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## Salem's Comprehensive Plan revamp: A vision for the future

**Edmee CR Hasler**  
Contributing writer

In a move to shape the future of the city for the next quarter-century, Salem has embarked on a comprehensive rewrite of its existing comprehensive plan. The initiative, mandated by Virginia State Code, is designed to reflect the community's aspirations and address emerging challenges with innovative strategies. An open house, which allowed community members the opportunity

to learn more and provide feedback, was held on Aug. 13 at the Salem Civic Center. "Every five years, we are required by state law to review our comprehensive plan," said Mary Ellen Wines, a key figure in the city's planning department. "This time around, we felt it was crucial to not just review but completely rewrite our plan. We want to take what's great about Salem and build on it, using new practices that can carry us into the

next 20-25 years." To lead this ambitious project, Salem enlisted the expertise of Glenn Walters from Town Studio. Walters, known for his community-focused planning approach, emphasized that the plan is not just a bureaucratic exercise but a deeply community-driven process. "A comprehensive plan is totally community-based," Walters explained. "Our job is to

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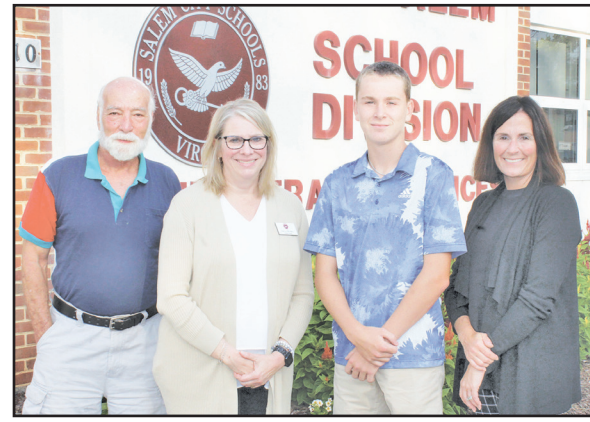
John Breen and Max Dillon have a lively discussion at the Comprehensive Plan meeting.

## Salem students return for 2024-25 school year



COURTESY PHOTOS

Schools in Salem opened Monday morning for the start of the 2024-25 school year. This marks the earlier start date since Salem Schools became an independent division in 1983. Pictured are the Patriots of East Salem Elementary. As of the first day, the division had 3,662 students enrolled, which includes 87 preschool students. "Our schools kicked off the new school year with a remarkably smooth opening thanks to extensive summer planning and our staff's focus and dedication during teacher workweek. The smooth start was also the result of our outstanding transportation department and bus drivers. While there were some minor delays as expected for the first days of school, these were few and far between," Dr. Curtis Hicks, superintendent, said. "Mother Nature also played her part, blessing us with mild temperatures and perfect weather, making the start of the school year even more enjoyable. Students and staff quickly fell into their new routines, making it difficult to tell we were only in our first few days. We're excited for the year ahead and grateful for the strong start!" The division is still working to update student demographics and is encouraging all parents to check their email for important reminders about updating student information.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured from left to right are Head Coach Steve Willinger, School Board Chair Nancy Bradley, Drew Perez, assistant coach and mom, Jill Perez.

## Salem School Board approves bus stop and leave procedures and policies

**Edmee CR Hasler**  
Contributing writer

The Salem City Schools Transportation Department is committed to safely transporting students to and from school, with students assigned to bus routes and stops based on their home addresses. The Salem School Board approved the following revision during the Aug. 13 meeting:

Key bus stop

- guidelines:
- Elementary students may walk up to 0.3 miles to their bus stop, while secondary students may walk up to 0.5 miles.
  - School buses will not stop within 300 feet of another bus stop unless a significant safety concern is identified.
  - Bus routes and stops aim to avoid private

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## Roanoke College to name new science center for McConnon



COURTESY IMAGE

A rendering of the central building of the Shaun McConnon Discovery Center.

Roanoke College alumnus Shaun McConnon '66 has pledged an additional \$5 million for construction of a new science center on the campus, bringing his total support of the project to \$20 million and inspiring the school to name the innovative new facility in his honor, according to an announcement from the college this week.

McConnon's donations, along with the essential contributions of many other alumni and friends of the college, have allowed the science center project to exceed its fundraising campaign goal of \$60 million. In recognition of McConnon's unparalleled support,

the completed science center will be named the Shaun McConnon Discovery Center.

"Knowing Shaun is a privilege," said Roanoke College President Frank Shushok Jr. "He recognizes the village of people at Roanoke College who helped him become his best self. It is both humbling and inspiring that Shaun is so deeply dedicated to ensuring that today's students receive the same kind of education that launched his flourishing and successful career. He's paying forward what he received - generously and passionately."

McConnon's most recent donation is a fitting bookend

to the fundraising effort. A Massachusetts-based cybersecurity expert who founded and sold several successful companies, McConnon kicked off the campaign in 2021 by donating \$15 million to the project - still the largest cash gift in the school's 182-year history.

McConnon said Roanoke College has been instrumental in his life path and success, so it feels appropriate to invest in the school's future.

"As I reflect on my life, I see clearly the role that Roanoke College has played in my success," McConnon said. "Roanoke

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## Statement on cellphone usage policy issued to Salem students

*Editor's note: The following message was sent to families of Salem City School Division students last week regarding the division's cellphone policy.*

Dear Salem City School Division Families,

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I am providing this follow-up communication to ensure that you have the information you need to support the division's communication device procedures so that every student experiences a cell phone-free education in accordance with Executive Order 33.

For grades PreK-8:  
In our elementary



COURTESY PHOTO

**Hicks** and middle schools, all communication devices, including cellphones, smartwatches, and smart glasses, must be "off and away" during the school day. In elementary schools, students should store devices in their cubbies. Middle school

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# General Andrew Lewis: Colonial Hero at the Salem Museum

Step back in time with the Salem Museum to the Colonial era on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy a full day of living history. Historians in Colonial-era attire will bring the past to life for kids and families alike. Salem's very own Revolutionary War hero General Andrew Lewis will present two talks on his extraordinary life and times at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. All events are free to the public.

Colonial living historians from the Fincastle Company will demonstrate

the professions, trades, and crafts essential to the era while telling stories about the brave men and women who built a life on Virginia's frontier with determination and heroic deeds.

The Fincastle Company is a group of dedicated historians who portray both military and civilian roles during the time of the American War of Independence. They conduct extensive research into the clothing and equipment of the era in order to be as accurate to the period as possible. The


group performs living history displays at various historical sites across the mid-Atlantic region. They specifically portray the Fincastle/Montgomery County Militia, an authentic unit from Southwestern Virginia that served in the American Revolution.

At 11am and again at 2 p.m., Garrett Channell, the museum's new executive director, will portray Andrew Lewis. In his talk "Pioneer and Patriot: The Life of Andrew Lewis," Channell will share Lewis' heroic story, how he twice

won Virginia's freedom, and which Founding Father he was surprisingly close to.


The Salem Museum also includes exhibits on two of the area's Colonial heroes, Colonel William Fleming and General Andrew Lewis. The French and Indian War battle sword of Fleming, a noted physician and statesman, is featured. Lewis is remembered for leading his troops to

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- Driver's License (if you have one)

### PARENT INFO

- Parent(s) FAFSA ID (Needs to be completed 3 days prior) [Create your FAFSA ID at www.studentgov.org!](http://www.studentgov.org)
- Parent(s) Social Security Number
- Parent(s) Birth Dates
- Parent(s) Marital Status and Date of Marriage/Separation /Divorce/Other Change
- Parent(s) Email Address

### FINANCIAL INFO

(both student and parent(s) if applicable, past 3 years for tax docs)

- Federal Income Tax Returns
- IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, foreign tax return or tax return for US Territories
- W-2 Forms
- Records of Untaxed Income (e.g. child support received, interest income, veterans non-education benefits)
- Current Bank Statements
- Current Business and Investment Mortgage Information, Business and Farm Records, Stock, Bond, and Other Investment Records

### ADDITIONAL & OTHER INFO

- List of schools you are interested in attending (up to 20)
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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.

