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Council votes 3-2 to approve HopeTree PUD plans

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

It's in the hands of developers now. Monday night Salem City Council voted 3-2 to approve HopeTree Family Services' request for Planned Unit Development on 32 acres of the campus at the north end of Broad Street that was founded more than 100 years ago as the Virginia Baptist Children's Home.

Mayor Renee Turk and Councilmembers Randy Foley and Bill Jones voted for the rezoning, with Vice Mayor Jim Wallace and Councilman Hunter Holiday voting against. Foley, whose family

lives close to the HopeTree, made the motion for rezoning and Jones seconded.

Jones said, "We have to look at the whole, with the best use of the property."

Two dozen audience members wore red shirts, with many holding signs saying No PUD, to show their opposition to the change.

Wallace did not speak before the vote, but explained after the meeting he voted against the rezoning "because I felt we were being asked to vote for a vision that is subject to a revision. It's not concrete."

During the meeting Holiday said he had conducted his own

informal poll in the neighborhood, knocking on doors along nearby streets, "and people were 86 percent against the PUD rezoning and 4 percent against."

Holiday said the proposal was not in keeping with the existing residential areas around HopeTree, along Mt. Vernon, Red Lane, Broad Street, Academy and Carrollton.

He said, "Why would we entertain building new businesses on the HopeTree campus when there are 51 vacant commercial spaces along Main Street from East Main to the brick plant?"

The mayor said she had weighed

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Anne Lee Stevens and others opposing HopeTree's planned unit development request hold signs opposing the PUD at Monday night's Salem City Council meeting before the 3-2 vote to approve the zoning change.



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

David Gilmer shows off a flashlight.

80th Anniversary of D-Day commemorated at the Salem Museum & Historical Society

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

On a sunny Saturday, the 24th Virginia Infantry Living Historians commemorated the 80th Anniversary of D-Day at the Salem Museum & Historical Society. The event was a vibrant

tapestry of history, with living historians and reenactors clad in authentic uniforms, surrounded by an extensive collection of military equipment, weapons, and souvenirs from D-Day and WWII. The atmosphere was electric, as visitors of all ages wandered through the displays, engaging in conversations

that brought the past vividly to life.

Among the dedicated historians was David Gilmer, a passionate advocate for immersive historical education. "We've done things here at the museum for the last 7-8 years," Gilmer explained,

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Johnston named G.W. Carver Elementary principal

Salem School Division Superintendent Dr. Curtis Hicks announced this week that Greg Johnston has been named the new principal at G.W. Carver Elementary School, effective July 1. The Salem School Board formally approved the administrative appointment at Tuesday night's meeting.

"I am honored and sincerely thankful to Dr. Hicks and the Salem's school board members for placing their trust in me and allowing me to serve as the next principal of G.W. Carver," Johnston said. "I know the school has a tremendous history and great reputation, and I cannot wait to get started."

Johnston, who is a Roanoke Valley native and Northside High school graduate, has 30 years of various educational experiences in the commonwealth. He started his career teaching kindergarten students in Dinwiddie County and from 1994-96 he was a valued faculty member teaching first, second, and third graders at Franklin County's Glade Hill Elementary.

In 2000, he advanced into administration and began a 24 year stretch of employment



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Johnston

in Roanoke City Public Schools. Johnston served as an assistant principal at Fairview Elementary and later as a principal at both Oakland Intermediate and Monterey Elementary schools.

From 2013-20, he was a valuable member of Roanoke's central office staff working as

the Executive Director for K-5 Instruction. During that time, he directed, coordinated, and supervised the implementation of instructional programs throughout 17 elementary schools in Roanoke city. Since 2021, Johnston has been the

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Salem awarded over \$56K from Virginia Tourism Corporation

The city of Salem has been awarded \$56,278 from the Virginia Tourism Corporation for the remainder of this calendar year, according to an announcement made last week by the city. Salem has now received a total of 12 different grants from VTC since 2020 totaling \$186,278.

These latest funds will be used for three specific purposes in the city. One of the \$20,000 grants will be used to ramp up marketing in areas beyond southwest Virginia for Salem sporting events like CIAA football and various NCAA championships. Another \$18,278 award will be designated to hiking, biking and enjoying the outdoors in Virginia's Blue Ridge. The marketing will target folks in Hampton Roads, Richmond and Washington D.C. The final \$18,000 grant will be used to attract visitors to the Salem Fair and to various historical attractions in the area.

"The city feels very fortunate to receive three grants of this magnitude," said Carey Harveycutter, Salem's tourism director. "This funding is a big reason why we are able to provide first-class events and opportunities for not only residents in the valley but also for visitors who make Virginia's Blue Ridge a destination."

In all, the Virginia Tourism Corporation awarded more than \$3.27 million to 268 local and regional marketing programs. The goal is to help increase visitation and revenue for Virginia's localities across the state.

"VTC's marketing and sponsorship

programs are powerful incentives creating tourism partnerships across Virginia that are a robust part of Virginia's economic ecosystem," said Gov. Glenn Youngkin. "Across the commonwealth, the tourism industry recognizes the importance of having inventive strategies to showcase all that Virginia has to offer. These grants will support those efforts and help draw thousands of additional visitors to the commonwealth to experience everything that makes Virginia so special."

These funding programs are designed to leverage local marketing dollars with matching state funds to increase visitation and traveler spending through 2025. This funding cycle, local partners will commit more than \$9.2 million to match the VTC funding, providing more than \$12.5 million in new marketing and event production activity focused on increasing overnight visitation to Virginia across all nine GO Virginia regions.

"The VTC grant programs continue to inject critical funds into communities across the Commonwealth, helping to make Virginia the best place to live, work, and raise a family," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. "The tourism industry in an incredible employment on-ramp for high school and college students, part time workers, and those interested long-term hospitality careers."

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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.

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

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

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

Switchfoot leads trio of rockers: Switchfoot, Blue October and Matt Nathanson are excited to announce a triple headliner Summer Tour dubbed “Help from My Friends”. The 30-city-run of dates will make a stop in Salem on Friday night, July 26. Featuring three of the most beloved and genuine artists of the new millennia, the performances will make for an enthralling evening with each performance complementing the other two. Each night a different artist will open and close the show and fill the middle

spot. Ticket prices are: Floor \$49.50, \$39.50, \$49.50, & \$59.50 Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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

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The bluegrass/acoustic shows are free, but a tip bucket will be passed around for donations to the musicians. Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered. The event is on Monday, Oct. 7: 7-9 p.m. - Franklin Station. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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Public meetings: The Salem City 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.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of May 28, 2024 – June 3, 2024

5/28/2024	Tina M. Crabtree	54	Criminal Trespass
5/29/2024	Stephanie M. Manus	38	Embezzlement
5/29/2024	Thomas W. Wilkerson	29	Public Intoxication
5/30/2024	Tracie Annette English	48	Shoplifting
5/30/2024	Clinton K. Robertson IV	22	DUI, Obstructing Justice
5/30/2024	Devonte' C. Bradley	21	Grand Larceny
5/30/2024	Tracie Ann English	68	Shoplifting
5/30/2024	Venita J. Jones	54	Fraud, Embezzlement
5/31/2024	William A. Goodwyne Jr.	53	Public Intoxication
5/31/2024	Robert E. Boatright	46	Possession of Controlled Substance
5/31/2024	Alexandria S. Spence	27	Assault & Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication, Criminal Trespass
5/31/2024	John-Paul T. Cox	37	Public Intoxication
5/31/2024	Joseph A. Baldwin	37	Possess Firearm By Felon
6/1/2024	Anthony D. Skomsky	25	Domestic Assault & Battery, Strangulation of Another
6/1/2024	Tracy M. Deel	43	Shoplifting
6/3/2024	Cody A. Lawson	32	Contempt of Court

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of May 28, 2024 – June 3, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
29-MAY-2024	1400 BLK Cloyd St	Grand Larceny
31-MAY-2024	200 BLK W 4th St	Possess Firearm by Felon
1-JUNE-2024	1600 BLK Braeburn Dr	Grand Larceny

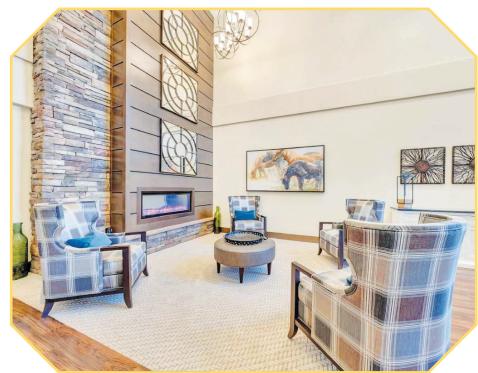
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SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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The 1952 Parade Marshal for Salem’s Sesquicentennial

Whether today or the 1950s, people always love a good parade! This photo is from 1952, Salem’s Sesquicentennial year. Salemites lined the streets to celebrate the town’s 150th Anniversary, ready to commemorate the important year.

