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## Salem is proclaimed a 'Stroke Smart City'

**Edmee CR Hasler**  
Contributing writer

LewisGale Medical Center and the city of Salem leadership celebrated their dedication to becoming a 'Stroke Smart City' by launching the initiative with a proclamation during the city council meeting on Tuesday, May 28. Mayor Renee Turk, city council members, public safety leaders and colleagues from LewisGale Medical Center gathered during the meeting to kick off the "Stroke Smart Salem" initiative.

Stroke Smart Virginia is a public health campaign designed to reduce pre-hospital delays and ensure timely stroke treatment through simple education and actions. Adopted

as a statewide initiative by the Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force (VSSSTF) in 2021, Stroke Smart Virginia includes a Community Action Group that meets monthly.

May, being American Stroke Awareness Month, inspired hospital leaders to introduce this educational campaign amid a rising number of stroke cases in the region. Partnering with the Virginia Department of Health, Salem has become the first 'Stroke Smart City' west of Richmond.

"With this step-in community outreach, together with LewisGale Medical Center we are partnering together to create a Stroke Smart Salem. This means having the community be informed of stroke signs

and symptoms and seek treatment as soon as they notice them," said Elizabeth Hart, LewisGale Medical Center stroke coordinator. "Stroke volume at our hospital continues to increase year over year, and 1.9 million brain cells die every minute a stroke goes untreated," Hart said. "Just like we learn, stop, drop, and roll, stroke education is something our entire community should know."

"Seeing someone come into the hospital with weakness that affects their daily life and being able to, in some instances, give medication to turn that around is quite inspirational," Hart added. "I have been the stroke coordinator at LewisGale

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Pictured at the meeting from left to right are John Prillaman, Salem Fire, EMS chief, Shayne Dwyer, LewisGale Medical Center communications and community engagement, Michele Gillespie, LewisGale Medical Center VP cardiovascular services, Randy Foley, councilman, Jack Holmes, LewisGale Medical Center assistant chief nursing officer, Jim Wallace, Vice Mayor, Renee Turk, mayor, Alan Fabian, LewisGale Medical Center chief executive officer, Bill Jones, councilman, Cherie Hanning, LewisGale Medical Center VP of quality and risk management, Derek Weeks, Salem Police interim chief, Hunter Holliday, councilman.

## 289 graduate from Salem High School



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Salem High School held its annual commencement exercise this Friday, May 31, at the Salem Civic Center. This marked the first time since the city formed its own school division in 1983 that graduation was held in the month of May. In all, 289 seniors crossed the stage and picked up diplomas. This was the first graduation ceremony for first year Salem High School Principal Kelly Linkenhoker.

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## Rep. Cline visits with forensics, debate teams



Cline meeting with the forensics team.



Cline meeting with the debate team.



Mark Ingerson is coach of both teams.



Students were presented with congressional plaques.

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When members of Salem's State Championship Forensics and Debate teams were summoned to the office on May 30, the final day of school, United States Congressman Ben Cline was waiting on them.

The House of Representatives

member presented the students with congressional plaques noting their accomplishments during the 118th session of congress. Cline also spent more than 30 minutes talking to the students about their accomplishments, the end of the

school year and their plans for the future. He told them that he also took part in forensics competition growing up.

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Toapanta-Sanchez

## Lance Toapanta-Sanchez wins UVA full merit scholarship

Lance Toapanta-Sanchez, a senior at Salem High School, has been awarded one of the most highly selective merit scholarships in the nation. The Jefferson Scholars Foundation, which has long attracted exceptional talent to the University of Virginia through its Jefferson Scholars Program, selected Lance as one of 12 recipients of the newly established Walentas Scholarship, according to an announcement. Topanta-Sanchez will start at UVA in the fall.

In order to be named a Walentas Scholar, candidates must undergo a rigorous, highly competitive, multi-stage selection process. First, they are nominated by their high schools or affiliated organizations based on their demonstrated excellence and exceptional potential in the areas of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.

Additionally, Walentas

Scholar nominees must be in the first generation of their families to attend college. Once nominated, the students go through at least one round of regional interviews. If selected as a regional finalist, students are then invited to participate in a final round of interviews, according to the foundation.

Toapanta-Sanchez will join a cohort of 144 Scholars currently funded by the Foundation at UVA, as well as a community of more than 981 Scholar alumni. In addition to receiving the full cost of attending the University for four years, Walentas Scholars benefit from a number of enrichment programs sponsored by the Foundation, including travel abroad, career networking activities and a leadership speaker series.

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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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**Public meetings:** The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center.

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.

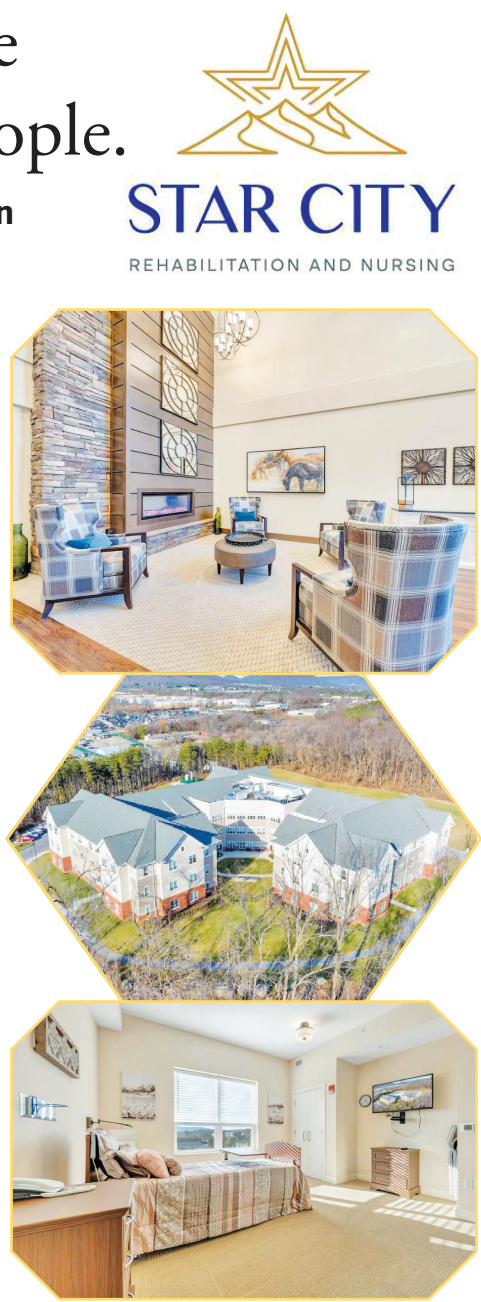
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

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

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## SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

On June 6, 1944, today remembered as D-Day, Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, beginning the invasion to reclaim France. It remains the largest seaborne invasion in history, and was a pivotal moment in WWII.

This flag was on USAT George W. Goethals,

a transport ship that delivered soldiers to Normandy. The flag shows the emblem of the Army Transportation Corps: a winged train wheel on a track over a shield representing a highway marker and a ship's wheel, indicating the four main areas of army transportation: land, sea, air, and rail.

You can see this flag on display this weekend as part of the Salem Museum's Hands-On History display. For May and June items are from

D-Day and World War II.

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

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



WWII Army Transportation Corps Flag

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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Last weekend I watched “Unfrosted” on Netflix. This is a story loosely, and I mean very loosely, based on Kellogg’s Pop-Tarts and how they came to be. Set in 1963, Kellogg’s and Post did have a rivalry when creating foods. They both started out in Battle Creek Michigan, but Post moved to New York in the 1930’s. Post developed a breakfast pastry called “Country Squares” but Kellogg’s developed Pop-Tarts and got them into production first.

This movie mentions some real people, but most are not portrayed as they really were. For example, Thurl Ravenscroft, who voices Tony the Tiger, was a voice-over actor whose career included work for Merrie Melodies and Looney Tunes cartoons. Most of his career was spent doing voice work for Disney productions including Mary Poppins, Jungle Book, and the Pirates of the Caribbean ride. Another, Marjorie Merriweather Post was not the bullying boss in the movie, she was known for her art collections, public-spiritedness, and philanthropy. She supported several institutions including the Red Cross, the National Symphony Orchestra, and the future Kennedy Center for the Arts. She was also a shrewd businessperson who convinced the Post company to buy Birdseye frozen foods which turned Post into General Foods, a pioneer in the frozen foods industry. Other notable real people in the movie include Jack LaLanne (a TV exercise guru), Chef Boyardee (of Spaghetti-O’s fame), and Harold von Braunhut (who created the Sea Monkeys sold in the back of comic books).