**Salem/Roanoke Valley Coin Show:** The next Salem/Roanoke Valley Coin Show will be held Saturday, Aug. 24 from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 25 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Building at 710 Apperson Dr. in Salem. Forty tables of coin dealers from several states will be selling coins, paper money, medals, tokens, gold and silver. Free admission and parking.

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**First Mondays:** The family-friendly events are held by Gary John, who manages the "Mason Creek" bluegrass group, and Vicky Sword from the center. The bluegrass/acoustic shows are free, but a tip bucket will be passed around for donations to the musicians. Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered. The event is on Monday, Sept. 9: 7-9 p.m. - The Guard. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

**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.

**Book Sale:** Friends of the Salem Library will hold their annual book sale the weekend of Sept. 13-15. Sales open on Friday at 9 a.m. for members, followed by the public from 12-7 p.m. The sale continues from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. It ends with a big sale day on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The sale will include thousands of books, DVDs and CDs.

**Warren Haynes Band:** The Warren Haynes Band, led by GRAMMY® Award-winning vocalist, songwriter, guitar legend, producer, and Gov't Mule front man Warren Haynes, has announced their Million Voices Whisper Tour. The new 16-date fall headlining tour launches Sept. 19 in Fort Lauderdale and stops in Salem Sept. 29, before wrapping Oct. 12 in Boston. The band will perform in Salem on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. 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, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Sept 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

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

The Salem City Council will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

## POLICE REPORT

### City of Salem Police Department



#### Weekly Arrest Report

Week of August 6, 2024 - August 12, 2024

DATE	NAME	AGE	OFFENSE
8/6/2024	Kevin R. Townes	27	Domestic Assault & Battery
8/7/2024	Kent E. Musselman	69	Public Intoxication
8/7/2024	Kataleni A. Payne	36	Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
8/7/2024	Melvin D. Newman 3 <sup>rd</sup>	53	Contributing to Delinquency of Minor
8/8/2024	Nichole L. Harless	45	DUI
8/8/2024	Jacob P. Lindamood	27	Possession of Controlled Substance
8/8/2024	Prakash V. Jariwala	58	Gaming Violation
8/10/2024	Robert L. White	46	False Name or Address to Police
8/11/2024	Justin C. Barba	41	Domestic Assault & Battery, Strangulation of Another

### City of Salem Police Department



#### Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of August 6, 2024 - August 12, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
8-AUG-2024	300 BLK Wildwood Rd	Gaming Violation
9-AUG-2024	200 BLK Whitefield Ct	Grand Larceny
9-AUG-2024	0 BLK E Burwell St	Obtain Money by False Pretense
9-AUG-2024	1300 BLK Texas St	Evading Police
10-AUG-2024	700 BLK Oakview Dr	Strangulation of Another

## Plan from page 1

listen to as many voices as possible and formulate a vision that captures what Salem should be in the next 25 years."

The new plan is organized around interlocking themes rather than the traditional separate elements like housing, transportation, and economic development. Walters described this thematic approach as a way to ensure the city's growth is integrated and holistic. "We've moved away from the old model of separate elements because we've realized these things overlap and weave together," he said. "For example, we're looking at complete and safe streets, access to parks, and areas for redevelopment as interconnected themes."

One of the plan's focal points is housing, with a particular emphasis on affordability and diversity. "Housing affordability is a critical issue we've heard from the community," Walters noted. "People want a variety of housing options at different price points so that everyone, including our kids, can afford to live here. But to achieve this, we'll need to make some tough policy decisions."

The city's planning process has been extensive, involving community workshops, online surveys, and partnerships with local

organizations to ensure broad participation. "We've made every effort to involve as many people as possible," Wines said. "It's been in the news, on social media, and we've even reached out to churches to encourage participation."

During the week of April 7, the Comprehensive Plan team held multiple community engagement sessions focused on housing issues. These meetings included diverse groups such as real estate professionals, builders, high school students, business owners in East Bottom, and the general public.

Overall, participants supported integrating higher-density housing into existing neighborhoods and new developments to boost diversity and affordability. However,

many emphasized the need to maintain Salem's sense of community, safety, and quality while addressing current and future housing needs.

Feedback indicated a cautious approach to population and housing growth, with residents preferring that new units align with the scale and character of surrounding neighborhoods. There was an openness to various housing types—like patio homes, townhouses, and small apartment buildings—though many suggested these be limited to new developments rather than historic areas.

Specific topics like Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Manufactured Homes sparked mixed opinions. While recognized for their potential to enhance affordability, further discussion is needed to

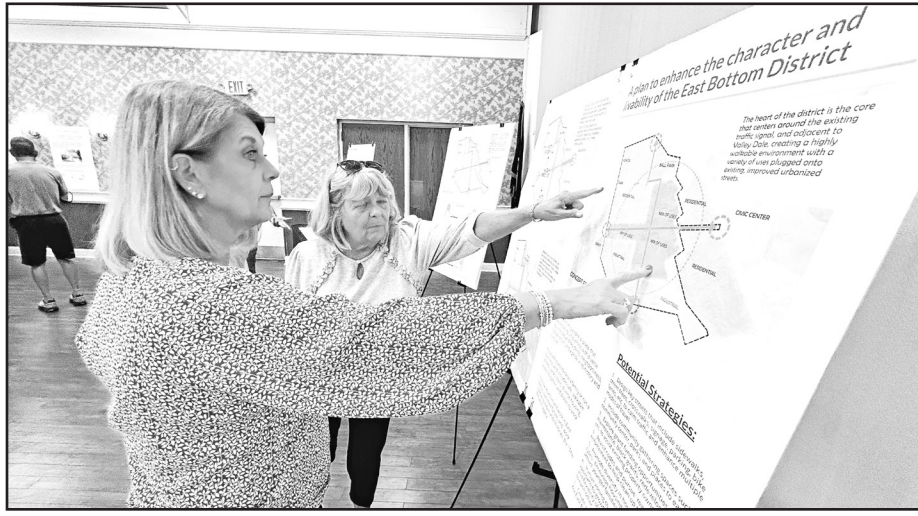


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Linda Lahm and Pat Palmer study one of the Comprehensive Plan's displays.

clarify their approval processes and regulatory frameworks.

As the plan continues to take shape, Salem residents are encouraged to stay engaged. The city aims to finalize the plan with clear strategies and an actionable roadmap

that outlines near-term, mid-term, and long-term goals. "This is just the beginning," Walters said. "The real work begins when we start implementing these ideas and turning them into reality."

Salem's comprehensive

plan is poised to be a dynamic blueprint that not only reflects the current needs of the community but also anticipates future growth, ensuring that Salem remains a vibrant and thriving city for years to come.

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# OPINION

## Back to school: Library card provides free access to homework help

Need help with those homework meltdowns? Going back to school and need to dust off those math or paper-writing skills? Working on earning your GED or preparing for a Citizenship Test? Access Brainfuse HelpNow, an online homework help database for kindergarteners through adults, with a library card from your local library and a lap-top, tablet, or smartphone. An app is available for iPhone or Android. Access the database on the Salem Public Library's website ([www.salemlibrary.info](http://www.salemlibrary.info)).

### HelpNow's features include:

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- Personalized eLearning Tools: My

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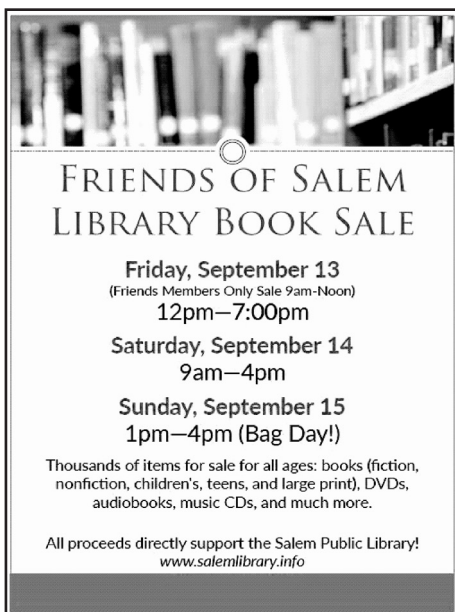
- 24-Hour Writing Lab: Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback.
- Homework Send Question: Submit homework questions for expert guidance.
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• Foreign Language Lab /Spanish-Speaking Support  
Related databases, JobNow and VetNow, provide online training and career assistance geared specifically towards these populations.