Visitors can learn more about Salem’s Sesquicentennial and the rest of the 1950s in Nelson Harris’ new book, *The Roanoke Valley in the 1950s*. On Thursday, June 13 at 7 pm at the Salem Museum, Harris will give a talk and sign copies of his books. Copies will be available at this event for \$50. All proceeds will benefit the Salem Museum.

The 1950s saw growth and changes that continue to shape the Roanoke Valley today. Noted local historian Nelson Harris has collected the fascinating stories of this period by searching every edition of the *Roanoke Times* and the *Roanoke Tribune* from January 1950 through December 1959. The book features over 700 pages and 300 archival photos, covering events in sports, business, crime, arts, entertainment, religion, civil rights, politics, individual achievements, and healthcare.

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

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

With Father's Day approaching I can't help but think of my dad. He has been gone for over ten years, but I still think of him often.

My Father (Dad, he was never Daddy) was a type A personality. He was highly organized, he made lists, he shuffled papers, and he always had multiple ink pens. For Christmas one year I gave him several types of ink pens from the office supply store, and he loved it. I am still using his collection of pens. When Dad died, he had one picture in his wallet; my dog at the time, Hazel. No picture of my mom, my brother or me but one of my dog. Dad loved baseball. He enjoyed the local teams just as much as the big leagues. He used to go to watch the kids play at Kiwanis field. He enjoyed fast pitch softball also.

Dad retired from Kroger after 32 years. He was a controller for Kroger, an accountant. Dad was the only one in his family to graduate from College, the University of Arkansas. Dad was an only child. Dad's mother was a talented quilter. She made quilts but she also made curtains, bedspreads, and stuffed toys. Everyone says I get my crafty bit from her. Dad's father worked and retired from Rock Island railroad. He was a hard man; it was his way or the highway. He had dogs and cows on a bit of land and a garden, and this made him happy.

Dad died after a lifelong struggle with Crohn's disease. He basically wasted away over the last two years or so. He had his first major surgery when I was nine months old, so he was sick my whole life. He kept on working and made a great life for my family. His work ethic was exceptionally strong, and he always took ownership in his job and the company he worked for. He took the shoddy work of others personally even when the company

did not. He went to work sick and put in more than a full day's work. When Kroger was downsizing his department, he took early retirement to save the job of his assistant controller. I found that out from mom after he died. Typical of Dad. He could be difficult at times to live with and to please. But I think he was pleased with me. My work ethic is a lot like his. When I call in sick, I am usually so sick I can't see but I still worry and feel bad about calling in. Mainly because Dad worked when he was much sicker than I ever have been.

This week's recipe is for lemon pie, my dad's favorite dessert. Two versions; one clear and one cloudy. That's how Dad described them. Thank you, Dad, for helping make me the person I am.

Lemon pie-cloudy Ingredients:

- Crust: (or use a premade graham cracker crust)
- 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pie filling:
- 2 (14 ounce) cans Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk (about 2 ¾ cup)
- 3 egg yolks
- ⅔ cup lemon juice
- 1 dash salt

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. For the Crust: Spray a pie dish with non-stick spray. Combine crushed graham crackers, butter, and sugar. Press into prepared pie plate. Bake for 8 minutes.

For the Pie Filling: Using an electric mixer or stand mixer, mix the condensed milk, egg yolks, lemon juice and salt together. Beat on medium speed for 4-5 minutes. Pour into pie shell and bake for 10 minutes at 350. Little bubbles will start to surface. Cover the crust if



Sally's Baking Addiction

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it starts to brown too much towards the end.

Chill in the refrigerator for at least an hour before serving topped with whipped cream.

Lemon pie-clear

- 1 9-inch pie shell prebaked (store bought or homemade)
- 1 box Jell-o lemon cook and serve pie mix
- ½ cup sugar

- 2 ½ cups cold water
 - 2 slightly beaten egg yolks
- Mix ingredients together and cook over medium high heat stirring until mixture starts to boil.

Pour into cooled, baked 9 "pie shell. Top with meringue and bake at 425°F 5 mins or until meringue browns.

To make meringue: Beat 3 egg whites until foamy, gradually add and beat in ¼ cup sugar until stiff peaks form.

Principal

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division's Executive Director of Academics facilitating the placement and training of instructional programs throughout 26 various schools.

"We are fortunate to have the opportunity to hire someone with Mr. Johnston's experience," Hicks said. "We are also fortunate that G.W. Carver is such an outstanding school with an amazing faculty serving a community that values education and supports students. This will allow him the opportunity to invest in the relationships with staff, students, and the community that will ultimately ensure the

school's continued success on all levels."

Johnston has earned three academic credentials from Virginia Tech. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and an Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the university.

"A strong academic foundation has been established at G. W. Carver, and I am excited to meet and work with the students, families, staff, and community to build upon that foundation," Johnston

said. "Together, we will ensure that our students have the opportunity to receive the best educational experience possible in and out of the classroom."

Johnston will succeed Christina Rose, who is moving to East Salem Elementary to serve as an assistant principal for the upcoming school year. The current Carver Assistant Principal Michelle Palleria will remain on the G.W. Carver staff and continue to serve in the same valued role.

Johnston and his wife, Laura, have three children.

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the pros and cons, and "respected the passion and input from all our citizens... We hear you...I tried to everything I could to separate opinion from facts. I do what is best for the city as a whole." She continued, "To help taxpayers we must find other revenue sources."

Addressing some of opponents' concerns about runoff and traffic, she said, "If there is development it will be a gradual increase in traffic."

Turk added, "The property is going to be developed. With PUD zoning, there will be 35 percent minimum greenspace. We have been told planned walking trails on the campus will be open to the public. Developers plan sidewalks and curbing along Red Lane. The ball fields will continue to be used by the city. Hopefully, HopeTree will remain in Salem."

At the beginning of the meeting, Stateson Homes President Todd Robertson explained there would be a maximum of 340 housing units including single family homes, patio homes and apartments built on the 32 acres

to be developed out of HopeTree's 62 acres.

Robinson pointed out the first area to be developed would be the main part of the campus, with the steeper portion where the horse pasture is located to be the last.

He said his firm would like to have the planned coffee shop and small grocery store built fairly early.

At the April 10 meeting of the Salem Planning Commission commissioners voted 3-2 to send the proposal to Council, Todd Robertson said the PUD "It would be more pedestrian friendly" than traditional

development.

Council held a public hearing on the HopeTree proposal May 13.

Early in the process, HopeTree CEO Jon Morris explained that state regulations and needs had changed HopeTree's mission. The campus could only house 16 at-risk youth, and small group homes for developmentally delayed adults needed to be modernized. HopeTree has an academy for one-on-one instruction for area students.

After the vote Monday night, three-fourths of the audience left the meeting. In other matters, Council:

- Adopted the 2024-25 fiscal year budget, after a second reading;
 - Appropriated funds for the budget;
 - Adopted amended Electric Rate Tariffs;
 - A d o p t e d Miscellaneous Fees for 2024;
 - Approved fiscal agreements between the city and Court Corrections Program and Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy, and
 - C o n s i d e r e d appointments to various boards and commissions
- The June 10 Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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OPINION

Summertime Genre Challenge for Adults: June-July 31

Adults can join in on the reading adventure at the Salem Public Library by participating in the Summertime Genre Challenge. Read the genres you love and explore something new as well. There are many options to explore: biography/memoir; action-adventure thriller; fairy tales, myths or folk tales; horror; fantasy; literary fiction; historical fiction; mystery; science fiction. Register for the challenge at salemva.libcal.com. Complete four digital badges to win a tote bag and water bottle.

