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Turk running for re-election

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Renee Ferris Turk is running for re-election to Salem City Council this coming Nov. 5, and credits collaborative efforts for the continuing progress in Salem.

"It is not just one person that makes things happen, it takes a Team. The councils and city staff members of the past and present, working together to place the right people in the correct positions in the city and then continuing the support of those people to help move projects along is what enables successful outcomes in Salem. There are more projects in the queue which will help the citizens of Salem and of which I would like to see through to

completion." This year, and for the first time in the history of the city, Salem City Council local elections will be held on the same date and same ballot in November as the Presidential Elections. Local elections for the city of Salem used to be held in May of even years and never conflicted with the federal government elections. The Virginia General Assembly changed that for every locality in Virginia in 2021. "My encouragement to Salem citizens is to remember that your local elections more directly affect your everyday life. It is not enough to say you support a person; you must make it a point to go out and actually vote. Realize when you vote in November during the Presidential elections that you need to look for your local City Council's candidates on that

ballot—they will be listed at the end or on the backside but be sure you vote for your local leaders." This year, there will be three seats available to fill on Salem's City Council.

Turk, a graduate of Roanoke College, with a tripos degree in Business Administration, Economics, and Education, was a teacher of accounting and data processing at Salem High School, and placed students on the job in local businesses. After teaching, her work experiences include being the General Sales Manager of Hart Motor Company's Saturn Dealership in Salem, the Regional Sales Manager of Your Community Phonebook, and a Sales Executive at



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The commencement ceremony was held at Roanoke College on Saturday, May 4.



The Roanoke College Class of 2024 hails from 27 states and 12 countries.



Virginia Western Community College President Robert "Bobby" Sandel was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in appreciation for his immense contributions to education across the region.



Degrees were presented to 406 students.

Commencement held for Roanoke College Class of 2024

The Roanoke College Class of 2024 claimed its diplomas Saturday, May 4, in a joyful morning of pomp, circumstance and celebration.

The college said it presented degrees to 406 students during its

commencement ceremony held on the Turbyfill Quadrangle. The awarding of diplomas included 178 Bachelor of Arts degrees, 145 Bachelor of Science degrees, 73 Bachelor of Business Administration degrees and — in a

major milestone for campus — 10 Master of Business Administration degrees earned by the first graduating class of Roanoke's new 4+1 MBA program.

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FSRV bike, car and truck show comes back for a fourth year



Car show attendees take a closer look.

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

A fundraiser to benefit Family Service of Roanoke Valley will be held on Saturday, May 11 at the Salem Civic Center parking lot.

The first show was held in May 2021 and the response from the public was "simply amazing, drawing nearly 150 vehicles and over 1,000 attendees" commented Jill Sluss, organizer. Each year since, the car show has attracted over thousands of people that come to not only admire the cars and trucks and bikes but also to listen to music and do activities with the kids. "We also have delicious food vendors, other vendors, activities for the kids, and a raffle with amazing prizes donated by local businesses," Sluss adds

The cost to enter a vehicle in the show is \$30 and participants can choose for their vehicle to be judged



Winners pose with their trophies.

or not. Participants receive free tee-shirts and award winners receive plaques and trophies to keep.

Besides the car show, attendees will have the opportunity to get pampered.

"This year, we wanted to do something a little different for mothers/grandmothers, so we have created a "Mom and Me Boutique" that will take place inside the Salem Civic Center from 10 a.m.- 3p.m. in Parlor C.

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Maquerade Ball provides elegance, excitement at JCT

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Betty Mann, Anna Ellis and Laura Stover.

Masks, tiaras, long gowns and fancy suits with corsages and boutonnières abounded on an evening of music and fun at the Joseph C. Thomas Center on May 3.

The elegant evening with a theme of "A Night in Disguise" was planned by Friendship-Richfield Living Activities Director Beverly Adams and staff, with help from families and friends.

The residents were thrilled to dress up, dance and talk with Glenvar Football players and to eat a sumptuous spread — complete with black and white mask cookies — prepared by Richfield chefs and others, and served by young people.

A photo booth captured people having fun in the midst of silver, gold and black balloons.

Ruth Custer was crowned Queen, and Jim Cowan King. Other royal residents in the running were McCoy Garrison and Chris Kerfoot, Terry Cole,

Even walkers and wheelchairs didn't stop the dancing, dubbed the Cupid Shuffle. Music was provided by a DJ. Football players who took part that night not only danced with residents but also formed a conga line to YMCA and other rousing songs. Resident Leon was in the midst of the line.

"It's fun. I like meeting new people," said Jackson Hartman.

Jacob Campbell, a sophomore linebacker on the GHS team, said he enjoyed the event and making residents happy, as he danced with resident Ruth Custer of Salem.

Resident Ramona Howell's smiles stretched from ear to ear. She took a turn holding staff member Linda Hefner's granddaughter, 3-month-old Niomi, who was there with her mom, Chloe.

"The party was so nice," said Ramona.

Families and people from the community provided dresses, suits and other finery.



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Feather boas and fascinators were fun accents.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY ADAMS

Glenvar Middle School football player Lyric, grandson of Beverly Adams, dances with Queen Ruth Custer.

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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.

Happy Trails Film & Television Festival: The festival will take place at CommUNITY Church in Salem on May 17, 18 and 19. There will be panels, workshops, special programming, autographs and a banquet. The event is billed as a “nostalgia/faith media convention for the whole family.”

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

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.

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Switchfoot leads trio of rockers: Switchfoot, Blue October and Matt Nathanson are excited to announce

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

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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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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, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Spring is here and as the weather gets warmer, locals will explore the Roanoke Valley greenways.

At the Salem Museum, this map is one of many in their collection. This is a page from the original Roanoke River Greenway Master Plan. This document, published in 1988, made the proposed routes of the Greenway public to

interested citizens, including this section in Salem. This document gave citizens an opportunity to review and comment on the final draft of the Roanoke River Greenway Master Plan.

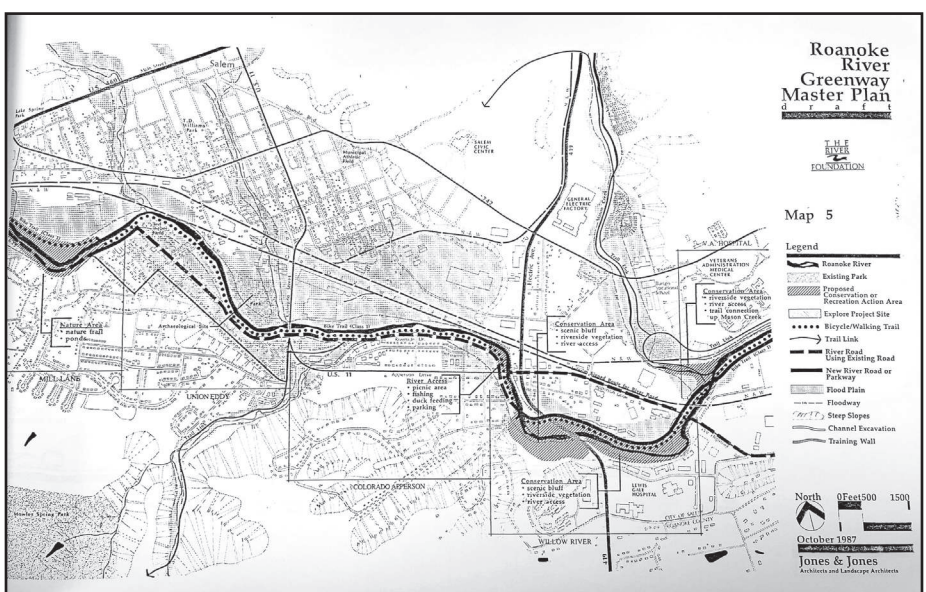
To learn more about the Roanoke Valley greenways, join the Salem Museum this Saturday, May 11, at 11 a.m. for “Great

Outdoors! Greenways in Trails in the Salem Area.”

Russ Craighead will give a talk at the Museum about the greenways and trails in or near Salem. Using his extensive collection of photographs, he will illustrate highlights along the way: waterways, terrain features, plants, animals, and birds, as well

as remnants of historic structures located on or near the trails. Russ will share a map of the greenways and trails in the Roanoke Valley to provide an overview of the pathways that are currently available.

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



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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

My mom's favorite food was barbecue. Ribs were her favorite, but a good pulled pork sandwich was another favorite. On every road trip, we would stop at a barbecue joint from Peck's in Staunton to Stamey's in Greensboro to Three Little Pigs in Myrtle Beach. Mo told me that she never had barbecue ribs growing up because her mother thought they were too low class (My grandmother was an interesting lady to put it nicely).

Barbecue ribs are a fairly new addition to the American barbecue pit. In the 19th century ribs did not make it onto the grill. Without refrigeration meat spoiled quickly so barbecue originated not as a way of using lesser cuts, but as a method of whole-animal cookery usually for a large crowd so all the meat could be eaten. Any rib meat eaten would have come off a whole cooked pig. Industrial pork packing became strong in the early decades with improved river navigation and railroads. Cincinnati Ohio became the largest pork producing city at the time since it was close to farms of corn and on the Ohio river. According to Serious Eats, by 1836, Cincinnati's four largest slaughterhouses were collectively killing and butchering some 2,600 hogs in a single day, producing between 200 and 500 barrels of pork along with 200 kegs of lard. Barrels were essential to the pork trade. With no means of refrigerated transport, packers had to preserve the meat before shipping, but they didn't want to waste weeks slow-smoking it like farm families did. Instead, they packed the hams and shoulders in barrels, filled in the gaps with chins, hocks, and jowls, then poured in a sweet and salty pickling solution made from rock salt and brown sugar boiled in water. The ribs didn't fit into the barrels so pork packers were left with tons of rib racks. They would give them away to the towns people for nothing; the rest they threw into the Ohio River. Once refrigeration and artificial ice making began in the 1870s, pork production became a year-round job not just seasonal. When barbecue stands started to pop



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

up at festivals and community gatherings operators started buying hams and shoulders instead of raising their own pigs. Packers were glad to offer ribs for cheap. In the 1920s barbecue rib stands were often found outside nightclubs for a late-night snack. By 1955 the demand for ribs caused them to rise in price. At one time packinghouses couldn't give them away now people were nibbling ribs at fancy restaurants. By the turn of the 20th century Chicago had dethroned Cincinnati as the pork packing capitol.

Now, barbecue has become an American staple cuisine with many different styles showcased across the country. Whether you like baby back ribs, spare ribs, or beef ribs cooked Kansas City, Carolina, Memphis, or Texas style they are delicious.

Fall off the bone BBQ ribs

Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion chopped
- ½ cup ketchup 1/4 cider vinegar
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup tomato paste
- 2 TBSP paprika
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire
- 1 tbsp yellow mustard
- 1 tsp each salt and black pepper
- 4 lbs. pork spare ribs

Directions:

Stir sauce in slow cooker until combined. Cut ribs in large pieces to fit cooker. Spoon sauce over and around ribs to coat. Skim and discard fat from cooking liquid. Use over ribs if desired cook on low 8 hours until done.



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The event was held on May 3.



PHOTOS BY MEG HIBBERT

Resident Romona Howell pronounced the evening "fun."

Turk from page 1

Wheeler Broadcasting's radio station, Q99, before retiring in March of 2014. She was encouraged to run for Salem City Council in 2018 and lost by only seventy-nine votes to (then mayor) Randy Foley. "With 53% of the citizens in Salem being female, I felt it was critical to have a woman's perspective on Council since Jane Johnson was stepping off." When she ran again in 2020, Turk led the ticket in votes, and was elected by her peers to historically be the first female mayor in Salem, Roanoke, and Vinton.