These databases are provided to all Virginia Public Libraries through donors and government funding to the Library of Virginia.

Upcoming events:  
Fridays: 10 a.m.-noon: What the Tech Office Hours: Need computer, e-reader, iPad or smartphone help? No need to register, just drop by!

Friday, Aug. 23, 12-4 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive @ Salem Library. Make an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Tuesday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.: DMV Connect at Salem Library. Walk-ins only.



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## Roanoke College Poll: Harris holds slim lead over Trump in Virginia

Vice President Kamala Harris holds a slim three-point lead over former President Donald Trump (47%-44%) in a head-to-head matchup in Virginia and a similar lead (45%-42%) when other candidates are included, according to the Roanoke College Poll. Both are within the poll's margin of error. In the U.S. Senate race, Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine leads his Republican challenger, Hung Cao, (49%-38%). The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College interviewed 691 likely voters in Virginia between Aug. 12 and 16, 2024. The survey has a weighted margin of error of 4.5%.

### 2024 General Election

Although only 2% of likely voters say they are undecided (in the multi-candidate question), another 8% (two-way) to 13% (six-way) say they will vote for someone other than Harris or Trump (Robert Kennedy Jr. 6%; Cornel West 2%; Chase Oliver 2%; Jill Stein 0%; Other 3% in the six-way race). The previous poll in May showed Trump and President Joe Biden tied. This is the first Roanoke College Poll including Harris as the Democratic party candidate.

Nearly four in five (79%) likely voters are very certain

### Roanoke College Poll

of their vote choice, and another 18% are somewhat certain. More than half (60%) are very enthusiastic about voting, and 25% are somewhat enthusiastic. The economy dominates among the most important issues, being cited by 48% of respondents. Abortion (16%) and immigration (15%) were chosen more frequently than foreign affairs (6%) and crime (4%). Two-thirds (68%) of likely voters plan to vote on Election Day, while 31% say they will vote earlier.

Biden's departure from the race impacted the campaign and voters' perceptions. When asked in the new poll about what their vote plans had been prior to Biden's withdrawal, respondents gave Trump a six-point lead (although the candidates were tied in the May poll). Some who had planned to vote for other candidates appear to have changed their minds, and 3% said they had not planned to vote in a Biden-Trump matchup.

Likely voters generally perceive Harris to be more liberal than Biden (45%), with only 16% thinking she is more conservative. Half of the respondents (50%) think Trump's immediate response to the attempted assassination showed toughness; nearly as many (44%) see it as an attempt to gain votes.

The large majority of respondents do not think a candidate's physical characteristics are important (64% not at all; 18% not very important), but about one in five think it is important that a candidate looks like them (8% very important; 10% somewhat important).

A bare majority (51%) thinks Trump is a threat to democracy. Slightly fewer (47%) see the Democratic party process of replacing Biden with Harris as such a threat. Slightly more likely voters (56%) see Trump as strong enough to deal with adversaries of the United States, such as Vladimir Putin, while less than half (49%) say the same about Harris.

Just under one-third of respondents (29%) think criticisms of Harris are based more on her race and gender, while more think they are based on either policy differences (35%) or pure politics (35%). More than half (58%) think that criticisms of Trump are due to the large number of people who dislike him.

Regarding choices for vice president, likely voters are less than thrilled, as 44% are either dissatisfied or angry with the choice of Tim Walz (30% dissatisfied; 14% angry), and J.D. Vance fares even worse (32% dissatisfied; 18% angry).

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

Evaluations of the direction of the nation and the commonwealth remain stable. A small majority (51%) thinks that Virginia is headed in the right direction, while 71% think the country is on the wrong track. Job approval for President Biden (35%) and Congress (20%) are almost identical to the May poll. Gov. Glenn Youngkin saw his job approval rise to 59%, the highest in his term thus far. Biden's 62% disapproval rating is the highest during his time in office.

Favorability ratings for federal officials and institutions generally continue in negative numbers with Trump (40% favorable/57% unfavorable) and Biden (37% favorable/61% unfavorable) leading in the wrong way. Harris is also underwater at 43% favorable/53% unfavorable, just slightly better than Trump. Both vice presidential candidates are also viewed negatively with Walz sitting at 34% favorable/51% unfavorable and Vance at 32% favorable/55% unfavorable. The U.S. Supreme Court fares slightly better with 45% favorable and 52% unfavorable. Kaine breaks the negative trend with 50% favorable (tying his all-time high from six years ago) and 41% unfavorable. Youngkin's ratings rose to 54% favorable (his best rating during his term) and 40% unfavorable.

Except for the direction of Virginia, each of these ratings is 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.

### Analysis

"The switch from Biden to Harris made a difference in Virginia, but perhaps not as great as some may have thought," said Dr. Harry Wilson, senior political analyst for IPOR and professor emeritus of political science at Roanoke College. "The news for Harris is certainly better than it was for Biden, but her three-point lead is still within the margin of error."

"Both candidates are polling very well within their party, and there is a miniscule number of undecided voters. The party bases remain important, as always. The number who say they will vote third party is declining, and those voters may well determine who wins in Virginia."

"One big takeaway continues to be the chasm between the views of Democrats and Republicans. None of it is new, but it is remarkable that partisans interpret everything through different lenses."

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- Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia
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- Members of a household
- Asserts to be the case
- Type of infection
- With metal inlays
- Chinese philosophic principle
- Early multimedia
- Employee stock ownership plan
- He investigated Clinton administration
- Shells
- Six
- Snakelike fish
- Capital of Kenya
- Influenza group (abbr.)
- Used to chop
- It comes as a case
- Challenges
- Small amounts
- The Golden State
- Peyton's little brother
- For walking in Alaska
- Buddhist honorific titles
- Lively ballroom dance
- Capital of Albania
- Late night host
- Draw from
- A way to utilize
- One who is not native Hawaiian
- A power to perceive
- Bulky
- Horse mackerels
- Proclaim out loud

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- Hits
- Bathroom accessory
- Young
- Beef cattles
- It's often in soap
- For each
- Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
- A way to leave
- Emaciation
- Punish with a fine
- Steeds
- Having eight
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Mature reproductive cells
- Armadillo species
- Ancient country in what is now Romania
- Extreme greed
- Stars
- Poems
- Places to sit
- One from the Lone Star State
- Small rails
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- Where coaches work
- Indicates position
- Mammals
- Resembling a wing
- Beliefs
- Hindu male religious teachers
- Mischievously
- Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Horned squash bug genus
- Excessively sentimental
- Shared verbally
- You can put it on toast
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- Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano

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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK

## Little Debbie

My mom's mother, Mimi, did not cook. She wasn't the type of grandmother that made homemade treats for me. But she could shop like a star. One thing I remember is that she always had Little Debbie snack cakes. Banana Marshmallow Pies, Star Crunch Cakes, Nutty Buddy bars, and Oatmeal Creme Pies. I knew exactly which cabinet she stored them in. On road trips, they were always in the front seat, and if they came to visit us, Mom would buy them to have on hand. My mom did not buy them except for those visits.

O.D. and his wife, Ruth, founded McKee Foods in 1934. In 1960, O.D. McKee was trying to produce a catchy name for their new family-pack cartons of snack cakes. Inspired by a picture of his 4-year-old granddaughter Debbie, he decided on the name Little Debbie®. Each Little Debbie package features an illustration of a cheerful little girl in a straw hat who looks like she would enjoy jumping rope and would never throw a remote at the TV. The first family pack was produced in August of that year and consisted of the original snack cake, the Oatmeal Creme Pie. Family packs were one of the first multiple-item baked goods available with individually wrapped snacks. While the Oatmeal Creme Pie was the original Little Debbie snack cake, there were 14 different varieties by 1964. Now, more than 75 varieties are available. Little Debbie snacks are available in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico, as well as on U.S. military bases throughout the world. And little Debbie? She is still involved with the business and currently holds the position of Executive Vice President and serves on the McKee Foods Board of Directors.