If you are interested in learning more about Pop-Tarts and the rivalry, I would suggest The History Channel series, The Food That Built America. There are two episodes that include Pop Tarts. The first episode of the first season includes the rivalry between the Kellogg and Post companies and mentions the invention of the Pop-Tart. The first episode of season four goes into more detail about the creation of the Pop-Tart and the rival Country Squares from Post. I have watched both and learned quite a bit about one of my favorite breakfast foods.

The first Pop-Tarts came in four flavors: strawberry, blueberry, brown sugar cinnamon, and apple currant. Now, Pop-Tarts have 20 to 30 standard flavors



**Shelly Koon**

*Contributing Writer*

available with special edition flavors or seasonal flavors appearing regularly. My favorite is frosted brown sugar cinnamon, so this week’s recipe is based on that.

**Brown sugar cinnamon bars**

**Ingredients:**

**Bars:**

- 1 cup unsalted butter softened
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup confectioners’ sugar
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- pinch of salt
- 1 egg
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

**Brown sugar filling:**

- 1 cup brown sugar lightly packed
- 1 Tbsp ground cinnamon
- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 3 Tbsp unsalted butter melted

**Cinnamon glaze:**

- 1 cup confectioners’ sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- pinch of salt
- 3-4 Tbsp heavy cream or milk

**Instructions:**

Begin by preheating your oven to 325°.

Line an 8-inch square baking dish with parchment paper, ensuring the paper extends over two sides for easy lifting later. Lightly spray with baking spray. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together the butter and brown sugar until smooth and creamy: about three minutes (you can use a hand mixer it just takes a little longer to mix). Add the egg and mix to combine. Add confectioners’ sugar, vanilla extract, and salt, beating until just



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combined: roughly one minute. Remember to scrap down the sides of the bowl as needed. Gradually add in the flour, mixing until just incorporated.

Divide the dough in half. Firmly press one of the halves into the base of your prepared pan, ensuring an even layer. Shape the remaining dough into an 8x8 inch square on a separate piece of parchment paper and set aside.

For the filling, mix together the brown sugar, cinnamon, and flour in a small bowl. Incorporate the melted butter, blending well. Evenly spread this filling mixture over the dough in the pan. Carefully place the reserved dough square over the filling, pressing down gently to secure.

Transfer the dish to the preheated oven and bake for 30-40 minutes, or until the bars turn a light golden brown and the dough feels set to touch. Once done, remove the bars from the oven and let them cool completely.

While the bars cool, prepare the glaze. Whisk together the confectioners’ sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, salt, and heavy cream until smooth. Once the bars are cooled, lift them out of the pan using the parchment paper overhang. Drizzle the glaze over the bars and use an offset spatula to spread the glaze evenly. Allow the glaze to set, then cut the dessert into squares. Serve and enjoy!

## Stroke

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### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, One in six people will have a stroke in their lifetime, and 80% of families are affected; additionally, stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability, putting a tremendous financial burden on individuals, families, as well as society; and

**WHEREAS**, there are life-saving treatments that must be administered within 3-4.5 hours once symptoms begin, and only a very small percentage of patients get to the hospital within the treatment window because the majority of people do not know how to spot a stroke or the importance of calling 911 immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem public and private schools will be encouraged to make Stroke Smart: Spot-a-Stroke, Stop-a-Stroke, Save-a-Life part of their training for all students, faculty, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, all the City of Salem health and safety-focused entities such as hospitals, clinics, physicians’ medical practices, health departments, pharmacies, fire, EMS, public safety, social services, and the departments of aging, and all city employees will be urged to participate in improving the City of Salem stroke literacy to educate all its employees, volunteers, and associated communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem community, including businesses, civic organizations, senior communities, faith-based organizations, and inhabitants, will be encouraged to participate and contribute to the Stroke Smart: Spot-a-Stroke, Stop-a-Stroke, Save-a-Life campaign through active citizenship efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal is to educate everyone in the City of Salem about stroke recognition and the importance of dialing 911 immediately, and therefore reduce the onset of stroke to 911 interval to be measured by EMS and local hospital systems, and thereby be a model for other communities, cities, counties, commonwealths, and states as well as the nation, thereby advancing the vision of a Stroke Smart America; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Renée Ferris Turk, in support of making the City of Salem, Virginia, Stroke Smart, I, Renée Ferris Turk, Mayor of the City of Salem, and on behalf of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim on May 28, 2024, that the City of Salem will hereinafter be a Stroke Smart City, listed as:**

**“STROKE SMART SALEM”**

**in full support of “Spot-a-Stroke, Stop-a-Stroke, Save-a-Life”**

in the City of Salem, Virginia, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Salem to be affixed this the twenty-eighth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and forty-eighth.

*Renée Ferris Turk*

Mayor of the City of Salem, Virginia

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Renée Ferris Turk
- James W. Wallace, III
- H. Hunter Holliday, III
- William D. Jones
- Byron Randolph Foley

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**The proclamation passed during the meeting.**

Medical Center for three years and a nurse for 33 years. It is my passion to teach anyone I can about the signs and symptoms of stroke.”

Supported by the Virginia Department of Health and the Stroke Smart Virginia program, the education campaign aims to teach people how to recognize a stroke and call 911 immediately. According to the National Institutes of Health, strokes affect one in six Americans. Signs of a stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, confusion, numbness, trouble walking, and trouble seeing.

“Stroke Smart Salem is an initiative we can all get behind. We’re the first program west of Richmond, and

I’m proud of our city for setting the pace in Virginia’s Blue Ridge,” Mayor Renee Turk said. “Together, we can see a stroke, spot a stroke, and save a life.”

The hospital is seeking additional community partners to join the

Stroke Smart Salem Committee and help disseminate educational materials. A community activation day is planned for this summer. Interested partners can contact Elizabeth.Hart@HCAHealthcare.com.

## POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of May 21, 2024 – May 27, 2024

DATE	NAME	ARRESTS	OFFENSES
5/21/2024	Laura M. Brunk	43	Violation of Protective Order
5/21/2024	Mislene Tatoute	44	Domestic Assault & Battery
5/22/2024	Eliseo C. Pucheta	36	DUI, Obstructing Justice
5/22/2024	Robert C. Headen	33	Failure to Appear
5/23/2024	Andrew L. Thompson	35	Domestic Assault & Battery
5/23/2024	Matthew C. Waltz	30	Domestic Assault & Battery
5/24/2024	Paula A. Anderson	41	Shoplifting
5/24/2024	Timothy L. Hairston	64	Shoplifting
5/24/2024	Olegario Aquirre Lopez	52	DUI
5/25/2024	Tanner C. Boone	22	Violation of Protective Order
5/25/2024	Sandon H. Smith	33	Possession of Controlled Substance, Paraphernalia, Criminal Trespass
5/25/2024	Alueno D. Mattheus	29	Public Intoxication
5/25/2024	Timothy L. Hairston	64	Shoplifting
5/27/2024	Treor A. Woodson	41	Domestic Assault & Battery
5/27/2024	Ryland E. Wolfe	49	Shoplifting

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of May 21, 2024 – May 27, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
22-MAY-2024	800 BLK Roanoke Blvd	Damage Property
23-MAY-2024	700 BLK Union St	Grand Larceny
25-MAY-2024	100 BLK Electric Rd	Possession of Controlled Substance

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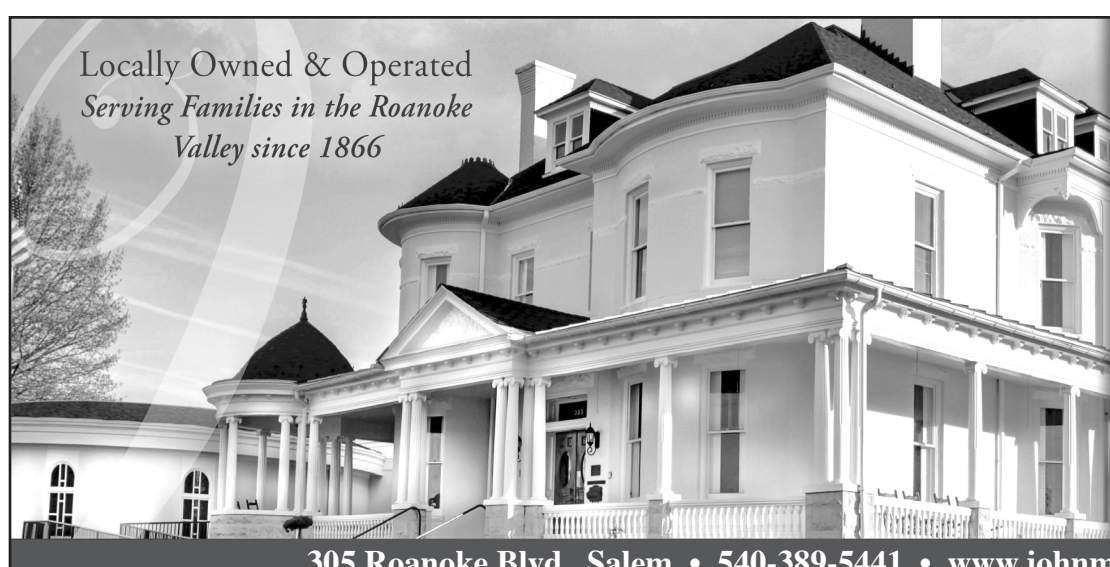
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# OPINION