"Committed to Salem - committed to YOU" was the slogan that I ran on in 2020, and I have been totally committed over the past four years to everything and anything that has to do with Salem. The examples of my commitment are clear by the number of events I have attended, the speeches I have given, the many emails I have answered, the citizens I have met with, the meetings I have taken part in, the teams, and organizations I have welcomed, and more. It has been important to me as the mayor to be out in the community as much as possible and to interact on behalf of Salem in local, regional, and state meetings and events."

"In addition, communication is also critical, and listening is the best way to learn. Being a former teacher, I educate myself on the issues, research the details presented, question the reasoning, evaluate the pros and cons, and then reach a conclusion. I make no decision lightly, and more than anything, believe that good leaders must put personal agendas aside to look at the big picture of what would most help the majority of the citizens of the locality—that is what citizens should want their

leaders to do and what I make it a point to do."

Though not born in Salem, Turk and her husband David chose to move their family to Salem and bought property in 1992 because of the strength of the school system at that time. "Superintendent Walter Hunt recruited me in 1983 to start the Data Processing and COE (Cooperative Office Education) Program at Salem High School when Salem broke away from Roanoke County and started its own school system. We chose to uproot our family and move to Salem because it seemed like a wonderful place to raise our children and excellence of education was of the utmost importance to both of us. David left his teaching and coaching positions in Botetourt to teach in Salem the year after I did. We ended up coaching volleyball together for a few years with Salem winning many districts, regional, and a state championship under his guidance. David also helped to make Salem's club lacrosse team an official VHSL sport at Salem High School, teams which have also competed in District, Regional and State tournaments.

All three of their

children, Michael, Daniel, and Rachel are successful graduates and were contributing athletes to the Salem School System. Michael has moved back to the area, is a part owner of Olde Salem Brewing, and is working for Focus One as a Financial Planner. Daniel is a local realtor for REMAX, and Rachel has a doctorate in Clinical Counseling Psychology and counsels the athletes in seventeen different sports at the University of Richmond.

In December of 2023, Mayor Turk was recognized by Virginia Business Magazine as "One of the Top 100 People in the State of Virginia to Meet in 2024". She is currently serving as Vice Chair of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and is active on various boards and commissions in the area as a representative for Salem. She has had a variety of experience in volunteer leadership positions as a St. Elias Church Parish Council Member, Religious Education Teacher, Choir Director (42 years) and Co-Chair of the Lebanese Festival, and past President (6 years) of Waipani Homeowners Association Board of Directors. In addition, she is currently an Adult Leader and a music

minister on Our Lady of Nazareth's 2023 and 2024 Fearless Youth Retreat Teams.

When asked about what positive things are happening in Salem, Mayor Turk cites the development of Valleydale (which is providing some needed housing for the city) and the establishment of STS's North America Headquarters in 200,000 square feet of the old GE manufacturing building on Electric Road. "We have an excellent Economic Development director and department, an Economic Development Authority made up of incredibly progressive business leaders, and strong, hardworking citizens on our Planning Commission, in addition to our other city boards and commissions. Add that to our top-notch directors, employees, and City Management Team and you have the right recipe to spur positive changes and much needed growth in the city. We continue to be Virginia's Championship City as a leader of Sports Tourism in the Region, and with the renovation of Moyer being complete in the summer of this year, we will have a stunning ultramodern facility to complement the title and continue the well-

recognized legacy. Our close working relationship and partnership with Roanoke College promises continued collaboration with impressive results in the future."

"Substantial raises for our city employees in 2024 was another positive and outstanding accomplishment for our current Council. I passionately believe that our citizens and our

employees are our greatest assets in this city, and to keep the best employees, you must be able to pay the best. It is because of them that Salem has such unsurpassed services which add to the excellent quality of life experienced by Salem citizens."

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Upcoming events at the Salem Library:
Friday, May 24, 12 p.m.-4 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org
Tuesday, May 28, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-3 p.m.: DMV Connect; Walk-ins only.

CommUNITY Church holds National Day of Prayer celebration

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For the past few years, CommUNITY Church has hosted a local National Day of Prayer celebration and did so again this year on Thursday, May 2.

This year’s celebration featured special music by the CommUNITY 3, and community leaders like Pastor Carl Goodman, Salem City Councilman Hunter Holliday, Roanoke County Sheriff Eric Orange, Mel Williams, a bishop and attorney, Roanoke County School Board Chair Brent Hudson, Ralph Tartaglia, a retired fire chief, Pastor Brian Robinson and Dr. Phil Ayer, a decorated Vietnam veteran. The leaders prayed for different segments of the community and country. A free lunch and gifts were offered for everyone in attendance.

This year, the Salem Fire Department displayed a giant American flag between two firetrucks. Israeli flags were also displayed.

“We had over 200 in attendance and this year was important as we came together to pray for our nation but also support and pray for the Nation of Israel, something the Bible commands us to do. We were further encouraged to be presented with a proclamation from the Mayor of Salem recognizing today as the National Day of Prayer,” Dr. Thomas McCracken, the founding pastor at CommUNITY Church, said.

“We will continue this annual tradition next year with a very special guest that will be announced in the spring of next year.”



McCracken, right, is pictured during the celebration.



A large American flag was displayed between two firetrucks.



Over 200 people attended the celebration.

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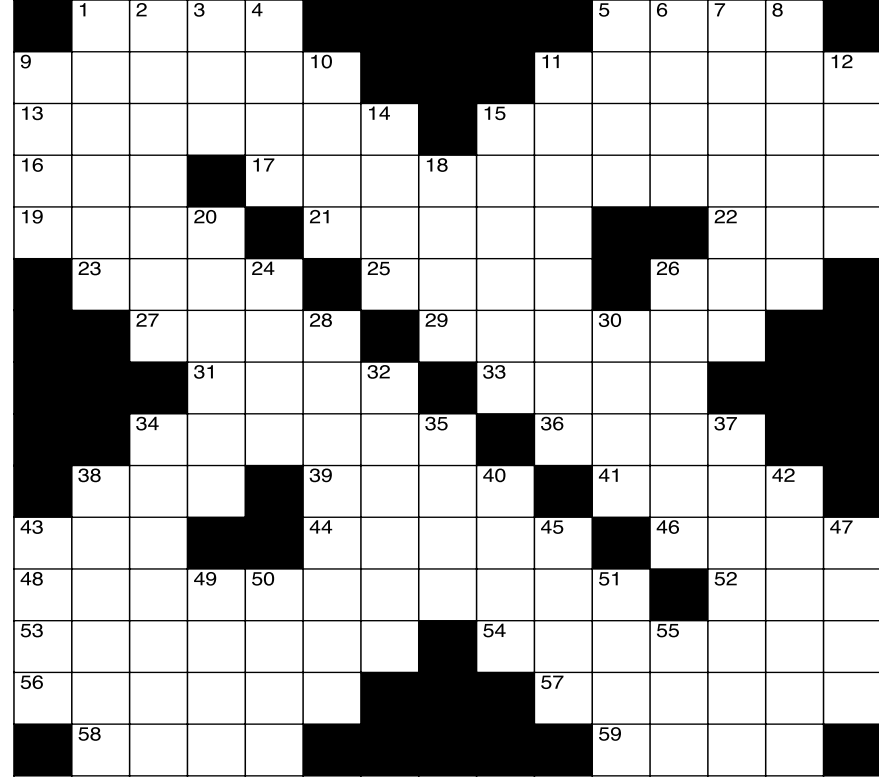
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 - 16. For each
 - 17. Grammatical term
 - 19. One point east of southeast
 - 21. ___ Dern, actress
 - 22. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
 - 23. Shampoo
 - 25. Scale drawing of a structure
 - 26. An enclosure for confining livestock
 - 27. Goat-like mammal
 - 29. Cigar
 - 31. Appear
 - 33. "Westworld" actress ___ Rachel Wood
 - 34. Leaked through
 - 36. The highest adult male singing voice
 - 38. Musical group ___ Soundsystem
 - 39. Aurochs
 - 41. Crazy (Spanish)
 - 43. Swiss river
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 - 46. Frock
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 - 52. Cool!
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 - 3. They ___
 - 4. Retired Coast Guard admiral
 - 5. Gene positions
 - 6. Exclude
 - 7. One who is bound
 - 8. Where drinks are served
 - 9. Small vipers
 - 10. Blackbird
 - 11. Adventurer
 - 12. Shade
 - 14. A way to gain
 - 15. A salt or ester of boric acid
 - 18. Monetary units
 - 20. Removed
 - 24. "My country, tis of ___"
 - 26. Horses
 - 28. Drives back by force
 - 30. Bold, impudent behavior
 - 32. Rates
 - 34. Types of nerves in males
 - 35. A ridge of sand created by the wind
 - 37. Wind instrument
 - 38. Pakistani city
 - 40. Dry or withered
 - 42. Delivered a speech
 - 43. Peak
 - 45. Small waterbird
 - 47. Days falling in mid-month
 - 49. Elvis' daughter
 - 50. Flat and smooth
 - 51. Dallas Cowboys great Leon
 - 55. What cows say



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State senator is keynote speaker at Virginia Western Community College's commencement May 10

ROANOKE — Virginia Western Community College will hold its graduation ceremony Friday, May 10 at the Berglund Center.

The ceremony, which will honor graduates from the fall 2023 and spring and summer 2024 semesters, starts at 6:30 p.m. There are 425 students expected to attend, with 555 degrees and certificates being awarded.

“Virginia Western’s graduates contribute significantly to the Roanoke Valley’s economy, health and community spirit,” said Dr. Robert H. Sandel, president of Virginia Western. “We are grateful to welcome a new cohort of graduates to this network of alumni.”

Briana Wood, a 2024 graduate, will offer the student welcome. Wood is receiving an Associate of Applied Science in Mechatronics Systems Engineering Technology: Design Engineering. During her time at Virginia Western, Briana has belonged to the Appalachian Engineers, serving on the club’s team that was named one of 12 national finalists in the Community College Innovation Challenge in 2023. She is a recipient of the Fralin Futures STEM-H Scholarship. Briana plans to attend Old Dominion University for a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology: Mechanical Engineering Technology, and her career goals include a role in trackside engineering for an International Motor Sports Association Grand Touring racing team. “My classmates and professors were really the driving force behind finishing my degree,” she said, “and I am beyond grateful for each and every one of them.”

Sen. Chris Head will be the keynote speaker. Senator Head represents the 3rd District in the Senate of Virginia. Senator Head currently serves on the Senate Committees on Education and Health, General Laws and Technology, and



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Rehabilitation and Social Services. In 2022, he received the Free Enterprise Award from the Virginia Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his legislative efforts in support of health insurance options for small businesses as well as the Industrial Strength Leadership Award from the Virginia Manufacturers Association.

He previously served 12 years in the Virginia House of Delegates and served as co-chair of Virginia’s Small Business Commission. Senator Head is a husband, father, grandfather and business owner who lives in Botetourt County and owns a senior care business in Roanoke along with Betsy, his wife of 34 years.

Virginia Western’s commencement will be viewable online through a YouTube livestream. The link for the event is:

Virginia Western Community College Commencement 2024 (youtube.com)

-The Salem Times-Register

FROM THE ARCHIVES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CHOSEN IN ROANOKE COUNTY AS EARLY AS 10 YEARS BEFORE WAR

Frederick Johnston Given Post - Literary Fund Established In 1810 - Act Aids In 1829

From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*
Nothing that resembles public schools as we know them today were provided by the greater part of Virginia until 1870. In Roanoke county as well as in practically all of the other counties no action was taken on a system of public education until that time although this county did have school commissioners and school districts.

