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Weeks named interim police chief

Salem City Manager, Chris Dorsey, announced yesterday that he is appointing Deputy Chief Derek Weeks to the position of interim police chief for the city of Salem. The move will take effect on June 1 when the current police chief, Mike Crawley, officially retires after nearly 25 years of service to the Salem community.

"On behalf of the entire city, I want to thank Chief Crawley for his dedicated service to all Salem residents throughout the years," Dorsey said. "We wish him nothing but the best in his retirement,

and I am confident Derek Weeks will continue to uphold the city's tradition of excellent policing as he leads the force on an interim basis."

Weeks, 49, began his law enforcement career serving four years with the Roanoke City Sheriff's Office before joining the Salem Police Department in 2001 as a patrol officer. He transferred to Salem's Detective Division in 2006 and was elected Salem's Officer of The Year by his peers in 2007.

In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and

served in that capacity in the Patrol, Services, and Forensics Divisions. During that period, Weeks graduated from the 81st Session of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy. In 2015, Weeks was promoted to the rank lieutenant, and he has been Salem's second in command since February 2016.

"I am excited to serve this department and this community in this capacity," Weeks said. "Moving forward, my goal is to continue to

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Weeks, left, is pictured alongside Crawley.

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Nearly \$200K in scholarships awarded



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On Tuesday, May 21, 120 scholarships were awarded to Salem High School seniors at the annual Community Scholarship Night. Students, parents and family members were all smiles for the ceremony that featured nearly \$200,000 in grants, lots of fellowship, music by the high school's jazz band and food prepared by the school's culinary arts students. Since 1984, the Salem Education Foundation has given Salem High School students over \$4.5 million dollars in college assistance. In 40 years since the school division was founded, the endowment has reached \$6 million, according to officials. The Salem Sports Foundation and the Chance Crawford Foundation also honored some of Salem's graduating seniors with grant money during the ceremony.

-The Salem Times-Register

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School division announces new coordinators, assistant principals

Salem School Division Superintendent Dr. Curtis Hicks announced this week that seven veteran educators have accepted the challenge of taking on new responsibilities when the 2024-25 school year arrives in August. The moves, school officials said, are expected to have positive impacts on all levels of Salem City Schools ranging from the division's elementary students to the central administrative offices.

"Public education is constantly evolving, and we know the importance of adapting our personnel and procedures each and every school year, so we can best educate our children," said Hicks. "I believe these appointments are excellent examples of our desire to hire the absolute best person to serve our students, staff, and community."

Those involved in the moves include:

- Bridget Nelson— School division

ADMINISTRATIVE MOVES FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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Pictured are those involved in the administrative moves.

- Jeff Bird— School division coordinator of special education
- Andrea Johnson— Salem High School

- Bonnie Reddy— Salem High School assistant principal
- Jonathan Underwood— Andrew Lewis Middle School assistant

- Christina Rose— East Salem Elementary School assistant principal
- Wes Thomas— Andrew Lewis Middle

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Officials noted that the tornado started somewhere in the Karen Hills area in Salem and traveled through Kimball Avenue, ending somewhere around Midland Road.



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The city's street department workers had their hands full on Monday clearing debris from trees that were damaged.

Sunday storm causes damage

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A significant storm on Sunday caused damage in Salem, with the National Weather Service determining the presence of a tornado.

City of Salem officials said that there were no injuries or fatalities, and very limited damage to structures. The official noted that it appears the tornado started somewhere in the Karen Hills area in Salem and traveled through Kimball Avenue, ending somewhere around Midland Road.

"Like all localities, we had numerous power outages, but our Electric Department folks were able to get everything back on by Monday night," Mike Stevens, communications director for the city, said. "At the worst time,

several hundred Salem residents were without power - mainly in the path of the storm. We will spend the remainder of this week getting any loose or displaced lines back in place."

The city's street department workers had their hands full with clearing debris from trees that were damaged. The crews worked until 4:30 a.m. Monday morning to get all roads back open in the city.

The focus now, Stevens said Tuesday morning, is on clearing the greenway and collecting the debris left behind.

"We ask that residents be patient and help with the process by separating bulk items like metal, wood, limbs, etc. Also, no limbs can be longer than 6-feet in length," he said.

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

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

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.

Hello Summer Festival: The Hello Summer Festival will take place at Green Hill Park from 5-9 p.m. It's hosted by Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

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Switchfoot leads trio of rockers: Switchfoot, Blue

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

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

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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.

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Public meetings: 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

Congratulations to Salem High School graduates, and all graduates across the Roanoke Valley. They have worked hard over the last several years, and the Salem Museum congratulates them for their achievement.

High school graduations in Salem date back to 1896, when the first ever class of Salem seniors graduated. Their classes were in the same buildings as the younger students at Graded School No. 1, later known as Academy Street School. There were six seniors in that first class, and by 1900 the high school had grown to 55 students enrolled in all four grades. Academy Street School remained the home of the high school until a new Salem High School was built on Broad Street, which opened in the fall of 1912. This location served as the High School until a fire broke out in 1932, leading to the construction of Andrew Lewis High School.

Pictured is a graduation banner from 1914, dating it back to the second class to graduate from the Broad Street location. Graduates celebrated with banners and decorations over a hundred years ago just like they do today.

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



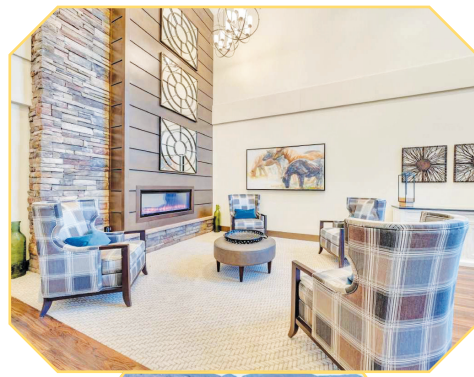
1914 Salem High School graduation banner

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POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of May 14, 2024 - May 20, 2024

DATE	NAME	AGE	OFFENSE
5/14/2024	Angel N. Wright	19	Contempt of Court
5/15/2024	David L. Martin	62	Public Intoxication
5/16/2024	Christopher A. Lindamood	62	Public Intoxication
5/16/2024	Timmy D. Hall	56	DUI
5/17/2024	Tanner C. Boone	22	Domestic Assault & Battery
5/18/2024	Phillip E. Stultz	53	Domestic Assault & Battery
5/19/2024	Destiny R. Lander	22	Possession of Controlled Substance, Paraphernalia
5/20/2024	Joseph D. Lafferty	42	Contempt of Court
5/20/2024	Kelly M. Smith	40	Contempt of Court
5/20/2024	Roger L. Woods	35	Sexual Assault, Obscene Communication

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of May 14, 2024 - May 20, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
17-MAY-2024	2300 BLK W Main St	Grand Larceny
17-MAY-2024	900 BLK Dominion Ln	Aggravated Domestic Assault
19-MAY-2024	300 BLK Ross St	Possession of Controlled Substance

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Summer, sun, and smells go together. During the summer months (June, July, August), the sun makes us happy, as it increases serotonin. In the summer, we spend hours on end out in the sun, whereas during the winter, we do not spend much time in it at all. Simply spending more time in the sun can increase our moods. Most of us have positive memories we associate with summer—being off school, playing outside, going on vacation, and feeling endlessly drawn towards lakes and oceans to beat the heat. But the different smells of summer remind me of what I like about this time of the year. During summer we are surrounded by scents. There are more fragrances around with flowers, trees and plants blooming. The warmer air carries smells farther and our noses work better. Freshly cut grass is a strong one, research shows that the smell of the clippings alone can relieve stress and boost memory. Another is suntan lotion; this summer scent transports me to Myrtle Beach quicker than an airplane could. Summer smells like fresh fruit. What is more refreshing than biting into a piece of fresh fruit on a sizzling summer day? Raspberries, peaches, blueberries, cherries, and watermelon are all in season during the summer, and citrus drinks like lemonade and limeade are a staple of many cookouts. The grilling smells of cooking hot dogs and hamburgers take me to the ballpark. The scents you surround yourself with can become a potent part of the memories you make this summer. You may not realize it as it is happening, but you'll notice when you stumble upon a scent that brings you right back to the fun times you had during the dog days of summer.



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

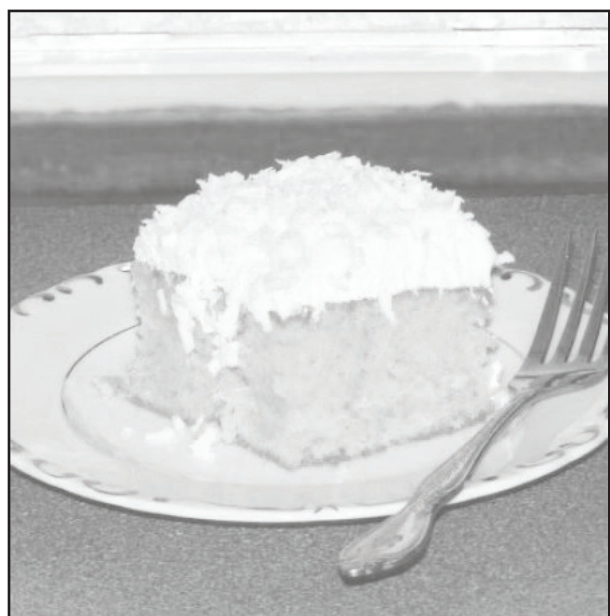
If you love coconut, then you will love this coconut cream poke cake. It is full of coconut flavor. Perfect for potlucks and summer picnics!