## Roanoke College Poll: Biden, Trump tied in Virginia

President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump are tied (42%-42%) in a head-to-head matchup in Virginia, while Biden holds a two-point lead (40%-38%) when other candidates are included, according to the Roanoke College Poll. The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College interviewed 711 likely voters in Virginia between May 12 and May 21, 2024. The survey has a weighted margin of error of 4.24%.

### 2024 General Election

Although only 2% of likely voters say they are undecided at this early point in the campaign, another 14% (two-way) to 20% (five-way) say they will vote for a candidate other than Biden or Trump (Kennedy 8%; Stein 3%; West 1%; Other 8%). This is the first time the Roanoke College Poll has shown the candidates tied, although the polls in February 2024 and November 2023 showed them within the margin of error.

Two-thirds (64%) of likely voters are very certain of their vote choice, and another 28% are somewhat certain. Just over half (52%) are very enthusiastic about voting, and another 27% are somewhat enthusiastic. Still, one in five are either not too (14%) or not at all (7%) enthusiastic. The economy dominates among the most important issues, being cited by 44% of respondents. Immigration (14%) and abortion (13%) were chosen more frequently than foreign affairs (8%) and crime (5%).

A majority of likely voters (63%) think that Biden legitimately won the election in 2020, but one-third (34%) say he won because of election irregularities. Nearly three-fourths (73%) think that Trump legitimately won in 2016, but 21% think he won because he colluded with Russians. As expected, partisans see those elections differently with 94% of Republicans saying Trump won legitimately, compared to 53% of Democrats, while 91% of Democrats say Biden won legitimately, while only 29% of Republicans agree.

There is concern for potential violent protests regardless of who wins the presidency in November. Although more are concerned about potentially violent protests by Trump supporters if Biden wins (36% very concerned; 31% somewhat concerned), there is also concern about violent protests by Biden supporters if Trump wins (19% very concerned; 29% somewhat concerned). Democrats were much more concerned about Trump supporters' reactions (54% very concerned; 30% somewhat concerned), while

## Roanoke College Poll

Republicans were about equally concerned regardless of who wins.

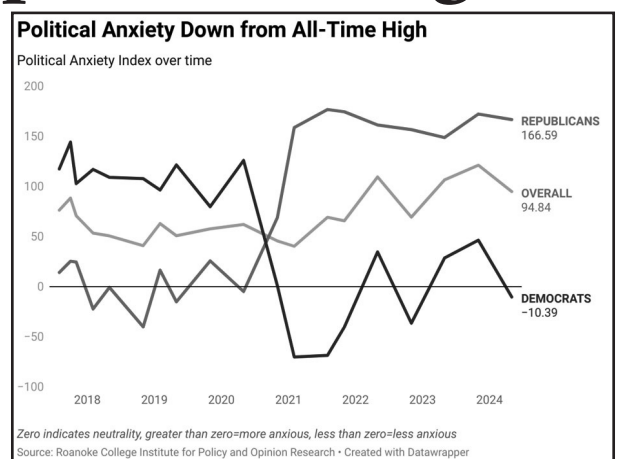
Respondents are more likely to view the Trump years as mostly good for the country (44% mostly good; 33% mostly bad), and they see the Biden years more negatively (25% mostly good; 47% mostly bad). Republicans are very enthusiastic about the Trump years (87% see them as mostly good), while half (50%) of Democrats think of Biden's years as mostly good. About equal numbers of likely voters think Biden and Trump mostly tell the truth and mean what they say (37% for each) rather than just saying things to get elected (59% for Biden; 58% for Trump).

### Job Approval, Favorable/Unfavorable, and Directions of Virginia and Nation

Evaluations of the direction of the country and the commonwealth are mostly unchanged since February and are similar over several years. A small majority (53%) thinks that Virginia is headed in the right direction, while 70% think the country is on the wrong track. Job approval for President Biden (35%), Gov. Glenn Youngkin (52%), and Congress (19%) are likewise barely changed from February. Biden's 61% disapproval rating ties his all-time Roanoke College Poll disapproval high from February. Youngkin's ratings have been steady for a year, while Congress continues to inch its way back up to approval near 20%.

Favorability ratings for federal officials and institutions generally continue in negative numbers with Donald Trump (36% favorable/57% unfavorable) and Joe Biden (36% favorable/58% unfavorable) leading in the wrong way. The U.S. Supreme Court fares slightly better with 44% favorable and 48% unfavorable. U.S. Senator Tim Kaine breaks the underwater trend with 43% favorable and 39% unfavorable, but those ratings are lower than the last time he ran for reelection. Youngkin's ratings remain steady (49% favorable/40% unfavorable), continuing a long-term trend of Virginians holding more positive views of governors (Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative).

Regarding the events of Jan. 6, 2021, a plurality of respondents (44%) think it was an insurrection. Another 30% see it as a riot, similar to other riots, and 22% view it as a mostly peaceful protest where a few people became violent. In comparison, 14% of those



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polls see the social justice protests in the wake of George Floyd's death in 2020 as insurrections, while 51% think they were riots, and 22% view them as mostly peaceful protests.

Except for the direction of Virginia, each of these ratings are the result of major perception gaps between Democrats and Republicans. Overall, Democrats think the country is headed in the right direction, approve of the job being done by Biden, disapprove of Youngkin's performance, and are negative regarding Congress. Republicans are the opposite of each, other than being even more negative toward Congress. The same is true for favorability ratings of public figures and the Supreme Court. Independents are typically between the two, sometimes closer to Republicans and sometimes closer to Democrats.

### Political Anxiety

IPOR continues to track political anxiety in the commonwealth, which tends to remain more stable overall, while anxiety waxes and wanes among partisans as their party is in or out of power. The overall index of 94.84 is down from its all-time high of 121.15 in November 2023, mostly because of a decrease in anxiety among Democrats.

Most respondents trust the government in Washington to do what is right only sometimes (57%) or never (22%). While a majority (51%) thinks that ordinary citizens can influence the federal government, almost the same number (48%, just below the all-time high of 49%) think that citizens can't influence the government.

A majority (61%) also thinks their side has been losing more than winning on important issues. Half (50%) of likely voters are dissatisfied with how the federal government is working and another 21% are angry. Half (50%) also think the country's best years are behind us, while 45% think the best years lie in the future. This question has trended more negatively

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## Tiny Art Show June 29 at Salem Library for all ages: Register and pick-up a kit at the library

The Salem Public Library invites all ages to participate in the Tiny Art Show held June 29 from noon to 2 p.m. Tiny Art Kits are provided by the library. Reserve a Tiny Art Kit by registering online for the program at salemva.libcal.com. Call 540-375-3089 if you need help with registering. Tiny Art Kits will be available for pickup at the Salem Public Library beginning June 7.

### June upcoming events for kids

Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:15 a.m.: Book Babies: A special Storytime for infants and crawlers. Literacy development begins at birth. Start to create life-long readers. Register at salemva.libcal.com.  
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a.m.: Story Explorers: Children aged 0-5, 11am: Create lifelong readers! Join us for stories, songs, and boisterous fun as we share our love of books with your child. Open to children ages 0-5 and their families. Register at salemva.libcal.com.  
Friday, June 7, 1-2:30 p.m., Grades 6-12. Make Your Own Mini Books! Want your own library but don't have room for it at home? Start your own miniature library

with kits provided by the library. Register at salemva.libcal.com.  
Friday, June 7: Tiny Art Show Kit pickups start today!  
Friday, June 14, 1 p.m.; Grades 6-8; Middle School Graphic Novel Book Club. Read and discuss Shadow of the Bird by Tim Probert. Register at salemva.libcal.com  
**June upcoming events for adults**  
Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.; True Crime Book Club; Read and discuss the book "The Man From the Train" by Bill and Rachel James.  
Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.; Nonfiction Book Club; Read and discuss the book "Fire Weather" by John Vailant.