Fridays in June, 10 a.m.-noon: What

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

the Tech Office Hours: Need computer, e-reader, iPad or smartphone help? No need to register, just stop by!

June upcoming events for adults:
Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.; Nonfiction

Book Club. "Fire Weather" by John Vailant
June 19: Library Closed for Juneteenth Holiday.

Thursday, June 20, 2-3:30 p.m.; Puzzle & Games Afternoon: Play board games, card games and puzzles. Drop in and participate.

Tuesday, June 25, 1 p.m.; Afternoon Book Club; Reader's Choice, book about Artificial Intelligence. Need to find a book? Choose from books the library has set aside.

Thursday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.; End of the World Book Club (Horror/Sci-Fi) This

month's theme is Living Dead (Zombies, Vampires)

Saturday, June 29, Tiny Art Show; Noon-2 p.m.; All ages. Join us to celebrate and admire creative tiny art creations.

Fun for everyone

Thursday, June 27, Diversity Night at the Salem Red Sox Ballpark; We will be giving away swag, including a special prize for children participating in our Summer Reading Challenge! The game starts at 7:05 p.m.; gates open at 6 p.m. Visit salemva.libcal.com for discounted tickets.

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his voice brimming with enthusiasm. "We portray all eras from the Revolutionary War to today." For Gilmer, events like these are not just about remembering the past, but about making history tangible and relatable.

"We really don't teach history anymore, the way we teach it, it's kind of boring and it doesn't generate any interest in our young people," Gilmer lamented. He recounted his own journey into the world of history, crediting his 7th grade social studies teacher for igniting a lifelong passion. "He formed what he called the explorers club and we would go visit local historical sites. Being able to see historical sites live makes you realize that this is real stuff that happened to real people; it's not just dates and numbers in a book."

Gilmer emphasized the transformative power of hands-on experiences. "What we are doing here, this is hands on," he said, gesturing to the array of artifacts on display. "People know what a German helmet looks like but have never felt how heavy it was. People might wonder, 'Why is it that color, that shape, and look, they had camouflage covers.' It adds a whole new element to see and to feel and to smell...to experience history rather than be told history."

Doug Camper, another reenactor, echoed Gilmer's sentiments. A self-proclaimed history enthusiast, Camper devoted his time to be at the event. "I love it, it's my pleasure to do anything about history," he said with a smile. Camper highlighted the importance of

remembering and learning from past conflicts. "It's really important, because history, especially about wars...people want to forget the wars because of how much unpleasantness there was in the wars. Wars are important because they show that freedom really isn't free."

Camper spoke passionately about the significance of WWII. "The importance of what happened, especially to this country: We stood up with other countries to fight against Fascism and Nazism and to destroy the totalitarian rulers. We destroyed the Japanese Empire." His words resonated with visitors, who were reminded of the sacrifices made by those who fought for freedom.

As the day progressed, the Salem Museum & Historical Society buzzed with activity. Children and adults alike marveled at the historical artifacts, asked questions, and listened intently to stories of bravery and sacrifice. The event was more than just a commemoration; it was an opportunity to connect with the past in a meaningful way, to feel the weight of a soldier's helmet, to hear the clang of period-accurate weapons, and to appreciate the complexity of history beyond the pages of a textbook.

By the end of the day, it was clear that the 24th Virginia Infantry Living Historians had succeeded in their mission. They had not only commemorated the 80th Anniversary of D-Day but had also sparked a curiosity and respect for history among those who attended. Through their dedication and passion, they had brought history to life, ensuring that the lessons of the past would continue to be remembered and cherished by future generations.



Doug Camper poses for a portrait.



David Gilmer gives Jerry Honaker a lesson in helmets.



Kevin and Carolyn Martin are reenactors.

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- 1. Formed by burning tobacco
 - 4. Luxury automaker
 - 7. Religious residences
 - 12. Crusaders
 - 14. Puzzled
 - 15. In a curt way
 - 18. Selling tool
 - 19. Solid material
 - 20. Gold
 - 21. Thick piece of something
 - 24. Pouch
 - 27. "Wonder Years" actor Fred
 - 30. Strong and healthy
 - 31. Waste matter
 - 33. Apply lightly
 - 34. Type of squad
 - 35. Secret political faction
 - 37. Mock
 - 39. Immoral act
 - 41. Early Syrian kingdom
 - 42. Neutralizes alkalis
 - 44. Loud, confused noise
 - 47. Sweet potato
 - 48. Yemen's largest city
 - 49. Farm state
 - 50. Bird's beak
 - 52. Measures distance
 - 53. Pacify
 - 56. Spanish noble
 - 61. Lodging supplied for public convenience
 - 63. Womanized
 - 64. Not divisible by two
 - 65. Monetary unit
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Used in perfumery
 - 2. Arabic man's name
 - 3. Assess
 - 4. Prickly plants
 - 5. Falsely assess
 - 6. "___ the whistle"
 - 7. Mama
 - 8. Rocker ___ Vicious
 - 9. Toward
 - 10. Prefix meaning within
 - 11. Midway between south and southeast
 - 12. Cause to be embarrassed
 - 13. Pandemonium
 - 16. Fall behind
 - 17. Cantonese
 - 22. Shad
 - 23. A way to make dark
 - 24. Specialized systems consultant
 - 25. Wings
 - 26. Taxi driver
 - 28. Linear units
 - 29. Large Philippine plant
 - 32. Celebration
 - 36. Fugitives are on this
 - 38. Chinese tree
 - 40. Not sour
 - 43. "Bourne" actor Matt
 - 44. Former OSS
 - 45. Runners run this
 - 46. Offered again
 - 51. Sanctuary
 - 54. Food suitable for babies
 - 55. Caused by a reflection of sound
 - 56. Mortar trough
 - 57. Days in mid-month
 - 58. Exhibit the courage to do
 - 59. Disk of the sun in Egyptian mythology
 - 60. Protects from weather
 - 62. Manganese

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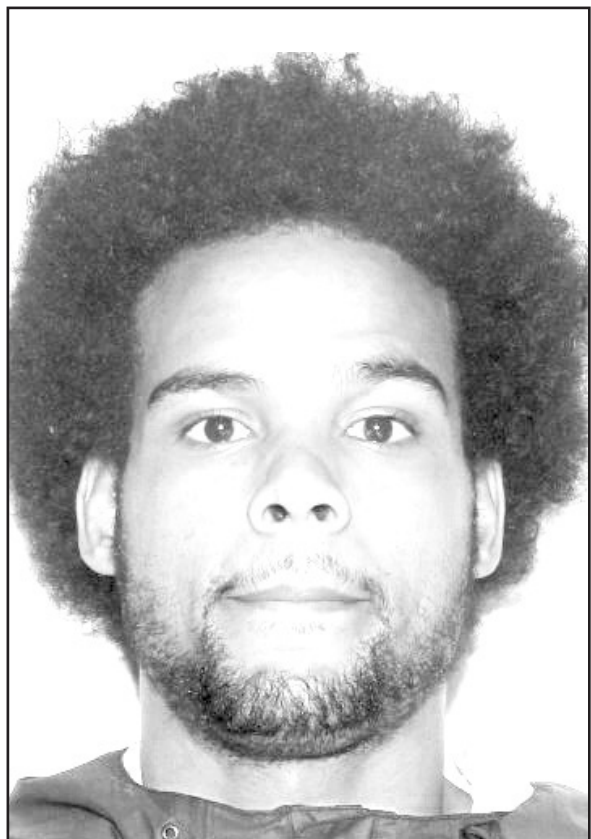
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Virginia State police investigating June 3 Craig County homicide

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CRAIG COUNTY - On June 3, the Craig County Sheriff's Office and Craig County Emergency Medical Services responded to a residence on Sage Brush Lane in New Castle for the report of an unresponsive 4-month-old male. When EMS arrived, they found the child was deceased. The child's remains were transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Western District for examination, according to the Virginia State Police.



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The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined that the cause of death was a homicide and contacted the Craig County Sheriff's Office with the findings.

At the request of Sheriff Craddock on June 5, the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Salem

Division, began the investigation into the homicide.