Ingredients:

- 1 box (15.25 oz.) white cake mix (any brand)
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 box (3.4 oz.) coconut cream instant pudding
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 can (15 oz.) cream of coconut
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 8 oz. container of Cool Whip, thawed
- sweetened coconut flakes

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9x13-inch baking pan with cooking spray. Mix together the cake mix, eggs, milk, oil, instant pudding, and vanilla until smooth. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 32-35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Mix the cream of coconut and sweetened condensed milk in a medium bowl. Poke holes in the hot cake with the round end of a wooden spoon and slowly pour this



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mixture over the cake, trying to fill the holes. Let the cake cool completely. When the cake is completely cool, top with Cool Whip and sprinkle with the desired amount of sweetened coconut flakes. Refrigerate at least 8 hours before serving. This recipe needs time to allow the cake to absorb all of the coconut flavors. At the very minimum, I would let it sit for two hours. The closer you can get to eight hours, the better. This Coconut Cream Poke Cake is even better the next day (if you can wait that long!).

Roanoke Lebanese Festival returns May 31, June 1-2



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.

The festival features Lebanese food, Lebanese music and traditional Lebanese folk dancers in full costume. Admission and parking are free. Visitors may purchase a wide variety of home-style Lebanese food, and children can participate in activities for an affordable fee.

Menu offerings include meat pies, vegetarian and meat grape leaves, spinach pies, spinach-feta rolls, falafel, grilled lamb and beef kabobs, beef kafta, chicken shawarma

wraps, lube (Lebanese green beans), tabbouleh (Lebanese salad), cabbage rolls, kibbie, pita bread, hummus, Lebanese cheesecake, baklava, other Lebanese pastries and more.

In addition to onsite dining, takeout will be available throughout the day and evening. Orders may be placed online.

Tours of the church will cover the rich history of Maronite Catholicism, one of the oldest rites within Catholic Christianity, including a display of stained-glass windows and icons. For more information, visit the website: www.LebaneseFestival.StEliasChurch.org or contact St. Elias Church at 540-562-0012.

-Submitted by Renee Turk



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build on the foundation established by previous administrators who mentored me. We will continue to provide our citizens and visitors with excellent police services.”

Weeks graduated from Glenvar High School in 1992 and from Radford University in 1996. In 2022, he also graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico in the 284th

class. He resides in Salem with his wife and family.

The city of Salem is currently involved in a national search to find the city's next chief. The position search is being spearheaded by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police on behalf of the city.

-The Salem Times-Register

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School civics teacher Former Virginia State Teacher of The Year Andrea Johnson will be returning to Salem High School to serve as an assistant principal. Johnson spent this current year as an assistant principal at Andrew Lewis Middle. Before that she taught English at Salem High School and Andrew Lewis Middle for nearly ten years and served as an instructional coach for her peers.

She will be joined on the high school's administrative team by fellow assistant principal Bonnie Reedy, who comes to Salem from Radford High School where she was an assistant principal this school year. Previously, she taught at both Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke and William Byrd Middle School in Vinton, Reedy also has been a coach and gifted student coordinator.

They are stepping into leadership roles at the high school following the transition of Bridget Nelson and Jeff Bird to the central office. Bird taught math at Salem High School for 17 years before becoming an assistant principal at the school in 2018. In

his new assessment and accountability role he will oversee standardized testing and Career Technical Education.

Nelson has been an assistant principal for the Spartans since 2017, but prior to that she was a leader and teacher with special education programs at Salem High School and in Roanoke City. She taught special needs children for eight years at Stonewall Jackson Middle School.

Jonathan Underwood will begin his first job as an administrator when he replaces Johnson as an assistant principal at Andrew Lewis Middle School. He joined the

Salem School Division in 2023 as a civics teacher at Andrew Lewis. He has previously taught at both Glenvar High School and Cave Spring Middle.

Christina Rose has been a fixture in the Salem School Division for the past decade. In the upcoming school year, she will move to East Salem Elementary to work as an assistant principal. Previously, Rose was a school counselor, an assistant principal at the elementary and middle school levels, and most recently the principal at G.W. Carver Elementary School.

Rose will replace Wes Thomas at East Salem.

Thomas is returning to the classroom to teach civics at Andrew Lewis Middle School. He has been an assistant principal at East since 2014 and before that he taught both elementary and middle school students in Floyd County and served as an assistant principal in Floyd and in Roswell, Georgia.

All appointments have been formally approved by the school board and they will take effect on July 1. In addition, a formal search is currently underway to determine who will be the next principal at G.W. Carver.

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OPINION

Roanoke College releases Virginia Consumer Sentiment and Inflation Expectations Report

Consumer sentiment slipped 3.4 percentage points since February 2024 to 69.8. Concerns about today and the near future fuel the modest retreat. The greatest frustrations are inflation and high prices, with near-term expectations rising to 2.8%. Inflation remains above 3%, driven primarily by shelter and added pressures from vehicle insurance, maintenance and repairs.

Over a quarter of respondents (27%) report that their household finances are better today than a year ago – up slightly from last quarter – although only 35% believe that now is a good time to buy large, durable goods like a refrigerator, down five percentage points from February. The Virginia Index of Current Conditions (ICC) is 61.3 in the second reading of 2024, down from 65.0 in the first quarter of 2024 despite a plethora of positive economic news: The stock market is at record levels; wage growth continues to outpace inflation, giving workers more purchasing power; the unemployment rate has been below 4% for 27 consecutive months; the advance estimate of gross domestic product (GDP), a measure of overall spending, was up 1.6% in the first quarter of 2024; and the nowcast from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta for the second quarter is currently 3.6%.

Thirty-five percent of Virginians believe their household finances will improve over the coming year compared to 20% who anticipate growing challenges. Fifty-four percent think the coming few years will include periods of high unemployment and economic recession, up dramatically from 48% last quarter. The Virginia Index of Consumer Expectations (ICE) was 75.2 in May, down three points from the previous quarter and one year ago. Comparatively, the final national ICE was 68.8 in May, down more than six points since February 2024. The decline in optimism about the coming years is primarily attributed to high price levels.

Inflation, as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI), was 3.4% in April 2024 and has been below 4% since May 2023 but above the Federal Reserve Bank's 2.0% target (although as gauged by the PCE Index rather than the CPI). Between April 2023 and April 2024, food and gas prices rose by 2.2% and 1.2% nationally,

Roanoke College Poll

respectively, so neither are major contributors to the above target inflation rate. Two significant contributors are shelter and vehicles. Year over year, shelter inflation, including rent, increased 5.6%. While used and new car inflation is abating (-6.3% and -0.4%, respectively) after the rapid increases in 2022, people are keeping their cars longer and driving more miles, requiring more repairs and pushing up insurance premiums. An insurance premium reflects the expected loss for the insurance company, which will increase with car value and maintenance and repair costs. Over the past year, vehicle insurance and maintenance and repair inflation were 6.7% and 7.6%, respectively. Collectively, shelter, vehicle insurance, and repair and maintenance account for over 40% of the Consumer Price Index, thus contributing significantly to overall inflation.

Virginians anticipate that prices will rise by 2.8% over the coming year and 3.6% over the longer term; the short-term price expectation is up from 2.5% last quarter but remains within the 2.2-3.3% band sustained over the two years before the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent run-up in inflation. The long-term expectation is down slightly from 3.7% in February; both are equal to their 12-month average. The lack of substantial movement in these expectations indicates that Virginians are slowly growing more confident in inflation moderation and price stability, which typically reduces worry and facilitates budgetary planning, albeit not enough to maintain consistently rising consumer sentiment. Nationally, the year-ahead inflation expectation is 3.3%.

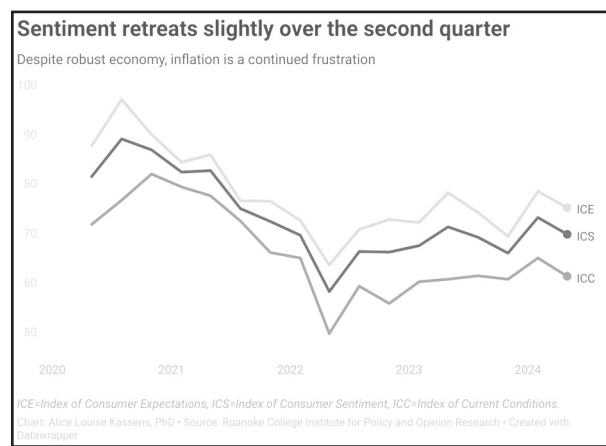
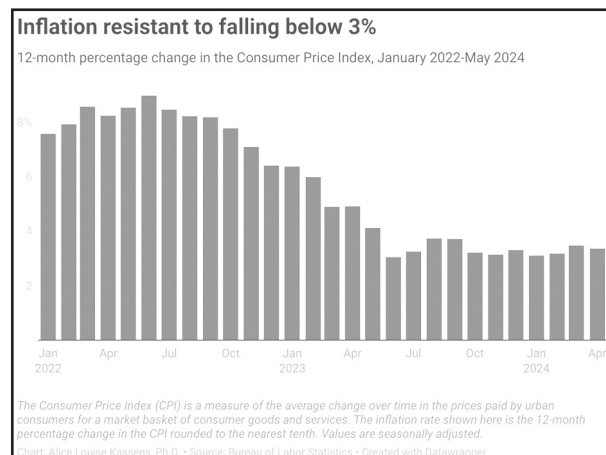
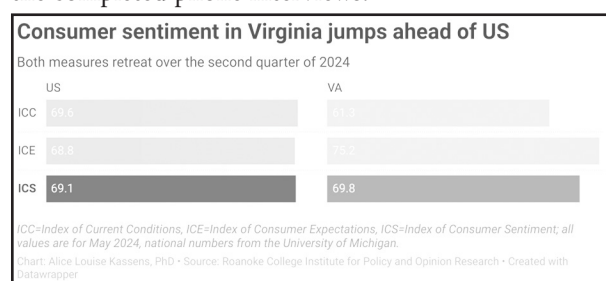
Analysis

"Virginians are slightly less optimistic about the current and future economy than earlier in the year," said Dr. Alice Louise Kassens, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics and senior analyst at the Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research. "The most common reason given for the pessimism is high prices. Although price growth has stabilized at 3.5-4% annually, down considerably from a few years ago, that does not mean that goods and services are cheaper. The prices of big-ticket items like shelter, vehicle insurance, and vehicle maintenance and repair are rising rapidly, likely leading to sticker shock and frustration. Thankfully, food and fuel inflation are low, which provides some relief to consumers. Despite

the frustration, consumer spending remains robust. A strong summer travel season is expected, bringing tourism dollars to many locations, including some in the commonwealth."