In the early court records of this county we find that school commissioners were appointed by the county court as early as October 2, 1839, which was soon after the county was formed. On that date the court appointed as school commissioners the following: James McClanahan, Elias Thomas, Lewist Harvey, James Kyle, John F. J. White and Powell Huff.

A superintendent of schools was elected by the school commissioners on Feb. 17, 1851 when Frederick Johnston was chosen to that post but his position was hardly comparable to that of a superintendent of schools as we regard it today.

Literary Fund Started

In 1810 a Literary fund was established and through certain taxes this fund grew considerably from year to year and it is still in existence. However, there were no free public schools until 1870 and the largest part of the money for educational purposes in this state previous to that time was spend for higher education and this state had some fine institutions of higher learning before 1870.

In 1829 an act was passed which permitted counties to spend ten percent of their state funds for building schoolhouses but few counties did so and there are no records to indicate that any schoolhouses were built in

Roanoke county through taxation until 1870.

Thomas Jefferson outlined the first concrete plan for free public schools in an act passed in 1796 but his plan was optional with the county courts and they did not take action in most instances. In 1817 - 1818 an act was passed by the lower house of the legislature providing for a school system but the measure was killed in the senate.

An act was passed in 1846 providing for a school system to be set up in case the county court called for an election and two-thirds of the freeholders approved the idea. However, the court of this county was not compelled to call any election and they did not do so.

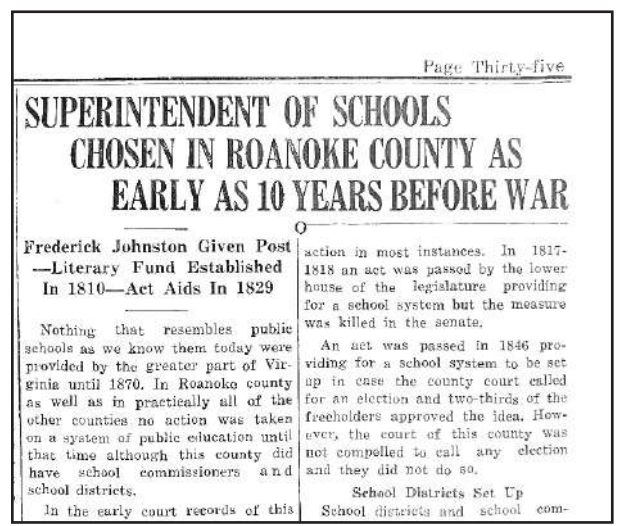
School Districts Set Up

School districts and school commissioners were set up in that year in this county but it was mainly for the purpose of having the commissioners seek out the indigent children of the districts and hiring a teacher for them, Teachers were hired at the rate of 3½ to 4 cents per day per pupil with any place available used for holding sessions.

However, to be educated at public expense was looked down upon on that day as the parents of the children who recieved public education were regarded as paupers. For that reason a majority of the children of poor parents got along without the advantages of schooling.

Regardless of this fact a number of boys and girls took advantage of the free schooling and the state records show that in 1851 there were 63,370 pupils who had been in school for a period of fifty-four days.

Private schools were maintained in the early days of this state. A family who could afford to hire a teacher



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would do so and since the teacher was paid on a per diem basis according to the number of pupils he got as many as he could. Not only did he teach the children of the person who hired him originally but he got as many of the neighboring children as possible.

In this state the teacher was not governed by the state or church as was the case in England from which country Virginia borrowed most of her laws. The state in the early days licensed teachers and sometimes the teacher was a clergyman but no supervision over the teaching was exercised by the state or church.

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu

FSRV from page 1

Cosmetology students from Salem High School will be doing curling and straightening hair styles. Carrie Ferguson of Massage Box Massage Therapy and Amber Mitchell of GlamHouse Day Spa will be offering chair massages.

Other participants in the “Mom and Me Boutique,” include Missy Lynch Altice of ManisMadeEasy/Color Street, and Patrice Freeland of the Wonderful Land of Oils. They will be doing product demonstrations. Color Me Beautiful with Rita will be there with makeup; and Kyle Edgell will be creating her one-of-a-kind masterpieces for as many mothers/grandmothers as possible. Teens and young children are also welcome. All services are available at a nominal fee or by donation.

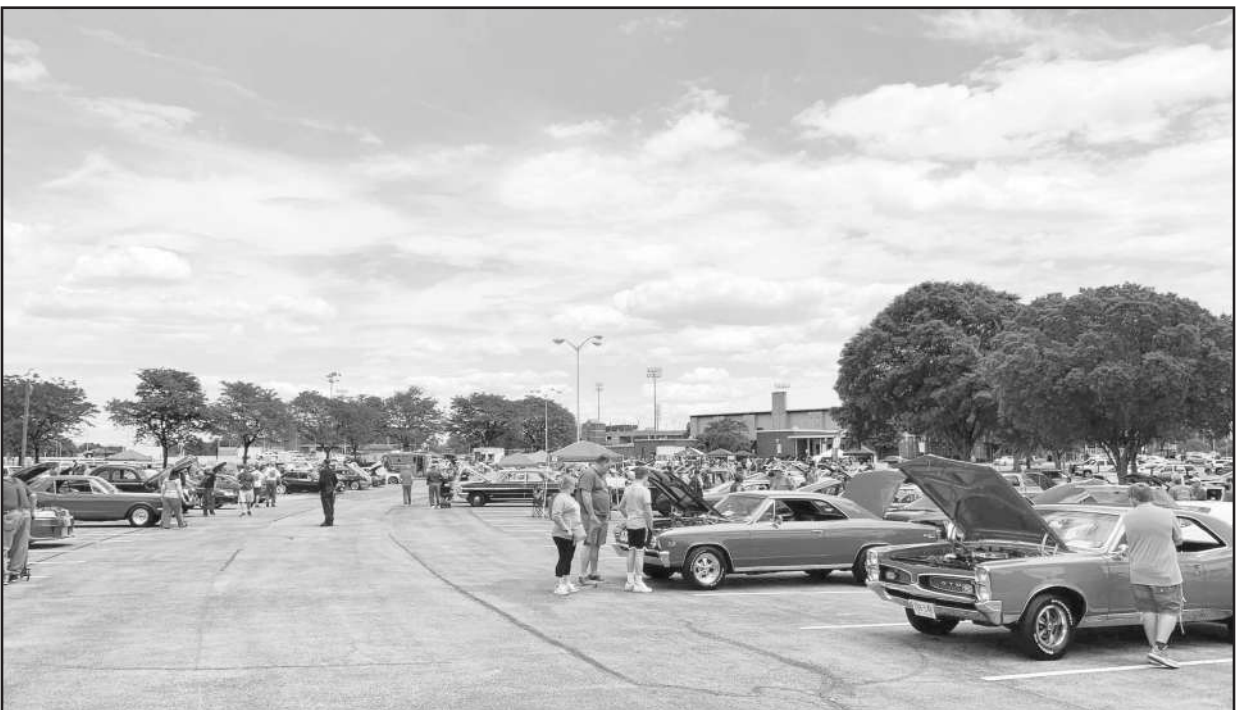
The FSRV bike, car and truck show benefits Family Service of Roanoke Valley. “We have existed for 123 years. We serve more than 2,000 individuals annually,” affirmed Sluss.

FSRV services include:

Counseling for all ages. This includes child-centered play therapy for children ages 2-10. “Play is the language that children use to communicate when words cannot be spoken. This is particularly helpful for children who have experienced trauma,” Sluss said.

Youth development programs for elementary, middle and high school students both in schools and in after-school programs. This includes the Teen Outreach Program (TOP), in which “we have youth development specialists who are mentors to the teens” Sluss said.

Public Guardianship program for those 18 and older who have no one else in their life who can help them make their important life decisions.



Car enthusiasts peruse the vehicles.

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Personal Affairs Management program for those 18 and older. “We manage finances for individuals so that they will remain safely housed and do not become homeless,” Sluss explained.

Healthy Relationship Groups for those who need help with anger management and/or have a history of using violence with their partners.

Family Support Services provide peer-to-peer support, education and encouragement to those working through mental health, substance abuse and/or trauma recovery.

The event takes place on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. The show raises between \$12,000-15000.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of April 23, 2024 - April 29, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
25-APR-2024	800 BLK Pendleton Dr	Assault on Police Officer

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of April 23, 2024 - April 29, 2024

4/23/2024	Daniel R. Sink Jr.	35	Assault & Battery, Public Intoxication
4/23/2024	Erica J. Bostic	35	Violation of Probation
4/24/2024	Christopher E. Lafon	41	Contempt of Court
4/25/2024	Alysia K. Richards	31	Shoplifting, Criminal Trespass
4/25/2024	Timothy A. Schofield	35	Assault on Police Officer, DUI
4/25/2024	Christopher L. Craig	33	Violation of Probation
4/25/2024	Evans J. Manns	32	Contempt of Court
4/25/2024	Ryan M. Walters	25	DUI
4/26/2024	Samuel T. Cooper	18	Illegal Possession of Alcohol
4/26/2024	Tyler A. Foltz	18	Illegal Possession of Alcohol
4/27/2024	Jasmin Rosario	36	Damage Property
4/28/2024	Casey H. Heilman	35	Public Intoxication
4/28/2024	Garvin T. Lloyd	21	Public Intoxication, Obstructing Justice
4/28/2024	Alvaro S. Perez	23	DUI
4/28/2024	Crystal M. Newton	37	Domestic Assault & Battery

Tavern Stage Summer Music Series returns to Explore Park

Roanoke County— For the second year, Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Explore Park, and Twin Creeks Brewpub are teaming up to present the Tavern Stage Summer Music Series. This music series will occur on the second Friday of each month from May to September at Explore Park's Tavern Stage.

The Twin Creeks Brewpub lawn will be open from 5-10 p.m., with live music from 6-8:30 p.m. The band lineup includes popular regional artists featuring Southern Rock, Country, Indie, Alternative, Folk Blues, Yacht Rock and Retro sounds in an outdoor setting. The music series will kick off May 10 with Virginia Electric, a band known for their Garage Americana & Rock 'n' Roll sound, which is often described as good for the soul. The complete 2024 schedule and band listing is as follows.

- May 10 – Virginia Electric
- June 14 – The Floorboards
- July 12 – Charissa Joy & The High Frequency
- August 9 – Creedence Clearwater Recital
- September 13 – Empty Bottles

Admission is free and visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the sounds of summer on the Twin Creeks Brewpub lawn. Food and beverage



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options will be available on-site at Twin Creeks Brewpub. Special thanks to sponsor, Friends of the Blue Ridge, for providing event support.

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

-The Salem Times-Register

OBITUARIES

Pollard, Rebecca 'Becky' Faries

Rebecca "Becky" Faries Pollard, 73, of Salem passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Becky was born on December 21, 1950 to the late Robert and Ruth Faries of Salem, Virginia.

Becky will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother "Grammy", who always put her family above all else. She was a successful business owner and active in many charitable causes.