Also on June 5, the Virginia State Police arrested Trevian Demalle Carruth, 26, of Francisville, LA and charged him with second degree murder.

Carruth was processed by the Craig County

Sheriff's Office and was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. Carruth was transported to the Botetourt County Jail, where he was held without bond.

The incident remains under investigation.

Bertie Conner turns 104



COURTESY PHOTO

Salem resident Bertie Conner turned 104 years old on Monday, June 10. She was born in 1920 in Salem and has lived her entire life in the Mason Cove area.

Natt announces departure as director of Roanoke Valley Collective Response

Roanoke—Robert Natt, the director of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response (RVCR), resigned his position on May 31. His departure marks the end of a chapter of dedicated service to the region in responding to the addiction crisis and building a recovery ecosystem. Bailey Helgeson, recovery community engagement lead for the Collective Response, will serve as interim director after Natt's departure.

Throughout his tenure, Natt has been a driving force behind the Collective Response's efforts to bring crucial resources to the Roanoke Valley. Under his leadership, officials said, the RVCR has made significant strides in addressing the addiction crisis, with a focus on collaborative initiatives and strategic partnerships.

Jeremy Holmes, executive director of The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, said, "As a new and evolving program of the Regional Commission, the Collective Response has benefited from Natt's steady leadership, his focus on sustainability, and his efforts to expand the program's focus to the entirety of the Commission service area to meet the breadth of addiction and recovery related needs facing our communities."

Natt's key accomplishments, according to the commission, include establishing financial stability; strengthening partnerships with local, state, and federal government agencies; and facilitating new collaboration with localities and stakeholder organizations to support the regional response to the addiction crisis. In these efforts, he secured a \$3.7M Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (VOAA) Cooperative grant with the city of Roanoke and Roanoke County, assisted in developing a 5-year VOAA grant budget strategy for the city of Roanoke, resulting in an additional \$2.5M in funded initiatives for the city of Roanoke through VOAA. His contributions also helped secure planning grants for the city of Salem and Botetourt County.

In reflecting on his departure, Natt shared, "It has been an honor to serve as the director of the Roanoke Valley Collective Response. This is a community effort, and I am immensely proud of the great work of our staff, stakeholder network, and localities. There is always hope for those impacted by addiction. We have a loving and compassionate regional community, and rapidly expanding resources to meet this critical and urgent need. The Collective Response remains in good hands and will continue to thrive in its service to the region, and beyond."

Jim Wallace, vice mayor for the city of Salem and chair of the Regional Commission, said, "The Collective Response is a critical effort to convene the region around effective strategies for addressing the opioid crisis. We are grateful for Robert's leadership in this program and look forward to its continued growth."

As Natt prepares to conclude his service, the Collective Response said it remains committed to a community approach to addiction for the Roanoke Valley Region.

The RVARC said it looks forward to welcoming new leadership to build upon the foundation laid by Natt and drive further progress in addressing the addiction crisis. The commission intends to begin the search for a new director in the coming weeks.



Helgeson



Natt

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-The Salem Times-Register

VDOT ROADWATCH

Interstate 81

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

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

- **WORK ZONE SPEED:** Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, are present.
- **TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD:** Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.
- **TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140:** Drivers may experience periodic lane closures that require a quick merge into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound exit ramp of exit 140. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.
- **RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.
- **LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed

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

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

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

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109.

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

- **LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures are possible on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106.
- **ROUTE 605:** Alternating lane closures and flagging operations may be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for paving operations and work overhead on the bridge.
- **SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

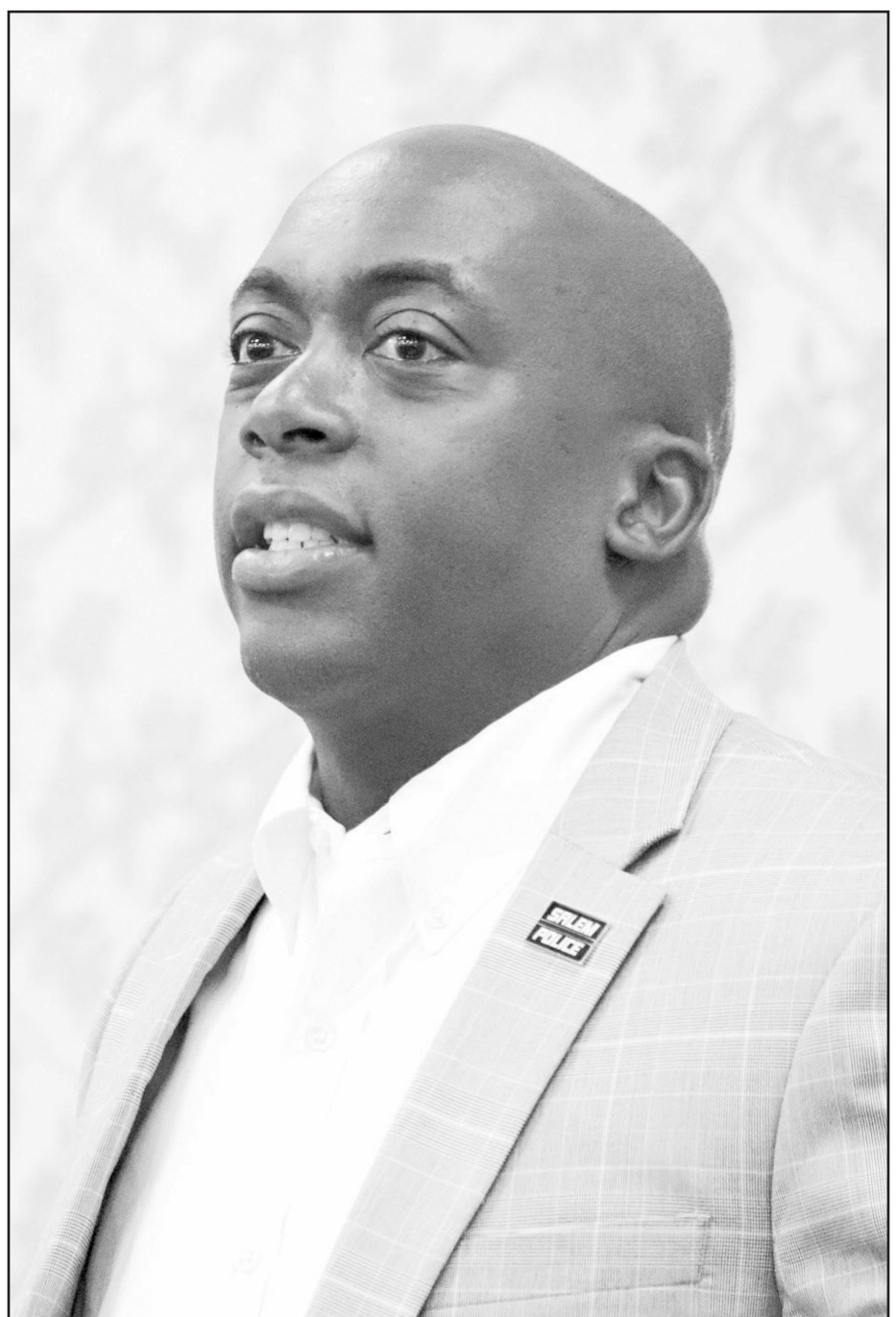
I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81 between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect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

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

HIGHLAND ROAD CLOSED FOR GREENWAY CONSTRUCTION – Beginning June 18, Highland Road will be closed between Hogan Road and Rutrough Road for construction of the Roanoke River Greenway through the Blue Ridge Parkway underpass by Roanoke County. The roadway will reopen by August 14, 2024, before the first day of school for Roanoke County Public Schools.

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Retirement ceremony held for Crawley



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A retirement ceremony was held for two Salem law enforcement officers on Thursday, June 6 in the Salem Civic Community Room. Chief Michael Crawley and Captain Todd Clayton were honored for their service to the city during a two-hour ceremony that featured presentations and stories. Current and former officers from the department and region were in attendance.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

SALEM WOMAN'S CLUB FACTOR IN TOWN PROGRESS

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

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Miss Grace Goodwin, Miss Fannie Goff, Mrs. H. R. Garden, Mrs. W. N. Hale, Mrs. W. W. Harvey, Miss Annie Houseman, Mrs. Charles Hammit, Miss Lucy T. Jones, Miss Wiley Jones, Mrs. Maurice Jeter, Miss Maud Kelly, Mrs. George Kelly, Mrs. O. Kizer, Mrs. G. E. Kooz, Mrs. L. W. Langhorne, Mrs. J. J. Lewis, Mrs. O. G. Lewis, Mrs. Edith R. McClung.