Methodology

The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) conducted interviews for the Roanoke College Poll at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, between Feb. 11 and Feb. 19, 2024. A total of 760 completed interviews came from random telephone calls to 460 Virginians, and 300 responses were drawn from a proprietary online panel of Virginians. Interviews were conducted in English. Cellphones constituted 56% of the completed phone interviews.



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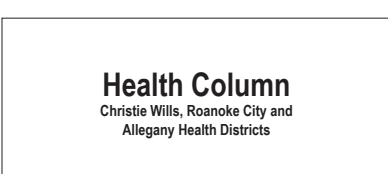
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Taking care of our mental health

Along with the importance of physical wellbeing, mental wellbeing plays a significant role in overall health. On the one hand, when communities don't serve residents' mental health needs, the result can have a negative influence on homelessness, poverty, employment, safety, and the local economy. On the other hand, when mental health needs are met, individuals are in a better position to cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively, and make contributions to the community.



Although national surveys indicate that 1 in 4 adults will experience a mental health problem during the year, most people with mental health difficulties get better, and many recover completely (SAMHSA). While efforts to prevent the factors that lead to mental illness are critical (such as reducing the effects of

poverty, child maltreatment, violence, etc.), healthy communities should also have a web of services that support good mental health.

Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, it is particularly important to note the role that local agencies play in suicide prevention efforts. In our area, both Roanoke City and Allegheny County have significantly higher rates of death due to suicide compared to rates across Virginia and the United States (County

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Orator's podium
 - UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
 - Partner to "oohs"
 - African antelope
 - Indigenous Thai person
 - Monetary unit of Angola
 - Becomes less intense
 - Insurance mascot
 - Tech hub ___ Alto
 - Actress Tomei
 - Airborne (abbr.)
 - Type of smart watch
 - Natives
 - Incompetent person
 - Rare Hawaiian geese
 - Unspoken relationships
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 - Claw
 - Status quo
 - Mimic
 - Fur-lined cloak
 - Ancient foreigner
 - In an angry way
 - Ill-intentioned
 - Monetary unit of Serbia
 - S. American plant
 - One or the other
 - An alias for Thor
 - Gratuity
 - In a painful way
 - French commune
 - Promotional materials
 - Greek city
 - Assistant
 - Confederate general
 - Former NJ governor
 - Broad volcanic crater
 - Not for
 - Blur
 - Tots
 - Acted leisurely
 - About the Alps
 - Gets out of bed
 - Town in "The Iliad"
 - Welsh given name
 - Remove salt
 - Calvary sword
 - Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
 - Keeps a house cozy
 - Ballplayer's accessory
 - Southwestern Russian city
 - Pro sports league
 - Congress investigative body (abbr.)
 - Stop standing
 - Utilize
 - Sign language
 - Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
 - Being of central importance
 - Ruin environment
 - Dessert dish
 - Sea eagles
 - Fertilized
 - Jerry's friend Benes
 - Indian river
 - Pass into a specified state or condition
 - Nocturnal rodent
 - A way to travel
 - Iron-containing compound
 - Ancient Greek City
 - NFL signal caller Matt
- CLUES DOWN**
- Used by gymnasts
 - "Luther" actor Idris



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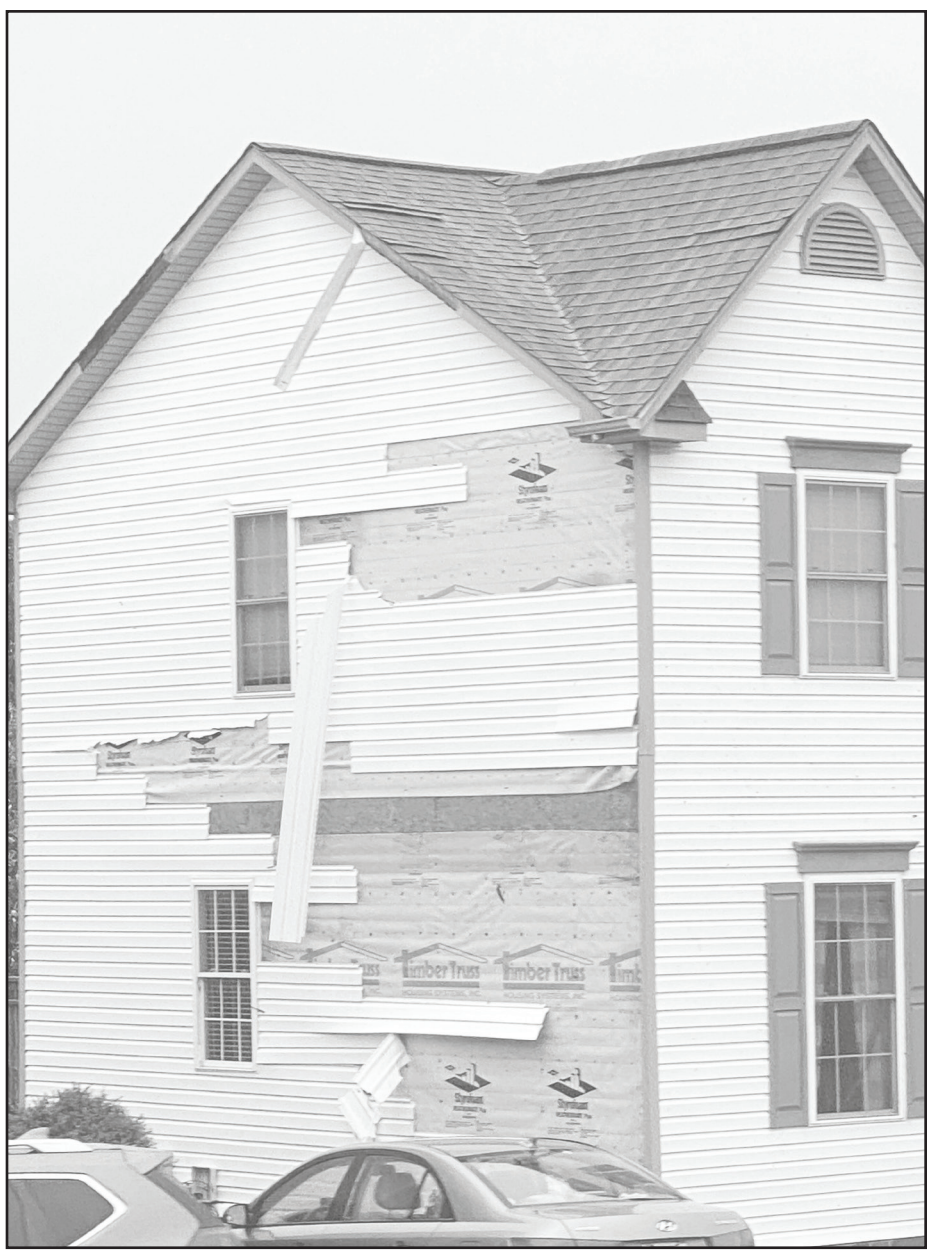
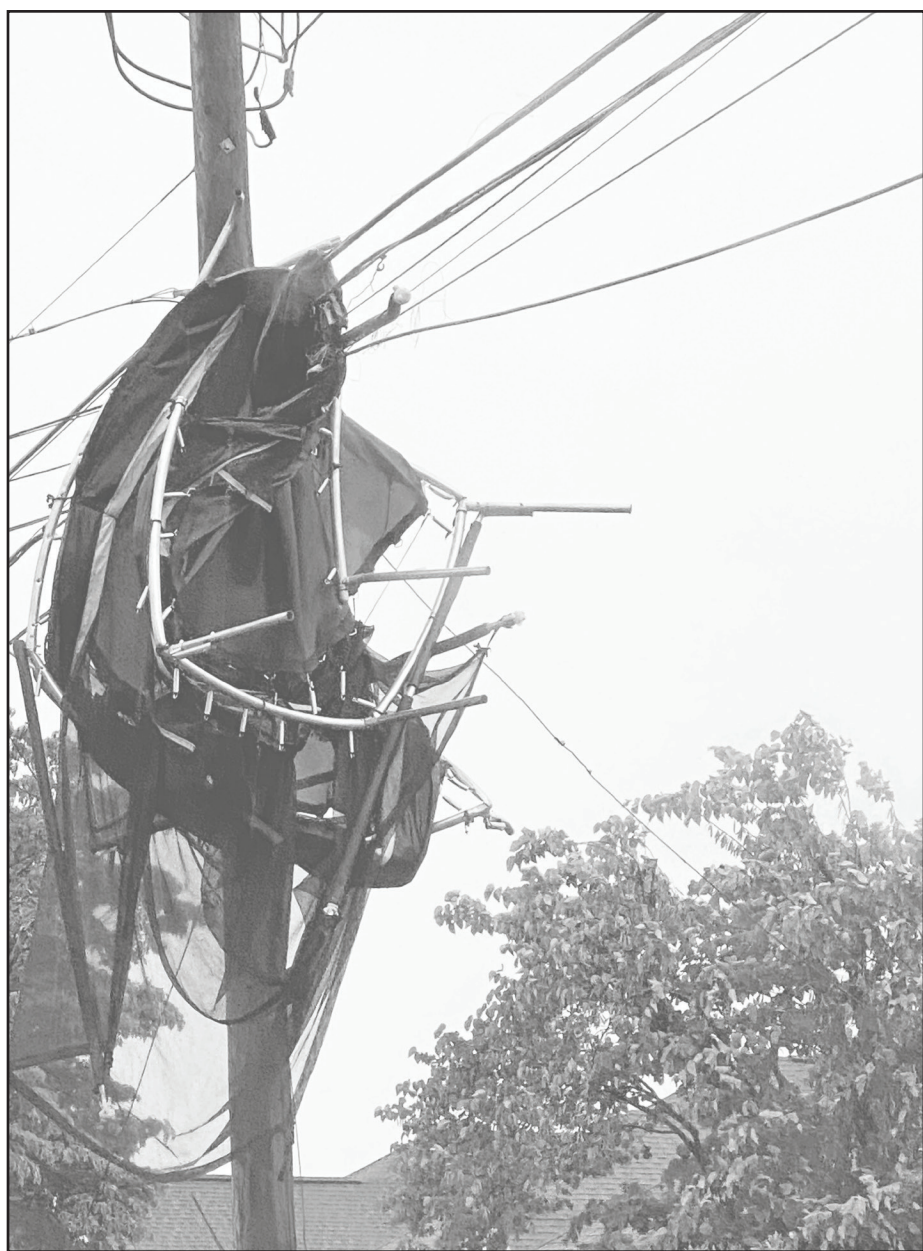
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Interstate 81

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN ROANOKE AREA - Blue Ridge Parkway may be repairing roads in our area that require road closures and flagging operations and detours may be in place. Visit their website at www.nps.gov/blriplanyourvisit/roadclosures.htm for more information.

