Advance Auto
 BGDC Distribution
 Carter Machinery
 Carilion Clinic
 City of Roanoke
 City of Salem

Davis and McDaniel Veterans Care Center
 Dynax
 Hotel Roanoke
 Integer
 Lowe's
 Medico
 People Ready
 Randstad
 TAP
 US Postal Service
 VA Healthcare System
 Virginia Tech
 Wabtec
 Wester VA Water Authority
 This will be the first event of this nature in three years.

-The Salem Times-Register

Terrill

from page 1

project management and education, and was a visiting instructor in Roanoke College's Sociology and Public Health Studies Department during the past academic year.

In addition, Terrill has served on the board of directors for a variety of community organizations, including the Roanoke Adolescent Health Partnership, YMCA of Roanoke Valley, Junior League of the Roanoke

Valley and the Roanoke Valley Garden Club. She currently serves on the Pediatric Family Advisory Council for The Johns Hopkins Hospital and is a senior warden at St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke.

From 2022-2024, Terrill and her husband, Greg Terrill (Roanoke College Class of 1994), served as co-chairs of the Parent Leadership Council, which made them ex-

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of May 07, 2024 – May 13, 2024

DATE	NAME	ARREST NUMBER	OFFENSE
5/7/2024	Phillip E. Stultz	53	Public Intoxication
5/7/2024	Michael Murden	61	Criminal Trespass
5/7/2024	Tiffany R. Morris	43	Contempt of Court
5/7/2024	James F. McCarthy	34	DUI, Carrying Concealed Weapon
5/7/2024	Kristen A. McPherson	34	Possess Firearm by Felon, Possess Firearm by Person Subject to Protective Order
5/8/2024	Keith W. Moore	51	DUI
5/9/2024	Brandy M. Dillon	36	Credit Card Theft, Petit Larceny, Illegal Use of Credit Cards
5/9/2024	Nikki R. Tilley	43	Public Intoxication, Open Container In Public, Criminal Trespass, Refusal to Identify
5/12/2024	Chasity L. Mabes	35	Shoplifting
5/12/2024	Michael S. Allen	36	Violation of Protective Order
5/12/2024	Juan G. Orellana	40	DUI
5/13/2024	Nicole M. Fink	38	Identity Theft, Criminal Trespass, False Name to Police, Failure to Appear
5/13/2024	Bonny J. Lee	42	Possession of Controlled Substance
5/13/2024	Ryan D. Agers	24	Possession of Controlled Substance

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of May 07, 2024 – May 13, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
8-MAY-2024	800 BLK Roanoke Blvd	Possess Firearm By Felon, Possess Firearm by Person Subject to Protective Order
10-MAY-2024	2100 BLK Apperson Dr	Grand Larceny
13-MAY-2024	2000 BLK W Main St	Possession of Controlled Substance

Festival

from page 1

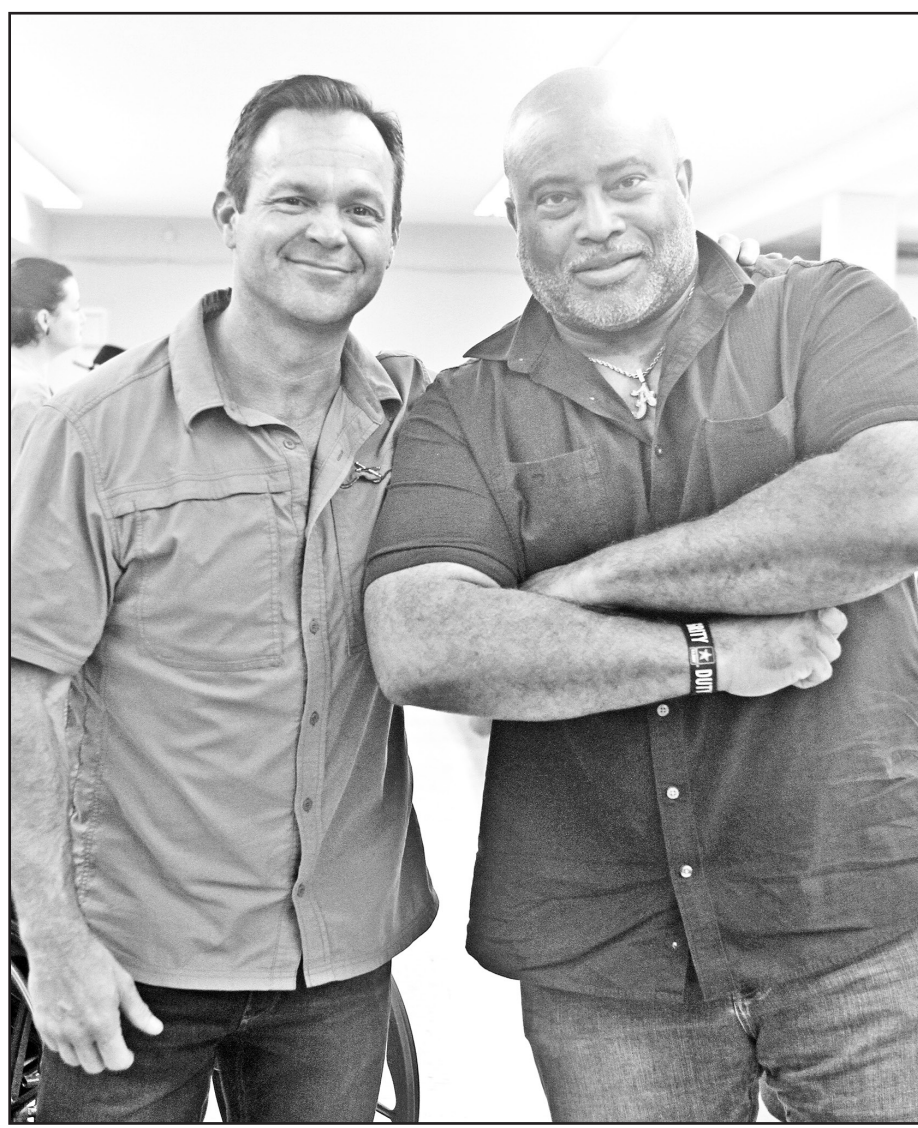


PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Judd Lormand, actor in the television show "Seal Team," poses with a fan.

was adopted about eight years ago. The name was changed when Dody Rogers, the daughter of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, had come to a convention and was well received. The people "absolutely loved Dody and of course they loved Roy Rogers, and what her parents stood for, family and faith," Webster said.

Rebecca Holden, star of shows such as "Magnum P.I." and "Knight Rider" was on hand to meet greet fans. Holden said that it is a wonderful time meeting the fans and has been coming for about five years. "We are all working in the industry, so we only see the same gang when we are at this particular event. This is a smaller event, and you have time to really visit with people that you've made friends with, and we have more time to interact with the fans. It makes it like family affair," Holden said.

It was the first time for Judd Lormand, star of the television show "Seal Team." "Everyone is so nice and I mean that legit. I'll be back just to see these people," Lormand said. "Everyone

can just relax and have fun and say hi and talk, it's awesome," he added.

Actress Kathy Garver from "Family Affair" and the voice of Firestar from "Spiderman and His Amazing Friends," has been coming to the festival for a few years. "It's especially important to me now to have festival that celebrates family oriented entertainment and tries to show films that exhibit this quality," she said. Garver's movie "The Empty Church" premiered at Happy Trails.

Attendee Lee Seiden is from Queens, New York and his wife comes down to the festival every year. "My wife and I come for the love of Roy Rogers, a love of Dr. Fred, a love of his late wife... Joan and I have made so many friends through this association. We will drive 250 miles to see our friends, pure and simple," Seiden affirmed. "Just keep doing what you're doing," said Seiden to Webster, "And you'll always have us here."