When it comes to my opinion, my favorite is the Nutty Buddy Bars. I used to eat them one layer at a time, to make them last longer. Oatmeal Creme Pies and Glazed Doughnut Sticks reside at 2 and 3 on my Little Debbie power rankings. Although, the Christmas Tree Cake is also on my list. I don't understand how Little Debbie can turn her regular boring snack cakes into a magical holiday staple with some frosting and sprinkles. But those Christmas Cakes taste at least



## Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

10,000 times better than the January-November Cakes. As my coworkers will attest, I can never pass a holiday display of Little Debbie snacks without buying some.

### Iced Oatmeal Cookie Bars

- Ingredients for Bars
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 2 tablespoons medium, dark, or full-bodied molasses
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup instant oats, not old-fashioned or whole-rolled
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- Ingredients for Frosting
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 ½ cups confectioners' sugar
- one 7-ounce jar marshmallow creme
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon salt, cuts some of the sweetness

### Instructions

#### Bars

Preheat oven to 350F. Line an 8x8-inch baking pan with aluminum foil, spray with cooking spray; set aside. In a large, microwave-safe bowl melt the butter, about 1 minute on high power. Wait momentarily before adding the egg so you don't scramble it. Add the egg, brown sugar, molasses, vanilla, salt, cinnamon, and whisk until smooth. Add the oats and stir to combine. Add the flour and stir until just combined, don't overmix. Turn batter out into prepared pan, smoothing the top lightly with a spatula. Bake for



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about 24 to 25 minutes, or until done. A toothpick inserted in the center should come out clean, or with a few moist crumbs, but no batter. Place pan on top of a wire rack to cool completely before frosting. Don't frost warm bars or the frosting will melt.

#### Frosting

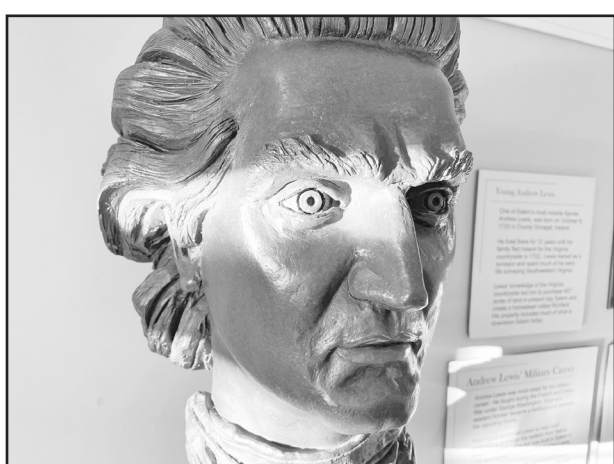
To the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment (or large bowl and electric hand mixer), add the butter, confectioners' sugar, and beat on medium-high speed (start on low so you don't spray sugar everywhere) until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Stop, scrape down the sides of the bowl, and add the marshmallow creme, salt, and beat on medium-high speed until well combined, about 1 minute. Turn frosting out over bars and lightly smooth it with a spatula or offset knife.

## Lewis

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victory in the French and Indian War and Dunmore's War. He also drove Lord Dunmore - the last British Governor - out of Virginia just days after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In preparation for the anniversary, the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) is encouraging localities across Virginia to commemorate the Revolution with events



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### A bronze bust of Gen. Andrew Lewis.

and activities that showcase local history. The Salem Museum's General Andrew Lewis: Colonial Hero event is one such VA250 event,

focusing on life in Virginia's western frontier during the Colonial era.

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## Policies

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property whenever possible.

- Students should arrive at their bus stop at least 5 minutes before pickup, with parents encouraged to accompany younger children. In the afternoon, an adult must be present to receive preschool, kindergarten, and first-grade students. If no adult is present, the student will be returned to their school.

For students attending non-home schools or using alternate drop-off locations, transportation may be available if the bus has capacity and the stop is part of the current route. Parents must provide a signed School Bus Pass for such arrangements.

Salem has designated walk zones for three schools: Salem High School, Andrew Lewis Middle School, and G.W. Carver.

Special needs transportation is tailored to individual requirements, with door-to-door service available when needed. Parents may be required to be present at the bus stop, depending on the student's transportation plan.

The department also offers limited transportation to day care centers that are on existing bus routes, with priority given to students residing on the route. Transportation requests for newly established day care centers will not be considered until the following school year.

For concerns or appeals related to transportation services, parents can contact the Transportation Supervisor, with further review available through the Assistant Superintendent if needed.

The Salem City School Board also introduced a new personal leave policy for the 2024-2025 school year, offering three days of paid personal leave for all full-time professional and support staff, including school nurses. This policy applies to employees on ten, ten-and-a-half, or eleven-month contracts.

Key details of the policy: Personal leave can only be taken after the employee has started their contracted work year. The leave cannot be used on the

day before or after a holiday or non-school day and must be approved in advance by the school principal or supervisor.

Requests for personal leave should be submitted at least one week in advance. However, exceptions may be made if the request can be accommodated with minimal disruption.

In cases where granting personal leave could lead to a shortage of substitutes for emergencies, the principal or supervisor may ask the employee to reschedule the leave. In extreme circumstances, approved leave may be denied.

The policy distinguishes between eligible and ineligible employees based on their direct interaction with students. Eligible employees, such as administrators and office aides, may take leave in one-hour increments, while ineligible employees, including teachers and librarians, must take leave in half-day or full-day increments.

Unused personal leave will not carry over to the next school year. Instead, any unused leave will be converted to sick leave at the end of the school year or paid out at the employee's daily rate of pay. The policy is part of a pilot program set to expire on June 30, 2025, unless extended by the School Board.

The Superintendent has the authority to grant exceptions to this policy as needed.

In student success matters, Salem High School sophomore Drew Perez was recognized for an almost flawless tennis season. Perez won the Class 4 Boys Tennis Singles State Championship on Saturday, June 8, at Huntington Park in Newport News. Perez secured the state title with a commanding 6-3, 6-0 victory over Broad Run's Neel Pasunuri, finishing the season with an impressive 20-1 record.

In addition to his state championship, Perez was selected for the All-State Boys' Team, a remarkable achievement for the young athlete. The community eagerly anticipates his future contributions to his sport, team, and school.

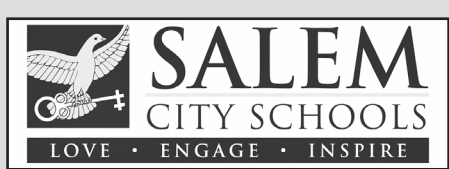
## Cellphone

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students should keep devices in their lockers. While we recommend that students leave these devices at home, we understand that they may be necessary to facilitate communication with family members at the end of the school day.

For high school students: At the high school level, communication devices must be "off and away" during class. Each classroom is equipped with a cellphone caddy. Upon entering the classroom, students will be expected to turn off their devices and place them in the caddy. They can retrieve their devices from the caddy as they exit the classroom. Students are allowed to use their devices before and after school, between classes, and during their lunch.

Devices security: Please keep in mind that students are not required to have personal communication devices at school. Therefore, the Salem City School Division is not responsible for these devices at school. If you or your child have concerns about device security as a result of the procedures outlined above, we recommend leaving these devices at home.



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Medical conditions: We understand that some students may need to use their devices to monitor medical conditions. Students who require this accommodation will be allowed to keep their devices with them after providing the necessary documentation from a physician. If your child has a medical condition that requires them to have a device for monitoring purposes, please contact your school nurse to make the appropriate arrangements.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and support in creating a focused and secure learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school.

Sincerely,  
Curtis Hicks  
Superintendent

## Building

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College was transformational for me. It has become very important for me to give back to the institution which was so formative to my learning, personal growth and journey through life."

McConnon majored in biology at Roanoke and earned a minor in chemistry. He attributes his academic success to multiple faculty members. Also, a top sprinter, McConnon ran anchor on Roanoke's champion 4x100 relay team, was a member of Kappa Alpha Order, and held down several jobs to pay his college bills.

"The lessons I learned from my friends, fraternity brothers and professors taught me much and helped sustain me through my 50-year high-tech career," he said.