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.

Botetourt County

ROUTE 220 AND INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY/ASHLEY WAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

- Work is underway on a road construction project to improve traffic flow and safety by converting the intersection at Route 220 and Route 839/Route 1126 (International Parkway/Ashley Way) to a restricted crossing U-turn (RCUT). Construction is anticipated to be completed in summer 2025. Drivers can expect the following traffic pattern changes at the intersection of Route 220 and International Parkway/Ashley Way:

Northbound Route 220 approaching the intersection will be reduced to one lane. Drivers on northbound Route 220 will still be able to turn left onto International Parkway and right onto Ashley Way.

The crossover located 0.2 mile south of the intersection will be closed.

Vehicles from Ashley Way will use a single lane to go straight or to turn left or right onto Route 220.

Speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph in the work zone.

Throughout the life of the project, drivers can expect lane closures on Route 220 and traffic pattern changes at the intersection. Starting in July, drivers who normally turn left from Ashley Way onto southbound Route 220 or turn left from International Parkway onto northbound Route 220 will have to turn right and proceed to make a U-turn using an available crossover. Estimated completion is summer 2025.

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

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.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

MCAFEE'S KNOB HIGHEST PEAK NEAR SECTION

Located In Northern Portion Of County - Accurate Description Made 50 Years Ago.

From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*

One of the finest vistas of scenery to be seen any place in America is found right here at home, for the lookout from McAfee's Knob in the northern part of this county is recognized as one of the most advantageous view points in the State. Because of the fact that access to the tip of McAfee's Knob must be made by horseback or by a painfully long and hard climb, its fame has not become widely known.

Fifty years ago an article was written by Rev. J. Watts Shoaff, pastor of a Methodist church, of Norfolk, Virginia, concerning this famous knob and his article which follows is of interest:

"McAfee's Knob is situated about five miles from Roanoke Red Sulphur Springs and is one of the natural wonders and most magnificent pieces of scenery in America. Leaving Roanoke Red Sulphur Springs, a ride

of about two and a half miles brought us to the base of the mountain. As it towered before us, plumed with the moving beauties of virgin forest, in imagination the golden-winged angel of inspiration, with tongue dipped in the mellifluous melody of the skies, flew before use crying the doxology of creation in honor of Him who is stronger than the rocks and more enduring than the mountains. Our ascent began, and strewn about upon every hand in wild profusion were fantastic ferns, velvet moss and flowers.

Dante's Inferno Vision

Onward we pressed our way, the ascent becoming more wild and weird with every step. About one mile and a half from the summit of the knob there is an immense declivity of gorge and rock, of tree and bramble, which imagination has only to fill with a few horrid spectres, serpentine monsters and hissing serpents, to

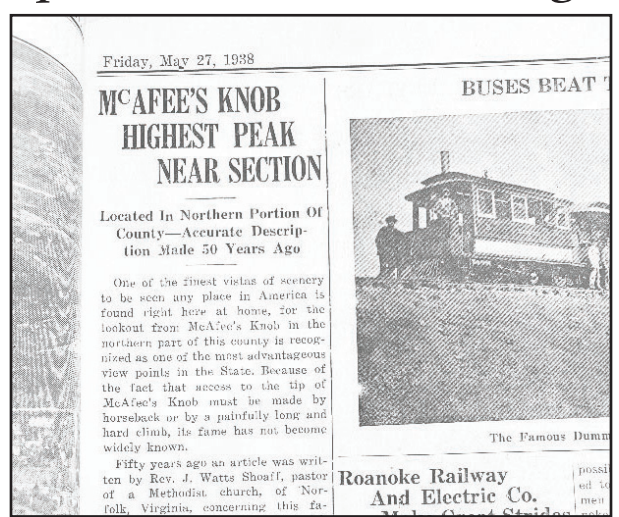
supply the mind with visions something like Dante's Inferno. West of this tremendous chasm the eye catches bright glimpses of mountain chains and sloping valleys. On the east, other mountains gleam in the sunlight, while the valley of the Roanoke rolls in an ocean of redolent beauty. The route from this point of ascent became more romantic for following in the wake of blazed trees, which marked the road in which we were to ravel, we communed in spirit with our forefathers, who blazed the forests to mark the path through solitudes of the western wilderness, filled with barbaric tribes, whose dead may yet be found in the caves of these very heights that new look down upon the peaceful and industrious pursuits of modern civilization."

Magnificent Scenery

"Unexpectedly we found ourselves at the very summit of the mountain and on the verge of its highest peak. Standing on flat table rocks, which

constitute the observatory of the tourist, our eyes were greeted by scenery so magnificent that language can only fail to depict it. To the north towered the highest peak of Otter, helmeted with blue, and we felt that Virginia henceforth would hail the elevation on which we stood as the bride of the Otter."

"Hundred of square miles, tinged with the crimson and gold of the approaching autumnal sun, unbosomed proudly before us. The royal drapery of the scenery mocks description. it had been penciled and colored by the unseen hand, the same Almighty Hand that braided the rainbow and set the stars of heaven. To the east the beautiful towns of Salem and Roanoke rested in the valley which smiled beneath us. On every hand, hundreds of square miles preached the sermon of God's power and wisdom and in silent praise our hearts responded "how great and



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marvelous are Thy works, O Lord, in wisdom has Thou made them all." The range of vision from one point embraces the prominent parts of eight counties with range upon range of mountain on the north and west. The air is so pure and invigorating that we might justly term it the elixir of the skies.

"The flat table rocks which form the observatory for the tourist, stretch over dizzy depths which are enough to make on reel into unconsciousness.

One of our party stood on the very verge of the outermost ledge with perfect self-poise and pierced the depths, which sing at least 1,500 feet below."

"As the sun rolled slowly downward in the far off west, with reluctant hearts, we retraced our steps, leaving behind the marvelous scenes in which we had reveled."

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Summer Food Service Program sites announced

Feeding Southwest Virginia recently announced the sponsorship of the emergency feeding under SFSP (Summer Food Service Program). Meals will be available at no charge to all participants at each site and provided, on a first come, first serve basis, at each of the following sites during the following times.

Andrew Lewis Middle School at 616 S College Ave. Salem, 24153 Snack: Monday – Friday, 2:30–3 p.m.
 • Craig County Public Library at 303 Main St. New Castle, 24127 Five-day meal boxes including breakfast and lunch: Wednesday, 12–2 p.m.; 6–7:30 p.m.

-The Salem Times-Register

Local sites include:

- Boys & Girls Club-

Health

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Health Rankings). Local community service boards' efforts to address the issue include the Suicide Prevention Council of Roanoke Valley, part of Blue Ridge Behavioral Health, and Lock & Talk, founded by the Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board in Covington and others. Additional local agencies providing suicide prevention counseling, case management, advocacy and education include:

- Family Services of Roanoke Valley
- SARA Roanoke Crisis Hotline (540-981-9352)
- Tudor House

Since 2022, a national three-digit phone number, 9-8-8, has served as a national suicide prevention lifeline to improve access to vital crisis services. People can call, text or chat 9-8-8 in English or Spanish around the clock to access trained crisis counselors who can help those experiencing suicidal thoughts, substance use, and/or a mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Individuals can also call 9-8-8 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

Any community-based mental health services will also have a strong linkage to assess factors for substance abuse. While your local health department does not typically receive funds to be a direct provider of mental health or substance use

counseling, we play a strong role in education, coordination of services, and providing naloxone for residents' household first aid kits. Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose without a prescription. As the Virginia Department of Health has ramped up substance use outreach and education, we are starting to see some results that our community-wide, evidence-based, harm reduction strategies are taking effect, but there's still much to be improved.

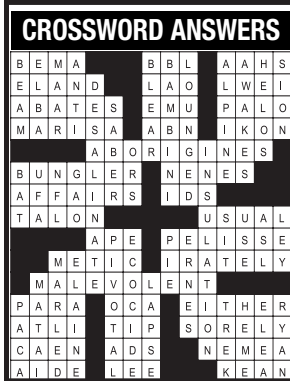
Effective solutions to the crisis will only happen through collaboration across various government, legal, medical, and other community stakeholders. As public health servants, we will continue to partner with community-based professionals

to increase awareness of mental health issues, reduce stigma, and reduce health disparities so that every resident receives the treatment they deserve and need.

- The first step for any individual is to recognize when you need more help and not feel embarrassed to seek support. If you are thinking about suicide, talking with a professional can help. Ready to make the call? A national helpline for treatment and referrals is available at 800-662-HELP.
- Blue Ridge Behavioral Health is offering several free Mental Health First Aid trainings this summer to teach participants how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge.