Those left to cherish and celebrate her memories are her husband of 54 years, Richard H. Pollard; her daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Jason Paxton; son and daughter-in-law, Drew and Heather Pollard; and her five grandchildren who she absolutely adored... Liam, Ava, Owen, Lily, and Scarlett. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Robbie



and CQ Williamson, her brother-in-law and his wife, Bob and Denise Pollard; her nephew and his wife, Matt and Andi Pollard, her niece and her husband, Tracy and Josh Hale, her niece and her husband, Lee and Jeff Cramer; her beloved English Bulldog, Ruby Rose; along with many other relatives and friends who she loved dearly.

In honoring Becky's legacy, may we all strive to emulate her kindness, empathy, caring, and try to "pay it forward." Though she may no longer walk beside us,

her spirit will live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind. May her soul find eternal peace, and may her memory be a blessing to us all.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11am on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at First Christian Church in Salem. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service. Live streaming will be available at www.facebook.com/fcc.salemva/

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Roanoke Memorial Hospital, and MD Anderson for the excellent, loving care she received over the last two years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in her memory be made to either Healing Wheels (a non-profit that Becky founded) at www.HealingWheelsVa.Org or the Salem Rescue Squad.

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

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

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

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

The recommended budget is summarized as follows:

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

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

EXPENDITURES

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

Smith, Jaretta Capps

Jaretta Capps Smith (65), of Noblesville, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. She is survived by her loving husband, Len, with whom she shared 40 beautiful years of marriage as well as her children, Caroline Smith of Roanoke, Austin (Kelsey) Smith of Atlanta and her beloved dog, Gus. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Edna Capps as well as her two sisters, Jimmiel Johnston and Jeanna Caldwell.

Jaretta's faith was incredibly important to her. Growing up she was a member of Faith Assembly of God Church in Salem, Virginia. After she and Len were married they attended First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia as well as Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Jaretta was a graduate of Glenvar High School in Salem, Virginia and earned her Bachelor's



degree in Business Management from Radford University. Her favorite phrase from Business School - "Plan, staff, lead, organize and control" - was a mantra she used wisely to keep everyone in her family in line! She was the family's rock and anchor, but she was also one of the funniest people you could meet, whose humor kept everyone laughing. Her witty sense of humor and sarcasm kept everyone on their toes and will be deeply missed.

Her life was centered on family and caring for those she loved. As a wife, mother, and homemaker,

she poured her heart and soul into all that she did. The love she shared every day leaves her family with beautiful memories that will be cherished forever. Along with caring for her family, Jaretta was a talented hostess, welcoming friends and family into their home with impressive recipes and home decor. Crafting, sewing and learning as much history as she could were some of her greatest passions. Her life deeply touched so many and she will be greatly missed.

The family will receive visitors at Grace Covenant Church in Roanoke, Virginia shortly before her funeral service at Grace Covenant at 11 am on Saturday, May 11, 2024. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia to honor her love of history.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

ELLIOTT, HERMAN "NORRIS"

Herman "Norris" Elliott, 80, of Salem, Virginia, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Norris was a part of the 1962 graduating class of Andrew Lewis High School. He later began a career with Elizabeth Arden working as a manager from 1965 to 1995. From there, he served Hanover Direct trucking company as traffic management coordinator from 1995 to 1999. In 2009, he began ownership of and operated Salem Taxi Service until 2014. He loved Salem, enjoyed expressing his photography talent, and highly admired steam trains. Preceding him in death were his parents, Herman Roy and Thelma Louise Thomas Elliott;



brother-in-law, Charles Edward "Eddie" Horne; sister, Linda Elliott Horne; brother-in-law, Ronnie "Pete" Bryant; and nephew, Chad Bryant. His surviving family includes his wife, Patricia Elliott; sister, Anita Bryant; children, Lisa Elliott Scott (Andy), Sandra Bryant (Kelly), and Katy Elliott (Justin Mertz); grandchildren, Seth Scott (Brandy), Trips Bryant, and Sammy

and Alistair Mertz; great-grandchildren, Lucy and Drew Scott; niece, Susan Horne; and close friends, Pete and Ellie Woolwine and their family of Greenfield, Indiana. Special appreciation is extended to the nursing staff at Raleigh Court Health & Rehabilitation Center for its love and care of Norris. Family and friends may gather from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, in the John M. Oakey & Son Chapel in Salem, Virginia. A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024, also in the chapel. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be sent to Angels of Assisi. Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey.com.

32 Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive held

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Feeding Southwest Virginia partnered with the National Association of Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service to help jumpstart Roanoke's annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive and inspire Southwest Virginia residents to participate and contribute to the food drive on Saturday, May 11. Stamp Out Hunger is recognized as the nation's largest

single-day food drive and offers a convenient way for individuals to make a meaningful impact on those experiencing food insecurity. Local residents participate by filling the provided bags from United Way of Roanoke Valley and the National Association of Letter Carriers with non-perishable food items and leaving them out for mail carriers on May 11.

Those who spoke at the event at the organization's Salem distribution center included Pamela Irvine, CEO and president of Feeding Southwest Virginia, Jenny Hall, president of Roanoke NALC Branch 524, and Rick Keener, vice president of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Commencement

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Gazing out over the crowd of graduates, President Frank Shushok Jr. said he's been continually inspired by their passion and curiosity. He's also noticed within them a secret superpower: an instinct to care deeply about others and share in the type of empathy that can expand minds, warm hearts and change whole communities for the better.

"That's how hope gets loose in the world. That's how you build a life of purpose. That's how you leave a legacy. That's why you are our superpower," Shushok said. "I truly believe you are going to take the world by storm — investing, inventing, tackling huge problems and strengthening just about everything in our culture."

The Class of 2024 hails from 27 states and 12 countries. From all corners of the world, they converged at Roanoke College to learn, grow and discover their purpose.

"I'd like to express my gratitude for all of the little beautiful moments that I've experienced at Roanoke College," said James Suleyman, Class of 2024 valedictorian.

"Every single day for the past four years, so many people have thoroughly and unconditionally loved me, supported me, mentored me, challenged me and believed in me," he said. "I don't know where I'd be without you all."

This year's group of four high-achieving valedictorians marked

the third largest cohort in Roanoke College history. Each student who earned the distinction was invited on stage to share parting reflections with their classmates as they prepare for their next adventure in life.

- The 2024 valedictorians are:
- Talia Maryann Cartafalsa, an environmental studies and chemistry major from Massapequa, New York;
 - Sean William Kennedy, an actuarial science major from Houston, Texas;
 - James Gray Suleyman, a criminal justice and sociology major from Taylors, South Carolina;
 - Katherine Haley Vaughan, a business administration major from Salem.

Salutatorian honors went to Ethan Paul Stevenson, an economics and political science major from Apex, North Carolina.

During Saturday's celebration, graduates, family and friends also heard from Board of Trustees Chairman Malon Courts '92 and Dean of the College Kathy Wolfe.

Virginia Western Community College President Robert "Bobby" Sandel was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in appreciation for his immense contributions to education across the region. For decades, Sandel has been a champion for expanding access to higher learning and building regional partnerships to support

student success.

Virginia Western and Roanoke College are longtime allies in that pursuit. Nearly 7% of Saturday's graduates started their college journey at Virginia Western before transferring to Roanoke College to earn a four-year degree.

The two schools recently announced plans to expand on that good work with Rapid Maroons, a new initiative designed to create a seamless transfer path for Virginia Western students.

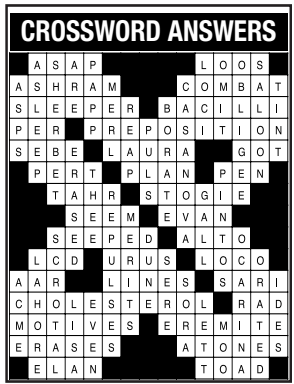
"Bobby has long held Roanoke College in his heart," Shushok said. "Time and time again, he has demonstrated a deep commitment to our institutions' mutual success and, more importantly, the success of all students. I'm just thrilled that today he is officially a Maroon."

Sandel, after being bestowed with the recognition, led the crowd in the signature call-and-response that can be heard often on campus: "Here we go ... Maroons!"

Three retiring faculty members were recognized with the Simon Carson Wells Medal, an honor bestowed on tenured, retiring faculty:

- Roland B. Minton, professor of mathematics, 38 years of service;
- Joshua B. Rubongoya, professor of public affairs, 33 years of service;
- Lynn K. Talbot, professor of Spanish, 35 years of service.

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

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

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2721 120°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 PETHULICHELPCATHOLIC 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 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Ladies class

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,
 at its regular meeting on May 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Consider the request of JBN Investments, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow the conversion of a single-family dwelling into a two-family dwelling on the property located at 324 Pennsylvania Avenue. (Tax Map # 120-6-3).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
 BY: Christopher J. Dorsey
 Executive Secretary

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem,
 at its regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following request relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map #s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

No formal action by Council will take place at the May 13, 2024 meeting. Council action for the required first and second reading of the ordinance will be scheduled for future Council meeting agendas.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
 BY:
 H. Robert Light
 Clerk of Council

ABC NOTICE

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Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication
 Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. **CL24000530-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ERIC RANDELE BRYANT v. CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT
 The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 5, 2024.
 APRIL 2, 2024
 ROBERT M.D. TURK, JUDGE
 TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN: West Ward of the City of Radford, Virginia
Containing 0.2479 acres, more or less Commonly Known as: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RADFORD CITY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201100838, DATED AUGUST 29, 2011, WHEREAS, BY DEED OF BARGAIN AND SALE AND ASSUMPTION DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 201600804 THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSUMED BY MARK BROOKNER. DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ON THE 9th DAY OF MAY, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

All that certain tracts or parcels of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the City of Radford, Virginia, and described as follows: BEING all of Lots 28 and 29, part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35, Section 1, Plan C, Radford Land and Improvement Company Lots, containing 0.2479 acres (10,800 sq. ft.), as designated and described on a plat of survey entitled, Physical Survey Lots 28, 29 and Part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35 Section 1, Plan C Radford Land and Improvement Co. West Ward City of Radford, Virginia for Ronald R. Sowers", dated August 23, 2011, Job No. 565811, by James Conrad Groseclose, II, Land Surveyor, Mathews and Henegar Inc., professional engineers and land surveyors, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and reference is hereby made to said plat of survey for a more accurate description of the property herein conveyed.

Tax Map Number: 13-(5)-SEC 1-27A-28-29-30A-34A+
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TERMS OF SALE: CASH, SETTLEMENT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SALE. A BIDDERS DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) MAY BE REQUIRED.

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE, AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA

Legals - Montgomery County

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 For Daniel D. Hamrick, PC
 FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent
 Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C.
 104 South Franklin Street
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 (540) 382-0131

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. **CL23001539-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* REBECCA LYNN AKERS BOYD v. TIMOTHY RALPH BOYD
 The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that TIMOTHY RALPH BOYD appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 26, 2024.
 April 22, 2024
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The Andrew Lewis boys baseball team, left, and Glenvar girls softball team had a good time posing for team photos after their last games last week. SUBMITTEDPHOTOS

Middle School sports teams wrap up spring season

The middle school sports seasons for the spring of '24 are in the books and both the Andrew Lewis and Glenvar teams had some big wins and good times.

The Lewis baseball season finished with an 8-8-1 record after defeating Blacksburg in the season finale, 12-3. Aiden Poff pitched four shutout innings and Gage Lynch and Aiden Kirby both were three-for-three at the plate.

"It has been a fun season with a wonderful group of young men," said coach Andrew Reedy. "We may not have started where we wanted to, but it's amazing to see the growth and development of each individual on this team as they fought back from a 2-5 start to end 8-8-1 on the season. Every player leaves this team a better ballplayer and better man. Very proud of them."