After stints in pharmaceutical research and sales, McConnon was recruited by Honeywell's newly minted computer division. He went on to serve Data General and Sun Microsystems before building and selling four high-

tech security companies: Raptor Systems, Okena, Q1 Labs and BitSight Technologies. Goldman Sachs presented McConnon with a plaque indicating that the first three companies he founded had sold for more than \$1 billion combined.

For a man who built a successful career around technological innovation and excellence, supporting transformative learning in current and future students is very appealing.

"I believe this is a critical moment in the history of Roanoke College - one of innovation and transformation - and I love where the college is going," McConnon said. "We must be bold to compete in this competitive higher education environment. I want this building to be called the Discovery Center to fulfill our quest and dream of being a visionary leader in science and related disciplines. I hope many new discoveries occur in this facility and in the lives of our students."

A ceremonial groundbreaking for the Shaun McConnon Discovery Center took place during Alumni Weekend 2024, and construction is currently underway. A new central building, which will stand in place of Massengill Hall, will provide much-needed teaching and learning spaces for Roanoke's growing student population. Three of Roanoke's 10 most popular majors will be housed in the McConnon Center, and 33% of all courses on campus will be taught there.

In a later phase of the construction project, Trexler Hall will receive a facelift while Life Science will get not only a facelift, but also a new name. Life Science will be renamed in honor and memory of Biology Professor Emeritus Bob Jenkins '61, who taught at Roanoke for more than 40 years and passed away in July 2023. Jenkins was a foremost ichthyologist, renowned researcher and beloved teacher. His career was marked by many significant

discoveries, including more than a dozen new fish species and one previously thought to be extinct.

One of Jenkins' former classmates and lifelong friends, John Snyder '64, along with his wife, Linda, donated \$5 million to the McConnon Center project. Rather than requesting that part of the facility be named after them, the Snyders chose to honor Jenkins.

McConnon hopes that his support of the science center project will also serve as a call to action for fellow alumni and friends of the college.

"Your investment will change the lives of students in good and powerful ways," he said. "Earlier generations of Maroons did this for me, and I'm grateful to pay this forward to the next generations of Maroons. I hope that my example will encourage other alumni and friends to give generously to the college."

-The Salem Times-Register



# Virginia Western awarded National Science Foundation grant focused on agricultural technology

ROANOKE—Virginia Western Community College has received a \$343,209 Advanced Technological Education (ATE) grant from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. government's independent science agency, according to a release from the college.

The three-year grant will fund the college's project, "Cross-Pollination Skillsets: Growing Mechatronics and Agricultural Collaborations for Producing Skilled Agricultural Technicians," which will test Virginia Western faculty members' ideas to improve technician education.

"We are very grateful to receive this substantial grant from the National Science Foundation," said Dr. Robert Sandel, Virginia Western's president. "Our faculty are always seeking innovative ways to equip our students to meet community needs, and this collaboration builds on that strength. Our state leaders have identified key workforce needs in the agricultural sector, and we are ready to help make Virginia a welcome destination for these employers."

The Cross-Pollination Skillsets project targets a state government priority for developing business opportunities through controlled environmental agriculture (CEA), according to Dr. David Berry, assistant professor and Mechatronics Program head. As principal investigator, Berry will lead the new initiative with Dr. Mallory White, assistant professor of biology and Agriculture Program head, who is serving as co-principal investigator. The concept of the grant is to train the next level of technicians needed in the state's agriculture workforce.

Integral to the project's formation was the partnership with the project's Business and Industry Leadership Team (BILT). Contributing as members of the BILT are: Matthew Lohr, Virginia Secretary of Agriculture; Arturo Gomez Mazatan, Red Sun Farms; J. Scott Lowman, the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research; Gus Brennan, Greenswell Growers; Jared Heffron, Novenesis; Stefanie Manbeck, Cattlemen's Insurance Agency; Kate Stevens, James River High School – FFA advisor/agriculture teacher; and Walter Grigg, TORC Robotics.

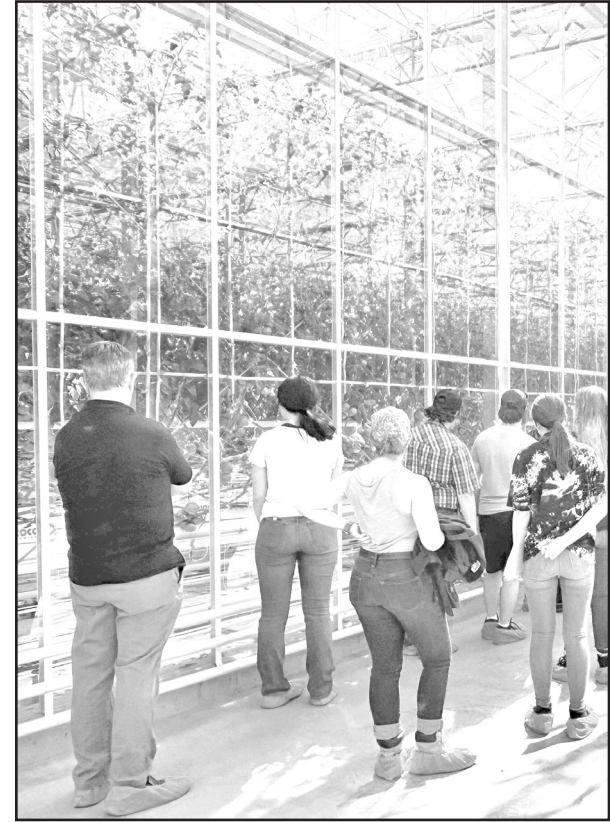
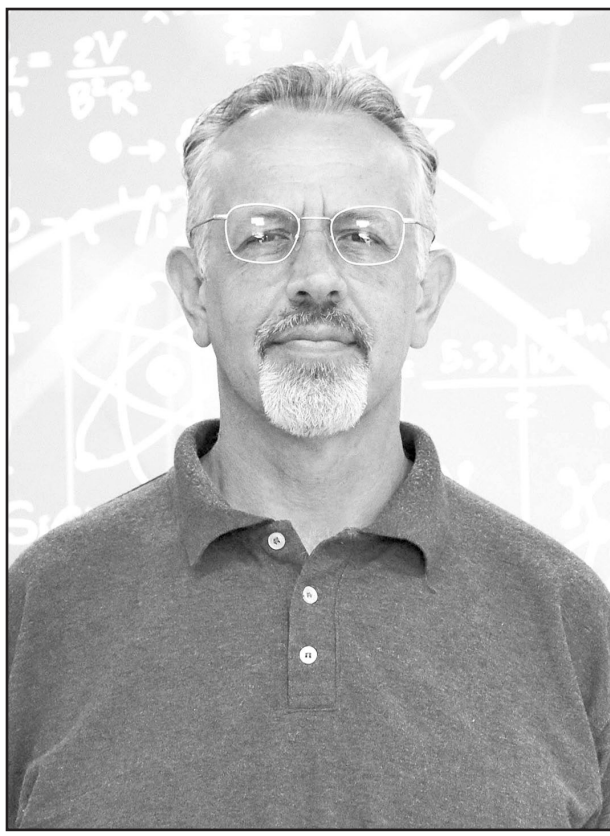
"This project has been shaped by our community partners, and we are so grateful for their support," said Dean of STEM and Workforce Solutions Amy White. "Our faculty investigators were very open and flexible as we began the planning process, and so we were able to be very nimble to respond to the BILT's input."

Industry members outside the BILT also note the value of the project's synergies. "Integrating agriculture and technology into college curriculums is essential for businesses like MOVA Technologies Inc or Vegg Inc, which offer climate-smart ag-tech solutions," said Luke Allison, director of advancement and communications for MOVA Technologies, Inc. "The next generation of workers must be leaders in environmental stewardship while advancing technological progress. Higher education needs to ignite their imaginations, fostering a proactive approach to creating innovative solutions for challenges that have yet to arise."

Through teamwork with Shelley Lyons, Virginia Western's grant coordinator, and Dean Amy White, investigators Berry and White began preparing the grant proposal with mentoring and technical support from Mentor-Connect, which provides mentoring and technical resources to help two-year college faculty write competitive grant proposals. Mentor-Connect is an ATE project led by Florence-Darlington Technical College in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges. Virginia Western was one of 24 community colleges nationwide selected to participate in Mentor-Connect's year of training and mentoring sessions to prepare the grant application.