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BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)

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

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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.

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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!

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
25 Tinkerview Drive, Cloverdale, VA 24077

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated April 26, 2002 and recorded April 29, 2002 in Instrument Number 0203089 in the Clerk's Office for the Botetourt County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$54,800.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the Botetourt County Circuit courthouse steps located at 1 W Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090-0219.

June 27, 2024 at 2:30 PM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA: BEING UNIT A-2, PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT SHOWING PHASE I SUBDIVISION OF TINKERVIEW TOWNHOUSE PROPERTY, BLUE RIDGE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, DATED DECEMBER 1, 1984, REVISED APRIL 2, 1985, PREPARED BY WEEKS, HUBBELL, MCGHEE, P.C., CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYORS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 60-62; AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600Bethesda, MD 20814
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TRUSTEE SALE OF 1131 2nd Street, Blue Ridge, VA 24064

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$148,265.00, recorded as Inst. 170004619, assigned as Inst. 200000435, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt on June 17, 2024, at 12:00 noon, the property located at the above address and described as Lot 5, Block 7, Section 5, Blue Ridge Heights, County of Botetourt.

TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE. A deposit of \$13,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", balance due within 15 days from date of sale. No personal checks accepted. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest.

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Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at dolanreid.com/foreclosuresales.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

For Information Contact: DolanReid PLLC and G. Benny Moore, Substitute Trustee(s)
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Legals - City of Radford

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for the City of Radford will meet on the days hereafter listed for the purpose of hearing complaints of inequalities including errors in acreage. Upon hearing such complaints, either oral or written, the Board will give consideration **AND INCREASE, DECREASE, OR AFFIRM** such real estate assessments. Before a change is granted, the taxpayer or agent must provide substantial evidence that the property is not uniform with other similar properties or prove that the property is assessed in excess of its fair market value.

ALL HEARINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

You must make an appointment to appear before the Board of Equalization. Appointments will be scheduled every 15 minutes to minimize waiting. To make an appointment to appear before the Board of Equalization, please call 731-3613, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Meetings of the Board to hear objections will be held at the Radford Municipal Building, 619 Second Street of the Radford Public Safety Building, 10 Robertson Street. The dates and times are as follows:
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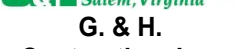
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By order of the City of Radford Board of Equalization, this notice is in compliance with Section 58.1-3378 of the Code of Virginia.

Legals - City of Salem



G. & H. Contracting, Inc. has been selected by Roanoke City Public Schools to be the General Contractor for their newest project, Preston Park Elementary School.

We are looking to give qualified subcontractors the opportunity to bid this project. All plans, specifications, and bid documents can be found on G&H Contracting's website at www.ghcontracting.com. Under the subcontractor tab, scroll down the page to Preston Park Elementary School. From there click on the project and it should allow you to download the bid documents. Please note this project bids June 6, 2024, at 2:00pm, and all bids must be submitted electronically to Eddie Herron at eherron@ghcontracting.com. For more information, please refer to our website, or call our office at 540-387-5059 and ask for Riley Kennedy.

Legals - Montgomery County

RESOLUTION SETTING RATE SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Public Service Authority does hereby agree to set the following proposed preliminary schedule fixing and classifying rates, fees, and charges for water and sewer service:

WATER RATE
Proposed 9.99% Increase
From: \$13.11 to \$14.42 per 1,000 gallons

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Montgomery County Public Service Authority, that the Public Service Authority hereby authorizes the Director to advertise a public hearing in accordance with Section 15.2-5136G of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to be held on June 05, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Board Room, in order to receive citizen comments on the preliminary schedule fixing and classifying rates, fees and charges for water and sewer service.

Legals - Montgomery County

Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearings on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

RZN-24-1/ORD 2051- Request for an amendment to previous rezoning RZN 19-0002/ORD 1895 on 33.87 acres at the former Old Blacksburg High School site at 520 Patrick Henry Drive (Tax Map Numbers: 227-A 4, 227-A 4C and 227-A 4D) by Balzer and Associates (applicant) for HS Development LLC and the Town of Blacksburg (property owners).

Requested amendment applies to an 11.15 acre portion of the 33.87 site. The request alters unit mix, layout, density and circulation on the site, and also includes changes to the proffer statement. A maximum of 73 townhomes is proposed (6.6 units per acre); this is a reduction from 100 townhomes previously approved by RZN 19-0002/ORD 1895. The maximum number of bedrooms proposed is 284 (approximately 26 bedrooms per acre), which is less than the 30 bedroom-per-acre density approved in RZN 19-0002/ORD 1895. The Future Land Use Designation for this parcel is Medium Density Residential, which allows up to 10 units per acre, or up to 20 bedrooms per acre for multifamily use, whichever is less. This proposed density represents an increase over the residential density envisioned in the future land use designation.

CUP-24-1-Conditional Use Permit Request for a drive-in restaurant in the GC-General Commercial zoning district on 1.02 acres at 1421 South Main Street (Tax Map Nos. 287-22 1-5 & 287-22 102-105) by Balzer and Associates, LLC (applicant) for Blacksburg Square, LLC (owner). This is a request for a drive-thru coffee shop for Seven Brew Coffee. There will be no exterior speaker boards, internal seating, or customer parking proposed on the site. The proposed site will contain two structures for the main coffee stand and a freezer building with three wraparound drive-thru lanes. Two entrances will be from the existing Blacksburg Square shopping center parking lot, with one entrance off of Ardmore Street. The existing single family home and driveway at 1421 South

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Main Street will be demolished. The Future Land Use (FLU) is Commercial and Mixed Use E.

ROW-24-1/ORD 2055- Request to vacate approximately 111,464 square feet of unbuild right-of-way at the end of Progress Street by James Taylor of Balzer & Associates (applicant) on behalf of S & S Construction, LLC and CC & B Development, LLC (property owners). This request will vacate approximately 114,464 square feet (2.63 acres) of Town-owned Right-of-Way at the end of Progress Street NW (adjacent to Tax Parcels 166-A 4C; 166-17 B; 166-17 A; 166-10 A & 166-10 B) known as future Progress Street. The future Progress Street ROW is current unbuild. The application also includes dedication of approximately 138,158 square feet of right-of-way to accommodate realignment of the future roadway. The request also includes vacation of several utility easements, access easements, and a trail easement. The process will include dedication of a new public utility easement and a new greenway easement. The existing trail would be relocated as part of subdivision of the adjacent tax parcels.

AFD-24-1/ORD 2052- Withdrawal of 3.036 acres of land from the Agricultural and Forestal District at 701 Bishop Road (Tax Map No. 137-T-A-1, Parcel # 006339) by James and Carol Burger (property owner). Request to withdraw 3.036 acres of land from the Town of Blacksburg Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD) at 701 Bishop Road by James and Carol Burger. A minor subdivision application (SUB 23-0006) for the creation of three (3) parcels is currently under review by the Planning and Engineering Departments.

Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning or right-of-way vacation requests, the conditional use permit request or Agricultural and Forestal District withdrawal may appear and present their views. After hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the requests and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

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Above, left to right, Glenvar's Jade Evans, Elle Graffeo and Sophia Hammersley run the 100 hurdles. Below, Kailee McDonald competes in the high jump and, right, Charlie Horrell took 3rd in the pole vault.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Host Highlanders runnerup in region meet

Highlander Stadium and the recently refurbished track at Glenvar High School was the site of the Region 2C track meet last Thursday. It turned out to be a good day for the Floyd County Buffaloes, who won both team titles, and the host Highlanders were team runners-up for both the girls and boys.

"It was really good to bring back the Region C meet back to Glenvar this year," said Highlander coach Neil Swanson. "I think everything went well despite the minor lightning delay. From what I heard from the other coaches in the region, they'd like to have it back here again next year, which is something I'm definitely open to."

In the girls' meet Floyd scored 147 points to 113 for second place Glenvar. Sophia Hammersley led the Highland charge with a win in the 100 hurdles in 16.79 and a second in the 300 hurdles in 52.50. Jade Evans was third in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the 100.

Valeria Loreda-Castillo took third in the 800, fifth in the 1,600 and ran on the winning 4x800 relay team with Rayya Bryson, Anna Hall and Rose Adams. Their winning time was 10:30.34.

Glenvar placed in two other relays. Hall, Adams, Kailee McDonald and Bryson took second in the 4x400 and the team of Aidan Beverly, Selena Noel, Mahre Swanson and Elle Graffeo was fourth in the 4x100.

McDonald was third in the high jump and

fourth in the 400. Kamirah Watts took a second in the shot put. Graffeo was third in the 100 hurdles, fourth in the 100 dash and fifth in the girls' pole vault.

In the boys' meet Floyd ran away with the crown with 159.5 points. Glenvar was second with 85, eight points better than third place Dan River.

Joey Loder took two first places for the Glenvar boys. He won the 110 hurdles in 15.81 and the 300 hurdles in 40.10, and he was also sixth in the 200 meters. Major Mason was second in the 110 hurdles and Matthew Johnson was fourth.

Also taking a first was the boys 4x800 relay team of Charlie Horrell, Tyler Davis, Alden Smith and Braeden Claud. They won with a time of 8:48.61.

Horrell also placed in three individual events. Charlie was second in the 1600, third in the Pole Vault and fourth in the 800. John Vishneski was fifth in the pole vault and Tyler Davis was sixth in the 1,600. Smith was fourth in the 3,200.

"Our kids had a good turnout for us and we pretty much peaked at the right time," said Swanson. "Both the boys and the girls were second overall, pretty good for a really young team."

This week the spring season comes to an end with the Virginia High School League state Class 1 and 2 meet on Friday and Saturday. That will be held at James Madison University.

SHS boys 2nd in Region 4D track

Liberty University in Lynchburg will be the site of the Class 3 and 4 state track meets this weekend and Salem will be well-represented. The meet will begin with selected events and sprint trials on Friday at 12:30 pm, then return for a full day of events Saturday at 9 am.