The Lewis softball team won their last game of the season, 12-11 over Blacksburg, to finish on a high note. Rosalie Botos scored on a mad dash from second on an overthrow for the walk-off win for the Wolverines.

"This season was more than wins and losses," said coach Lawrence Van Liew. "We were 1-15-1, but it was about growth and getting experience. We out-hit most of the teams we played, but we had to develop pitchers. This team will continue to grow and will win

at the next level. Best 1-15-1 team in the area!"

The Glenvar softball team also finished with a flourish, defeating Hidden Valley 9-8 in their final game. Glenvar was down 7-8 in the bottom of the sixth inning when Paisely Hodge tripled, scoring two runs. Kherington Jewell picked up the victory on the mound, striking out 11 batters on the night. Jewell also hit a double to deep center field and McKenna Tice had a triple and single. The Highlanders finished 5-10 on the season.

In boys' soccer Lewis finished 12-3-2 after shutting out Blacksburg, 1-0, in the final game. Aiden Anderson scored halfway through the second half to give the boys a lead they would keep for the rest of the game.

"This game was a game that we needed the ball to bounce our way," said coach Bob Palleria. "Blacksburg is a good team, so we had to win some balls out of the air and give ourselves some extra possessions to have a chance, and that's just what we did. The defense played outstanding soccer.

"We have what I consider the two best center backs in our league when it comes to both Brady Geary and Sam Painter, and they made a huge difference. Also, Lin Daniel played an amazing game in goal, so this was a big defensive win for us."

Lewis finished the season on an eight game winning streak.

Glenvar's boys also had a great year with an 11-3-2 record. They won their season finale over Ben Franklin Middle with Zane Smith and Noah Stevens scoring.

"It was an impressive season with five eighth graders, 10 seventh graders and eight sixth graders," said coach Justin Kuzmich.

The Glenvar girls finished 11-2-1 after ending their season with a 6-0 win over Read Mountain. It was a total team effort with goals by Maudie Doolan, Cam Stevens, Ryleigh Dickerson and a first time goal for Amelia Snare.

"Everyone worked extremely hard this year and improved from game to game," said coach Jenn Rohrback. "We saw individual and team successes that carried us to a fun and rewarding season."

The Lewis soccer girls finished 7-9-1. Lacey Turpin had 10 goals to lead the team, Riley Miller had four assists and Izzy Henzey was the Challenge Cup winner.

"The team worked hard all season," said coach Esteban Martinez. "With only six returning players, overall the team improved as the season went along. They were very coachable and a hard working group."

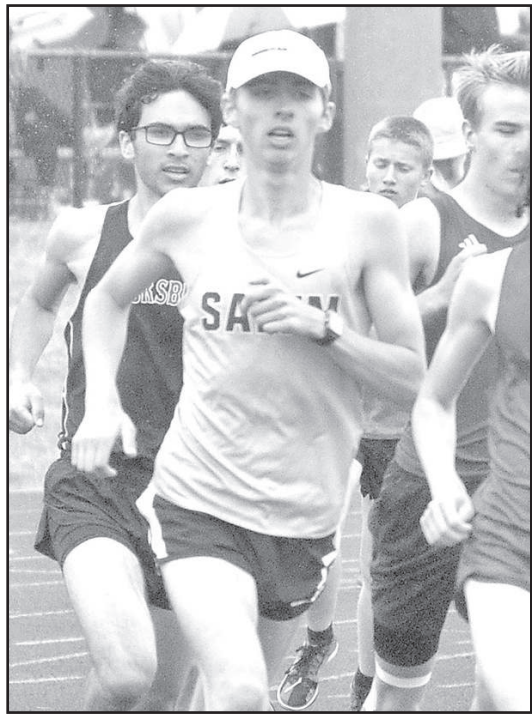


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Salem's Carson Tucker was the recipient of the Cosmopolitan Scholarship Award.

Cosmopolitan Club Track Meet

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boys were 15th and the girls were 11th, with some athletes not competing at Fleming while opting to go to Charlottesville for the very challenging Dogwood meet.

For the Spartan boys, Austin Prosser and Carson Tucker were three-four in the Senior Division 3,200. Carson was the boys' recipient of the Cosmopolitan Scholarship Award, the second year in a row a Salem person was honored. Last year Walker Peterson was the recipient.

In the Junior Division Davon Jones won the 300 hurdles, was second in the 110 hurdles and third in the long jump. Isaac Snow was fourth in the 1,600 and Julian Morton was fifth in the 100.

For the girls, Addy Funk was second in the Senior 800 and fourth in the 1,600. Aaliyah Rochford took fourth in the shot put.

In the Junior Division NiAsia Scott was fourth in the shot put and the 4x100 relay team of Khanadia Cummings, Kaylyn Ross, Jeana Hinson and Angel Lingenfelter was fifth.

For Glenvar, the Senior boys were 13th, the Senior Girls were seventh, the Junior Girls were 12th and the middle school boys' were sixth and the girls were 15th.

In the boys' Senior Division Charlie Horrell won the 3,200 and the 4x800 relay team of Horrell, Asher Faught, Tyler Davis and Aldin Smith took second.

In the girls' Senior Division Valeria Loreda-Castillo was third in the 1,600 and ran on the winning 4x800 relay team with Emma Pope, Rayya Bryson and Anna Hall. The 4x400 team of Aiden Beverly, Kaylie McDonald, Hall and Bryson was second.

In the Junior Division Sophia Hammersley took third in the 300 hurdles and fifth in the 100 hurdles. Elle Graffeo was fourth in the 100 hurdles.

"We had a good meet and I couldn't be more proud of these individuals for their effort," said Glenvar coach Neil Swanson.

In the middle school meet the girls' 4x100 relay team was second and Ava Poindexter was second in the triple jump. For the boys, Money Shaw won the long jump, Miles Wigall won the discus, Chris Anderson was second in the triple jump and the 4x100 relay team took second.

Glenvar High was scheduled to run in a meet at Patrick County on Wednesday of this week and Salem High will compete in the Jerome Loy Invitational Meet at Jefferson Forest High on Saturday.

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Salem's Juli Redding sets up a play in last week's Spartan lacrosse win over Hidden Valley.

Lax girls beat JF

The Salem High girls' lacrosse team climbed back over .500 with two wins in the past week. The Spartans beat Hidden Valley and Jefferson Forest, both at home, to improve to 6-5 on the season.

Last Thursday at Spartan Field and girls took a 9-7 win over the Titans. Bailey Stratton led the team with four goals to lead Salem and Mia Potter scored twice on a night that was a benefit in the name of her mother, Rochelle Potter, on died from leukemia in April.

"We played for a bigger purpose that game to bring attention to the fight against leukemia," said Salem coach Carly Coyle. "We were able to raise money for the Potter family to help with medical expenses in honor of Rochelle Potter. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our play."

Juli Redding and Rylee McNeil had one goal each and Bailey Redford had seven saves in the crease.

On Monday in Salem the Spartans were all over Jefferson Forest, taking a 20-2 win. Stratton had eight goals in this one, Redding had four, Cameron Walsh had three and McNeil had two as eight different girls scored. Vivienne Eaton had two ground balls and Redford had four saves.

The Spartans were scheduled to return to action Wednesday against Patrick Henry at Merrill Gainer Field in Roanoke. On Monday they're at Christiansburg.

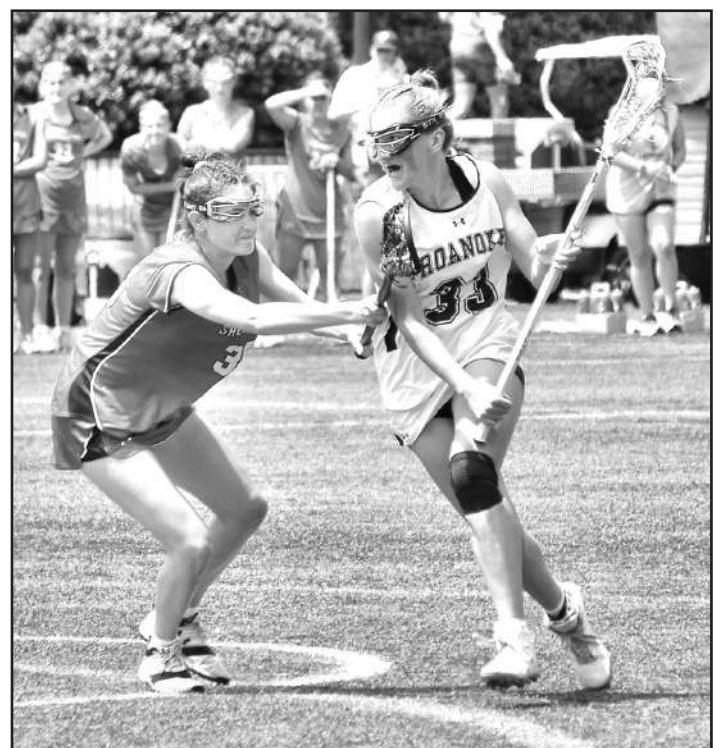


PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Roanoke's Grace Koutouzis goes to the goal in last week's ODAC win over Shenandoah at Kerr Stadium.

Maroon women get NCAA bid

The Roanoke College women have been selected for an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship. The 13th ranked Maroons will travel to Columbus, Ohio for a first-round contest against Hope College (Mich.) at 4 pm Friday. Host Capital University will face Friday's winner in the second round on Saturday, with game time also slated for 4 pm.

Roanoke takes a 15-4 overall record into the NCAA tournament. The Maroons finished 8-1 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, advancing to the title game for the fourth consecutive season. Roanoke hammered Shenandoah in the semifinal round in Salem last Friday, 14-3, as Salem's Libby Bowman scored five goals. In Sunday's conference final, RC lost an 11-10 thriller to eighth-ranked Washington and Lee in Lexington.

Hope (13-4) is an automatic qualifier for the Division III bracket after defeating Trine (Ind.), 20-8, in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship last Saturday. The Flying Dutch, who are making their second straight trip to the NCAA tournament, fell to Denison (Ohio) in last year's opening round.

Capital (14-4) also secured an automatic bid after beating Mount Union 22-9 in the Ohio Athletic Conference title game on Saturday. The Comets are appearing in the NCAA bracket for the third consecutive season. In 2023, they defeated Transylvania 21-11 in the first round in Lexington, Va., before falling 22-5 to host W&L in the second round.

Roanoke is making its third straight appearance in the NCAA tournament, and its 12th trip overall. The Maroons have advanced to the second round in each of the past two seasons, beating Bryn Athyn (Pa.) in the opening round in both years. In 2023, Roanoke fell 16-14 to eventual national semifinalist Franklin & Marshall in the second round in Lancaster, Pa.

Third round and quarterfinal action will take place on campus sites on the weekend of May 18-19. Roanoke's Kerr Stadium will again serve as the host site for the Division III semifinals and national championship on May 24 and 26.

RC men open NCAA lax vs Stevens

Roanoke College has received an at-large berth to the NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship. The 20th-ranked Maroons will travel to Newport News, VA for a second-round matchup against 14th ranked Stevens Institute of Technology from Hoboken, NJ this Saturday at 7 pm.

RC is one of three Old Dominion Athletic Conference schools to make the NCAA Tournament after last week's ODAC tournament, along with conference tournament champion University of Lynchburg and regular season champ Washington & Lee. This is the second time in three years the ODAC has seen three teams earn entry to the national bracket. It marks the sixth occasion overall dating back to 1998.