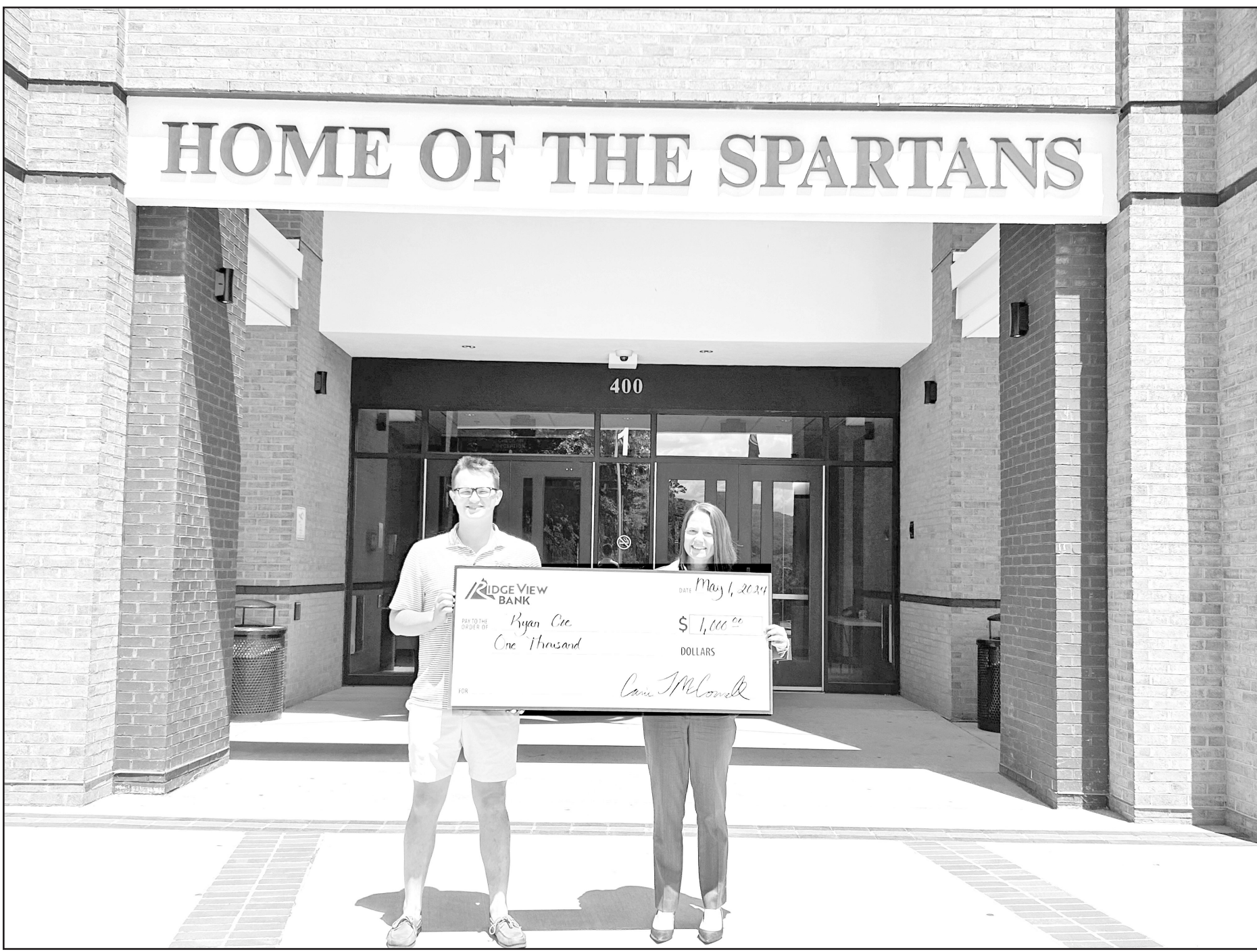
All the money raised from the proceeds goes to cancer research.

officio or non-voting members of the Board of Trustees. In addition, Nicole Terrill served on the college's Strategic Planning Team and on multiple search committees for cabinet-level positions. The Terrills are the parents of Nora Terrill, who graduated in May with a degree in environmental studies and received the Environmental Studies Research Award.

"Roanoke College is particularly adept in its cultivation of learning, experiences and strong friendships," Terrill said. "The college's students are encouraged to realize the profound impact they can make in their communities and the world. I am proud to take part in continuing this legacy of education."

-The Salem Times-Register

Ridge View Bank announces 2024 scholarship winners



Ryan Coe with Carrie McConnell.

COURTESY PHOTO

Ridge View Bank recently announced the winners of its 2024 scholarship competition. The scholarships, totaling \$4,000, were awarded to four outstanding high school seniors based on their exceptional essays, community involvement and letters of recommendation. Each winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to support their higher education in a business-related field of study.

The winners of the 2024 Ridge View Bank scholarships are:

- Taylor Prillaman from Patrick Henry High School, who will be attending the University of

Virginia to study elementary education.

- Ryan Coe from Salem High School, who will be attending Virginia Tech to study packaging systems & design.

- Nicholas Crawford from Northside High School, who will be attending Emory & Henry College to study business.

- Kolby Stinson from Franklin County High School, who will be attending Virginia Western Community College.

“These students have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their studies and communities,”

said Carrie McConnell, president of Ridge View Bank. “We are proud to support their academic pursuits and look forward to seeing their future accomplishments.”

Ridge View Bank’s scholarship program is part of its ongoing commitment to education and community development. By investing in the next generation of business leaders, Ridge View Bank has said that it aims to foster innovation and growth in the local community.

-The Salem Times-Register

Summer movie series shifts to Kiwanis Park

MOVIES IN THE PARK
STARTS AT DUSK
FREE ADMISSION

Bring a blanket, chairs, and the entire family + to enjoy a movie under the stars!

Gates Open at 7 p.m. Movie starts at dusk. Admission is FREE.

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS!

COURTESY IMAGE

The Salem Parks and Recreation Department announced last week a new location and a new name for its popular summertime movies series. Starting this June, Movies In The Park will take place at Salem’s historic Kiwanis Park, which is located on the corner of Florida and 6th Streets. The venue has been hosting sports and entertainment events in Salem since it opened in 1932.

“We are excited to begin this movie series at Kiwanis Park in 2024 for many reasons,” said John Shaner, Salem parks and recreation director. “Most notably, we can now control the flow of

attendees in and out of the facility and ensure that this remains a first-class, family-friendly event for all.”

On Friday, June 14, the free monthly entertainment begins with the Disney animated picture “The Super Mario Brothers Movie”. This is an adventure-filled animated movie starring the voice of Chris Platt and Charlies Day as Mario and Luigi. Gates will open at 7 p.m. and the movie will begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. As always, admission is absolutely free for all ages.

This year’s other movies for the summer of 2024 include – “Barbie” on June 28, “Teenage

Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem” on July 26 and “Sonic The Hedgehog 2” on August 9.

These Friday night events, sponsored by InFirst Federal Credit Union, are designed for the entire family to enjoy a free night at the movies under the stars, so everyone is welcome to bring chairs and a blanket. Refreshments will be available at the Kiwanis Park concession stands.

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

-The Salem Times-Register

Wallace from page 1

Development will remain part of his platform for 2024, Wallace explained.

Another key initiative during the past four years was improving Salem schools. Wallace entered the 2020 race with goals to reverse a downward trend in the performance of student test scores, he said, an increase in opportunities for students to attend the Roanoke Valley Governors School, and seek new leadership at some of schools.

He praised the hiring of new school superintendent Dr. Curtis Hicks.