Salem competed in the Region 4D meet in Danville last week as the Charlottesville boys and Blacksburg girls took team titles. Charlottesville scored 94 points to win the boys' region and Salem tied Sherando with 77 points each to tie for second.

Salem's Mitchell Taylor took home two first place medals from the region meet. He won the 110 hurdles in 14.66, then won the 300 hurdles in 40.01. Davon Jones took second in the 300 hurdles and fifth in the 110s.

Nazaser Miller won the 400 meter dash with a time of 50.60 and anchored the winning 4x400 relay team. The foursome of Ruimel Nugent, Jones, Taylor and Miller ran a time of 3:27.35 for the win. Salem also won the 4x100 relay in 42.38 with the foursome of Justice English, Khamari Garner, Aedon Wiley and Josiah Persnger.

Also winning medals were Dontay Davis with a second in the discus and Aedon Wiley with a fifth in the 200 meters. Others scoring points for the Salem boys were Garner with an eighth place finish in the 100 and a seventh in the 4x800 relay with the team of Grant Horner, Isaac Snow, Austin Prosser and Carson Tucker.

The girls' team placed 10th in the regional meet as the 4x100 relay team of Isabella Bruno-Gaston, Erin Armistead, Anna Lingenfelter and Shaniya Robinson took fourth. Armistead was seventh individually in the 200 meters and Addy Funk was fifth in the 1,600 and eighth in the 800.

Maroons are D-III A-A

Two Maroon athletes were deemed All-American for their performances at the NCAA Division III track meet in Myrtle Beach, SC last weekend, Brady Fowler in the 100 meters and Kaitlyn Nguyen in the high jump.

Fowler finished in 16th place in the 100m, securing Second Team All-America honors.

Brady ran a time of 10.61 seconds in the preliminaries, placing fifth in his heat and ended up in 16th place overall to claim the Second Team All-America citation.

Fowler earned the third All-America award of his junior campaign. At the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships in Virginia Beach in March, he earned First Team All-America honors in both the 60m and the 200m.

Nguyen placed ninth in the high jump at the Division III national meet, earning a Second Team All-America citation. She cleared a personal-best mark of 1.68m to take ninth

out of 22 athletes in the high jump.

The All-America honor is the second this year for Nguyen, who finished ninth in the high jump at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Virginia Beach back in March. That placement also resulted in a Second Team All-America award.

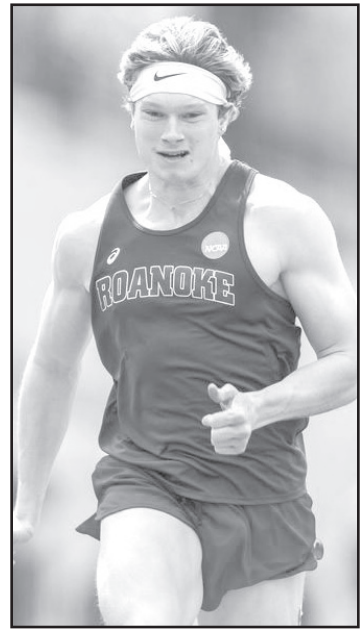


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RC sprinter Brady Fowler.

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Glenvar's Claire Spence is safe at third in last week's Region 2C softball game against Floyd.

Highlanders fall in region slugfest

The Glenvar softball team came out on the short end of a slugfest in the Region 2C tournament opener last Friday. Visiting Floyd County outlasted the Highlanders, 11-10, to advance to the tournament's semifinal round.

This one was back-and-forth all night between two familiar Three Rivers District rivals. Glenvar scored first in the bottom of the first inning but Floyd put two on the board in the second and third for a 4-1 lead.

In the bottom of the third Glenvar bounced back with five runs, retaking the lead at 6-4, only to have Floyd score two runs in the top of the fourth to even the score. The Highlanders struck back in the bottom of the fourth with three runs and led 9-6 after four full. Glenvar then scored one more in the fifth and had a 10-6 lead into the seventh inning.

This one was far from over. In the top of the seventh the first Floyd batter hit a single and the next two batters were walked, loading the bases. Floyd would score four runs on a single, followed by a double tying the game at 10-10. Glenvar intentionally walked the next batter to take their chances on a batter who had not hit all game, but that backfired when the Buffalo put the ball in play and was able to reach base on an error, allowing the eventual winning run to score. The Highlanders

then went down in order in the bottom of the inning to see their season come to an end.

Abby Teubert and Hannah Street shared time on the mound, allowing 15 hits. Glenvar had eleven hits, two each by Teubert, Street, Claire Spence and Chloe Maxey. Spence, the team's only senior, had a two run homer in her last game in green and gold. Claire led the team in most hitting stats and will be playing for Concord University next spring.

"The loss was a heartbreaker," said Glenvar coach Lonnie Raines. "Both times we played Floyd during the regular season were close games. We talked to the girls before the game, reiterating that you have to play all seven innings and we knew this was going to be a close game. Unfortunately, we let the seventh inning slip away and it cost us the game."

The Highlanders finished the season at 12-9, winning six of their last eight regular season games. However, they were off for 11 days at that point while most teams in the region were playing rescheduled rain-outs, and Raines felt the long layoff was a factor against Floyd.

"The team got out of rhythm a little bit," he said. "But it was a good season. No one expected us to win 12 games this year, but these ladies worked hard and did just that."

Perez is last Spartan standing in high school tennis

The 2024 tennis season is winding down and Salem High junior Drew Perez is still standing. Drew is the Region 4D state singles champion and will play in the state Class 4 tournament in Newport News beginning June 7th.

Teamwise, Perez was the only winner when the Salem boys' team lost to Blacksburg, 5-1, in Region 4D team play Friday. In doubles Perez teamed with Joren Poush and the Salem duo was eliminated in three close sets by a strong Charlottesville team of Sean Frank and Arlo Pray, 7-6 (7-4), 5-7, (5-10). The Salemites earned All-Region status with the result.

"The 2024 boys' tennis season was remarkable for earning 12 wins, including an upset over the second seed in the south regional semifinal," said Salem coach Steve Willinger. "This was achieved despite beginning the season with only four players with match experience. A good turnout and hard work rewarded 18 team members with an opportunity to compete in interscholastic competition."

"Next year the team will be well-served with Drew, Logan Butcher, Chance Long, Jack Dixon and Alan Burr leading the roster returnees," Willinger continued. "In the long run, the strength of the program depends on

introducing more elementary and middle-school students to the sport. Those interested can write me at tennis.up@yahoo.com."

The Salem girls lost in their Region 4D match against E.C. Glass, 5-0 in Lynchburg, as their season came to an end. Claire Rawlins represented Salem in the singles tournament and won her semifinal match over Katie Freilich of Sherando, 6-1, 6-0. That put Claire in the finals against Tovia Carothers of Glass and Claire was defeated 6-1, 6-1 by a girl who is the sixth ranked junior girls player in the state.

"Not only was Claire able to get two games on her, but she also went to deuce many times throughout the match," said Salem coach Elisha Baba. "So, the score does not reflect how close some of these games actually were. She did great, and I am so proud of her for achieving runner-up region champion."

Claire and Lauren Baba played doubles for Salem and won their match against Sherando, 6-4, 6-2, in the region semifinals at EC Glass High in Lynchburg. They lost in the finals against host Glass, 6-3, 6-2.

"They fought very hard until the very last point but ended up runner-up region champs," said coach Baba.



PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Claire Rawlins represented Salem in the Region 4D singles tourney.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Logan Garner played in the Region 2C singles tournament for Glenvar.

Glenvar boys will battle John Battle

The Glenvar boys' tennis team will travel to Bristol Friday to take on John Battle in the opening round of the Virginia High School League state Class 1/2 tournament. The match is scheduled to begin at noon at John Battle High, the Region D champ.

"It's a match I've been looking forward to for some time," said Glenvar coach Bob Haynie. "John Battle and Glenvar have won the last three state championships in Class 1/2."

Glenvar won the state championship last year, but Battle won the two seasons prior to that in 2021 and '22. Glenvar wasn't given a chance to get this far when number one player Alec McIlwain was lost for the season with an injury. However,

the Highlanders regrouped and made the region final, where they lost to Radford, 5-2, but still qualified for the state as Region 2C runner-up.

"Our team was struggling after losing our number one player to a season ending injury right before the tournament, and we came up short for the third time against Radford this year," said Haynie. "Radford has some

great athletes playi and it would have been a challenge even at full strength."

With McIlwain on the shelf Logan Garner stepped up to represent Glenvar in the region singles tournament and he lost to Keyshawn Phipps of Graysen County, 6-2, 6-4. Garner and Connor Wilkes lost a thriller to Graysen County in the Individual Doubles, 6-3, 5-7, 14-12.

"Our boys played

with heart but we just couldn't capitalize on several great opportunities to win the match in the third set tie-breaker," said Haynie.

The girls' doubles team of Natalie McMahon and Rebecca Magruder lost to Radford, 6-1, 6-0. McMahon represented Glenvar in the singles tournament and was eliminated by Radford's Lydia Pratt, 6-0, 6-1, as the girls' season came to an end.

NCAA CHAMPS

Middlebury defeated Salisbury State, 16-5, in the NCAA Division III women's lacrosse championship at Roanoke College's Kerr Stadium Sunday. It was the third straight championship for the number one ranked Panthers and their second consecutive undefeated season. Right, Caroline Adams(#6) scores for Middlebury and, below, the Panthers celebrate with the NCAA trophy on Salem turf.

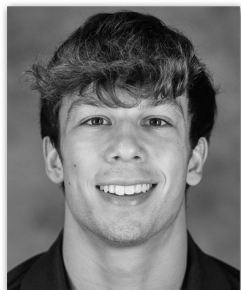


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Overtime goal knocks Spartans out of region soccer

Undefeated Cavaliers score with seconds left in second OT, then knock Blacksburg out of region

One of Salem's best soccer seasons ever came to a heartbreaking end last week when Jefferson Forest scored with just seconds left in the second overtime to defeat the Spartans, 1-0. That loss was in the Region 4D opener in Forest.