Division III's 38-team field is composed of 27 squads from Pool A, one from Pool B, and 10 from Pool C. Pool A consists of automatic qualifiers from conferences. Pool B is reserved for those schools that are independent from a conference or compete in a league that does not feature an automatic entry. Pool C includes all teams not yet selected with those entering selected by the Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship Committee.

Lynchburg (14-5) will serve as host for second and third rounds in a four-team pod. Two

of those squads will be determined by a pair of midweek first round matchups. The fourth is Washington and Lee (13-5).

The Hornets will meet the winner of Centre College (14-3) and Pfeiffer University (11-6) in the second round. The Generals' second round opponent will be either Lake Forest College (15-2) or Transylvania University (11-6).

Roanoke (14-5) was the last at-large selection to be announced on the selection show. They open play in the second round against Stevens Institute of Technology (17-2) in a four-team pod at Christopher Newport University. The Captains (14-5) play Cabrini University (15-4) in the second round.

Tournament play begins with first round action on Wednesday, May 8. Second and third round competition is slated for Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12. The quarterfinals and semifinals will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19. All early round action will be hosted at campus facilities.

The Maroons will be making the 15th NCAA postseason appearance during coach Bill Pilat's tenure, including their second in the last three seasons. It will be hosted in conjunction with the Division I and II title matches at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pa. The D-III game is scheduled for Sunday, May 26, at 1 pm.

Glenvar boys soccer is 14-0

The Glenvar soccer team remained undefeated with a 6-0 win over Carroll County Tuesday. The defending 2023 Class 2 state champs are now 14-0 on the season.

Glenvar got two goals each from Heath Russell and Kian Fisher in the win. Aidan Hylton and Zach Curfiss had

one goal each and Bryce King had three assists. Glenvar out-shot the Cavaliers, 20-1.

Last Wednesday Glenvar beat visiting James River, 7-1, at Highlander Stadium. Fisher scored the first goal off a Luke Farmer assist just four minutes into the contest. King netted a second goal one minute later after Tyler Curfiss played a long ball.

Fisher, Griffin Geddes, Seth Nichols and Farmer added goals in the first half as well to give Glenvar a 6-0 lead at intermission. Levi King scored in the second half.

Zach Curfiss collected two assists on the night as Hylton, King and Kees Van Gerven also recorded assists. Glenvar outshot James River, 21-5.

"I thought we finished really well in the first half to set the tone for the game," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "Our guys executed well."

Last Friday the Highlanders defeated Radford at GHS, 2-0. Hylton scored the first goal with less than a minute left in the first half off a Farmer corner kick. The game stayed 1-0 until less than a minute left in the second half as King scored on a break away. Cooper Mullins collected the assist and Grayson Shepherd earned the shutout in the net, making one save as the Highlanders outshot Radford, 22-1.

"I thought we did a good job defensively as a team and found a way to earn two goals," said Jones. "We do have to begin to consistently finish better, but sometimes you have to find a way to come out on top when you miss some chances and our guys did that."

The Highlanders have two regular season games remaining, tonight at Alleghany and Monday at home with James River.



PHOTO BY BRYANT ALTIZER

Glenvar's Davin Tate controls the ball in Friday's win at Radford.

Nine girls score in Glenvar win

The Glenvar girls are 13-0 on the season after winning three Three Rivers District soccer matches in the span of six days.

The Highlanders took a 2-0 win at James River last Wednesday without leading scorer Jules Stanley and Brooke Smyth on the pitch. Both were held out for precautionary measures after having concussion like symptoms following a rough game with Auburn two days prior. Anna Vecellio scored a goal with an assist from Megan Pomerleau and Vecellio assisted on a goal by Sawyer Wilson.

"Big win without Jules and Brooke," said Glenvar coach Kyleigh Drew.

On Friday the girls played at Radford and took a 3-1 win. Radford took an early 1-0 lead but Glenvar tied the game on a Campbell Hardin goal, assisted by Davin Tate. Annie George put Glenvar ahead with a goal off a corner kick from Tate, and Stanley, who returned for this game, scored an insurance goal off an assist from Vecellio.

On Monday at home the girls mercy ruled Alleghany, 11-0, with nine different girls finding the net. Smyth and Tate had two goals each and Glenvar got one each from Stanley, Wilson, George, Hardin, Pomerleau, Lauren Claud and goalie Maddie Frackelton.

The Highlanders will try to keep it going with a home game tonight against Franklin County. James River will return the trip on Monday for a game at Highlander Stadium.

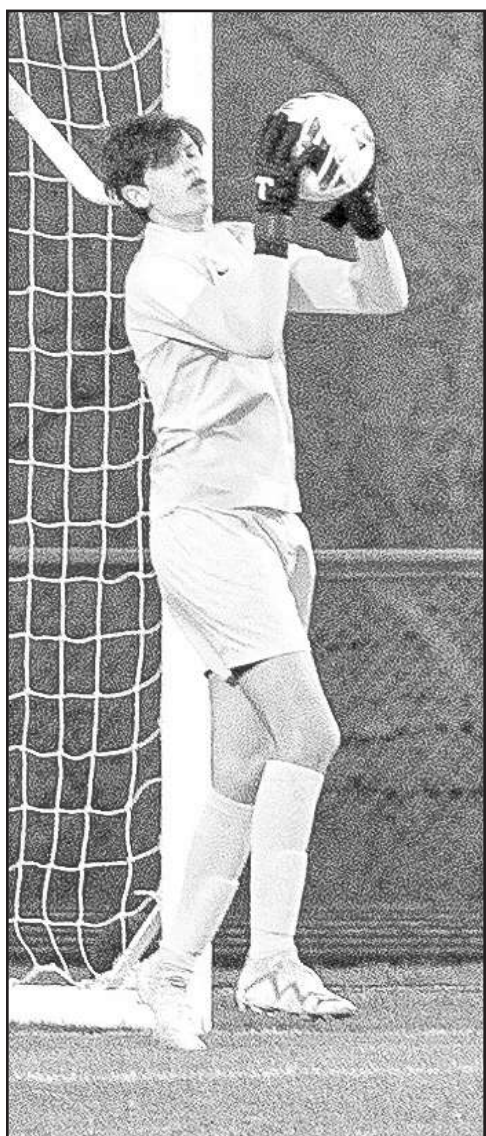


PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Glenvar goalie Grayson Shepherd is the "Maytag Repair Man" of Three Rivers soccer. He's been called on to make just one save in each of Glenvar's last two games.

SHS soccer girls down Pats, 4-3

The Salem High girls soccer team is 9-7 overall and 6-5 in the River Ridge District after winning a big district game at Spartan Field Tuesday. The girls pulled out a 4-3 win over visiting Patrick Henry.

Laikyn Funk had two goals in regulation and Anna Haley had a goal as the score was level at 3-3 heading into OT Avery Mangus scored the winning goal for a big win for the Salemites.

Last Friday at Spartan Field the girls beat visiting Christiansburg, 4-2. Salem had to come from 2-0 down to score four unanswered

goals and win the game. All four of Salem's goals were in the second half.

Mangus, Blair Bowers, Abby Pitts and LFunk had goals for the Spartans with assists from Eliza Fleenor and Mangus and two from Brooke Bowers. Pitts scored the winning goal off of a Brooke Bowers corner kick.

The Spartans are back in action Friday at Pulaski County, and that will be the last game of the regular season.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left, Glenvar's Hannah Street follows through on her home run swing, and right is greeted at the plate in the Highlanders win at James River last week.

Highlanders bang out 17 hits in Three Rivers win over Radford

The Glenvar softball team dropped a 7-5 game at Floyd County on Tuesday. The Highlanders fell to 10-8 with the loss after winning two Three Rivers District games in three days last week.

On Tuesday Glenvar got on the board in the first inning when Abby Teubert and Hannah Street got on base and both scored on a Chloe Maxey single. They added a third run in the second inning when Audrey Moles singled and scored on a Teubert single.

The flood gates opened in the third inning as Floyd scored seven runs

on six hits and two walks to take the lead. Glenvar closed the gap to 7-5 but that was as close as the Highlanders would get. Audrey Moles and Claire Spence had two hits each for the Highlanders and Teubert and Street split time on the mound.

Last Wednesday in Buchanan the Highlanders beat homestanding James River, 10-4. Street pitched a gem for the Glenvar girls and also had a two-run homer and a double at the plate. Hannah got the complete game win, striking out five while scattering seven hits.

On Friday in Radford the bats were

alive as Glenvar took a 14-5 win over the Bobcats. Glenvar scored eight runs in the second inning on six hits while benefiting from four Radford errors.

Spence and Chloe Maxey got things going in the big second inning as they both singled. Haley Leginus was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Hayden Hartz reached base on a fielding error, scoring Spence. Audrey Moles also reached base on a fielding error, scoring Maxey. Amelia Gierke then doubled, scoring Leginus, Hartz and Moles.

Teubert was walked to keep the inning going and Abby and Gierke

scored on a Street single. Spence and Maxey would single for the second time in the inning, loading the bases again. Street then scored on a sacrifice by Leginus before Radford could get the third out of the inning.

Glenvar had 17 hits, including four by Spence, three each by Gierke and Maxey, and two each by Teubert and Street. Teubert went the distance on the mound allowing ten hits and striking out nine.

The Highlanders are back in action Friday with a home game against Alleghany, followed by a home game against James River next Monday.



PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Sarah Tennant had four hits in Salem's win over Patrick Henry Tuesday.

Spartans light up PH, 15-3

The Salem High offense was humming Tuesday when the Spartans took a 15-3 softball win over the Patriots at Patrick Henry High School. With the win Salem is 10-11 on the season.

The Spartans put five runs on the board in the fifth inning to break the game wide open. Salem's hit parade included a four hit night for Sarah Tennant. Caitlin Wells was three-for-five at the plate with four runs batted in and three scored. Cora Robinson was two-for-five with four RBIs and a home run, Cora Grace Sparger had three hits and Piper Furmage belted her first high school home run. Cora Grace Sparger got the win in the circle with a complete game three-hitter.

The win snapped a two game losing skid for the Spartans, who dropped a 14-5 game at home against Amherst last Wednesday despite three hits by Furmage. Salem trailed just 6-5 before the Lancers exploded in the last inning.

Last Friday the Spartans dropped a 5-1 game to Christiansburg at the Salem Civic Center. Robinson hit a home run in the first inning for Salem's run.

The Spartans are at Pulaski Friday for the last game of the regular season.

Maroons will play VWU for ODAC crown

Two four-team pods featuring some of the best softball talent in Division III adjusted to weather-forced delays to advance two teams to the 2024 ODAC Softball Tournament Championship Series following three days of competition last weekend.

Top-seeded Virginia Wesleyan University and third-seeded Roanoke College each went 3-0 in their respective pods to punch their tickets to the final best-of-three championship event. The Marlins, playing on their home soil, defeated the University of Lynchburg the second time in as many days on Sunday to cap an opening weekend run. The Maroons, playing at Randolph-Macon College, did the same to the Yellow Jackets to lock up their spot in this week's championship series.

Roanoke is appearing in the final series for the second time in as many seasons that the ODAC has featured the two-weekend format. Last year, RC hosted the final series.

Tom and Betty Broyles Field at Towne Bank Park on Virginia Wesleyan's campus will serve as host for the two-day event. One game will be played today, May 9, with a second contest and the "if" game in the

double-elimination format slated for Friday.

The Maroons come into the series with a 29-12 overall record after winning three games in their "pod" last weekend. Roanoke beat Guilford to open the event, 10-5 on Friday, then took two games from Randolph-Macon, 10-4 on Saturday and 7-2 on Sunday.