Miss Berta Perfater, Mrs. S. H. Payne, Mrs. E. M. Price, Mrs. J. S. Persinger, Mrs. W. B. Persinger, Mrs. F. V. N. Painter, Miss Alice Quigley, Mrs. J. M. Rice, Miss Blanche Roche, Mrs. J. Horace Smith, Mrs. H. D. Shank, Mrs. W. S. Shank, Mrs. O. L. Stearnes, Miss Constance Stearnes, Mrs. J. P. Saul, Mrs. J. P. Saul, Jr., Mrs. W. M. Smiley, Miss Frances Self, Miss Janie Shipman, Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Mrs. C. D. Denit, Mrs. Robert Durham, Mrs. W. B. Dillard, Miss Roxie Dillard, Miss Mary Duncan, Mrs. O. H. Dooley.

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Federated In 1920

Salem's Woman's Club was officially federated in May of 1920 and a charter was granted in September 1926. The

sixteen original charter directors include Anna C. Oakey, Elizabeth Starkey, Mary B. Scruggs, Nell B. Fisher, Katherine Morehead, Rosalynd Roberts Evans, Mae B. Cooper, Bettie B. Denit, Grace W. Hall, Dorthea J. Downing, May Jo Snapp, Lily Strouse Rice, Mary Ann Brown, Kate C. Dillard, Annie L. Wiley, Reba Browning Kooz

During its nineteen years of existence twenty-five presidents have guided the local Woman's Club. The presidents and the years in which they were as follows:

Mrs. T. H. Cooper - 1919-21.
Mrs. G. E. Kooz - 1921-22.
Mrs. Wythe Morehead - 1922-23.
Mrs. Wiley Jones - 1923-24.
Mrs. A. P. Wagener - 1924-26.
Mrs. Henry Oakey - 1926-28.
Mrs. Howard Starkey - 1928-29.
Mrs. W. E. Mann - 1929-31.
Mrs. Donald Gates - 1931-33.
Mrs. Russell Johnston - 1933-35.
Mrs. A. D. Carson - 1935-38.
Mrs. H. U. Butts - 1938-

Numerous and varied are the outstanding civic projects sponsored by the Salem Woman's club in the past years. The effects of the advances have been far-reaching in Salem and surrounding territory.

Music Club Organized

In January 1927, the Salem Music Club was organized under the guidance of the Woman's Club with Mrs. A. M. Bruce as the first president. Since that time the Music Club has grown in numbers and influence until it is a force in the cultural development of Salem.

A lot was purchased on East Main Street by the club in 1925, and two years after one of the most important steps ever taken by the senior club was culminated when the Junior Woman's Club was formed, on February 15, 1927, with Miss Virginia Little as president.

In 1932, under the presidency of Mrs. Donald Gates, the cooperation of the Salem Town Council was secured and the Salem Woman's Clubhouse on the Boulevard was secured. Since that time the Clubhouse has been a center of social and cultural activity in the town.

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Looking to the future with the confidence that the splendid work of the women of the community will continue to progress as it has in the past two decades the following new officers were recently elected to serve the club for 1938-39:

President, Mrs. H. U. Butts; 1st vice-president, Mrs. W. R. Crouch; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. William Paxton; recording secretary, Mrs. Henry Halder; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Julius Pruffer; treasurer, Miss Nell Fisher.

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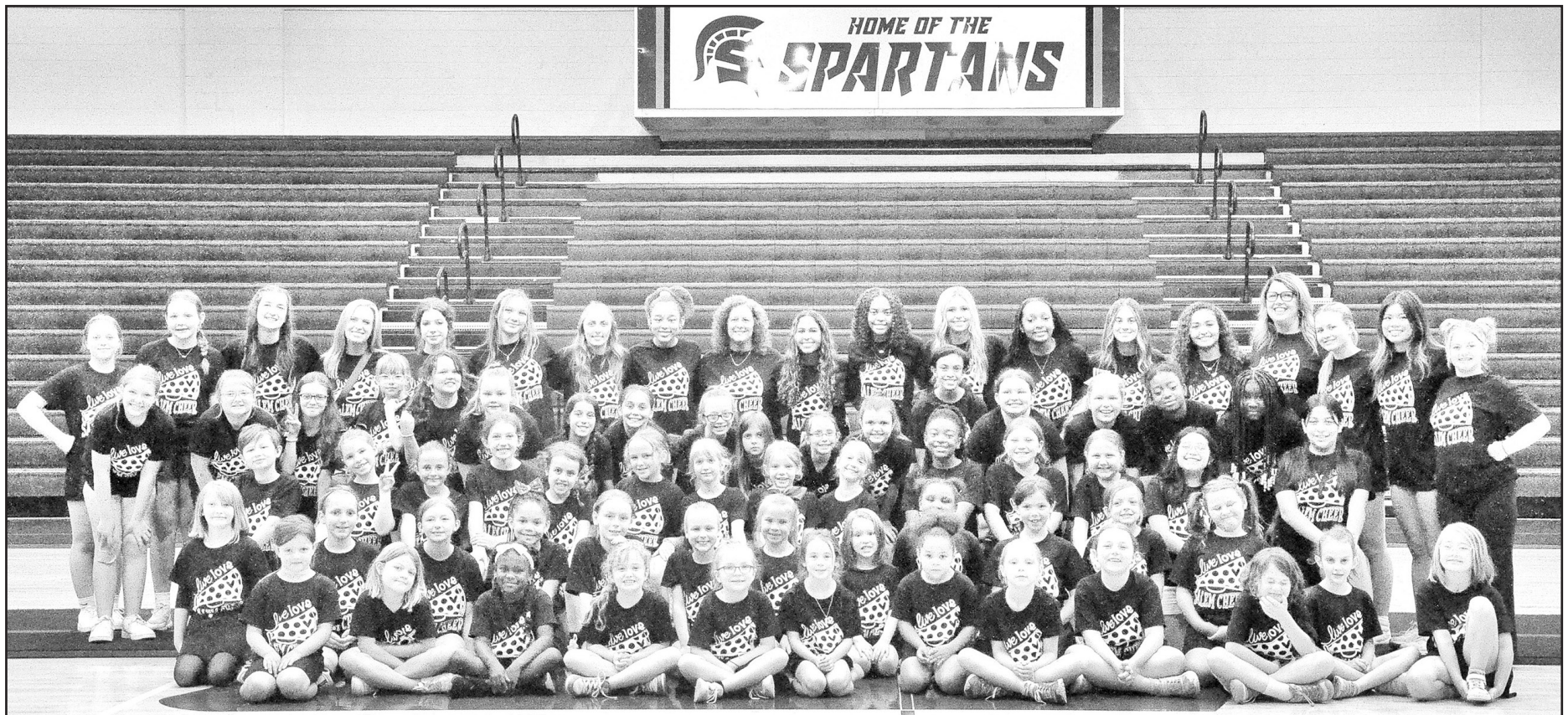


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CHEERS!!

The end of school means the beginning of the weekly sports clinics, sponsored by the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation. Last week the Salem High cheerleaders and coaches welcomed a big crowd of girls for four days of spirit and fun at Salem High School.

Red Sox take four of six in homestand with Wood Ducks

The Salem Red Sox head to Fayetteville this week for a six game series with the Woodpeckers, a farm team of the Houston Astros. The Sox opened the series on Tuesday and will be in Fayetteville through Sunday.

Last week the Sox were home for a six game series with the Down East Wood Ducks, a Texas Rangers franchise. The Sox went 4-2 on the homestand and head to Fayetteville one game under .500 at 28-29, eight games behind first place Carolina in the Carolina League's North Division.

Salem opened last week's homestand with a 6-5 win over the Wood Ducks. They lost the next game, 11-2, but bounced back to win Thursday and Friday, 7-3 and 6-2. On Saturday they dropped an 11-7 game in front of big crowd that enjoyed the annual appearance of the "Zooperstars."