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9. Where things stand	36. Satisfy	5. Contemptible person	30. Peter Gabriel song
11. Made a sharp sound	38. Arrived extinct	6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)	32. Sides of a jacket
13. Female spirit in Irish folklore	39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)	7. Helps	34. More beautiful
15. Deteriorate with age	41. Network of nerves	8. Final section of the large intestine	35. Actress Kate
16. A way to save for retirement	43. Monetary unit	9. Invests in little enterprises	37. Furniture with open shelves
17. The Big Apple	44. Showed old TV show	10. Look for	38. Indicate
19. Intestinal pouches	46. They help you hear	11. Unbeliefs	40. The cost of a room
21. City in New Hampshire	48. One who eliminates	12. Susan and Tom are two	42. Gets rid of something
22. Giving a bad impression	52. Congress' investigative arm	14. Female sheep	43. Impudence
23. Samsung laptops	53. Parties	15. A poet writes it	45. No No No
25. Without (French)	54. Most supernatural	18. Affirmatives	47. Drunkards
26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)	56. Takes illegally	20. "Full House" actress	49. Middle eastern country
27. System of one more computers	57. Breathes while asleep	24. Traveled rapidly	50. High energy lasers (abbr.)
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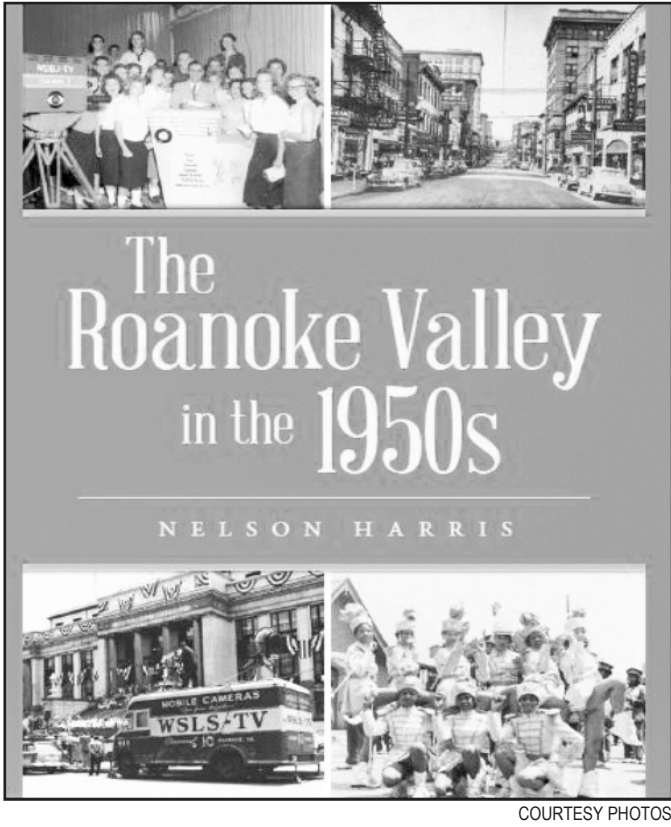
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# Museum to hold book talk on 1950s



Harris



Harris will speak about his new book during the talk.

The 1950s saw growth and changes that continue to shape the Roanoke Valley today. Noted local historian Nelson Harris has collected the stories of this period in his most recent book, "The Roanoke Valley in the 1950s." On Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Salem Museum, Harris will give a talk and sign copies of his books.

"The Roanoke Valley in the 1950s" will be available at this event for \$50. All proceeds will benefit the Salem Museum.

By searching every edition of the "Roanoke Times" and the "Roanoke Tribune" from January 1950 through December 1959, Harris documents the decade in his newest book, "The Roanoke Valley in the 1950s." 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.

Mill Mountain Zoo, the Vinton Dogwood Festival and the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra were all established in the 1950s. Roanoke's

Diamond Jubilee and Salem's Sesquicentennial were celebrated. College football games were played at Victory Stadium, and high-profile entertainers visited the area. During the same time period, the Korean War claimed the lives of area soldiers; urban renewal left many displaced in northeast Roanoke; and the U.S. Supreme Court delivered its verdict on Brown v. Board of Education. Television was new.

Nelson Harris is a native and former mayor of Roanoke. He has been the pastor of Heights Community Church since 1999 and is an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Western Community College. He holds degrees from Radford University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a past president of the Historical Society of Western Virginia and is the author of thirteen books, including "The Roanoke Valley in the 1940s," "Roanoke Valley: Then and Now," "Aviation in Roanoke" and "Hidden History of Roanoke."

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## Roanoke County launches new permitting app

Roanoke County— Citizens and customers now have access to Roanoke County's Citizen Connect Permits app which will provide status information for all permit applications submitted to the county.

Users will be able to retrieve permit information by typing in an address, owner name or Parcel ID in the search bar or by clicking on a parcel on the map. Once a parcel is selected the user will be able to view permit status information, various maps and imagery, and print reports.

"We are continuously seeking new ways to improve our processes for citizens, making information more accessible, efficient, and transparent," said Tarek Moneir, the county's development services

director. "The new app will reduce the need for phone calls, emails, and in-person visits to County staff."

The County's Information Technology staff partnered with Solid Syntax LLC to develop the app in-house and improve delivery of public services. Citizen Connect Permits will be easily accessible across a variety of devices and platforms, including desktop computers and mobile devices, serving citizens and staff at

any time, from any location. Users will also be able to share information via Facebook, X, QR code, Email, or provide a link.

The app can be accessed at <https://permits.roanokecountyva.gov>.

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## Roanoke County Parks, Recreation & Tourism, RCPS offer lifeguard training program

Roanoke County— Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism and Roanoke County Public Schools have announced a collaborative effort to introduce an innovative lifeguard training program tailored for high school students. The program aims to provide students with the essential skills and knowledge necessary to become proficient lifeguards, officials said.

The course integrates virtual coursework, classroom, and in-water sessions to offer participants a comprehensive learning experience. By leveraging technology and embracing innovative teaching methods, the program ensures students receive thorough instruction in water safety, rescue techniques, lifeguarding responsibilities, and CPR and first aid procedures. Students will not only receive high-quality training but will also have the opportunity to earn an Ellis & Associates Lifeguard Certification upon successful completion of the course.

Moreover, the lifeguard certification and course serve as a pathway to employment, offering students ages 15 and over their first-time job opportunities. Lifeguarding not only provides valuable job experience but also instills responsibility and leadership skills that can benefit students in their future endeavors.

"We are excited to partner with Roanoke County Public Schools to offer this innovative lifeguard training program," said Maggie Mace, assistant director of Recreation for Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism. "By combining our expertise in recreation and education, we are able to provide students with a unique opportunity to gain valuable skills while fostering a culture of safety in our community's aquatic environments."

The collaboration between Roanoke County High School and Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism underscores their shared commitment to the well-being of Roanoke County residents, officials said. Through this partnership, students will not only receive training but have the opportunity to earn Ellis & Associates Lifeguard Certification eligibility upon successful completion of the course.

The Roanoke County High School Lifeguard Training Program represents significant collaboration between education and recreation, which further enhances the opportunities available to students in Roanoke County, officials said.

For more information or to enroll in the program, click here or visit [www.rcps.us](http://www.rcps.us).

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## VDOT hosts public hearing for Route 419 improvement project

SALEM – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is inviting the public to attend a design public hearing for a project to improve safety and traffic flow on the 0.3-mile section of Route 419 (Electric Road) between Route 867 (Odgen Road) and Route 904 (Starkey Road) in Roanoke County.

The hearing will be held on Monday, June 17 from 5-7 p.m. at the Roanoke County Administration Center, Third Floor Training Room, located at 5204 Bernard Drive in Roanoke. The hearing will be held in an "open-house" format, and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions.

The project entails constructing a third lane in both directions of Route 419, adding new sidewalks and pedestrian accommodations and designating/modifying bike lanes. In addition, Route 419's intersections with Starkey Road and Ridge Top Road will be reconfigured to improve traffic flow on Route 419.