The results of leadership changes include:

- Implementation of a 10-point grade scale, Roanoke Valley Governors School enrollment opportunities were expanded providing more slots for each grade level and allowing ninth grade enrollment opportunities;

- Salem High School shifted to a full Advanced Placement Curriculum providing robust academic pathways recognized by colleges and universities, Wallace said;

- A Curriculum Improvement Program was introduced that is leading to significant improvements in student performance in core subjects such as math and reading.

Finally, Wallace said he wanted to provide more transparency into city government.

“We have made some progress on this topic. Citizens wanted to have a voice before Council. Now citizens can address Council during our meetings. Council meets quarterly to review citizen comments and determine if action is appropriate.

“I have made myself available to any citizen who wishes to meet, and I have attempted to regularly communicate with the citizens regarding what is happening in their city’s government.”

Wallace said there’s still more work to do here and transparency will remain a core issue of his 2024 reelection campaign. One example includes seeing the elimination of two-by-two meetings in favor of having Council debate the issues in a public forum such as a work session.

Wallace said he was raised as a fiscal

conservative with a sense of personal responsibility and those values remain and are a big part of his decision to move to make the change to run as a Republican.

This year Wallace said he is adding another goal by advocating for a change in zoning codes, enforcement of codes, and attempting to enhance the appearance of the city’s main arterial roads.

“While this process is just beginning – you may notice old and broken signage has been removed in multiple locations. I want to see continued positive impacts to the city’s appearance.

“As I campaign for reelection to the Salem City Council, I remain committed to the core values and objectives that have guided my efforts over the past term,” Wallace said. “Economic development, educational improvements, and government transparency have been at the heart of my efforts.”

While he’s proud of the progress that’s already been made, Wallace said he looks forward to continuing those efforts.

V DOT ROADWATCH

Interstate 81 NIGHTTIME LANE AND RAMP CLOSURE PLANNED ON SOUTHBOUND INTERSTATE 81 NEAR SALEM - As part of the Interstate 81 widening project in Roanoke County near Salem, a nighttime lane and ramp closure on southbound I-81 are scheduled for Thursday, May 23, so barrier wall can be repositioned, and traffic switched into a new pattern.

Weather permitting, starting at 11 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, southbound I-81 will be reduced to one lane between mile markers 138 and 136 until 5 a.m. on Friday, May 24. In addition, the ramp from southbound I-81 onto Wildwood Road at exit 137 also will be closed from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m.

If the traffic pattern change cannot be made because of weather, the lane and ramp closure will be rescheduled for the following week on Tuesday, May 28 from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29. Once the barrier wall has been moved, southbound I-81 traffic using the exit 137 off ramp will be shifted into a new pattern and traveling on a different portion of roadway.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

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

TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140: Drivers may experience periodic lane closures that require a quick merge into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound exit ramp of exit 140. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.

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

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

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

I-81 NB & SB BRIDGE REHAB OVER ROUTE 100 AT EXIT 98 – Work is underway on the I-81 rehabbing of the northbound and southbound bridges over Route 100 at Exit 98. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place on Route 100 north and on I-81 northbound and southbound, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Flagging operations may also be in place on Route 100 north for up to eight-minute slow rolls. Both northbound and southbound on and off ramps at exit 98 for I-81 traffic will remain fully operational for the duration of this project. Estimated completion date is summer 2024.

I-81 NB & SB DECK OVERLAY AT PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7 - Repair work has begun on the northbound and southbound bridges on I-81

over Peak Creek near mile marker 95.7. This repair work will require nighttime single lane closures for the duration of the project. Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday mornings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For the deck overlay process, lane closures may be in place between Sunday nights through Friday mornings. For the southbound lanes these will occur between the hours of 7pm and 10am, and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6pm through 9am. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. Estimated completion is scheduled for end of 2024.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto

the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from

mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated for Summer 2024.

• **LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures are possible on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106.

o There will be nightly closures between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. beginning Monday, April 29 through the morning of Friday, May 5.

o There will be lane closures from Sunday, May 5 and 26 at 9 p.m. through Saturday, May 4 at 7 a.m.

o There will be alternating lane closures from Sunday, May 5 and 26 at 8 p.m. through Monday, May 6 at 6 a.m.

o There will be nightly closures between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. beginning Monday, May 6 through the morning of Saturday, May 11.

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

• **SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

o Intermittent slow roll operations will be in place between mile marker 98 and 105 beginning Monday, April 29 through Saturday, May 4 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

I-81 NB & SB DECK OVERLAY AT PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7 -On May 5, 2024, repair work will begin on the northbound and southbound bridges on I-81 over Peak Creek near mile marker 95.7. This repair work will require nighttime single lane closures for the duration of the project. Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday mornings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For the deck overlay process, lane closures may be in place between Sunday nights through Friday mornings. For the southbound lanes these will occur between the hours of 7pm and 10am, and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6pm through 9am. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. Estimated completion is scheduled for end of 2024.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated for Summer 2024.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures are possible on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106.

There will be alternating right and left lane closures on I-81 northbound between mile marker 104-106 on Sunday, April 28, 8 p.m. through 5 a.m. the following morning.

There will be nightly closures between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. beginning Monday, April 29 through the morning of Friday, May 5.

There will be lane closures from Friday, May 3 and 26 at 9 p.m. through Saturday, May 4 at 7 a.m.

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

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

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

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

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

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

expect possible delays.

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

ROANOKE GAS UTILITY WORK - Roanoke Gas is renewing gas lines along Route 1306 (Bower Road) and Route 1371 (Hyde Park Drive). This utility work will be done under pavement and will require milling and pavement replacement in the affected lanes. Estimated completion is scheduled for the end of May 2024.

ROUTE 24 UTILITY WORK – There will be a temporary eastbound right lane closure on Route 24 from intersection of Maplewood Drive to the intersection of Lindenwood Drive to install a water line. Estimated completion is May 2024.

ROANOKE GAS UTILITY WORK - Roanoke Gas is renewing gas lines along Route 1306 (Bower Road) and Route 1371 (Hyde Park Drive). This utility work will be done under pavement and will require milling and pavement replacement in the affected lanes. Estimated completion is scheduled for the end of May 2024.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 311 – A new pedestrian bridge is under construction over Route 311 at McAfee Knob trailhead. The trailhead parking lot is currently closed and will remain closed during construction. Flagging operations will be in place daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Occasional slow rolls during nighttime hours are possible to stop traffic for up to 15 minutes at a time for setting bridge beams. Alternate areas for parking and updates on the shuttle can be found by calling 540-387-5588 or visiting the shuttle website at www.roanokecountyva.gov/McAfeeShuttle.

• On Tuesday, May 14, weather permitting, drivers should expect extended flagging operations until 6 p.m. on Route 311.

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

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

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

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN ROANOKE AREA - Blue Ridge Parkway will be repairing slope failures and road closures with detours may be in place. Visit their website at www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm for more information.

Craig County MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is June 2024.

Montgomery County ROUTE 660 CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC – On Monday, May 6 at 7 a.m., Route 660 (Crab Creek Road) will be closed to through traffic for a maintenance project. The road will be closed between the addresses of 2488 and 2557 Crab Creek Road. The water treatment facility will remain accessible from Route 659 (Vickers' Switch Road). The road is currently scheduled to reopen on Friday, May 17 at 3 p.m.

WATERLINE PROJECT TO IMPACT TRAFFIC - Intermittent lane closures are in place on Route 658 (Meadow Creek Road), Route 693 (Childress Road) between Meadow Creek Road and Route 8 (Riner Road) between Meadow Creek Road and Route 1097 (Turnberry Lane) for a water line infrastructure project. Expected completion in late 2024.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is June 2024.