On Sunday afternoon the Sox won the series with a 5-2 win, breaking open a 2-2 tie with three runs in the bottom of the eighth. Nazzan Zantello had a solo homer for Salem in the third inning and Miguel Bleis had two runs RBIs in the eighth inning rally. Trennor O'Donnell picked up the win in relief after Noah Dean started and pitched five shutout innings, striking out eight and allowing no hits.

Last week Boston released their organization players of the month for May with awards given to five players voted upon by managers, coaches and other staff. Salem's Bleis, the number four prospect in the organization, received the Baserunner of the Month award and teammate Nelly Taylor Jr. received the Defensive Player of the Month honor.

Bleis had a bounce back month in May after starting the year hitting below .200 and stealing 58 percent of his attempted steals. He went on to hit .318 with four home runs with a stealing percentage of 82 percent in May. Bleis set career highs in home runs and stolen bases in a month for his professional



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It's time for Miguel Bleis of the Red Sox to throw the ball in and hold a Down East player to a double in Saturday night's action at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

career. Taylor Jr. added to his defensive accolades after making 79 plays and having a 4.9 raw value. Boston's 11th round pick in last year's draft was the 2023 Defensive Player of the Year in the Sun Coast Conference at Polk State. He currently has 84 putouts with a perfect fielding percentage on the

season. One player to keep an eye on is Ovis Portes, who was awarded the Relief Pitcher of the Month. Portes received the call-up to Salem last week. The 19-year-old out of St. Johns in Antigua and Barbuda posted a 0.00 era with 16 strikeouts in 13 innings pitched in the Florida Complex League.



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Salemmites compete in Sprint Triathlon

Salem's Addy Funk(left) and Carson Tucker competed in the Jamestown Sprint Triathlon in Williamsburg, VA Sunday. Addy placed second in her age group and was the 14th female overall while Carson was third in his age group and the 25th overall male.

RC baseball coach Ullrich resigns

Roanoke College head baseball coach Zach Ullrich has resigned his position to take the same position at Division II Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. Ullrich will also serve as the Assistant Director of Athletics for Facilities & Transportation.

As Maroon head coach Ullrich compiled a 103-63 overall record in four seasons at the helm, including a 57-26 record in Old Dominion Athletic

Conference (ODAC) action. Last season the Maroons finished second in the conference before falling in the ODAC Tournament Championship Game to the University of Lynchburg, the 2023 National Champion and a 2024 NCAA National Tournament semifinalist.

Assistant coach Matt Wojciechowski will take over as interim head coach and a national search for Ullrich's replacement will begin immediately.

W&L sweeps Commissioner's Cups

Maroons 3rd in Champions Cup standings

The races for the 2023-24 ODAC Commissioner's Cups were spirited throughout the athletic campaign, but one school prevailed in each of the conference's three cup tables. Washington and Lee University continued its

finishing third overall in the Dan Wooldridge Overall Champions Cup Standings, including both men's and women's sports. RC earned 181.5 points overall out of a possible 259 to record a rating of .701 to place third out of 15 schools.

is then divided by the total number of possible points to determine the rating for each institution.

The Maroon wrestling team earned the maximum points possible (seven) after winning the ODAC title this winter. The baseball team's second-place finish and third-place finishes in lacrosse and swimming bolstered the men's point total.

Roanoke's lacrosse team, swimming and indoor track teams earned second-place points in the women's half, with softball and outdoor track finishing third.

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dominance by sweeping top position, securing all three prizes for the 17th time.

The Generals collected their 22nd straight and 28th total Dan Wooldridge Overall Champions Cup to go with their 21st consecutive and 24th overall ODAC Women's Commissioner's Cup and 23rd ODAC Men's Commissioner's Cup. The University of Lynchburg, winners of last season's men's trophy, finished second in all three standings. Roanoke College

The Maroons took third in the men's standings (84 points/.672 rating) and fourth in the women's rankings (97.5 points/.728 rating).

As determined by the ODAC Board of Directors, points for the ODAC Commissioner's Cups are based on regular-season standings in team sports and championship team finishes in individual/meet sports. Each institution has a total number of possible points it can collect based on its sport sponsorship. The total number of points earned

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again no one scored, sending the game to penalty kicks to decide the state championship. Both teams would have five girls kick and Glenvar won the chance to go second.

Clarke's first PK was wide, then Glenvar's Campbell Hardin converted to put Glenvar up 1-0. Clarke then made the next two and Glenvar's Wilson and Megan Pomerleau both answered to keep the Highlanders ahead, 3-2, after three tries each.

Frackelton stopped the next try by Clarke, putting the Highlanders up 3-2 with two Glenvar girls still to kick.

"I try to look at their eyes and body language when they step up to kick," said Frackelton. "I was looking at her eyes just before she kicked. You can often tell where they're going to go that way. Not always."

Stanley stepped up next with the state championship in her grasp. A converted PK would put the Highlanders up 4-2 with only one girl left for Clarke, but Jules got a little under the ball and sailed it high over the goal to keep the Eagles alive. "Penalty kicks aren't my strong suit and when I missed I was afraid I cost us a shot at the state championship," said Stanley.

Clarke's fifth girl converted to tie the shootout at 3-3 with Glenvar having one try left. Everyone expected Davin Tate to take the shot, but Frackelton rushed out from the goal to line up behind the ball for the fifth try.

"I told Kylee not to put me in there because I'm usually about 50-50 when we practice PKs," said Tate. "I told her Maddie would be better."

Drew went with Davin's suggestion, and it worked out.

Frackelton drilled one high and straight. The Clarke goalie got her fingers on it but not enough to send it over the bar. Instead it hit the net and sent the Glenvar side into a frenzy. Maddie hesitated for a second, then realized what she had done and raced into the arms of her delighted teammates with a state championship in hand.

"I was so happy," said Maddie. "It was just a crazy way to end it and everyone was so joyful."

After accepting the state trophy the girls hung around to watch the boys' win a second state title for Glenvar. Then they went to Mac & Bob's as a team to celebrate a very special year, the first undefeated season for a Glenvar girls' soccer team.

With the win the Highlanders finished the season at 21-0-1. It was Drew's second state championship in her three years as coach and Glenvar has a 56-9-1 record during that time. They'll lose some talented players, including seniors Pomerleau and Campbell and all-time scoring leader Stanley, but Drew will have plenty of talent returning to keep the program competitive.

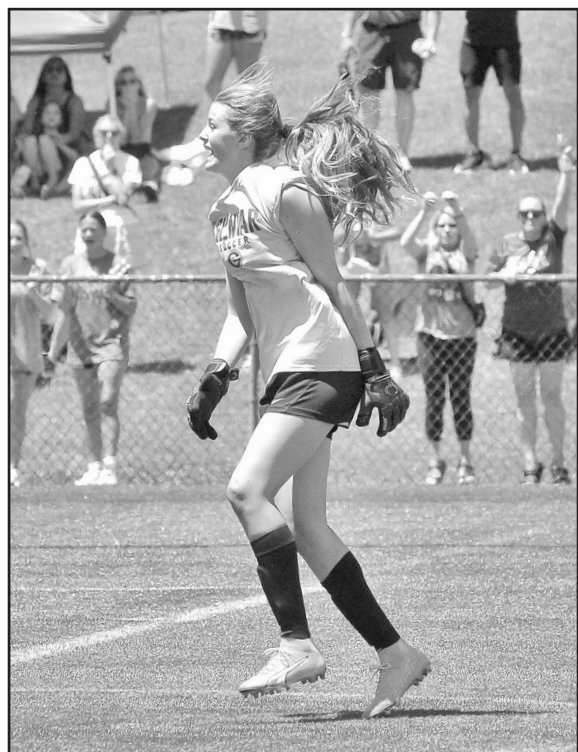
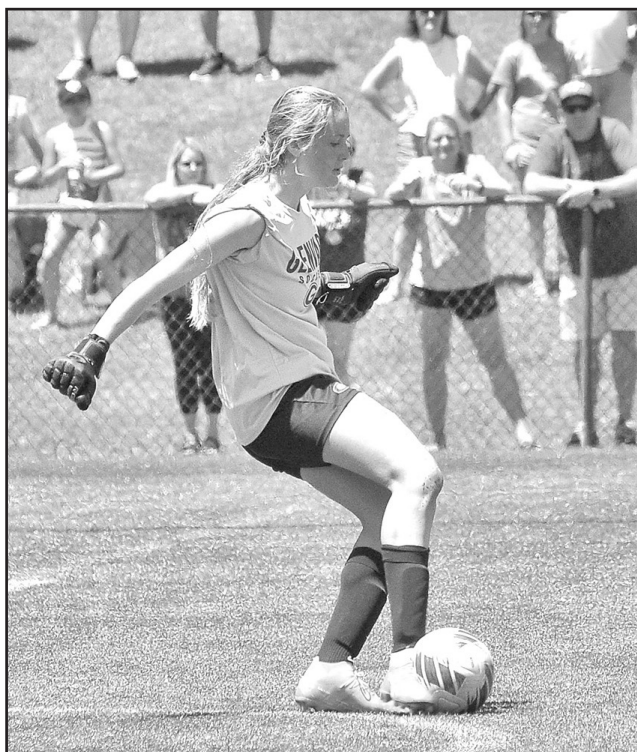
"The girls have worked so hard for this, they really deserve it," said Drew. "It was nerve wracking for sure, but in the end it was a great way to win."