The Starkey Road intersection will be modified with a thru-cut concept

and signal phase reductions. The thru-cut intersection would redirect Starkey Road through traffic to turn left or right at the signal and to turn directly into businesses or to use a nearby crossover to make a U-turn. The Ridge Top Road intersection would be changed to a restricted crossing U-turn (RCUT). Motorists on Ridge Top Road who currently turn left onto Route 419 would make right turns and proceed to make a U-turn.

Comments about the project may be submitted at the meeting or until June 27 to Eli Mannon, Project Manager, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153. Comments may also be emailed to [Eli.Mannon@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Eli.Mannon@vdot.virginia.gov). Please reference "Route 419 Improvements" in the subject heading.

Anyone requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting can contact Eli Mannon at 540-387-5353, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711.

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# V DOT 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.

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

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

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

**Craig County**  
**MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE** – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is January 2025.

## DARE Picnic held for elementary school graduates



Retiring Police Chief Mike Crawley gathers with some of the 5th graders.



Lt. Sean Slusser take the plunge in the dunking booth courtesy of one of the 5th graders.

The annual DARE Picnic was full of non-stop action May 24 as the Salem Police Department entertained all the city's elementary school graduates at Spartan Field. Fifth graders from all four of Salem's elementary schools gathered for several hours of fun, food and games. This is a tradition for the city's rising sixth graders who are

headed to middle school at Andrew Lewis in the fall.

This year's event, that is always hosted by DARE Officers and various members of the Salem Police Department, took place at the field in front of Salem High School.

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Students participated in games at Spartan Field.



Students engaged in tug-of-war.

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The 24th Virginia Infantry Living Historians will be on hand at the Salem Museum, in uniform, with an extensive collection of military equipment from D-Day and World War Two.

## Museum to commemorate 80th anniversary of D-Day

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, the 24th Virginia Infantry Living Historians will be on hand at the Salem Museum, in uniform, with an extensive collection of military equipment from D-Day and World War Two. The event will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 8. The display will include weapons, personal possessions, souvenirs and captured war trophies brought back by the victorious troops.

On June 6, 1944, more than 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches

of Normandy, France, as part of the largest seaborne invasion in history. D-Day put the Allies on a decisive path toward victory, a turning point in the Second World War. Beginning with the Normandy beaches, Allied troops pushed back against Axis forces until Germany was forced to surrender less than a year later. The victory was at the cost of tremendous sacrifice, however, as the Normandy invasion resulted in over 6,000 American casualties.

-The Salem Times-Register

## Roanoke College, VT strike 4+1 partnership

A newly formed partnership between Roanoke College and Virginia Tech will deliver a pathway for students to take advantage of an accelerated 4+1 undergraduate/graduate program in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech, according to an announcement from the institutions.

The partnership allows students at Roanoke College who are working toward a Bachelor of Science to complete a master's degree in just one additional year at Virginia Tech. The agricultural and applied economics master's degree provides students with data analytics skills in economic modeling, data analysis, econometrics, forecasting and micro- and macroeconomics.

The program integrates industry and government issues with applied coursework in commodity markets, pricing, and contemporary issues and responses in food systems. As a result, students will gain the knowledge and skills needed to not only prepare themselves for the workforce, but also excel in the job market, including various fields within the agriculture sector and other data analytics roles and industries. Career paths may include:

- **Agriculture economist:** Analyze economic data related to farming, food production and agriculture policies for government agencies, research institutions, or private companies
- **Policy analyst:** Evaluate agriculture policies and their impact on farmers, consumers, and the environment for government agencies, think tanks, or advocacy organizations
- **Market analyst:** Study supply and demand dynamics, pricing trends, and market competition in agriculture commodities for agriculture businesses, commodity trading firms, or

market research companies. This announcement is timely, officials said, as a U.S. Department of Agriculture report predicts a strong demand for new college graduates with expertise in food, agriculture, renewable natural resources, and the environment in the United States through 2025 and beyond. It is anticipated that heightened demand will persist far into the future because of population growth, changing diets and food preferences, climate change and technological advancements.

The master's degree program is 100% online and open to all Roanoke College students with a 3.3 GPA, regardless of major, who have completed certain required courses. As part of the accelerated 4+1 agreement, students will not have to pay application fees or submit GRE scores to Virginia Tech.

"This program gives our talented Roanoke College students a chance to leverage their excellent undergraduate education, speeding their journey into a challenging, fulfilling, and high-demand field," said Kathy Wolfe, Roanoke College's vice president for academic affairs.

"We are proud to extend the 4+1 program to Roanoke College and provide their students with a gateway to further enhance applied economic analytic skills," said Matthew T. Holt, department head and professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. "This program will allow students to enter the workforce one year earlier, and we look forward to welcoming them to the program."

In 2023, Roanoke College entered into a similar agreement with Virginia Tech to accelerate student pathways in the Master of Engineering program in either computer science and applications or computer engineering.

-The Salem Times-Register

## Holmes elected to the National Association of Development Organizations Board of Directors

Roanoke— Jeremy Holmes, executive director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, was recently elected to the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Board of Directors for the 2024-26 term. Holmes represents the East on the 66-member board.

The NADO Board of Directors oversees the association's budget and operations and develops policy on issues affecting Regional Development Organizations (RDOs). The organization was founded in 1967 to provide training, information, and representation for RDOs throughout the United States. Today, NADO member organizations serve local governments and the public within their regions through various programs focused on diversifying

local economies, assisting businesses, creating jobs, and providing social services.

"We are honored to have Jeremy Holmes serve on NADO's Board of Directors. Jeremy brings a wealth of expertise, knowledge, and leadership on regional community and economic development issues to the national level," stated NADO Executive Director Joe McKinney. "Most importantly, Jeremy is focused on helping our nation's local communities pursue comprehensive regional strategies for remaining economically competitive in today's rapidly changing global environment."

"The Regional Commission has long been a member of NADO and has relied upon their professional development opportunities, vast research

library, and advocacy on the part of economic and community development organizations," said Holmes. "I am excited at the opportunity to continue to support this critical association as organizations like the Regional Commission identify new ways to serve their communities."

NADO's Board includes members that represent a broad section of the United States including the Eastern, Central, Midwestern, Southeastern, Southwestern and Western regions. The 2024-2026 term runs through the association's Annual Business Meeting held in conjunction with NADO's Annual Training Conference in Reno, NV in October 2026.

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

# CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION IN ROANOKE COUNTY HAD START IN SOUTH SALEM 65 YEARS AGO

Rev. G. C. Zeigler Now Has One Of Strongest Churches In Entire Area - Other Locations Come Later

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

According to G. C. Zeigler and B. F. Callaway, the first Christian church in Roanoke County had its inception in what is now South Salem about sixty-three years ago.

B. F. Ammen, who had moved to Salem, started a little Sunday School in South Salem, which developed rapidly and within a short time the decision was reached to construct a church building. After much hard work and effort on the part of the little group who belonged to the Christian denomination, the church was completed on the hill where the South Salem cemetery is located. Here the building remained for a number of years, when as a result of the "Boom" in 1890, the level land along the river was rapidly built up, and a movement was started to move the church from the hill to the lower section, where it would be more accessible to a large number of citizens. Some time after 1900 the church was torn down and rebuilt on its present location.

The early church records having been destroyed, the correct dates have been difficult to ascertain, however, it is stated that the first pastor of the South Salem Church was B. F. Abbott, who was followed by John Haymaker. For a number of years various pastors preached at the church without holding a definite charge.

In 1916 B. F. Callaway accepted a call to preach at the South Salem Christian Church and remained for seven years, when he was succeeded by George C. Zeigler in 1923, who was pastor for the next five, resigning to go to Blacksburg in 1928. He. B. Worley took Mr. Zeigler's place and remained for two years when

he resigned and Mr. Zeigler consented to return to the South Salem Church, where he has been since 1930. The congregation numbers 620 and plans are being considered to construct an addition to the building.

### W. Main Street Church

About 1895, Medie Ammen, brother of B. F. Ammen, was instrumental in organizing what is now the East Main Street Church of Christ, in Salem, which has a membership of about 175. Among the pastors who have filled the pulpit of this church are: R. A. Helsebeck, G. W. Headen, B. F. Callaway, H. C. Weaver, C. E. Elmore. Mr. Headen, who formerly served as pastor of the church, again took over the work in 1935 and is serving at the present time.

Other churches of the Christian denomination in the county include the Edgewood church founded about thirty years ago by A. H. St. Clair, which has served continuously as pastor. The church has a congregation of about 100 members.

There is also the Piney Grove Church, organized about twenty years ago by Mr. Thomas, of Roanoke. G. W. Headen formerly preached there, but Dean Callaway is the present pastor with a membership of approximately 150.