Theatre Roanoke College recognized with Citizen Artist Award

Theatre Roanoke College's production of "Mac Beth" was recognized with the Citizen Artist Award by the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. This national award recognizes programs using theatrical production to promote societal impact in artistic terms, encouraging empathetic exploration of the complex cultural and physical world, and advocating for justice.

"Mac Beth," written by Erica Schmidt, is an adaptation of William Shakespeare's

"Macbeth." Theatre Roanoke College (TRC) took the entire production, complete with actors, crew, costumes, sets and props, to Albany, Georgia, from Feb. 6-10, 2024. Awards were announced several weeks later.

The all-female cast that first staged the show at Roanoke on April 19-22, 2023, performed at the theater festival. That includes Mary Langan '26 as Witch 1, Natalie Arnold '26 as Witch 2, Erin Trost '24 as Witch 3, Kennedy Swineford '26 as Macbeth, Hannah Plum '24 as Banquo, Emy Hampton '24 as Lady Macbeth and Hunter Gall '26 as Macduff.

A collage of two photos showing Kennedy Swineford

on stage in "Mac Beth" and Bronte Micek on stage during a production of "Cabaret".

At the festival, individual students were recognized for their achievements. Bronte Micek '25 and Swineford were semifinalists for the Musical Theatre Initiative. Swineford also received the Musical Theatre Engaged in Voice award.

"I'm very proud of the work we did and what we shared at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival," said Nelson Barre, assistant professor of fine arts. "It's especially heartening for us as a small program participating for the first time."

- By Kaylen Ayres



Kennedy Swineford as Macbeth



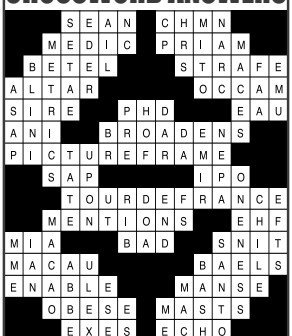
Bronte Micek in Caberet



COURTESY PHOTOS

"Mac Beth," which Theatre Roanoke College first performed on campus in 2023, is a modern retelling of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" set in the world of teenage girls.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Mamma Maria's
ITALIAN RESTAURANT
Specializing in Catering and Parties
389-2848 • 2025 West Main St., Salem / Exit 137 off I-81

ANGLICAN
ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH - located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - Salem Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). North Campus: 7640 Alpine Road (Roanoke). Southwest Campus: 3585 Buck Mountain Road (Roanoke). Español Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). Worship Times: 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM for Salem, North, and Southwest; 10:30 for Español. For more information, visit: www.fcclife.org

CATHOLIC
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH - 314 Turner Rd, Salem VA. 540-387-0491. Mass Times: Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 10:30 am (nursery available). Visit our website: olpchsalem.org for our full schedule.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST/ CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
DALE RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW Roanoke, 24019; office: 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30

Salem WORSHIP DIRECTORY

a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Ladies class - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Visit our new web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net, it's updated each week from local, national and international sources with news of interest to Christians. Take a video tour of our facilities. Read articles taken from the word of God that apply to our lives today. View a new sermon each week. Dale Ridge is reaching out to the Roanoke/Botetourt area with the good news of Jesus Christ. Come join our plea to return to the Bible. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe in the Holy Spirit is a gift, given to every Christian when we respond to the Gospel as taught in the context of Acts 2 and emphasized in verse 38. We believe Jesus is the only means of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Is this your time to make a choice? (John 16:13) Have you been looking for a church family that's led by the Holy Spirit into all truth? (John 13:35) You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. Follow the advice of Philip when he told Nathanael about Jesus in (John 1:46) "Come and See."

SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST - 401 West Main Street. 540-389-2400. Minister Taylor Plott; 10:00am Sunday Bible Study; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office.

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

CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH - 955 Bird Lane, Salem, Va 24153, 389-5639. Pastor: Scott Hudson. Sunday School 10:00AM, Worship 11:00AM; Bible Study 6:00PM.

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

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831. www.firstchristiansalemva.com. Adult and Children Sunday School - 9:30 am, Worship - 10:30 am. Nursery Provided for both. Everyone welcome

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 2931 West Main Street, Salem - Pastor Matthew Cox - 380-4636 - website: www.flccsalem.org. Sunday: 9:30am Adult Study Group, 10:30am Worship, Youth & Children's Church. All are welcome!

ECKANKAR
ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

EPISCOPAL
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 42 East

Main Street, Salem, 389-9307. Sundays at 7:30am and 10am. Holy Communion in church and live-streamed on YouTube@StPaulSalemVa.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COLLEGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - 210 S. College Avenue, Salem VA 24153. Please visit our website www.collegelutheran.org for information on services.

FOURSQUARE
the BRIDGE SALEM CHURCH - 4335 West Main Street, Salem, 540-404-1414 | bridge.salem@icloud.com • www.salemva.church Saturday service, 6pm (Nursery & Kids Church available). Mail: PO Box 1954, Salem. Twitter/ Instagram: @thebridgesalem Joey Lyons, Senior Pastor | joey@salemva.church | 540-831-9864

INDEPENDENT RESTORATION CHURCH - a Community on Mission Following Jesus into the World - 10:10am Sundays at the Salem YMCA - 1126 Kime Lane, Salem - 540-384-1601 - www.restorationsalem.org. Watch Live at: YouTube: Restoration Church-Salem, VA. Facebook: RestorationChurchSalem

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 226 South Broad Street, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. Sunday School 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM.

SHILOH BAPTIST- 201 South Market Street, Salem, Rev. Adrian E. Dowell, H) (389-0409). Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. (All classes) via zoom and conference call line. Wednesday Adult Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in person for adults, children and teens. Adult class is also streamed on Facebook. Men's Bible Study Saturday at 7:00 a.m. (Zoom). Saturday Intercessory Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. (conference call line). Sunday Women's Bible Study Class at 8:30 p.m. (Zoom). In-person Worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. or worship with us on line via Facebook. Church office can be contacted for additional information.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHRISTIAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH - 1 CLI Way, Salem, VA, 540-343-3801 | www.clichurch.org. Sundays @ 10 am | Wednesdays @ 7 pm. Livestream on YouTube & Facebook.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 41 East Main Street, Salem, VA . 389-3881. Come worship with us, Pastor, Rev. Chris Vogado, and our Associate Pastor, Rev. Janet Chisom each Sunday at 11:00 AM (10:00 AM from Memorial Day - Labor Day). In- Person Sunday School is 9:30 AM (9:00 AM Memorial Day - Labor Day). You may still worship with us online live at www.salempres.org, or Facebook, or YouTube. During in-person worship, masking for health reasons is optional.

UNITED METHODIST
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Pastor Alan Combs, Sunday School - 9:50am, Genesis Contemporary Worship 8:45am; Traditional Worship - 11:00am. www.fumesalemva.org.

LOCUST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 3415 Locust Grove Lane, Salem, 540-315-0881, Pastor Mike Sanborn. Each Sunday Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.