Winning the shootout

Left, Glenvar's Maddie Frackelton makes the save on Clarke County's fourth shot of Saturday's state championship shootout. Below left, Maddie takes her turn to kick and hits a solid shot. Below right she jumps for joy with the state championship clinched, and bottom she's mobbed by teammates at midfield.

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many shutouts. When he was in there he only allowed two goals all season."

The other semifinal was between Radford and Clarke County, just before the Highlanders took the field on Friday. The Highlanders were warming up as Radford and Clarke battled through four scoreless overtime periods, then went into a shootout to decide the game. Glenvar had beaten Clarke in last year's championship game, and they had played Radford three times already this year, so the Highlanders were going to have a familiar opponent either way. When Radford prevailed in the shootout it set up a fourth Glenvar-Radford game for the championship, and Radford's only losses all season were to Glenvar.

"I really didn't care who we played," said Jones. "Ultimately, you're going to play who you're supposed to play."

Saturday's championship game again started late due to a shootout in the prior game, only this time it was the Glenvar girls defeating Clarke County in their state championship game. The boys' game started about an hour later than the 12:30 pm scheduled time and another defensive battle ensued, with Radford goalie Charlie Davis coming up with some big saves and the Glenvar defense stuffing the Bobcats at every turn.

It appeared the first half would be scoreless with nil-nil on the board and the announcement the clock was being kept on the field with under two minutes to go. However, Glenvar's Zach Curfiss fed a pass to Bryce King, who was able to get off a shot around Davis as he came out to challenge the attempt. The ball rolled past Davis and straight into the cage before the Radford defenders could get there, and Glenvar had the only goal they would need.

"It was fitting that our two seniors combined for the goal," said Jones. "Bryce had the goal and Zach had the assist."

King was Glenvar's leading scorer for the season with 21 goals and he's also had 16 assists. Curfiss is Glenvar's only senior captain, and he's been a key member of back-to-back state championships.

"We've grown a lot as a team," said Curfiss. "We won last year but this felt like a whole new team this year. I was a little nervous because I knew Radford would be excited to play us again, and it's tough to beat a team four times."

But four times it was as Glenvar finished off the Bobcats with an impressive defensive display in the second half, outshooting Radford 16-6 for the game. The Highlanders had several opportunities for some insurance but couldn't convert, leaving the game in doubt until the final horn. And when it came a big celebration ensued on the field as the Highlanders went back-to-back with consecutive state championships.

This marked the third state championship for Jones, who won one with the Salem High girls in 2003. Ironically that game was played on the Radford High School field.

Prior to the 2021 season Josh accepted the boys' job at Glenvar and in the past four years the Highlanders have a combined record of 75-3-2. They're undefeated in their last 37 games with a 36-0-1 record over that time and two state championships. In Jones' four years the team has won four Three Rivers District championships and four Region 2C crowns as well. And, with only two seniors departing and strong jayvee and middle school teams, there's no limit to future success for the Highlanders.

"It blows me away how things have worked out," said Jones, who was turned down for the Salem High boys' job before coming to Glenvar. "When I came here it was the year after COVID and we had 15 players. We had to bring up 10 eighth graders to have a jayvee team. This year we have 37 players in the program."

"Back then I never imagined we could go 75-3-2 in four years. That's a testament to our players, my assistant coaches and the Glenvar community."

"Sometimes you just go where God wants you to be and it all works out."



Top, Glenvar's Bryce King (#15) gets the ball past Radford keeper Charlie Davis late in the first half for the only goal of the game in Saturday's 1-0 state championship win. Above, Zach Curfiss gets a hand in the face but manages to score Glenvar's first goal in Friday's win over Bruton. Above right, Glenvar's Aiden Hylton (#21) battles Davis on a corner kick in front of the Radford goal. Right, seniors King (#15) and Curfiss carry the Glenvar flags after Saturday's win.



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state championship game, 2-1, on the same Spartan Field. The game was originally scheduled for 1 pm but moved to 9 am to accommodate Poquoson's graduation, which was scheduled for later that day.

The Highlanders sent the Islanders back to the Island with no need to return after graduation, taking a 3-0 win. Giulianna "Jules" Stanley scored all three goals for the Highlanders, giving her 46 for the season and 130 for her career, both school records.

In the other semifinal Clarke County, the defending state champion, defeated Radford by a 2-0 score. Clarke had defeated Glenvar, 6-0, in last year's state semifinal and the Eagles had most of their players returning. They were considered the favorite to repeat, but when they only beat Radford by two goals the Highlanders took notice.

"I watched the whole game and Radford did a good job of holding Clarke down," said Stanley. "When we played Clarke last year they got up on us 2-0 early and we looked like a beaten team with our heads down. After seeing how Radford did we came in with a lot more confidence and played our best game of the year."

"Last year we thought we didn't have a chance," said Glenvar midfielder Davin Tate. "We saw Radford shut out the middle of the field and we came in with a different, more defensive, strategy."

The two teams battled to a scoreless first half. The Highlanders concentrated on defense, choosing to play "one up" with Stanley the only offensive player who wasn't asked to get back on defense. As a result she was double and triple teamed when she managed to get the ball and got roughed up by an aggressive Clarke defense.

Meanwhile, the Highlanders were able to keep the high-scoring Clarke girls in check.

"We marked one of their better players, Summer Toone," said Drew. "We had Sawyer Wilson mark her and she did a very good job. She's a freshman and she didn't get to see what Toone did last year, so she wasn't the least bit intimidated."

Glenvar also got a good game out of keeper Maddie Frackelton, another freshman. She was jumping and diving all over the box to keep the ball out of the cage, making 21 saves for the game. Her previous high was 12 and most of the time the number was in single figures as she played behind a stout Highlander defense.

"Maddie did a wonderful job," said Drew. "She really stepped up."

The second half was intense. With just under 30 minutes on the clock Stanley crossed a ball across the crease but with Glenvar concentrating on defense no one was there to poke it home.

With 12 minutes to go Clarke had an open shot at the goal but Frackelton came up big with a save. With eight minutes left the Eagles had another great chance but the kick was wide.

After the second 40 minutes concluded two five minute overtimes were played to no avail. Then two five minute "Golden Goal" periods ensued and

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Clockwise from below: Glenvar's Sawyer Wilson(#3) marks Clarke County's Summer Toone in Saturday's championship game; Megan Pomerleau scores on a penalty kick for the Highlanders; Campbell Hardin buries the first penalty kick in overtime; Davin Tate rushes the ball down the field in Friday's semifinal win; and Jules Stanley scores one of her three goals in Friday's 3-0 victory over Poquoson.



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"They have to get through me," said Williams after the championship game shutout of Radford. "Our whole defense is good and our midfield tracks well. We're also good at winning balls in the air."

Glenvar's other defenders include Cooper Mullins, Tyler Curfiss, Alan Vu and Gavin Miller. Vu was injured during the state semifinal win over Bruton and Miller, normally a substitute, had to play the entire championship game.