The latest Christian church to be established was founded at the Fort Lewis in 1926 by G. W. Headen, and two years later B. F. Callaway organized the congregation and led in the erection of the present church building, which was dedicated in 1928. Mr. Callaway's son, Dean Callaway is now in charge of the work with an enrollment of 135 members.

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu

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### SOUTH SALEM WORSHIP PLACE

One of the most outstanding churches in Roanoke County is shown in the above picture, the South Salem Christian Church. Guided for many years by Rev. G. C. Zeigler, "father" to the entire community, this church is a factor in the moulding of this Roanoke County center of population. Its attendance and Bible classes are among the largest in the entire county.

## CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION IN ROANOKE COUNTY HAD START IN SOUTH SALEM 65 YEARS AGO

**Rev. G. C. Zeigler Now Has One Of Strongest Churches In Entire Area—Other Locations Come Later.**

Christian denomination, the church was completed on the hill where the South Salem cemetery is located. Here the building remained for a number of years.

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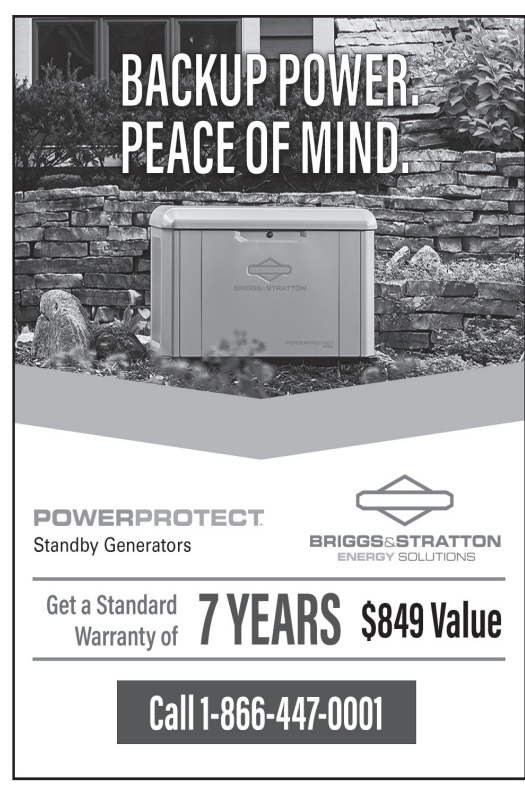
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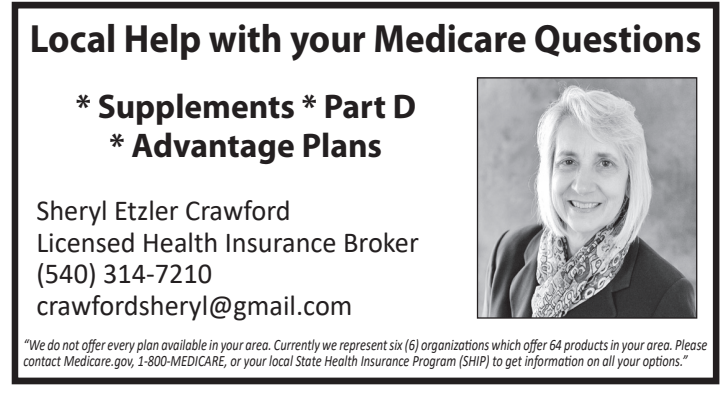


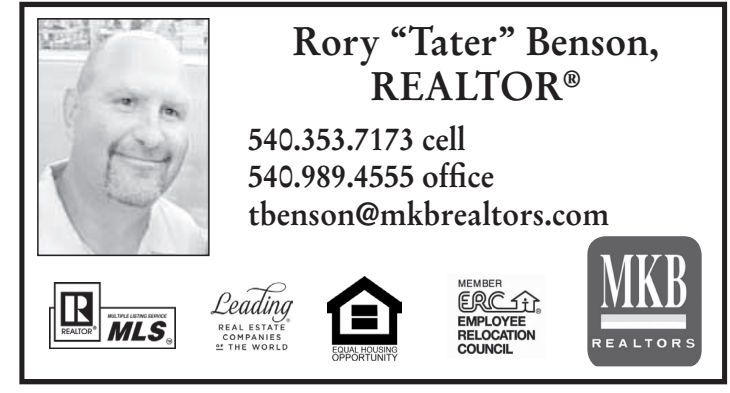










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# Persinger is runner-up in Class 4 100 meters

Salem boys team finishes ninth in state

The Salem High boys finished ninth in the Class 4 track meet last weekend as Liberty University played host to the Class 3 and 4 meets on Friday and Saturday. The Atlee boys and Blacksburg girls won team championships.

Atlee won the boys' meet with 62 points, followed by Phoebus with 44. Salem finished with 26 points for ninth among 35 schools that scored at least one point. There are over 50 schools in Class 4 of the Virginia High School League.

Salem had several boys earn all-state honors. Josiah Persinger ran a time of 10.65 to finish second in the 100 meter dash and Mitchell Taylor placed in both hurdle events. Mitchell was third in the 300 meters at 39.45 and fourth in the 110 high hurdles in 14.53. Davon Jones also placed in the 300 hurdles, taking fifth in 40.37.

Salem's 4x400 relay team of Taylor, Ruimel Nugent, Jones and Nazeser Miller scored points with a seventh place finish and the 4x100 relay team of Persinger, Khamari Garner, Aedon Wiley and Justice English was eighth.

Blacksburg won the girls state championship with 74 points, edging Atlee by half a point. The Raiders were going for the sweep but came up just short with 73.5.

Salem was not among the 29 schools that scored in the girls' meet. The girls 4x100 relay team of Isabella Bruno-Gaston, Erin Armistead, Annae Lingenfelter and Shaniya Robinson ran in the meet but did not place. However, all four girls return next year.



Above left and right, Salem's Mitchell Taylor and Davon Jones run the 300 meter hurdles at last weekend's state track meet at Liberty University. Mitchell finished third and Davon was fifth. Left, Josiah Persinger (middle in photo) is out of the blocks in the 100 meter dash. Josiah finished second.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

# Glenvar girls are ninth in Class 2 state track meet

The Glenvar girls were ninth and the boys were 21st in the Virginia High School League Class 2 state track meet in Harrisonburg last weekend. James Madison University hosted the meet on Friday and Saturday.

Team championships were won by the Lee County girls and Bruton boys. Both races were close, as Lee County scored 71.5 points to win the girls' team championship by five and a half points over Liberty, and Bruton also edged second place Floyd County by five and a half points.

The Glenvar girls scored 24 points. The Highlanders' best finish was a third in the 4x800 relay as the team of Valeria Loreda-Castillo, Emma Pope, Raaya Bryson and Anna Hall finished with a time of 10:23.47. Glenvar scored in all three relays with the 4x100 foursome of Aidan Beverly, Selena Noel, Mahre Swanson and Elle Graffeo taking fifth. The team of Hall, Kailee McDonald, Bryson and Beverly also took fifth in the 4x400.

Individually, Loreda-Castillo took a fifth in

the 1,600 and a seventh in the 800 and Sophia Hammersley was fifth in the 100 high hurdles.

For the boys, Joey Loder was the state runner-up in the 300 hurdles with a time of 40.30, and he also took seventh in the 110 high hurdles. Charlie Horrell was ninth in both the pole vault and 3,200, missing out on points by one place in each event.

"We had a great meet this past Friday and Saturday," said Glenvar coach Neil Swanson. "Saw a lot of personal records achieved and great team effort."



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Left, the Glenvar 4x800 relay team shows off their Class 2 state medals at JMU Saturday. Left to right in the photo are Valeria Loreda-Castillo, Emma Pope, Raaya Bryson and Anna Hall. Right, Joey Loder of Glenvar runs the 110 meter hurdles.

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## RVAA season opens

The Stonegate Swim team opened the 2024 Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association season with a home meet against Spring Run Monday. Left, Gators and Spring Run boys take the horn in the backstroke event, and right Cameron Yeakel of Stonegate swims in the girls' competition. Next Monday Stonegate is at Forest Hills.



PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Cayden Beach of the Salem Angels takes the field with Salem Red Sox infielder Freili Encarnacion as part of the "Field of Dreams" promotion during the last Salem homestand.

## Red Sox host Wood Ducks

The Salem Red Sox are looking to get back on the winning track after losing five of six games to the Hillcats in Lynchburg last week. With the 1-5 road trip the Sox fell back under the .500 mark at 24-27 for the season.