Maggie McCray struck out 13 Yellowjackets in Sunday's clinching game. McCray scattered nine hits in her complete-game victory, allowing no walks and two earned runs. She finished the pod at RMC with two wins and a save, allowing just two earned runs with 24 strikeouts in 14 innings.

Madison Courts finished Sunday's win two-for-three at the plate with a triple, a home run and a walk. Heather McQueeney set the table for the Maroons from the leadoff spot, reaching base in all four plate appearances, scored twice and stealing a base. Ally Brown had two hits and Lilly Burns had a hit and a walk.

The winner of this weekend's series gets an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III championship tournament.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Maggie McCray had 13 strikeouts for RC Sunday.

Glenvar boys beat Floyd

The Glenvar High boys tennis team was rained out of a home match with Floyd County on Monday, and that's scheduled to be made up on Friday of this week at GHS.

Glenvar played at Floyd last Wednesday and took a 6-3 win over the Buffaloes to improve their record to 9-5 overall.

The girls lost to the top two teams in the Three Rivers District last week, as they fell to Floyd at home and Radford on the road, both by 9-0 scores. That left the girls at 7-6 and they were scheduled to return the trip to Floyd on Tuesday.

Both the boys and girls will play Alleghany today, with the girls at home and the boys at Alleghany.

RC women's tennis falls to Sweet Briar

Third-seeded Sweet Briar defeated sixth-seeded Roanoke, 5-0, in the quarterfinals of the ODAC women's tennis tournament last week. With the loss the Maroons ended their season with an 8-12 overall record.

The Washington &

Lee women won the ODAC title for the 21st consecutive season, and the W&L men won their 14th straight and 42nd overall.

Two Glenvar grads, Isabella and Marco Gustafson, were freshmen on the Roanoke College teams.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Drew Perez avenged his only singles loss of the season with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Lucas Beasley last week.

Perez gets revenge but Demons get win

Salem High's Drew Perez avenged his only tennis singles loss of the season with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Lucas Beasley of Christiansburg last Friday but a strong Blue Demons team pulled out a 7-2 win over the Spartans in Christiansburg.

"Perez outplayed formerly undefeated Beasley in a masterful display of court command," said Salem coach Steve Willinger of the highly anticipated first singles match. "The day may have left the Spartans a little bit down, but in a good place for the rest of the regular season. The gap was as small as three tiebreakers as the Spartans again showed they are on the way up."

Charlie McDonald claimed Salem's other point at

number six singles. Joren Poush lost in a tiebreaker at number two singles, as did the first and third doubles as Salem lost a match that was much closer than the score indicates.

The Spartan girls played at home against Christiansburg and took an 8-1 win, losing only at first doubles. The Spartans swept the singles with Claire Rawlins, Lauren Baba, Caroline Loveday, Mira Maked, Elisa Nguyen and Josephine Eaton.

Both teams were scheduled to play Patrick Henry on Tuesday and Lord Botetourt on Wednesday but results were too late for publication. On Friday the boys will host Pulaski County and the girls will head to Dublin for a match with the Cougars.



Bella and Marco Gustafson played tennis for Roanoke.

Salem baseball needs every win in tight Region 4D standings

The Salem High baseball team will play host to Pulaski County Friday night hoping to avenge a prior loss in Dublin. The game is scheduled for 5:30 pm at Billy Sample Field.

The Spartans were scheduled to host Lord Botetourt on Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. That game was originally scheduled for Monday but rained out and rescheduled for May 8th in Salem.

Every game is important for the Spartans as they work to make the Region 4D playoffs. Although Salem is 13-4 it's no guarantee they'll get in with the region split into north and south divisions and the top four making the tournament in each. The south division is loaded with good teams.

"We may have to win the rest of our games to get in," said Salem coach Jimmy Winterer. "We won't know until the end of next week how it shakes out."

The Spartans won two games by lopsided scores in the past week. Last Thursday in a non-district game at Billy Sample Field the Salemites had their way with visiting Roanoke Catholic, 25-3. Salem had seven doubles among 13 hits before the game was called by slaughter rule after four innings. James Buckles, Mark Debord, Ryan Coe and Trace Monroe had two hits each for the

Spartans and Buckles scored four times.

A night later, on Friday in Christiansburg, Carter Black and Evan Fletcher combined for a shutout as Salem took a 13-0 win over Blue Demons. Black pitched the first six innings and gave up just two hits while striking out six. Fletcher pitched a scoreless seventh before the Spartans loaded up the bus.

This one was over early. Salem scored in the top of the first when Caleb Fumage hit a solo home run line drive over the right-center field wall. It set the tone for the Salem offense, as they scored one or more runs in every inning except the third.

Thomas Millard started the top of the second with a double down the right field line. Wilson Rakes reached on a throwing error by the Demons' third baseman, scoring Millard on the overthrow. Brayden White drew a walk and Black drove in two runs on a flair single to left field. The Christiansburg pitchers struggled to throw strikes after the third inning, walking 10 and hitting three Spartans.

On Tuesday Salem had a game against Patrick Henry postponed due poor field conditions. That was rescheduled for next Monday in Roanoke, and it will be the last regular season game.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Carter Black pitched six shutout innings in a win over Christiansburg.

Highlanders win district games but lose senior pitcher

The Glenvar baseball team improved to 10-6 overall and 6-2 in the Three Rivers District with a nine inning, 8-7, win at Floyd County Tuesday night.

The Highlanders led 7-2 at one point in this game and appeared to be cruising with

Dawson Anderson on the mound. However, Dawson was lifted with two outs in the sixth and Floyd scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh to send the game into extra innings.

Glenvar got out of town with a win when the Highlanders plated a run in the top of the ninth. Anderson led off with a walk, was bunted to second, moved to third on a ground out and scored on a wild pitch. Rhett Henderson then pitched a scoreless bottom of the inning to pick up the win. Cale Vaughan had a two-run homer in the game for Glenvar. "It was nerve-racking but it was a win," said Glenvar coach Jeremy Cromer.

The win was the fifth in a row for the Highlanders and their third in a week's time against Three Rivers District competition. All three district games were on the road as the Highlanders beat James River in Buchanan last Wednesday and won at Radford last Friday.

Against James River the host Knights put up a fight despite having won just one game all season. The Knights led 2-1 after five innings before Glenvar put a crooked three on the board in the top of the sixth and scored an insurance run in the seventh. That proved to be big when the Knights loaded the bases and scored a run before Adam Franklin worked out of a jam in the home seventh.

Ashton Meadows started the game on the mound for Glenvar and pitched four scoreless innings, fanning five, before he had to come out of the game. Ashton broke the middle finger on his pitching hand while sliding into a base, and one of Glenvar's top pitcher's will be out indefinitely with the post-season approaching. Franklin got the win after giving up the lead, then having the Glenvar offense rally.

The Highlanders had just four hits but benefited from 11 walks by three River pitchers. Franklin had two hits while Reed Hutchison and Jake Stanley had one each.

On Friday at Radford Cale Vaughan pitched five shutout innings and Henderson pitched a scoreless sixth as the Highlanders won in Radford, 10-0 by mercy rule. Landyn Pickard was three-for-three at the plate and Peyton Deel and Stanley had two hits each. Stanley had four runs batted in for the Highlanders.

The Highlanders will now host Alleghany on Friday, completing a game that was suspended at Alleghany with another full game to follow. When action picks up at 4 pm the score is 3-3 and the Highlanders will be batting in the top of the seventh with Hutchison on third. Meadows is the scheduled hitter but he'll be replaced after last week's injury.

Next Monday, May 13, James River will return the trip to Glenvar.

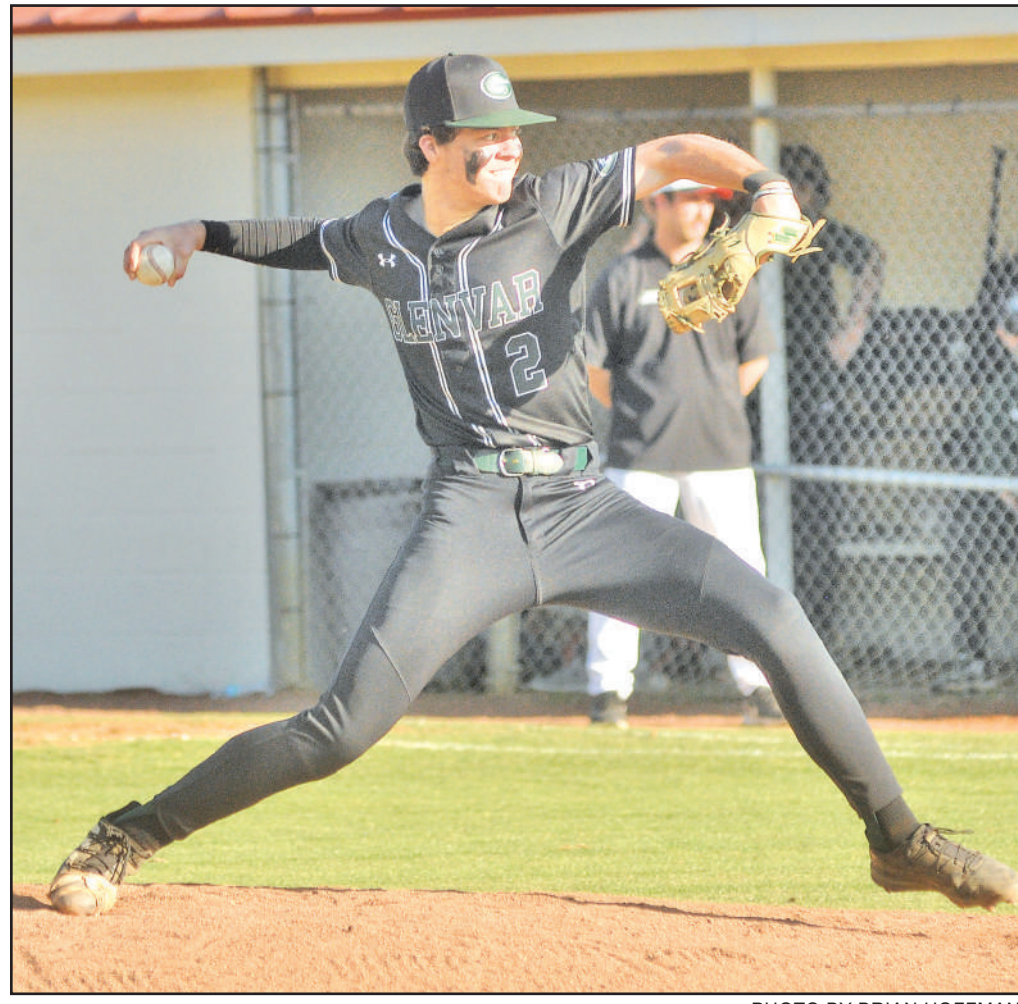


PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar's Ashton Meadows pitches against James River shortly before breaking his finger.

Sox hit the road

The Salem Red Sox are on the road for the next two weeks, returning May 21 for a series with the Fayetteville Woodpeckers.

The Sox are in Columbia, SC this week for a six games series with the Fireflies, a farm team of the Kansas City Royals. Then they head south to Augusta, GA for six games with the Greenjackets, a member of the Atlanta Braves organization.

Salem headed south with a 12-15 record after splitting six games with Myrtle Beach at Salem Memorial Ballpark last week. The Sox dropped the first two games of the series, 12-4 and 6-4, before winning the next two, 5-3 on Thursday and 7-0 on Friday. They lost 8-1 on "Star Wars Night" Saturday but earned the split with a 3-1 "get-away" game on Sunday afternoon.