To list your church, contact Wendy Craig at 276-340-2445 or email advertise@ourvalley.org

BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTORY



DR FAME
ALLERGY
ASTHMA

540 404-9598
1002 APPERSON DR • SALEM, VIRGINIA 24153
WWW.DRTOMFAME.COM



FOX 910
Roanoke
and 104.3 FM

CBS SPORTS RADIO

ROANOKE'S #2 NEWS TALK AND SPORTS RADIO STATION
(Nielsen Fall 2022 book)
www.foxradioanoke.com
(540) 343-7109



Lisa Martin, REALTOR®
Serving the industry for 30+ years
Roanoke Valley & Blue Ridge Mountains
Premier, REALTORS
(540) 597-0480
Lisa@Lisa2buy.com • www.Lisa2buy.com
1638 Roanoke Road, Suite 101
Daleville, VA 24083

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices
A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC



MHC
Monroe Health Center

Craig County Health Center
226 Market Street - New Castle, VA
Phone: (540) 864-6390 Fax: (540) 864-6356

*Physical Exams * X-ray Services
* Laboratory Services * Acute Care
*Mental Health Services * Well Baby Checks
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

CARPET RE-STRETCHING!
STEVEN W. DURRANCE FLOORS

Repairs • New Sales • Expert
540-776-9591
Cell: 540-353-7908
Licensed & Insured
carpetroanoke.com

Sunflooring Inc.
STEVE SMITH
With over 40 years of experience

Specializing in Hardwood Floors,
Hardwood Refinishing, Laminate Flooring,
Engineered Floors, Ceramic Tile,
Carpet and Luxury Vinyl Plank

540-556-3100



Acorn Stairlifts & Liftkar Lifts

ADL-Advances For Daily Living
Sales, Service, Install
New or Used Rentals
Will Service Other Brands

540-353-5869 <https://www.stairliftsadl.com/>



WE BUY COIN COLLECTIONS
Top money paid
FREE estimates




EADES & LOWER INSURANCE
5007 Carriage Dr., Suite 100
P.O. Box 21483
Roanoke, VA 24018

SHERRI STINETTE HOLT
INSURANCE AGENT

Cell (540)819-9179 • Office (540)981-1124
Fax (540) 981-1266
sherri@eadesandlower.com
www.eadesandlower.com

AUTO | HOME BUSINESS | LIFE




Residential and Commercial Construction

540-966-0688
PO Box 630
Daleville, VA 24083
www.southerntracellc.com

Contact us at
540-988-2420

ADVERTISE With us

To place your ad, call 540-389-9355



Colonial Title and Settlement

Serving the Greater Botetourt & Roanoke Valley communities with all your real estate needs for residential, commercial, construction with MLA services, Assist with 1031 Real Estate Exchanges, Purchases, Refinances and More!!!!

Call Loretta, Debbie or Kristi for your next move!

540-966-1260
1215 Roanoke Road, Daleville

SENIOR FOR SENIORS
PAINTING & RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE

Cell:
540-293-4271



Windy Ridge Tree & Mulching Service

Contact us today for a free quote!
540-473-5176
fincastletreedr@gmail.com
windyridgetreedr.com



BAG
A GREAT DEAL IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!
To place your ad, call 389-9355



HART MOTOR COMPANY
Salem
GMC KIA

Robbie Caldwell
540-444-4444

ADVERTISE HERE!

To place your ad, call 540-389-9355

HARDWOOD FLOORS

- Cleaning
- Waxing
- Beautification


Save 10% NOW!

540-776-9591
Cell: 540-353-7908

Rory "Tater" Benson, REALTOR®

540.353.7173 cell
540.989.4555 office
tbenson@mkbrealtors.com

Member: REALTOR, REAL ESTATE COMPANIES OF THE WORLD, EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY, EMPLOYEE RELOCATION COUNCIL, MKB REALTORS



Want to keep up with local news, sports and events?

SUBSCRIBE TODAY • Call (540) 389-9355



The Salem High soccer team celebrates with a group photo after defeating Blacksburg for the River Ridge District championship last Friday night. PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Salem wins RRD soccer championship

continued from page 14

With the win Salem improved to 13-2-2, and that's the most regular season wins for a Salem boys' soccer team. The Spartans finished with team records for the most goals in a season and fewest goals allowed in a season. Also, with 21 goals Lavinder broke Graham Fischer's goal scoring record of 20 that he set last spring.

Next up is the Region 4D tournament, and the Spartans jumped right into the

fire with a match at top seeded Jefferson Forest on Wednesday. Results were too late for publication, but if the Spartans pulled it off there's a very good chance they'll play Blacksburg again this Friday night in the Region 4D semifinal. That will be a winner goes to state, loser goes home scenario.

The Region 4D championship game is scheduled for next Tuesday, and both teams will advance to the state Class 4 tournament.

Bruins down Salem girls for RRD soccer championship

The Salem High girls saw their soccer season come to an end with a loss to Blacksburg in the River Ridge District championship game in Blacksburg last Friday. Salem lost 4-0 to the Bruins on Virginia Tech's pitch.

Blackburg led just 1-0 at the half but scored three quick goals early in the second half to build what was an insurmountable lead.

"Despite the score, the defensive effort led by center backs Abby Pitts and Gracie Michael was admirable," said Salem coach Justin Applegate. "Aubrey Thomas in the goal also made a few quality saves."

With the loss Salem finished the season at 9-8 overall. That wasn't enough to make the Region 4D field despite a strong strength of schedule, including a 7-5 record in a strong River Ridge District and two non-district games against a stout Lord Botetourt team.

"While the season did not end in a desirable way, we do feel that we made positive steps in building sustainable success for our program," said Applegate. "I'm proud of the work the team did in order to make it to the District Championship game. Following a tough stretch of four straight losses, three of which by one goal, the team rallied to win its last three games. A comeback from down two goals late in the second half win against Christiansburg, a 4-3 overtime win against Patrick Henry, and a six goal shutout win against Pulaski locked in a winning record for the year and a second place finish in the district."

This was Applegate's first season as head coach and he's already excited about next year.

"We'll pick up offseason workouts as early as this summer and will be prepared to hit the ground at full speed next spring," he said. "The future is bright for girls soccer in Salem."



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Salem's Abby Pitts(white shirt) beats a Blacksburg girl to the ball in last Friday's girls' district soccer championship game at Virginia Tech.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORY

You don't have to pay more for the best.... You just get more!

353-8661
Remax Real Estate One

JAMES T. JORDAN, PLLC
ATTORNEY AT LAW

- REAL ESTATE
- WILLS
- ESTATE PLANNING
- TRUSTS
- POWERS OF ATTORNEY
- GUARDIANSHIPS
- CONSERVATORSHIPS
- ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES

NEW LOCATION
25 East Main Street
Salem • 389-6735

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

YOUNG REALTY COMPANY

716 West Main Street
Salem, Virginia 24153

Bus. (540) 387-0466
Cell (540) 397-2631
Fax (540) 389-0175
E-mail J5403@msn.com

J.C. Taylor
REALTOR®
Diamond Sales Award

Serving individual investors

- Stocks
- Mutual funds
- Bonds
- Government Securities
- Municipal bonds
- CDs
- Money-market funds
- IRAs

...and much more! Call or drop by today!

Paul Curran, CFP®
Financial Advisor
23 W. Calhoun St.
Salem, VA 24153
389-2450

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Financial strategies. One-on-one advice.

Joe Curran, AAMS®
Financial Advisor
11 E. Main St.
Salem, VA 24153
540-404-4331
www.edwardjones.com

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING Member SIPC

FOX RADIO 910
Roanoke and 104.3 FM

CBS SPORTS RADIO

ROANOKE'S #2 NEWS TALK AND SPORTS RADIO STATION
(Nielsen Fall 2022 book)
www.foxradioroanoke.com
(540) 343-7109

Wendi Craig
276-340-2445
or advertise
@ourvalley.org
to reserve this space

YOUNG REALTY COMPANY

716 West Main Street
Salem, Virginia 24153

Bus. (540) 387-0466
Cell (540) 397-2631
Fax (540) 389-0175
E-mail J5403@msn.com

J.C. Taylor
REALTOR®
Diamond Sales Award

If you believe in your business and want to build it... ADVERTISE!