Salem lost the first two games of the series last week, 6-4 and 5-1. They bounced back with an 8-3 win on Thursday in 11 innings. Salem scored five runs in the top of the 11th inning to pull out the win. Nelly Taylor went three-for-six with a home run, three runs scored and two batted in and Nathanael Cruz picked up the win in relief.

As it turned out, that extra inning win avoided a Hillcats sweep. The home team took the next three games by scores of 11-1, 7-6 and 4-1.

The Sox will host the Down East Wood Ducks for six games this week, beginning Tuesday. The Ducks are a farm team of the Texas Rangers and they come into the week at 28-22 overall.

This week's promotions include Bark in the Park, Senior Appreciation Night, PBS Kids Night and a Saturday appearance by the popular Zooperstars.

The Sox are off next Monday then head to Fayetteville for six games.

## Perez in state tennis semifinal Friday

Salem High sophomore Drew Perez will compete in the Virginia High School League Class 4 state singles tennis match on Friday in Newport News.

Perez will open with a match against Jamison Wallace, a junior from

Powhatan, at 10 am at Huntington Park in Newport News. The other semifinal matches Kean Buirski of Jamestown against Neel Pasunuri of Broad Run. Both are sophomores like Perez.

The championship is Saturday at 10 am at Huntington Park.

## Roanoke College announces 2024 club football schedule

The first Roanoke College football practice in over 80 years is a little over two months away and Tuesday the Maroons announced their 2024 schedule. It's a "club" schedule of five games with three scheduled for Salem Stadium.

All five games are tentatively scheduled for 2 pm on Sunday afternoon, beginning with a home game against the Hampden-Sydney jayvee team on September 8th. Two road games follow, with a trip to Shenandoah University to play the Hornets' jayvee team on September 22nd in Winchester followed by a game at Bridgewater College against the Eagles on October 6th. The schedule concludes with two more home games as Fork Union visits on Sunday, October 20th, and the season concludes with the George Mason Club Team on November 3rd.

"If you look at our schedule you play a week and are open a week," said head coach Bryan Stinespring. "That was by design so we can go back and learn and grow from each game. Having both home and road contests is important from a logistics standpoint and the most important aspect of this fall schedule is our development."

Stinespring has a staff of eight assistants along with strength coach Scott Bennett and trainer Keith Doolin. The team has brand new equipment and

uniforms and will be stationed in the C. Homer Bast Center, which is currently being renovated to accommodate the team.

"If the Bast Center was ready we could practice tomorrow," said Stinespring. "Everything seems to be going well and on pace, but you can't really tell until you actually see it when it's finished."

Stinespring has 60 players committed to the team with a couple more who have been offered a spot. Most of the players come from the greater Roanoke Valley area, the Richmond area and Northern Virginia.

"I'd say 80 percent of the players are from our own backyard," he said. "We had four transfers come in for second semester and we're pretty much done recruiting for this year. We've already turned our attention to next year's class."

Roanoke will play a full Old Dominion Athletic Conference schedule in the fall of 2025, hitting the ground running after this year's club schedule. The first practice is scheduled for August 16 on Alumni Field, which is the field inside the C. Homer Bast track.

"If the players were here we could start practice tomorrow," said Stinespring. "We're waiting for a blocking sled, but other than that we have everything we need."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Tucker is recipient of Cosmopolitan Club scholarship

Salem High's Carson Tucker (center) was the recipient of a \$3,500 scholarship from the Cosmopolitan Club of Roanoke in conjunction with the annual Cosmo Track and Field meet. Carson was a senior distance runner on the Spartan track and cross country teams, having graduated last Friday. Here he accepts the check from the Cosmopolitan Club flanked by mother Laura Tucker and grandfather Chris Tucker. The award is presented to a track athlete who shows leadership and service to the school and community.



## Golf tournament raises \$3,680 for Police Officer

The Salem Municipal Golf Course on Academy Street was the site of the 13th annual City of Salem Benefit Golf Tournament. This year \$3,680 was raised to benefit Salem Police Officer Brian Stump, who is battling throat cancer. The winners of this year's tournament was the team of, left to right, Steve Sutherland, Dennis Neighbors, Donnie "Woody" Underwood and David Conner.

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# Late goal knocks Spartans out of state lacrosse tournament

## Salem ends season 17-1

The Salem High lacrosse team saw their unbeaten season and hopes for a state championship come to a disappointing end last week at the hands of visiting Hanover High. The Hawks scored with just 23 seconds left in the game to defeat the Spartans, 9-8, and move on to the state semifinals.

It was a close game from start to finish. Salem took an early lead but the Hawks rallied to pull even at 5-5 at the half. Then Hanover scored the first three goals of the second half to go up 8-5 and they had the Spartans on their heels.

But the Salemites weren't going to quit after coming this far. They swarmed the Hawks crease and cut the lead to 8-6, then 8-7. Salem finally drew even when Holden Custer bounced a bullet by the Hawks' goalie with just over a minute in regulation and the game appeared headed for overtime. However, the Hawks' Matthew Droujinsky got free and scored with 23 seconds left as Hanover retook the lead, 9-8.

Salem won the ensuing forfeit and called timeout with 19 seconds to go. Coach George Revercomb drew up a play but Hanover's defense, all seniors, didn't allow the Spartans to get a good shot and Salem's dream of the school's first lacrosse state championship was over. The disappointment was obvious as the Spartan coaches rushed to the field to console the players.

Custer led the Spartans with three goals while Jackson Jones added two. Kaiden Garst, Jackson Winger and Andrew Crumpacker had one goal each and Richard Hof made some big saves in the goal.

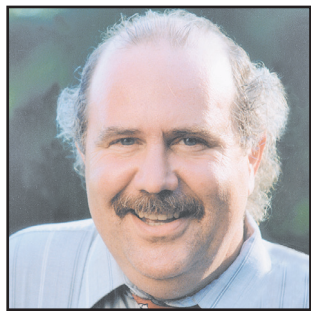
The Spartans finished the season with a 17-1 record and a region championship, certainly the best season ever by a Salem lacrosse team. The future is bright for the program with some good talent returning, but it was a disappointing end for seven seniors who hoped to be playing this week.



Above, Salem's Carson Garland (#15) guards a Hanover player in last week's Class 4 state lacrosse quarterfinal game at Salem High. Right, Holden Custer (white shirt) cranks a shot that tied the game with just over a minute left.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Brian Hoffman



## Finishing Strong

The Hanover Hawks high school lacrosse team "finished strong" last Thursday at Spartan Field and upset the host Salem High team in the quarterfinal round of the state Class 4 tournament. It was a disappointing day for the previously unbeaten Spartans but the biggest win in the brief coaching career of the Hawks' head coach.

Salem High native and former Spartan lacrosse player James Mahan is the head coach of the Hawks. He's in his second year at the helm after spending two years as a Hanover assistant, and coming back to Salem was special for him, win or lose.

"I tried to make it about the game," said Mahan, who drove here separately so he could spend the night at home with his mom, Kim. "I came out to the field two hours before the game so I could take it all in. I wanted to get it out of my system before the game."

That was hard for Mahan, who was a popular lacrosse player and a friend to many growing up in Salem. He graduated from Salem High in 2016, then played four years of college lacrosse at Randolph-Macon. He now works in Richmond for the "Performance Food Group," working remotely, and he can leave for practice at 3:30 pm and finish his work when he comes back home.

But really, home is still Salem. Last Thursday everywhere he turned someone was glad to see him.

"I was thankful to see all my friends and family," he said. "It was special."

Personally, I go way back with the Mahans. His father was a friend of mine since we went to Roanoke College in the '70s. Bruce Mahan's story is inspirational in itself, albeit one with a sad ending.

Bruce was a goalie for the Roanoke College soccer team and one of the greatest competitors I have known. Whether he was playing soccer, pickup basketball or touch football he hated to lose. We coached recreation basketball and baseball together for West Salem youth teams and we didn't want to lose those games, either.

Bruce took a job with a roofing company after graduating, but that competitive spirit continued to burn. He went back to school to get his teaching degree so he could coach high school soccer, and eventually got a teaching job with Roanoke County and was named head coach of the Cave Spring varsity team. When the county split Cave Spring into two schools he became the first soccer coach at Hidden Valley High.