"Jefferson Forest has 15 seniors and started 10 against us," said Salem coach David Atkins. "We had trouble with their size and speed, but the guys

played extremely well and fought hard for all 90 minutes. It was a very impressive effort by our guys, but we just couldn't generate many scoring chances."

The Salem defense and keeper Max Benne kept the Spartans in the game. Benne had nine saves in the loss and played a fantastic game in the box.

With the loss Salem finished the season at 13-3-2 and got a huge mon-

key off their backs with a win over Blacksburg in the River Ridge District tournament final, the first win over the Bruins or Indians in the history of the program. Jefferson Forest improved to 18-0 with a 1-0 win over Blacksburg in Friday's Region 4D south semifinal, earning a berth in the Class 4 state tournament.

"Despite the loss and early post-season exit, I hope the guys look back

on everything they accomplished this year and are proud of their results," said Atkins. "They set all-time records for goals scored, goals allowed, individual goal scorer, wins in a season (tied), beat Blacksburg for the first time ever and won our first RRD championship. Their hard work and dedication to the team and each other is something special and I hope they know how proud we are of them."

One bad inning ends baseball season for Highlanders

For most of the Glenvar baseball team's losses this season the Highlanders were plagued by "one bad inning." Last Thursday in the Region 2C opener at GHS, that one bad inning was their worst of the season.

Glenvar took a 2-1 lead into the seventh inning against visiting Dan River but lost the game, 9-2. The "inning from hell" included just one Dan River hit to go with six walks and four hit batters along with a few errors. Highlander coach Jeremy Cromer changed pitchers four times during the inning with little success.

"It was the most painful loss in my 16 years of coaching," said Cromer. "I know it wasn't the best weather, it was raining, but that's no excuse. All we needed to do was throw strikes."

Through six innings Glenvar had a 2-1 lead and senior Dawson Anderson was cruising on the mound. However, he hit the 99 pitch count in the top of the seventh and Cromer called on Cale Vaughan to relieve. Ashton Meadows, Adam Franklin and Landyn Pickard all took a turn on the bump before

the Highlanders got out of the inning, and they went down without a run in the bottom half of the seventh for a painful end to an otherwise good season.

Glenvar finished with four hits. Reed Hutchison had a dou-

ble and Pickard and Vaughan had hits and RBIs. Captain Jake Stanley also had a hit, and for six innings that looked like it might be enough.

The Highlanders finished with a 12-9 record, their best in several years.

"All in all, we had our ups and downs," said Cromer. "I told our four seniors they turned our program around and we're going in the right direction. We had a tough schedule with non-district games against Northside, Hidden Valley and

Salem, and Carroll County is a 3A school in our district.

"It was a little frustrating, but that's baseball. If you play enough baseball you go through stuff like this, and all you can do is try to learn from the losses."



PHOTO BY ERIN TICE

Left, Glenvar's Reed Hutchison shouts to the dugout after smashing a double in last week's Region 2C baseball game at Glenvar. Right, Cale Vaughan(center) and catcher Jake Stanely guard the plate during Dan River's seventh inning rally that lifted the Wildcats to a region win.

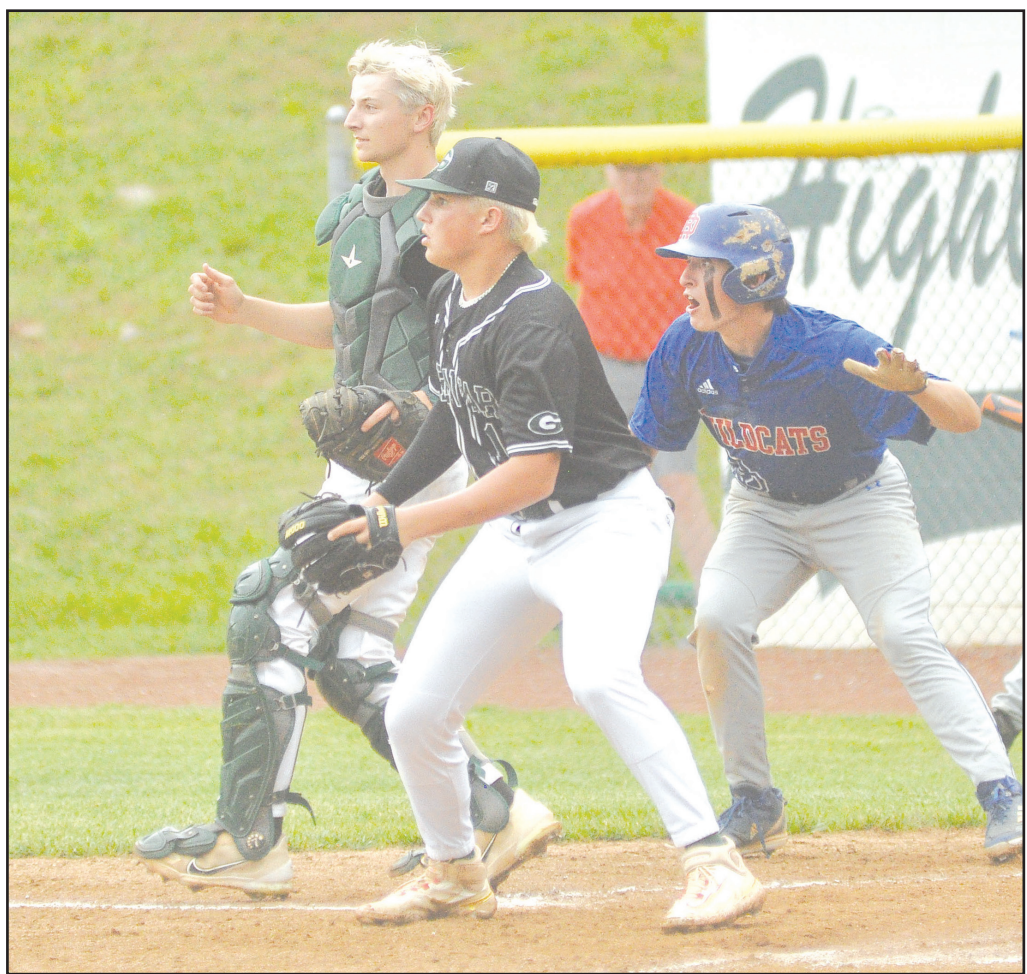


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Chase Rutledge had the only Salem hit in the Spartans' loss to E.C. Glass last week.

Hilltoppers ace one-hits Salem in region loss

The Salem High baseball team saw a good season come to an end in Lynchburg last week when the Spartans dropped a 4-0 decision to host E.C. Glass. The loss was in the opening round of a sub-Region 4D tournament that included four teams with five regular season losses or fewer, and there was a 15-5 team, Jefferson Forest, that didn't make the field.

The Spartans had won their final six games of the regular season to post a 16-4 record, tying for second place in the region's southern half. Glass and Salem tied for second but Glass won a coin flip to get home field advantage for the region's opening game.

Two of the top pitchers in the region started on the mound, with Trace Monroe taking the ball for Salem and VCU commit Cooper Campbell starting for the Hilltoppers. Campbell retired the Salem hitters in order for five innings, first surrendering a hit with two outs in the top of the sixth when Chase Rutledge lined a ball to left center. Rutledge managed to steal second and Carter Black battled in a nine pitch at bat but grounded out to second base to end the threat. Campbell threw all 7 innings on 96 pitches, striking out 10 and allowing just the one hit.

Monroe took the loss for the Spartans, his first of the season. He threw a scoreless opening inning, then the game was delayed about 30 minutes for lightning in the bottom of the second. Trace got two quick outs after his 30-minute rest, but Campbell singled to right field and reached second after the ball was misplayed. Monroe walked the next hitter and a single

followed for the first run of the game. A blooper to right found a hole and the Hilltoppers had a 2-0 lead after two frames.

Glass added two more in the third on two walks and two singles for a 4-0 lead. After that Monroe settled down and threw very well the rest of the game, striking out seven batters and walking none in the last three innings. He reached his pitch limit in the sixth and Black came in to get the last out.

"I'm very proud of our team," said Salem coach Jimmy Winterer. "We finished the last two weeks 6-0 with our backs against the wall to earn a spot in the playoff. We drew a tough first-round game against a top arm in the region. It's hard to prepare for a pitcher like Cooper Campbell. He has such an unorthodox delivery and spins the ball so well. Campbell did a great job getting ahead in the count and keeping our hitters off balance."

"Our goal at the beginning of the year was to improve our offensive numbers and our guys did just that. The team finished the year hitting .342, nearly 100 points higher than last season. They had 204 hits, 43 doubles, eight triples and three home runs. A lot of our production came from our seniors, so we have some tough spots to replace next year, but we have a good group of young guys who I expect to fill those roles. Our seniors will be missed and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to coach them for the last four years and wish them the best as they open a new chapter in life."

Red Sox can make up ground in Lynchburg

The Salem Red Sox opened their series in Lynchburg a game over .500 Tuesday after taking four out of six games from the Fayetteville Woodpeckers in Salem last week. With that success the Sox have pulled to within four games of first place Carolina in the first half standings of the Carolina League's North Division.

Salem was an even 22-22 prior to Sunday's final game with Woodpeckers. They had won Thursday and Friday games, 10-1 and 8-6, to get to 22-21 but let a 6-1 lead slip away in an 8-7 loss on Saturday.

On Sunday Salem trailed 4-2 into the bottom of the eighth and it looked like another split for the home team. However, Salem rallied for four runs in the bottom of the eighth.