"Much of the credit for our winning proposal must go to the Mentor-Connect program. I was initially skeptical that the program would properly address our focus area. The focus on agriculture is just gaining momentum and I wasn't certain any mentor would have experience with the subject matter," said Berry. "However, the mentors worked with us continually, pushing us to make progress even though we were swamped with other responsibilities. The result of this experience wasn't only a winning proposal; our internal team, our external network and our focus has been strengthened significantly."

Mallory White pointed to the need this project will fill. "This is new territory. However, our urban college is uniquely poised to instruct the community about hydroponics and controlled environmental agriculture," she said. "We have a strong science department, so it's important to take advantage of our existing programs, incorporate new courses, and think of the future to meet the growing need for more



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advanced agricultural techniques required to ensure more crops can be successfully and sustainably grown."

Students will be able to combine coursework from Mechatronics and Agriculture programs, plus new courses being developed, to receive an Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies. Because these programs already existed, there is a much smoother on-ramp than the longer process of having a completely new program approved at the state level.

The NSF grant will aid staffing, course development and equipment to better target the focus on controlled environment agriculture. For example, the project is developing a course in vertical growing and hydroponics, which will include equipment that will also benefit the College's Horticulture Program as well. "We'll literally be able to cross-pollinate the mechatronics and ag fields – the mechatronics with the sensors and pH meters, giving students more practice with data analysis and the ag field through understanding the technology behind the hydroponics," Mallory White said. The program also plans outreach to benefit K-12 students.

Another mode of cross-pollination involves increasing gender diversity among the Mechatronics and Agriculture programs' current populations. The Mechatronics Program enrolls more male students, while female students comprise the majority of Agriculture Program enrollees. "One of our target outcomes is to create a more diverse population in the programs and have men and women explore ideas within this developing field of controlled environment agriculture," Berry said.

The ATE program focuses on the education of technicians who work in high-tech fields that drive the nation's economy. Because two-year community and

technical colleges are the leading sources of technician education in the United States, faculty from these higher education institutions have had leadership roles in most ATE projects since the program began in 1993.

"We are thrilled to work within our community to support the growing field of agriculture and look forward to the outcomes of this valuable project. We strive to be good community partners, and this project is yet another way Virginia Western can be a leader in providing opportunity and resources to our students," said Dean Amy White.

Those interested in seeking this degree may contact Berry for more information by emailing [dberry@virginiawestern.edu](mailto:dberry@virginiawestern.edu). More information may be found at <https://ate.is/dberry>.

- [VirginiaWestern\\_DavidBerry.jpg](#): Dr. David Berry is assistant professor and Mechatronics Program head at Virginia Western. Berry serves as principal investigator of the agricultural technology initiative.
- [VirginiaWestern\\_MalloryWhite.jpg](#): Dr. Mallory White is assistant professor of biology and Agriculture Program head at Virginia Western. White serves as the co-principal investigator of the agricultural technology.
- [VirginiaWestern\\_RedSunFarms1.jpg](#): The Virginia Western planning team visited Red Sun Farms in Dublin in April 2023 during the proposal planning process and observed the facility's hydroponic systems.
- [VirginiaWestern\\_RedSunFarms2.jpg](#): The Virginia Western planning team visited Red Sun Farms in Dublin in April 2023, accompanied by students in the Agriculture Program.

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## Morgan, Pollifrone to Perform at Salem's Annual Star-B-Q Concert

John Morgan is headed to Salem to headline the 2024 Star-B-Q concert at the Salem Farmers Market on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Morgan is the latest rising-star to play the annual fall concert that has featured the likes of Clint Black, Billy Currington, Lauren Alaina, Montgomery Gentry and Jordan Davis in past years.

Morgan grew up in the tiny town of Sylva, North Carolina in the Smoky Mountains. He cut his teeth on bluegrass and developed a guitar style fused from two of his heroes – bluegrass legend Tony Rice and pop superstar John Mayer.

And while his guitar skills are incredible, it is his songwriting ability that has helped him get established in Nashville. He has written songs for Jon Pardi, Dustin Lynch and Thomas Rhett. Plus, superstar Jason Aldean has recorded 16 of his songs, including two that reached number one on the charts.

Morgan is now a part of Aldean's "Night Train Records", and he is beginning to make a name for himself as a solo artist. He has performed at the Grand Ole Opry and opened on tour for Aldean and Riley Green. His first release, the critically acclaimed "Friends Like That" EP, has helped him gain a huge following in a very short time.

He will be joined in Salem by fan favorite Pat Pollifrone who graduated from Salem High School in 2008 and was a defensive star of the Spartans football team. He began taking music seriously once he formed a band during his time at Marshall University, and he always enjoys performing for the hometown crowd.

### Star-B-Q 2024 details:

Tickets: \$10 in advance - \$12 day of show – Kids 10-and-under free at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6385167> or the Parks and Rec. Main Office at 620 Florida St.

When: Wednesday, Sept. 18

Where: Salem Farmers Market – Corner of Main and Broad Streets



Morgan

Time: 5 – 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Music begins at 6:15 p.m.

Food: Bootleg BBQ, Rocky Mount Smokehouse, The Tailgate and Kettle Cooker Express  
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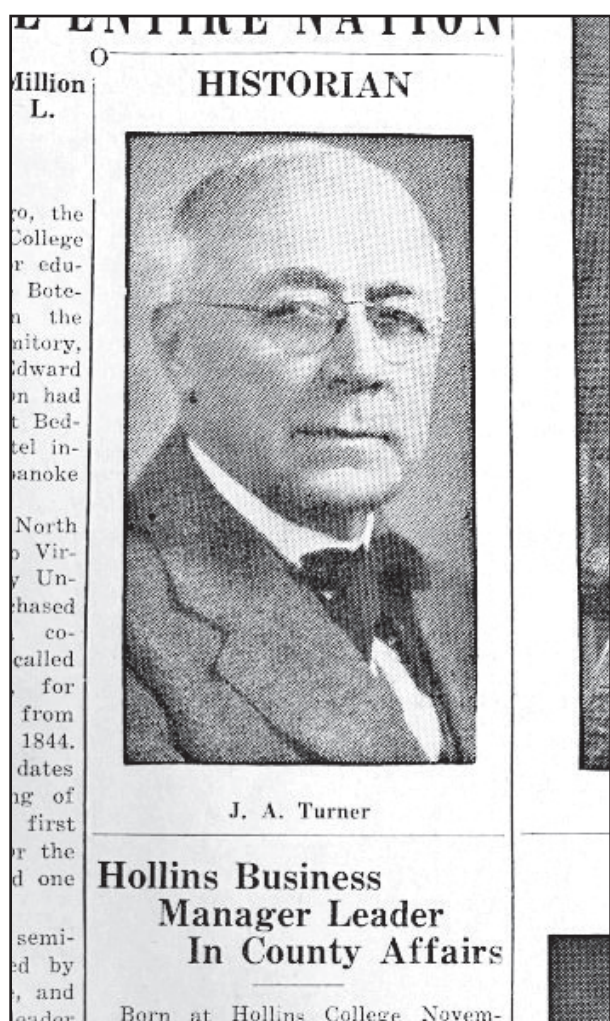
Pat Pollifrone

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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## HOLLINS BUSINESS MANAGER LEADER IN COUNTY AFFAIRS



1898, prior to becoming assistant business manager of Hollins, College in 1898. In 1900 he became business manager, which post he filled until his death. he was also secretary of the Hollins College Board of Trustees and in 1927 supervised the Hollins College endowment campaign.

**Historian**  
He was prominent in Rotary, being an ex-president of the Roanoke club and ex-chairman of the international committee on Rotary education, as well as former district governor for Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He was a charter member of the Southwest Virginia Historical Society and president since its beginning. A contributor of historical articles to the William and Mary Quarterly and to local papers, he made addresses before numbers of organization on subjects of interest i the history of this section of Virginia. Last year he was president of the local chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, now names the Joseph A. Turner Chapter in his memory.