To place your ad, call Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or advertise@ourvalley.org

• Cave Spring •



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Highlanders are headed to college

Ten Glenvar High School student athletes celebrated their college choices with a group signing in the high school gym last week in front of friends, family, faculty and members of the student body. Left to right, with school and sport, are Ashton Meadows (New River CC-Baseball), Dawson Anderson (New River CC-Baseball), Reed Hutchison (New River CC-Baseball), Logan Garner (Bridgewater-Tennis), Jameson Vaughan (Virginia Tech-Cheerleading), Ethan Flowers (VMI-Wrestling), Claire Spence (Concord-Softball), Nate Johnson (Roanoke College-Football), Ben Holliday (Roanoke College-Football) and Bryce King (Patrick Henry CC-Soccer).

Salem's Davis receives RVG HoF Scholarship

Salem High senior Taylor Davis was the big winner when the Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame announced their annual scholarship winners last week. Taylor was the recipient of the \$30,000 Don Holliday Memorial Scholarship, presented to her when the awards were announced at the Roanoke Country Club on May 15th.

Davis will be attending Christopher Newport University next year to continue her education and budding golf career. She is a four-year member of the Salem High golf team and also competed in the VHSL girls' open state championship. Taylor also won a \$1,000 RVWGA Scholarship through the Hall of Fame.

Davis is the first Salem High student to win the Don Holliday Memorial Scholarship since 2004 when Travis Light won, and she's just the second Spartan overall since the scholarship was initiated in 1987. Glenvar High winners included Nick Varney in 1995 and Aaron Johnson in 1993.

The Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame gives out many scholarships at the annual event, and several other Salem High students were also recipients. Ryan Coe received the \$3,000 Josh McCoy Memorial Scholarship, Grant Clemens was the recipient of the \$1,000 Evolution HR Scholarship and Andrew Rea received one of two Ham Pettigrew Memorial Scholarships for \$250. Recipients do not have to be members of their high school golf team.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Salem's Taylor Davis is the recipient of the \$30,000 Don Holliday Memorial Scholarship.

RC women come up two wins shy of spot in NCAA lax tournament

continued from page 14

Kyleigh Chickering recorded eight saves in goal for the Maroons set a new program standard for victories this spring. Saturday's game marked their first appearance in the regional semifinals since the 2009 campaign.

The Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) has revealed its 2024 All-Region teams, and Roanoke College saw four players recognized. Koutouzis

and Addison Schmidt were First Team All-Chesapeake Region honorees while Bowman and Sophia Chickering both garnered second team laurels.

A total of 256 student-athletes were recognized on the All-Region teams. These student-athletes are now eligible to be named to a national IWLCA All-America team. The IWLCA will announce its 2024 Division III All-Americans on May 24.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Rylee McNeil moves the ball down the field for Salem.

SHS girls lacrosse season ends with loss to Glass

E.C. Glass edged the Salem girls' lacrosse team in Lynchburg Friday as the Spartans saw their season come to an end in the Region 4 D tournament.

"It was a very tough battle against Glass," said Salem coach Carly Coyle. "Unfortunately, it didn't end the way we wanted it to, but we showed up to play."

Salem's Juli Redding and Cameron Walsh scored three goals each to lead the Salem offense. Bailey Stratton had two goals and Rylee McNeil had the other.

On defense, McNeil had two caused turnovers and Aniyah Fox, Chloe May and Ashlyn Davis had one each. Bailey Redford saved 13 of 24 shots in goal and had two cause turnovers.

Salem finished the season at 7-8 overall.

"With all the adversity we faced this season we continued to show up and play our hardest and that's all a coach can ask for and I am pleased with it," said Coyle. "I'm looking forward to next season and adding the young talent that is coming up to the mix."

Still time to sign up for Salem Benefit Golf Tournament

The 13th annual City of Salem Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street. This year's tournament proceeds will go to Salem Police officer Brian Stump, who was diagnosed with throat cancer in December.

Stump has been with the Salem Police Department since 2000, serving the citizens of Salem in the Animal Control Division. He was

appointed to the rank of Sergeant in February of 2019.

Cost of the tournament is \$40 per person or \$160 for a team of four. The 18 hole tournament (you go around twice) includes lunch at 11:30 am as well as prizes and refreshments. Tee times will be at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm.

Entry deadline is May 25 and the registration fee must be sent with all entry forms, which are available at the course clubhouse.

Make checks payable to Salem Parks & Recreation and send your entry form to Chuck Johnston at 601 Academy Street in Salem.

Businesses and individuals can also place signs at the tee boxes for \$100, and all proceeds go to Sgt. Stump. Interested persons are also urged to donate items for a raffle.

For more information or to sign up to play or be a sponsor call Chuck Johnston at 540-392-9445.

Maroons come up one win short in NCAA softball

After three-straight elimination game victories, the Roanoke College softball team was knocked out of the 2024 NCAA Division III Tournament by Muskingum University Saturday in a regional held at Moravian University in Bethlehem, PA. The Maroons were one victory away from winning the region and advancing to the NCAA Division III tournament.

After falling to Muskingum, 6-3, in their first game Thursday in the four-team, double-elimination regional, the Maroons knocked out Penn College Friday, 8-0, in five innings and followed with a 3-1 win over Moravian to eliminate the host school. Advancing out of the loser's bracket to Saturday's region championship, RC needed to win twice and won their first game, 3-1, over Muskingum. However, the Muskies rallied to take the second game, 4-1,

and win the regional title and advance in the NCAA tournament.

In Saturday's first game Roanoke left the bases loaded in the first inning, stranded two runners in the third and left a single runner on base in the fourth before finally breaking through in the fifth. Adriana Rivera led off with a walk and Kate Houle singled to put runners on first and second with no outs. Senior Lilly Burns then crushed a three-run home run to left center to give the Maroons all the offense they would need. Baylee Compton tossed 5 2/3 innings of scoreless relief for the win, allowing just four hits and no walks with six strikeouts.

That made for a winner-take-all second game Saturday. After two outs were recorded in the top of the first, Muskies' pitcher Tareyn Born homered to put MU ahead 1-0. Bethany Rodman hit a three-run long ball later in the inning to give Muskingum a 4-0 cushion.

Burns hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth to bring home Rivera, but that was the only run Roanoke could muster. Born kept the Maroons offense in check for most of the game in the circle, allowing just two hits, four walks and one unearned run.

The All-Tournament team was announced after the game and RC had four members, Burns, Compton, Houle and Heather McQueeney. The Maroons finished the 2024 season with a 33-16 record, the most wins for the program since the 2012 campaign (35-11). Roanoke took second in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament and second in the Moravian Regional, winning seven tournament games combined.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Kate Houle was named to the All-Tournament team.

Maroon athletes qualify for NCAA D-III track meet

The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Track & Field and Cross Country Committee has announced the participants for the 2024 NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships. The Roanoke College women's team has been selected to compete in two events while RC's Brady Fowler will compete in sprint events in the men's meet.

Fowler, a junior, has qualified to compete in both the 100m and the 200m. Brady will be part of a 22-athlete field for each event.

Fowler qualified for the 100m with a school and meet record time of 10.35 seconds at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship at Bridgewater on April 27. That mark is currently tied for sixth in the country.

The Wytheville, Va. native is tied for seventh in Division III in the 200m. His season-best time of 20.95 seconds came at the University of Lynchburg's Hornet Open on March 30.

This will mark Fowler's fourth straight appearance at a national championship meet, including both the indoor and outdoor events in 2022-23. At this year's Division III indoor cham-

pionships in Virginia Beach in March, he earned First Team All-America honors in both the 60m and the 200m.