Blake Wehunt started Sunday's game on the mound and pitched five one-hit innings. The 6'7", 240 pound righthander struck out eight and didn't walk a single batter. Royman Blanco pitched a scoreless ninth to pick up his second save.

At bat, Marvin Alcantara had three hits for the Sox, including a double and a triple. Miguel Bleis had two hits.

After one month of the season Johanfran Garcia



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The umpire jumps out of the way as Red Sox shortstop Antonio Anderson takes the throw at second Saturday.

has Salem's best batting average at .385 with 20 hits in 52 at bats, although he's currently on the seven-day injured list. Natanael Yuten leads the Sox with 14 runs batted in while Alcantara is best with 13 runs

scored. Blanco has a 4-1 record and a 2.40 ERA after 15 innings pitched. Isaac Stebens has three saves and an 0.82 ERA after 11 innings.

Maroons advance in ODAC baseball

The top-four seeds in last weekend's Old Dominion Athletic Conference best-of-three baseball series', including Roanoke College, all advanced by winning the first two contests of their matchup and will play a double-elimination tournament in Tysons, VA this weekend.

Randolph-Macon College, the #1 seed in the ODAC's eight-team field, defeated #8 Washington and Lee, 3-2 and 12-1. The Yellow Jackets will open the championships series with defending ODAC and NCAA champion University of Lynchburg. The fourth-seeded Hornets earned two wins over fifth-seeded Bridgewater College in a doubleheader on Friday, 9-4 and 5-2.

Second-seeded Roanoke College will be the designated home team in the second of two games on the first day at Capital One Park. The Maroons paved their way with two wins on Friday over #7 Virginia Wesleyan University, 8-3 and 13-6. RC will meet #3 Shenandoah University on Thursday. The Hornets defeated #6 Guilford College, 12-4, on Saturday and 11-7 on Sunday.

Games are slated to begin today, May 9, and continue through Saturday, May 11. As many as seven games will be played to determine the 2024 ODAC champion. The

Maroons go into the tournament with a 24-18 overall record after sweeping Virginia Wesleyan Friday at Calfee Park in Pulaski. The first game, an 8-3 win, was the 100th career win for RC head coach Zach Ullrich.

In game one Cayden Freels hit three doubles and Corey Coogan had two hits, including a triple. Salem's Parker Stallard had a two-run homer and Hayden Giordano also went deep. Anthony Sullivan earned the win with four scoreless innings out of the bullpen. Trevor Orth tossed three scoreless frames to earn the save, striking out six and allowed just one run and one hit.

In the second game, a 13-6 win to put the Marlins away, Nate Prince had three hits, two runs and two RBI. Dylan Bonzon, Kyle Moshier and Giordano each had two hits.

On the mound Jackson Murphy battled back after a six-run third inning to pick up the win, striking out eight over 6 1/3 innings. Isaac Brooks closed out the game's final 2 2/3 frames, allowing no runs and just two hits and no walks.

The winner of this week's ODAC tournament earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.



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Salem's Parker Stallard had a home run at Calfee Park for Roanoke College last week.

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Left, Glenvar's Rose Adams comes down the stretch in the Junior Division 800 meter run. Middle, Aaliyah Rochford competes in the disucs, and right Jayden Wood sets a new Andrew Lewis Middle School record in winning the 300 hurdles.

Wolverines win Cosmo for second straight year, Persinger wins the 100 at the Dogwood Classic

It was a big time on the oval last week as William Fleming played host to the annual Cosmopolitan Club track meet. Salem also sent some athletes to the Dogwood Classic, a highly competitive meet in Charlottesville.

At the Dogwood Classic there were close to 200 schools who had athletes at the meet and Salem's Josiah Persinger won the 100 meters with a time of 10.76. Josiah also ran on the fifth place 4x100 relay team with Justice English, Khamari Garner and Aedon Wiley, finishing in 43.22. Mitchell Taylor took seventh in the 300 hurdles in 14.97.

At Fleming the "Cosmo" had divisions for middle schoolers, Juniors(9th and 10th grade) and Seniors(11th and 12th) and was held over three days. The Pulaski boys and Roanoke Catholic girls

won Senior Division titles, the Northside boys and Blacksburg girls took the Junior Division and the Andrew Lewis boys and Blacksburg girls won Middle School titles.

The Lewis boys completed an undefeated season with their middle school championship. This is the second Cosmo title in a row for the young boys from Salem.

Jayden Wood and Tristen Noel led the Wolverines. Jayden was the champion in the triple jump and in the 300 meter hurdles, while Tristen won the 400 meter dash. Jayden also broke the school record for the 300 meter hurdles, which had been set by Kyle Washington in 2009. Wood was named the Most Outstanding Field Athlete for the Middle School Division.

Nick Baxley had an outstanding day with two second place finishes in the hurdles. Gabe Johnson also placed in both hurdle races. Eli Yates scored in the 200 meter dash and the 400 meter relay team of Noel, Wood, Yates, and Keenan Helm finished second while the 1600 meter relay team of Baxley, Jaidyn Rudisell, Caleb Plott and Dylan Bonet finished in fourth.

The Lewis girls team was led by Kathryn Rincon, who placed fourth in the 1600 meter run and sixth in the 800 meter run. Kathryn also broke the 25 year old school record of Chassity Martin for the 800 meter run.

Salem's Junior Division boys took fifth and the girls were 16th. In the Senior Division Salem's

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Spartan lacrosse coach has new son to go with unbeaten team

It's been a big week for the Revercomb family. Salem High lacrosse coach George saw his team improve to 11-0 with a 16-5 win over Jefferson Forest Monday and the Revercombs welcomed a new addition to the family on Sunday, a baby boy.

Actually George didn't see Monday's game, as he was at the hospital with the family, including one day old Howard James Revercomb.

"We're going to call him Howie," said Revercomb.

The Spartan lacrosse team gave Howie a welcome-to-the-world present with an impressive win over the Cavaliers in Forest. Kaiden Garst led Salem with five goals, Jackson Winger had four and Jackson Jones had two.

Salem also hosted Hidden Valley last Thursday for "Senior Night" and the Spartans pitched a rare shutout, defeating the Titans 24-0 at Spartan Field. Nine different Spartans scored, led by senior Dakota Hawkins with seven goals. Garst and Tucker Preas had four each and Holden Custer had three goals. Richard Hof and Jack Ellis split time in the goal.

The Spartans were scheduled to host Patrick Henry on Wednesday and that was a big game as the Patriots come into the week at 8-0. On Monday Salem is at Christiansburg in the second game of a doubleheader with the girls.



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Salem's Dakota Hawkins(#22) is introduced on "Senior Night" for the Spartan lacrosse team last week. Dakota celebrated with seven goals as the Spartans took a 24-0 win over Hidden Valley.

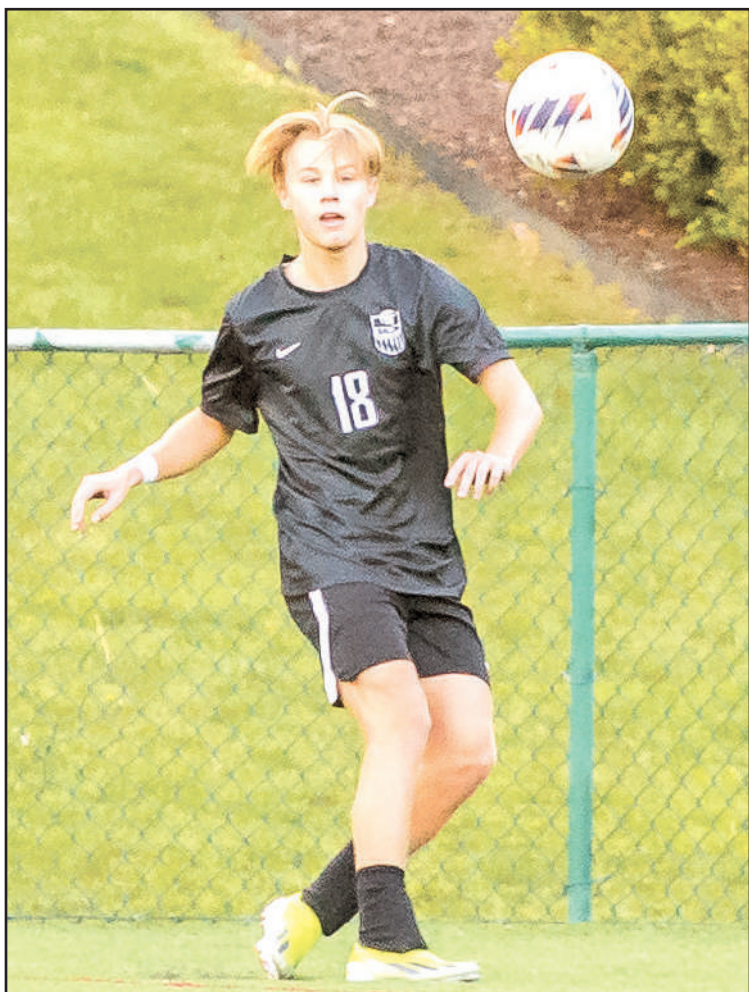


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Logan Lavinder hits a corner kick for the Spartans.

Salem boys score with three seconds left to tie Patriots

The Salem High boys' soccer team earned a spot in the River Ridge District championship game with a 2-2 tie against Patrick Henry at Merrill Gainer Stadium in Roanoke Tuesday.

With the tie the Spartans are 7-2-2 in the district while Patrick Henry has two district losses and three ties. Both teams lost to Blacksburg twice and tied each other, 1-1 in Salem and 2-2 Tuesday. However, PH also tied Christiansburg and Salem beat the Blue Demons twice, including last Friday, and that was the difference. Salem still needs to beat Pulaski at home on Friday night but after winning 8-0 against the Cougars in Dublin that doesn't seem to be a problem.

So, the top two teams in the district will play for the championship next Friday, May 17. It will either be at Blacksburg or Virginia Tech.

Tuesday's game was a barn burner. PH took the lead in the second half but Salem tied it with three minutes to go on a Logan Lavinder goal, assisted by Keidaman Gulfan. That sent the game into overtime, and PH took a 2-1 lead on a penalty kick and appeared to have the game in hand.

However, it wasn't over just yet. With seconds left in OT Salem had a corner kick and Lucas Yerton scored off Lavinder's kick with just three seconds remaining. The Patriots kicked off, but the whistle immediately blew to end the game in a 2-2 tie and send the Spartans, most likely, into a third match with Blacksburg this season.

Last Friday in Christiansburg the Spartans took a 4-1 win over the Blue Demons in a River Ridge District match that set up Tuesday's drama. Graham Fischer opened the scoring halfway through the first half off a cross from Elijah Clark. Graham then scored on a penalty kick just before the half to put Salem up 2-0.

The Demons cut the lead in half 15 minutes into the second half but Gulfan scored off an assist from TJ Fisher soon after to put Salem back up by two at 3-1. Clark would add an insurance goal off an assist from Jett Lakin for the 4-1 final. Max Benne had four saves in the net.

"Good win for the guys against a solid Christiansburg team," said Salem coach David Atkins.

The Spartans are back on the home pitch Friday to host Pulaski County, and it's "Senior Night." Next Monday they have a non-district game at Rockbridge that was rescheduled from Thursday of this week.

Salem is 10-2-2 overall.