The next time you go to a soccer game at Hidden Valley you'll notice "Bruce A. Mahan Field" over the scoreboard because this is where the story gets

sad. The late John Pirro, another good friend of ours and a Roanoke College and national lacrosse Hall of Famer, had been diagnosed with Huntington's disease. He was just starting to show the effects and Bruce and I talked about how it was going to be important to be there for John as this terrible disease progressed. It was the last time I talked to Bruce, as a day later he suffered a brain aneurysm and passed away at the way too young age of 48 in December of 2003. James, who is now 25, was just a little boy and the joy of Bruce's life.

The Mahans live on Carrollton Street in Salem, Kim still does, and the backyard backs up to the track at Roanoke College. It was always a meeting place for friends after soccer and lacrosse games on what was then the game field for the Maroons.

There's a small area there under some trees where a bench was erected in remembrance of Bruce, inscribed with his favorite saying, "Finish Strong." Everyone who attended the dedication got a stone with that inscription, and it's been on my desk for over 20 years.

Well, when I went to the game last Thursday I had

no idea James was the coach of the team Salem was playing. A couple of my grandson's friends were standing along the fence and called me over to talk, and they mentioned that James Mahan was the coach of the Hanover team. I was excited to learn that and headed over to the other side of the field to grab a photo for the paper. When I got to the other side and saw "Finish Strong" on the back of the coaches' shirts I have to admit I started to tear up. It brought back a lot of good memories, and a few sad ones as well.

"They're words to live by," said James. "I know the impact he had on people around him and I think about him a lot. Lacrosse is an escape. I know how much he loved to compete and I'm sure I got that from him."

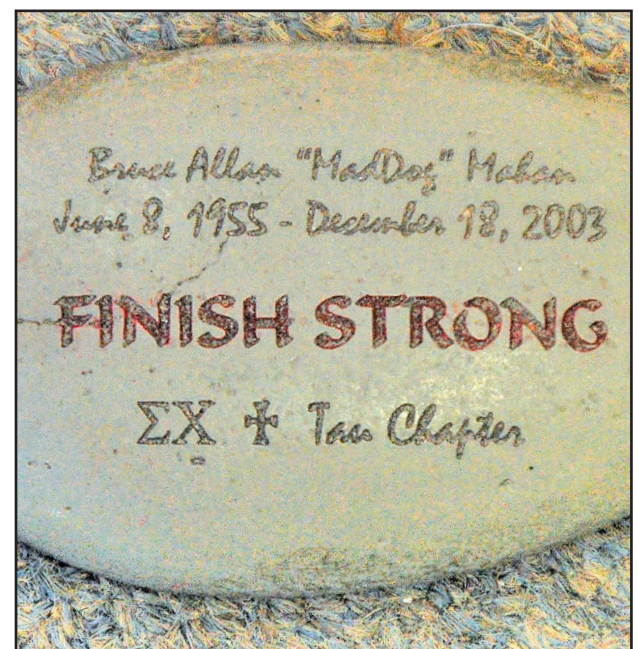
I was disappointed for our Salem boys when they lost the game, but I guess if someone had to beat them I'd rather it be another Salemite. Hanover was scheduled to play Atlee High this week, a team they'd lost to three times already, in the Class 4 semifinal. Salem was hoping to be in that game, but if they're not at least I can root for James.

And, win or lose, I know they're going to Finish Strong.



Left, Hanover High lacrosse coach and Salem High grad James Mahan talks to his team at halftime of last week's state quarterfinal game at Spartan Field. Below left, James had "Finish Strong" printed on the back of the team shirts, the same slogan his dad used coaching high school sports in Roanoke County. Below right is the stone handed out when a bench in Bruce Mahan's memory was erected just off the RC campus.

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Left, Glenvar's Adam Saunders heads a corner kick past the Marion High keeper for the first goal in Glenvar's 4-0 win Tuesday. Right, Zach Curfiss(right in photo) fires one by the goalie for the second goal of the game.

## Unbeaten Glenvar soccer teams will both play in state "Final Four"

*Salem is site for VHSL Class 1&2 Spring Jubilee for state soccer and baseball*

The Glenvar soccer teams, both of them, are headed to Salem. It won't be a long drive Friday but it's been a long road for the Highlanders as both the boys and girls play in the state championship "Final Four" this weekend at Spartan Field.

The Glenvar girls are scheduled to play a Class 2 state semifinal game on the field in front of Salem High at 9 am Friday against Poquoson High. Then, the boys will play Bruton at 1 pm on the same Spartan Field.

Salem is once again the host of the Virginia High School League "Spring Jubilee" for Class 1 and 2 state tournaments. The Class 1 and 2 baseball tournaments will be on Billy Sample Field at Kiwanis Park Friday and Saturday and the state softball games are at the Botetourt Sports Complex with the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem still undergoing renovation.

The soccer tournaments will be at Spartan Field and Roanoke College's Kerr Stadium. The sites alternate from year to year and this spring the Class 2 games will be at Spartan Field with the Class 1 teams playing at Roanoke College.

The championship games for Class 2 will be Saturday. The boys championship will be at 12:30 pm and the Glenvar-Bruton winner will take on the winner of a Friday semifinal between Radford and Clarke County. The girls' championship is scheduled for 10 am Saturday and the Glenvar-Poquoson winner will take on the winner of a semifinal between Clarke County, last year's state champion, and the survivor of Tuesday's game between Radford and Graham. Results of that game were not available at press time.

Both Glenvar teams come into the "Final Four" unbeaten, and they both won Region 2C finals and state quarterfinals at the same sites on the same

days. Last Thursday at the Smith River Sports Complex both Glenvar teams defeated Radford foes to win region championships.

The boys had their toughest game of the season as they prevailed 1-0 over the Bobcats. Tyler Curfiss took a Kees Van Gerven pass with 10 minutes left in the game and blasted a laser shot to the upper 90 to score the only goal of the game. Glenvar outshot Radford, 17-4, and Grayson Shepherd made four saves in the net as the defense comprised of Jake Williams, Cooper Mullins, Tyler Curfiss, Alan Vu and Gavin Miller shut out the Bobcats.

"Winning a Region Championship is never easy and I am extremely proud of our guys for this accomplishment," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "This is our fourth consecutive region title and we have a few guys who have been a part of all four of them. They are all different and unique in their own right."

The girls also played Radford in the Region 2C final at the Smith River Complex and won 4-1. Radford drew first blood in the first half before Jules Stanley tied the game at 1-1 just before half-time. Then, it took the Highlanders until the last 20 minutes to find the net again.

"Once Jules scored the second one she was on and couldn't be stopped," said Glenvar coach Kyleigh Drew. "She scored all four goals, two unassisted and one assisted by Campbell Hardin and one by Sawyer Wilson."

"The score is not a reflection of how close the game was actually played. Radford came out wanting it but our girls started clicking for a really well played team win. They have wanted this region title badly after losing it the last two years so they had a lot of heart digging deep to get the win."

Both Glenvar teams advanced to Tuesday's state

quarterfinal round, and as Region 2C champs they earned the right to host. The girls played first at Highlander Stadium and took a 5-0 win over Central High of Wise. The Highlanders raced to a 4-0 lead by halftime as Stanley scored twice, sandwiched between goals by Anna Vecellio and Chloe Childers. Davin Tate assisted on the first goal, Sawyer Wilson assisted Stanley's second goal and Jules had an assist on Childers' score just before the half.

"We talked about getting off to a good start and we were able to do that," said Drew.

In the second half Stanley completed the three-goal hat trick off an assist from Brooke Smyth. That gave her 127 goals for her four year career.

The win lifted the Highlanders to 17-0-1 on the season heading to Spartan Field Friday. The girls won the state championship on that pitch in 2022 so there will be some fond memories for the seniors when they take the field Friday.

The Glenvar boys played the late game at home on Tuesday and won 4-0 over Marion High. Adam Saunders had the first goal and Zach Curfiss had the second for a 2-0 halftime lead, both off corner kicks from Bryce King. In the second half Luke Farmer scored off a Cooper Mullins assist and Seth Nichols put the icing on the cake with a goal assisted by Jackson Jones.

With the win the Highlanders are 20-0 on the season and the shutout was their eighth in a row. They have 16 shutouts in their 20 wins and the 2023 state champs are now 34-0-1 in the last 35 games.

Glenvar's last loss was to Salem High in April of 2023. After the season the Spartans informed Glenvar they were dropping them from the schedule, so the Highlanders didn't get to play on Spartan Field this year.

At least not until Friday.



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Left, Salem's Sawyer Wilson puts the moves on a Central defender in Tuesday's state quarterfinal win at Highlander Stadium. Right, Megan Pomerleau pushes the ball down the pitch for the Highlanders.