"I consider all five to be starters," said Jones. "Gavin is a regular part of our rotation."

The Highlanders had beaten Radford in a tight Region 2C championship game in Martinsville on May 30th, 1-0. It was the third time they beat the Bobcats this season and the previous wins were by scores of 3-1 and 2-0.

The Highlanders earned a home game for the state quarterfinal with the region championship and they polished off Marion, 4-0, on June 4 to earn a trip to the state "Final Four" at Spartan Field in Salem. They were matched up against Bruton High in Friday afternoon's semifinal, and for the first half neither team scored.

"Bruton is a quick team and one of the better teams we've played," said Jones. "We thought their weakness was challenging balls in the air and we talked about that at halftime. We felt we could take advantage of that on corner kicks and throw ins."

And they did. Glenvar broke the ice when Zach Curfiss scored off a Mullins throw in, and two minutes later Williams headed one in off a corner kick by Bryce King to make it 2-0. About halfway through the second period Adam Saunders scored off a Mullins throw in, and with six minutes to go Curfiss put some icing on the cake off another Mullins throw in as Glenvar took a 4-0 win.

Grayson Shepherd, Glenvar's Maytag Repair Man of a goalie, had a busier day than usual with nine saves as the Panthers outshot Glenvar, 14-13. Like the Maytag Repair Man, who gets little action because the washing machines don't break down, Shepherd spends much of his time watching the Highlanders play at midfield and at the other end.

"Grayson doesn't get a lot of attention because our defense doesn't allow a lot of shots," said Jones. "But let me tell you, he's one of the best goalies around regardless of classification. He comes up big for us when he has to. In this game he made a huge diving stop in the first half and another on a free kick in the second half. He's a big reason we had so

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GLENVAR DEFENSE

Top right, Glenvar's Cooper Mullins (#14) and Zach Curfiss battle a Radford player in Saturday's state championship game. Above, Jake Williams clears the ball out of harm's way for the Highlanders. Right, Glenvar keeper Grayson Shepherd goes high to make a save in the championship game.

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Salem's Perez wins state Class 4 tennis singles championship

Salem High sophomore Drew Perez is the 2024 Virginia High School League Class 4 state tennis singles champion. Drew won semifinal and final matches in straight sets last weekend at Huntington Park in Newport News, VA to become Salem's first singles state champ in 11 years.

After winning the Region 4D championship, including a 6-3, 6-4 win over Sean Frank of Charlottesville in the region final, Drew advanced to the state Class 4 final four. He was matched up against Jamison Wallace of Powhatan in the state semifinal while the other semi had Neel Pasunuri of Broad Run playing Kean Buirski of Jamestown.

"The finals of regionals and both state matches were against tournament players, and I knew all of them were going to be tough," said Perez. "I played against Sean Frank and Neel Pasunuri in previous junior tournaments but I'd never played Jamison Wallace, so that was likely the one I was most nervous about because I didn't know what to expect."

Drew beat Wallace on Friday, 6-4, 6-3. Wallace had a size advantage over the Spartan sophomore but Drew was able to prevail.

"Wallace had a big serve and he's about 6'2"," said Perez. "I had trouble breaking his serve and it took me several games to figure out how to best return his serve. Once I adjusted, I had opportunities to break his serve."

"I also started to slice the ball more in the second set to change the height of the ball, which created some errors from Jamison in the second set. I definitely used my variety to make him more uncomfortable."

Meanwhile Pasunuri defeated Buirski in the other semifinal, 6-2, 6-3. That set up a Saturday showdown for the state championship on a warm

Newport News day.

"It was warm both days, but luckily we played at 10 am which made the matches manageable," said Perez. "I play tournaments throughout the summer, and I go to Smith Stearns Tennis Academy in Hilton Head each summer for a month. It's really hot and humid in Hilton Head, so I'm definitely used to the high temperatures and have learned to manage the heat during my matches."

It didn't take Perez long to put the heat on Pasunuri. Drew won the first set, 6-3, then had the Jamestown opponent on his heels in the second set as Perez won 6-0 to win the match and state crown.

With the victory Drew finished the season at 20-1. His only loss was to River Ridge District rival Lucas Beasley from Christiansburg, a friend of Drew's. Beasley beat Perez in the first meeting between the two but Drew won the second time around in district play. Beasley made it to the state finals in Class 3 but lost to Rainer Christiansen from Grafton in a close singles match, 6-4, 6-4.

"We often travel to tournaments together and play doubles," said Perez of Beasley. "It's never fun to play a close friend."

To make Drew's championship even more impressive is the fact he was playing with a hand injury that caused him pain while holding the racquet.

"The doctors think I may have a stress fracture in the growth plate of my right ring finger, and I needed to rest it back in mid-May but couldn't because of regionals and states," he said. "I'm taking a two-week break from hitting to see if it will heal."

Drew credits his mom, Jill (Archer) Perez, who played for the Spartans, and former Salem High standout Chris (Nelson) O'Keefe and her family for



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Drew Perez(left) and Salem High Athletic Director Drew Barrett celebrate Perez' state championship singles win.

helping him reach the level at which he now competes. Chris' son Patrick O'Keefe won state singles championships for Salem from 2008 through 2011 and he is now a tennis instructor, as is mother Chris.

"The O'Keefe family has taught me everything I know," said Drew. "Chris O'Keefe has given me lessons since I was six and is responsible for teaching me my technique and strokes. She was also my mom's coach."

"Patrick is also important in my tennis development. He's a good mentor and I stay with him in the summers when I'm at Smith Stearns. He's always encouraging me to keep

working hard. Also, my mom has been with me throughout my whole career and takes me to all my tournaments, so she's obviously a big help, too."

Patrick O'Keefe also won three doubles state titles at Salem playing with Michael Drougas. In 2013 Drougas won the singles state championship, Salem's last before Perez won on Saturday. Drew has two more years to go but, for now, he's resting his hand and enjoying last week's wins.

"I haven't had a chance to think about next year," he said. "It was a long season and I'm just enjoying the win. This was a big accomplishment for me."

Highlanders sweep Class 2 soccer with unbeaten seasons



The Glenvar girls celebrate this state championship on Spartan Field Saturday.

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Girls beat Clarke Co. on OT penalty kicks

The Glenvar High girls like playing soccer on the Spartan Field pitch. For the second time in three years the Highlanders won the Class 2 state championship on the field in front of Salem High School, this time surviving a nail-biting finish with a shoot-out win over Clarke County, the same school that had beaten them in last year's state semifinal.

The Highlanders came into the weekend with a 19-0-1 record, with the only non-win against Franklin County. The Eagles are a Class 5 school and they tied Glenvar on May 9th, 1-1.

"That was a tough game and I felt like that was good for us," said Glenvar coach Kyleigh Drew. "It made us realize we had to show up for every game."

The Highlanders went on a roll from there, finishing strong in the regular season and sweeping three Region 2C games, including a 4-1 win over Radford in the region final. They beat Central of Wise, 5-0, in the state quarterfinal to earn a spot in the Class 3 Final Four for the third year in a row.

Glenvar opened play in the VHSL High School Jubilee on Friday morning against Poquoson High, the same school the Highlanders defeated in the 2022

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Glenvar boys wrap up second state crown with 10th straight shutout

The old saying goes if you don't give up a score the worst you can do is tie. The Glenvar boys not only proved that, but didn't even have a tie as they completed a 22-0 season with a state championship win over Radford last Saturday. Glenvar took a 1-0 victory at Salem High's Spartan Field in the Class

2 state championship game.

It was back-to-back championships for the Highlanders, who used defense to their advantage. Glenvar was unscored upon in post-season play and finished the season with 10 straight shutouts. The Highlanders hadn't been scored upon since a goal by James

River against mostly substitutes in the second half of a game on May 1st. That's a streak of over 800 minutes, or 13 and a half hours, without a goal given up, including five post-season games against some of the top teams in Class 2. Glenvar had 18 shutouts among the team's 22 wins.

"We've allowed four goals all season, and none with our starting back four in the game," said Highlander coach Josh Jones.

Jake Williams, a junior captain, is the sweeper for the Highlanders and he takes a lot of pride in the defense.

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The Glenvar boys pose for a group shot after defeating Radford in the Class 2 state championship game Saturday in Salem.

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