For the women, senior Kaitlyn Nguyen will take part in the high jump, while the 4x100 relay team of Haylee Gamble, Nalonda Henderson, Eleanor Hinckley and Lindsey Hobin has also qualified for the national meet.

Nguyen will be part of a 22-athlete field in the high jump. She qualified for the national meet with a mark of 1.68m at the Widener Final Qualifier. The Richmond, Va. native competed at the NCAA indoor championships in

Virginia Beach back in March, garnering Second Team All-America laurels after finishing ninth in the high jump.

Gamble, Henderson, Hinckley and Hobin, who will comprise one of 16 relay teams in the 4x100 race, reached nationals after posting a season-best time of 47.21 seconds at the Mount Union Last Chance meet. This will mark their first appearance at an NCAA championship event.

The NCAA championships will take place at Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium in Myrtle Beach, S.C. from Thursday, May 23 through Saturday, May 25.

Red Sox are back home to host 'Peckers

The Salem Red Sox are back home after two weeks on the road. Salem was scheduled to open a six game homestand on Tuesday against the Fayetteville Woodpeckers, a farm team of the Houston

Astros.

The Sox return with a 19-20 record and a chance to get over .500 for the first time this season. They lost their first three games to open the season and have been battling back to get even

ever since.

In the recent 12 game road trip the Sox split three at Columbia, then took four of six at Augusta. Salem won Sunday's getaway game, 4-1, to pull to within one game of even.

Saturday's win was a pitchers' dual through eight innings with the Jackets leading 1-0 into the ninth. Jhostynxon pulled the Sox even when he went deep in the top of the ninth and Max Carlson retired Augusta in the home half to send the game into extra innings.

Salem scored three in the top of the 10th as Garcia drove in two more runs and Marvin Alcantara drove in another. Carlson then put out the lights in the bottom of the 10th to pick up his first win of the season.

This week's promotions include "Country Night" tonight and "Grateful Dead Night" Friday with post-game fireworks. After Sunday's 3 pm start the Sox will hit the road again but not far, as they play six games in Lynchburg beginning May 28.



PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Salem's Marvin Alcantara tags out a Myrtle Beach Pelican before he can get back to first in Salem's last homestand.

Glenvar will host five region sports in two days

Baseball and track are today, softball and two soccer games are Friday

The Region 2C tournaments begin this week and Glenvar High School will host five events in two days, beginning today.

The Highlanders will host the Region 2C track meet at Highlander Stadium today, Thursday. Field events begin at 1 pm as the event was moved up to try and beat anticipated bad weather.

The Glenvar baseball team will also play today, with the first pitch scheduled for 2 pm. The Highlanders are the second seed at 12-8, behind only Three Rivers District rival Patrick County, and they'll host Dan River in the opening round. Dan River is the seventh seed and they're currently 8-12.

"I told the kids not to look at their record," said Glenvar coach

Jeremy Cromer. "They're always scrappy and they're better than their record. I remember when coach (Billy) Wells was here they came to our home field and won the game. They won't be a pushover."

On Friday Glenvar will host three region events, beginning with the softball team at 5 pm. Glenvar will host Three Rivers District rival Floyd County after splitting with the Buffalo Gals during the regular season. Glenvar won at home, 3-2, but lost at Floyd, 7-5. The Highlanders are 12-8 while Floyd comes here at 11-10.

Two soccer games will also be played at Glenvar Friday and both Highlander teams are undefeated. The girls will host James River at 5:30 pm and the

Highlanders are 15-0-1, including two wins over James River. Glenvar is undefeated in Class 2 and their only tie was against Class 5 Franklin County.

The Glenvar boys will put their undefeated record on the line about 20 minutes after the girls finish. Glenvar will play either Patrick County or Liberty with final pairings still to be decided coming into the week.

The Glenvar boys are 16-0 and underscored upon in their last four games. They have 12 shut-outs on the season.

The Highlanders will open the post-season hoping to repeat last spring's Class 2 state championship. The Highlanders are 30-0-1 in their last 31 games, unbeaten since a 2-1 loss to Salem in April of 2023.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Trace Monroe was scheduled to start on the mound for Salem's Region 4D baseball opener in Lynchburg.

Spartans are 3rd seed in stacked Region 4D

The Salem High baseball team is the third seed in what should be a very competitive South Division of the Region 4D tournament. The tournament was scheduled to begin on Wednesday with Salem traveling to second seeded E.C. Glass.

Region 4D is split into two sections, as it runs from the Washington, D.C. area to the North Carolina border. Each section, North and South, qualifies four teams for the tournament and they play within their foursome for quarterfinal and semifinal games. The two winners play each other for the region championship, scheduled for next Tuesday, and both advance to the state tourney with the region winner getting an opening round home game.

Unfortunately for the South Region teams, most of the better teams are in this area. Blacksburg, E.C. Glass and Salem all finished the season with 16-4 records while Halifax and Jefferson Forest both finished at 15-5. Meanwhile, it didn't take a winning record to make the top four in the North.

The South Division was still up in the air coming into the week. Jefferson Forest lost to Liberty Christian Monday, 6-4, and when tie-breakers couldn't sort things out a series of coin flips decided the order to be Blacksburg-one, Glass-two, Salem-three and Halifax-four, with Jefferson Forest left out with a 15-5 record.

"I feel bad for Jefferson Forest," said Salem coach Jimmy Winterer. "They have a really good team and they play in a tough district."

Salem could have suffered the same fate, by luck of a coin flip, if not for winning their last three games. At that, it's a shame a 16-4 team had to play on the road to start the region.

"The two best pitchers in the region will be going in our first game," said Winterer, who planned to start lefty Trace Monroe in Wednesday's game at Glass.

The winner of Wednesday's game advances to a Friday game. Salem could have a home game if the Spartans beat Glass and Halifax beat Blacksburg on Wednesday.

Salem's Perez is Region 4D singles champ, SHS teams will play semifinals on Friday

The Salem High tennis teams will be playing in Region 4D semifinals Friday and the Spartan singles and doubles teams, both boys and girls, have also been having some success.

The boys' team will play River Ridge District arch-rival Blacksburg in Blacksburg in Friday's semifinal, with the region championship match scheduled for next Tuesday. Salem opened with a 5-4 win over E.C. Glass last Friday to advance to the semifinal.

Glass was a formidable foe at 10-2 but

Salem number one Drew Perez set the tone with a 6-0, 6-0 win at number one. Logan Butcher then completed one of his finest efforts to claim a first set tiebreaker, then closed it out at number four. Getting the takedown for a third singles point was senior number six Charlie McDonald, staying on top for a 6-2, 6-2 win.

With the match tied 3-3 after singles Salem took two of three doubles. Perez and Joren Poush won at number one, 6-1, 6-4, and Chance Long teamed with Butcher at

number three for a 6-2, 6-2 win.

On Monday Perez opened the singles tournament at John Handley High School in Winchester with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Youngmin Kim of Blacksburg, beating him for the third time this season. Drew and Poush then won their opening doubles match against the Jefferson Forest duo, 6-4, 6-1.

Tuesday was singles semifinals and finals and Perez came out on top. He defeated Josh Lucas of James Wood in the semis, 6-0, 6-0, then took

on a formidable foe from Charlottesville High, Sean Frank, and Perez won the region singles championship, 6-3, 6-4. The doubles were scheduled for Wednesday.

The girls also won their team opener at home last Friday, defeating Halifax in a match that began at Salem High and finished at the indoor courts at the Hidden Valley Country Club. Salem won 5-1 with the match stopped when the Spartans clinched.

On Monday Claire Rawlins represented Salem in singles and won her quarterfinal match over Mallory Marsteller from Jefferson Forest, 6-0, 6-1. Claire then teamed with Lauren Baba and won their opening doubles match, 6-3, 6-4, against the Jefferson Forest team.