With two runners on Nelly Taylor singled home Mguel Bleis to cut the lead to 4-3, then a wild pitch by Fayetteville's Raimy Rodriguez allowed Jhostynxon Garcia to score to tie the game, with Taylor moving to second. Then, with one out and the bases loaded, Stanley Tucker drove in two runs for a 6-4 lead and CJ Weins pitched a scoreless ninth for his second save. Michael Sansone picked up the win with four innings of one-run ball, striking out four as he lowered his ERA to 1.06 for the season.

The Sox can move up in the standings with a good week in Lynchburg. The Hillcats come into the week just one game ahead of the Sox at 24-21, and Salem is just a game and a half behind third place Down East.

Salem will return home next Tuesday, June 4, to open a six game homestand with Down East, a farm team of the Texas Rangers. The popular "Zooperstars" will be featured on Saturday, June 8.

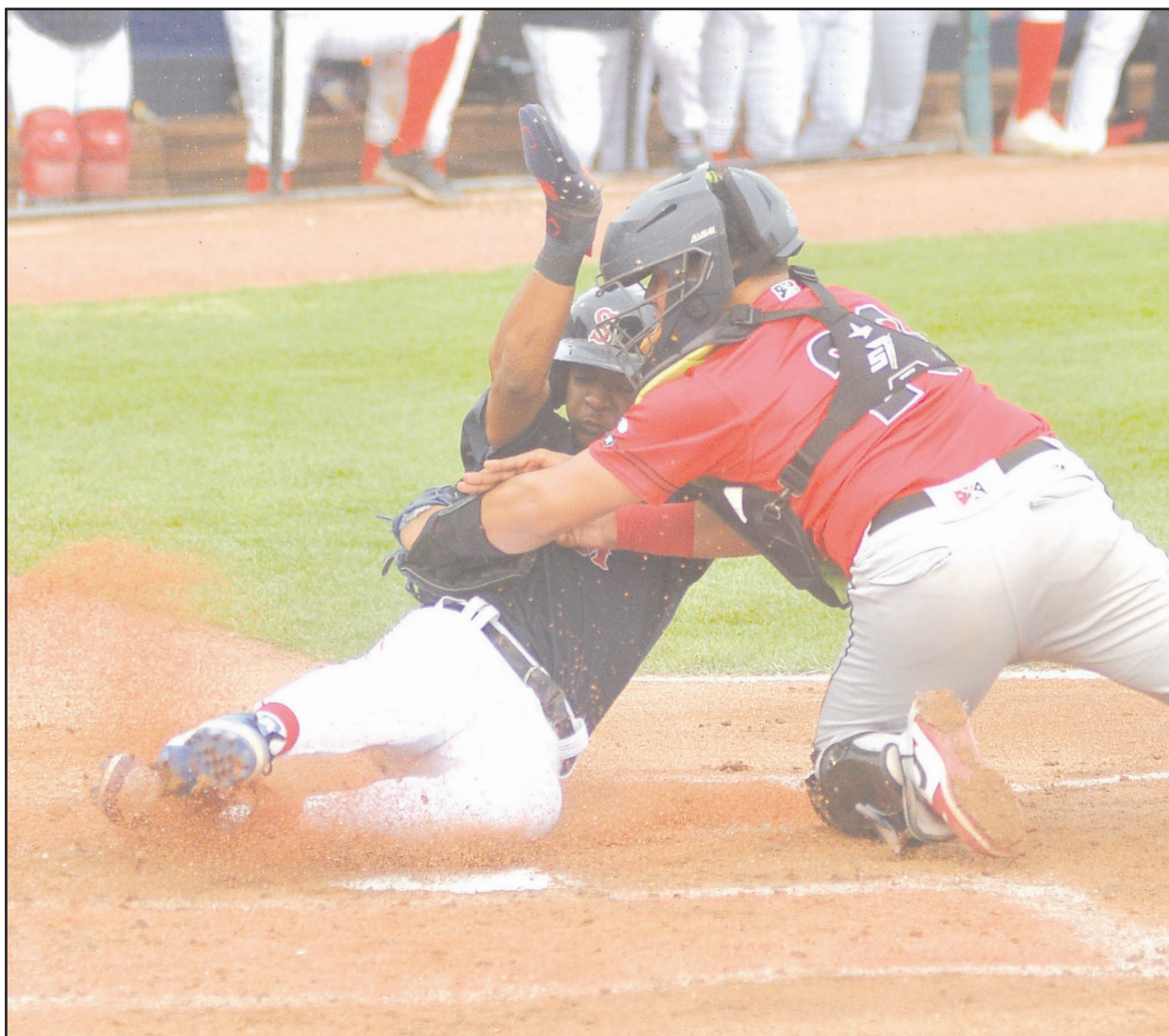


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Salem's Andy Lugo is tagged out just before he reaches the plate in Saturday's game against Fayetteville.

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Left, Salem's Kaiden Garst fires a shot on goal in last week's Region D lacrosse championship game against E.C. Glass at Spartan Field. Middle, Dakotah Hawkins and Holden Custer do the bump after Hawkins scores and, right, Richard Hof makes a save for the Spartans.

Undefeated Spartans host state quarterfinal lax game tonight

The Salem High boys lacrosse team will host a state tournament quarterfinal game tonight at Spartan Field at 6 pm. The Spartans will take on the Hanover Hawks of Mechanicsville, who come to Salem with a 10-6 record. Hanover is the Region 4B runner-up after losing to Atlee High last Thursday, 17-4. Salem is the Region D champion after downing E.C. Glass at Spartan Field last Thursday, 9-6. The Region champion Spartans are now

17-0 and a win tonight would put them in the state semifinal on either June 4 or 5 at a host site. The championship game is scheduled for June 8 at the Virginia High School League spring jubilee in Charlottesville. Salem's win over Glass last week was a big one. The Spartans went down 2-0 early in the game, but like they did in a win over Patrick Henry they came firing back to take a 5-3 lead at the half. The two rivals then

played an even second half and Salem had a big win. "It was a big win, our first region championship in over a decade, I believe," said Spartan coach George Revercomb. Salem's Kaiden Garst led the team with three goals and an assist. Salem had one goal each from six different players, including Andrew Crumpacker, Jackson Winger, Dakotah Hawkins, Holden Custer,

Ronnie Frith and Brayden Hall. Crumpacker had two assists and Winger, Hawkins, Ty Hicklin and Parker Dallas had one assist each. Salem's defense played a strong game against the Hilltoppers, and Richard Hof had nine saves in the cage, some at point-blank range. With the loss E.C. Glass saw their season come to an end with a 12-4 record, with two of the losses at the hands of the Spartans.

Glenvar boys soccer is 18-0, clinches state berth with Tuesday win

The 2023 Class 2 state boys' soccer champs are back in the state tournament. Glenvar remained undefeated with a 5-0 win over Chatham on Tuesday in the Region 2C semifinal game at the Smith River Sports Complex in Martinsville.

With the win the Highlanders advance to the Region 2C championship tonight at a location to be determined. They'll play either Radford or Nelson County, who were playing in the other region semifinal as the paper went to press. Glenvar will play a state quarterfinal game next Tuesday, and if they win tonight that will be at home.

This week in the region semifinal Aiden Hylton scored the first two goals with assists from Cooper Mullins and Bryce King. Zach Curfiss then scored off a King assist and Glenvar lead 3-0 at the half.

In the second half Wesley Feliciano and King added scores with assists to Kian Fisher and Griffin Geddes. Glenvar outshot the Cavaliers, 16-3.

Last Friday the Highlanders opened the Region 2C tournament with a home game against Three Rivers District rival Patrick County and took a 5-0 win. Luke Farmer began the scoring seven minutes into the game on a penalty kick, then Seth Nichols would volley a ball outside the 18 for the second goal off a Wesley Feliciano assist nine minutes later. Aiden Hylton headed home a Cooper Mullins throw-in with 15 minutes left in the half and the Highlanders led 3-0 at the break.

In the second half Bryce King and Jax Bolling



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Left, Aiden Hylton(#21) heads the ball against Patrick County and, right, Luke Farmer works for a good shot.

would collect the goals as Adam Saunders and Griffin Geddes earned the assists. Glenvar outshot Patrick County, 26-0.

"The guys did a good job of doing what we need-

ed to do," said Jones. "It wasn't our best game and there are some things to correct moving forward."

Glenvar is now 18-0 and the Highlanders are unscored upon in their last six games.

Undefeated Glenvar girls back in state tournament

The Glenvar girls earned a spot in the state Class 2 soccer tournament with a 6-0 win over Appomattox at the Smith River Sports Complex in Martinsville Tuesday. The game was a Region 2C semifinal and the Highlanders are now 17-0-1.

Glenvar advances to the Region 2C championship game tonight at a location still to be decided at press time. The Highlanders will play either Chatham or Radford for the region championship. Glenvar will have a state quarterfinal game on Tuesday, and if they win tonight that will be at home.

On Tuesday in Martinsville Jules Stanley had two goals in the 6-0 win over Appomattox. Also scoring were Davin Tate, Chloe Childers, Campbell Hardin and Annie George. Anna Vecellio had two assists and Stanley and Adalee Harvey had one each.

"Great team effort," said Glenvar coach Kylee Drew, who coached Glenvar to the state championship in the 2022 season and the semifinal round last spring.

Glenvar opened the Region 2C tournament at home last Friday with a 3-1 win over Three Rivers District rival James River. After 25 scoreless minutes Stanley found the net, carrying the ball from near midfield diagonally to her left and nailing a far post shot with 14 minutes left in the half.

Jules threatened again three minutes later but was stopped by the James River defense. The resulting loose ball was challenged multiple times, moving further from the goal each time before Tate found a great slot to drive a high shot through for a second Glenvar goal. Hardin knocked in a textbook finish at the back post off a corner kick to finish off the scoring for the first half, and the Highlanders led 3-0 at intermission.

River scored a second half goal but never threatened to take the lead as the Highlanders advanced to Tuesday's semifinal.



Glenvar's Campbell Hardin controls the ball in last week's region opening win.



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Annie George pushes the ball against James River.