On Tuesday Rawlins won her semifinal match against a Sherando opponent, 6-1, 6-0, but lost in the region final against Tovia Carothers of E.C. Glass, 6-1, 6-1. The girls' tournaments are being held at Glass, with doubles scheduled for Wednesday.

The girls will play team semifinals Friday at E.C. Glass against the host Hilltoppers. Team championships for both girls and boys are scheduled for Tuesday of next week.



SHS TENNIS PHOTO

Spartans participating in Region 4D singles and doubles tennis tournaments this week are, left to right, Drew Perez, Joren Poush, Lauren Baba and Claire Rawlins.

Glenvar tennis playing at Radford Univ.

Radford University is the site of the Region 2C tennis tournaments this week and Glenvar players were involved in team, doubles and singles events.

The boys were set to play in the Region 2C championship on Wednesday against Radford. They opened with a 5-3 win over Patrick County Monday, then downed George Wythe, 5-2, on Tuesday to reach the championship match.

"I'm very happy with how our boys are responding to the challenge," said Glenvar coach Bob Haynie.

In doubles, Glenvar's Logan Garner and Connor Wilkes beat the Liberty pair on Tuesday, 6-2, 6-3, and they'll advance to Thursday's match against

Grayson County's doubles team. Garner was set to open singles on Wednesday.

The Glenvar girls' team opened with a 5-2 win over Nelson County on Monday, then lost to Floyd County, 6-0, Tuesday and were eliminated from the tournament. Natalie McMahon and Rebecca Magruder played Nelson County in doubles Tuesday and won their match, 6-0, 6-2, advancing to Thursday's doubles match with Radford's top team.

McMahon is also representing Glenvar in the singles tournament which was set to open Wednesday. Natalie was set to play Shannon Coleman of Appomattox.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Jamie Forster plays the net for Glenvar.

SPORTS

**Haley Has It For Less...
For Salem!**

Haley Toyota
 1530 Courtland Road NE,
 Roanoke, VA 24012 • 540.345.1666
 Haleyhasitforless.com
**Bring this coupon in for
 \$100 Off Your Best Deal!**
 Limit One Per Customer
 Expiration Date: MAY 31, 2024

Send story ideas & announcements to bhoffman@ourvalley.org, or PO Box 1125, Salem, Va, 24153 • ourvalley.org

Salem beats Blacksburg for first time ever to win the River Ridge District soccer championship

Never is rarely forever, and never came to an end for the Salem High soccer team when the Spartans won the River Ridge District championship last Friday. Salem scored late to tie Blacksburg, then after four overtimes didn't settle the outcome the Spartans won by penalty kicks.

Until then, Salem had never beaten the perennial state contending Bruins in soccer. Blacksburg has won 13 state championships since 1989 and has been a road block for the Spartans, who have also had some good teams who just couldn't get past the Bruins.

For most of last Friday's match that pattern seemed to be following on a rainy night in the New River Valley. Host Blacksburg had beaten Salem twice during the season, both by 1-0 scores, and the Bruins took a 1-0 lead eight minutes into the game that was holding up late into the second half.

Then lightning struck. . .not literally. With about three minutes in regulation Salem forced a corner kick and Lucas Yerton headed in a rebound to level the score at 1-1, and that's how it remained when the horn sounded.

Two regular overtimes ensued, then two more "sudden victory" periods and still a River Ridge District champ was not crowned. That meant the game would be decided by penalty kicks, and Spartan coach Dave Atkins called on TJ Fisher, Logan Lavinder, Elijah Clark, Grant Clemens and Graham Fischer to try and win the game. And win the game they did, as the first four Spartans converted while Salem keeper Max Benne came up huge, saving two of Blacksburg's PK attempts to finish the game with nine saves. Graham Fischer didn't even have to kick as the Spartans claimed victory over Blacksburg for the first time in the longstanding "rivalry."

"It was our first ever victory over the Bruins and our first River Ridge District championship, tournament or regular season," said Atkins. "I am so proud of our guys for what they have accomplished this year. We have had a lot of 'firsts' as a program this season and the guys deserve all the credit."

continued on page 11



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Above, Salem's Lucas Yerton(white shirt, red hair) heads the ball into the Blacksburg goal to tie the River Ridge District championship game at 1-1 with three minutes remaining in regulation. Below, Spartan teammates celebrate the score. Salem went on to win the game on penalty kicks.



Spartan lacemen are in state, host region championship Friday

The undefeated Salem High boys' lacrosse team clinched a spot in the state championship tournament by running roughshod over two south Roanoke County opponents. The Spartans beat Hidden Valley, 22-2, and Cave Spring, 20-4, in region quarterfinal and semifinal games at Salem's Spartan Field.

Next up for the Spartans will be the Region D championship game, back at Spartan field this Friday. It will be at 7 pm against either second seeded E.C. Glass or third seeded Jefferson Forest,

who were set to play in the other semifinal after press deadlines.

The Spartans had little trouble reaching the finals. Last Friday they jumped to a 20-0 halftime lead over Hidden Valley and had the ball on their offensive end for most of the game.

Dakotah Hawkins led Salem with five goals and two assists. Parker Dallas had four goals, Wade Marble had three, Andrew Crumpacker had two goals and four assists, Tucker Preas had two and two and Kaiden Garst had

three dimes to go with one goal. Also scoring one goal each were Ronnie Frith, Jackson Wining, Oliver Farber, Brayden Hall and Ty Hicklin as coach George Revercomb substituted freely.

Cave Spring beat Rockbridge in another quarterfinal and earned the right to come to Salem Monday. Again, Salem scored early and often to turn the game into a rout before the halftime buzzer.

Garst and Hawkins had four goals each against the Knights while Holden

Custer and Jackson Jones had three each, and Custer also had three assists. Dallas and Preas had two goals each and other scores were by Crumpacker and Wining. Richard Hof was called on to make four saves.

Now 16-0, the Spartans won't be taking anything for granted Friday in the Region D championship game at Spartan Field.

"We're focused on Friday and winning a district championship, and then we'll shift our focus to states," said Revercomb.



Left, Salem's Parker Dallas(#55) scores one of his four goals in last week's win over Hidden Valley. Right, Brayden Hall fires a shot on goal. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



LACROSSE

NCAA D-III Women's lacrosse in Salem this weekend

Kerr Stadium on the campus of Roanoke College in Salem will be the site of the NCAA Division III women's lacrosse championships this weekend. Semifinal games are scheduled for Friday and the championship is at noon Saturday.

Action gets underway at noon Friday when Middlebury meets Franklin & Marshall. Middlebury is undefeated at 21-0 while Franklin & Marshall is 19-3, including a 14-11 win over Roanoke College in Saturday's region tournament

in Lancaster, PA.

The second semifinal is scheduled for 3 pm Friday and it matches Salisbury against William Smith. Salisbury is 17-3 after three wins in the NCAA tournament while William Smith comes in at 20-3.

Roanoke College finished the season at 17-5 after falling to third ranked Franklin & Marshall Saturday. The Maroons beat Hope, 24-6, and Capital, 20-11, to come within two wins of returning to Salem for the Final Four.

Tiernan Connor of RC tied for the game-high with four goals against F&M while Salem High product Libby Bowman and Grace Koutouzis each finished with two goals and two assists. Kate Loughran, Maddie McDonald and Tracey Benzing scored one goal apiece and Sydney Harrison had one assist.

Sophia Chickering totaled nine draw controls, helping Roanoke to an overall 16-12 advantage on the circle. McDonald collected three draws, and

continued on page 12