**V. P. I. Certificate**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute awarded him a certificate of merit "for promoting the development of agriculture in the state of Virginia," and he served on the Board of Visitors of this institute for a number or years. He was president several times of the State Farmers Institute, the State Dairyman's Association, and the Holstein-Friesian Club, and made frequent contributions to the publications of these associations and to other farm journals.

During the World War he was district chairman for the Liberty Bon and Savings Stamp campaign. Mr. Turner was among the first leaders in the campaign for good roads in Virginia, and was actively engaged for a number of years in the building of good roads in Roanoke County. He was chairman of the building campaign for the Roanoke Y. W. C. A. and has been chairman of the county community fund. He gave his support to Enon Baptist Church for many years.

In the County Public Health work, he was especially active, and took a deep interest in "Merch House" for the indigent sick.

Other associations of which Mr. Turner was a member are the Colonade Club of the University of

Virginia, Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and the Association of University and College Business Officers of the Eastern States.

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu

NOMINATE AN

# OUTSTANDING SALEMITE

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Do you know a Salem resident who should be honored for their contributions to the city? If so, Roanoke College wants to honor them.

In appreciation to Salem as Roanoke College's home, the College is soliciting nominations for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Charles Brown Award, to honor a Salem resident who has contributed the most to the quality of life in our hometown. The award is named in memory of Charles Brown, former mayor of Salem and the first Dean of Roanoke College.

**Nominate a deserving Salem resident at [www.roanoke.edu/charlesbrown](http://www.roanoke.edu/charlesbrown).**

If you have questions about the award or nomination process, please email [programs@roanoke.edu](mailto:programs@roanoke.edu).

The nomination deadline is Monday, September 23. Nominees must be residents of Salem. For information, call (540) 375-2323.

FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*  
Born at Hollins College November 21, 1875, the son of Joseph A. Turner and Leila Cocke Turner was J. A. Turner, who died October 21, 1937. His mother was the eldest daughter of the late Charles Lewis Cocke, founder of Hollins College.

Mr. Turner was educated at Alleghany Institute, in Roanoke, Richmond College, and the University of Virginia. He taught at Alleghany Institute in 1897 and

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# Schedule for Food Truck Thursdays announced

Roanoke County— Roanoke County welcomes back Food Truck Thursdays this fall. The highly anticipated event returns with its fall edition, promising a fusion of flavors and cuisines at not one, but three rotating parks: Green Hill Park, Walrond Park and Merriman Soccer Complex.

Scheduled to kick off on Aug. 29 at Walrond Park, attendees can expect a wide range of food options, from Jamaican Jerk style chicken and cultural dishes to sweet treats and delicious ice cream. In addition to food, attendees can take in the peaceful surrounding of these scenic parks. While seating will be

# FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS



11 AM - 2 PM

<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>Walrond Park</b>
<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>Merriman Soccer Complex</b>
<b>Sept 26</b>	<b>Green Hill Park</b>
<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>Walrond Park</b>
<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Merriman Soccer Complex</b>
<b>Nov 7</b>	<b>Green Hill Park</b>

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available, feel free to bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the park your way.

The two Green Hill Park dates include:  
 Sept. 26 – Green Hill Park  
 Nov. 7 – Green Hill Park

This culinary event is presented by Roanoke County's Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Visit [www.RoanokeCountyParks.com](http://www.RoanokeCountyParks.com) for more details.

-The Salem Times-Register

# Roanoke County to relocate Parks, Recreation & Tourism Office

ROANOKE COUNTY – Roanoke County's Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department will soon relocate to a new office on Starkey Road in the Cave Spring district, following the purchase of the property from the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority. For the past 37 years, the department has been based on Kessler Mill Road, just outside of the city of Salem. However, due to issues with aging infrastructure, flooding and location, staff recognized the need for a new space.

"The relocation of our Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department will address the long-standing challenges of our previous facility," said Roanoke County Administrator Richard Caywood. "This modern, central location will enhance our ability to better serve the community while saving over \$2 million through the repurposing of an existing building, reflecting our commitment to fiscal responsibility and public service."

The county's FY2023 budget approved funding for a relocation, and as construction costs rose, purchasing an existing building became more cost-effective. The selected property at 4818 Starkey Rd. spans approximately 2.71 acres and includes an existing building, which was previously owned by Delta Dental and purchased by the EDA in the spring of 2024.

After discussions, the county purchased the building for \$1,907,152.33, which includes contents currently in the building. Funding for the purchase and renovations will come from the county's bonds through the Virginia Resource Authority. Supervisors voted on an amendment to the VRA bond financing lease during their Aug. 20 board meeting to approve the funding.

The county anticipates staff will transition into the Starkey Road building by late 2024.

-The Salem Times-Register

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24-183 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY

Legals - Craig County

JAMES MCPHERSON V. BESSIE DOSS; STEWART E. BOWE V. CRAIG CITY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY; WITHROW MARTIN LEE, ET AL. V. N.E. CALDWELL, ET AL.;

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to disburse funds held by the General Receiver of the Circuit Court, which funds have been held by the General Receiver for more than one year and remain unclaimed.

Legals - Botetourt County

Botetourt Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 106(3)5 Account No. 12734 All that certain lot, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia, being located on or near Reservoir Road and being 18.25 acres, more or less, known as Tax Map Number 106(3)5.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24-270 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT

Legals - Botetourt County

Joseph Larry Henderson show case, if any they can, on the 4th day of September, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., before this Court at it's Courthouse at 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the estate to the parties entitled thereto under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without requiring refunding bonds.

Legals - City of Salem

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1. Consider amending Chapter 106 - Zoning, Article IV - Development Standards, Section 106-406.25 of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to storage containers.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. W220000278BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090

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Order to Show Cause

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH LARRY HENDERSON ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION Will File#W220000278

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Order of Publication

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SEALED BID SALE SALE OF REAL ESTATE BENT MOUNTAIN ROAD (ROUTE 221) ROANOKE, VIRGINIA PMI 1001183

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Legals - City of Salem

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24001203-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

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Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

SUNSHINE EATS, LLC trading as ADDY KATZ, 3165 N. Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA. 24073.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24001130-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1.; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL24001130-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

Legals - Montgomery County

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**Case No. JJ004782-06-00**  
 RADFORD CITY J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION  
 619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141.  
 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: MALDONADO, KERON J.

The object of this suit is to: Approve a Foster Care Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the above-named child. And it appearing that diligence has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Antonio Maddox, but despite that diligence, Antonio Maddox's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identity if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown, it is ORDERED that the defendant AUSTIN BLAKE HIXON and/or the UNKNOWN FATHER of LAWSON GEORGE DENNIS, a child whose birth mother is Ashley Dennis, appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before SEPT. 10, 2024 at 8:30 am.

August 5, 2024 RUBY STUMP, CLERK

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**Case No. JJ004805-10-00**  
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**JUVENILE DIVISION**

619 2nd street, Radford, Virginia 24141.  
 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re DENNIS, LAWSON. The object of this suit is to: approve a Foster Care Service Plan submitted by the Radford City Department of Social Services regarding the child, Lawson George Dennis. And it appearing that diligence has been used to attempt to locate the putative father of the child, Austin Blake Hixon, but despite that diligence, Austin Blakes Hixon's whereabouts remain unknown to the Department; and it also appearing that the whereabouts and identity if any alternative birth father are otherwise unknown, it is ORDERED that the defendant AUSTIN BLAKE HIXON and/or the UNKNOWN FATHER of LAWSON GEORGE DENNIS, a child whose birth mother is Ashley Dennis, appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before Sept. 3, 2024 at 9:00 am.

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**Legals - Town of Vinton**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of the following:

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Joint Planning Commission and Town Council public hearings to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. The Planning Commission and Town Council will also hold a joint work session on September 3rd, at 5:15 p.m., prior to the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive comments concerning:

An ordinance amending Appendix B, Zoning, Article IV, District Regulations, Division 2, Multiple Purpose Districts, Section 4-5; Division 4, Planned Unit Development Districts, Section 4-11, and Division 5, Mixed-Use Development (MUD) District, Sec. 4-18 of the Vinton Town Code. The proposed amendment would require medical and dental clinic uses to obtain a special use permit in the R-B Residential-Business District, GB General Business District, CB Central Business District, M-1 Limited Industrial District, M-2 General Industrial District, PD Planned Unit Development District, and MUD Mixed-Use Development District, and it would require hospitals to obtain a special use permit in the GB General Business, M-1 Limited Industrial District, and M-2 General Industrial District.

Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment may

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be examined in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Further information concerning this issue may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be present their views on this proposed amendment at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 6th day of August, 2024. Anita J. McMillan Planning and Zoning Director

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made

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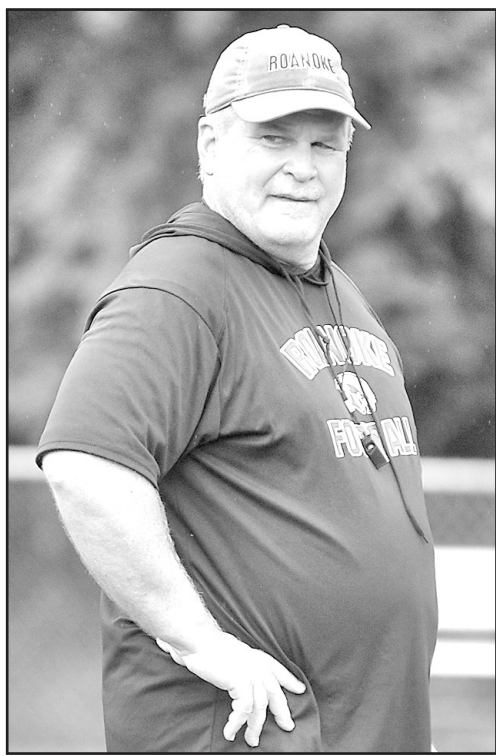
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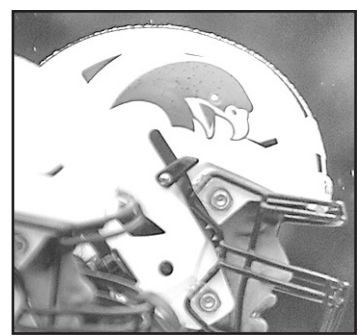
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The first Roanoke College football team since World War II opened camp last Friday on the field encircled by the C. Homer Bast track. Above, Maroons run plays on the new Bermuda grass. Right, receivers coach Tony Spradlin, a Salem High grad, works with the wide outs and left, head coach Bryan Stinespring surveys the action as he looks to see what he has among the 60-some Maroon hopefuls.



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College, the George Mason club team and Fork Union Military Academy.

The Maroons have hit the ground running. Alumni Gym, where the basketball team played for many years before the Bast Center was built, is being converted into a football weight lifting facility. Locker rooms are a work in progress and new uniforms are ready to go, with white helmets and the RC bird logo on the sides.

"Everything seems to be top drawer," said Highfill. "Coach Stinespring has a great resume and it's an honor to work with him."

Jeff knew Stinespring from his days coaching at Byrd. "Stiney" has a long resume that includes a stint as offensive coordinator and recruiter for Frank Beamer's nationally ranked teams at Virginia Tech.

"He recruited our area for Tech and he always came by to see me," said Highfill. "Many times I told him we didn't have anyone he'd be interested in but he came by anyway, just to stay in touch."

Stinespring has heavily recruited the Roanoke Valley for his first Roanoke College team, which is comprised entirely of freshmen and sophomores. The first roster lists 53 freshmen and 10 sophomores.

Included on the roster are sophomore receiver Chase Ferris and freshman wide out Khamari Garner from Salem High and four players from Glenvar, sophomore kicker Tyler Pierce, sophomore tight end Aiden Wolk and freshmen defensive linemen Ben Holliday and Nate Johnson. Linebacker Gabriel Shaffer, who played at Smith Mountain Lake Academy, also has a Salem address.

Other players from the greater Roanoke Valley include prospects from William Byrd, Eastern Montgomery, Alleghany, Radford, Christiansburg, Covington, Patrick Henry, Franklin County, Craig County and Blacksburg. Of the 63 players on the roster only eight list their home as outside of Virginia.

Stinespring has five full-time assistant coaches, including Tony Spradlin who played at Salem High and coached at Glenvar under Kevin Clifford. Tony is the recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach.

"It's a great atmosphere and it will be interesting to see what happens that first Sunday," said Highfill. "It seems to be a good group of guys with a great attitude, and everything has been done first class."

### COYLE LEAVES SALEM TO COACH AT FERRUM

Carly Coyle has left Salem High School after one year as coach of the Spartan girls' lacrosse team to take a job as head women's coach at Ferrum College.

Prior to coming to Salem Carly had served at Ferrum as assistant women's coach from 2021 to 2023. She will succeed Karen Harvey, who stepped aside this summer after 18 years as Ferrum women's lacrosse coach. Harvey is a Roanoke College women's Hall of Famer who played basketball for the Maroons.

"I'm excited to return to Ferrum in the midst of their transition to NCAA Division II," said Coyle. "Being able to come back to Ferrum is an honor. I'm thrilled to be able to lead these female athletes on and off the field and be part of the change here at Ferrum."

Coyle coached the Spartans to a 7-8 record in the spring after taking over for long time Salem coach Maggi Pace. A replacement for Coyle has yet to be named.

### ZIMMERMAN WAS RC HOOP GREAT

I was sad to see the passing of former Roanoke College women's basketball standout Vicki Zimmerman, who passed away on August 9 at 60 years of age.

Vicki played for Susan Dunagan at Roanoke College and was a key member of Maroon ODAC champion teams in the '80s. She was named to the All-ODAC team three times and in 1985 she was the conference Player of the Year. She was selected to the Kodak All-South team and Fast Break Magazine's first-team All-America College Division squad. Vickie was inducted into the RC Hall of Fame in 1996.

At the time of her death she was a personal trainer at the Water's Edge Country Club, living in Union Hill, VA.

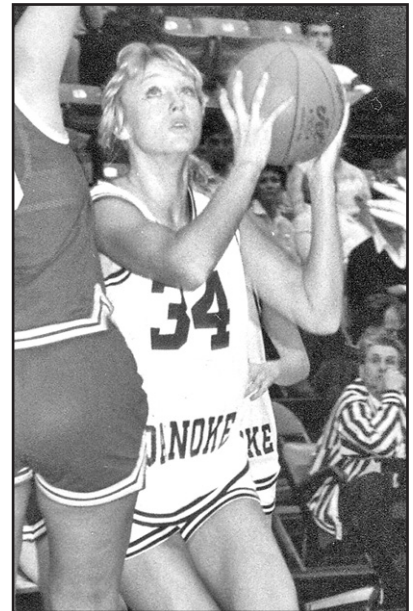


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Vicki Zimmerman was one of RC's all-time best women's players.



### Rec. sports open

Recreation sports for the fall season will begin in the coming week, with the first football games scheduled for Saturday. Above, Glenvar football and soccer teams practice at Green Hill Park, and below these Salem youth cheerleaders get a jump on the new season.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



# Spartans win Franklin Co. Invit.

The Salem High golfers picked up their first win of the season Monday when the Spartans went low on three other teams at the Franklin County Invitational. The four-team match was held at the Waterfront Country Club.

"Scores were a little higher today across the board on a challenging course where the wind really picked up, but Kathryn Ha played a great round," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "She took advantage of close approach shots and scrambled well when she needed to get up and down."

Ha fired a 68 for four under par to take home the medalist spot out of 24 players. She had three birdies and one eagle on the day to lead Salem to a 311 team score. Host Franklin County was next at 335, followed by Patrick Henry at 340 and Hidden Valley at 341.

Also scoring for the Spartans were senior Aidan Andrews and freshman Mike Bateman who both shot an 80. That was good enough to tie for fourth on the day individually and freshman Croix

Bowen rounded out the scoring for Salem with a season's best 83. Also playing today for the Spartans were junior Zach Bocoock and freshman Will Creger who both shot a 96.

"Mike and Aidan managed to put in a solid round," said Hancock. "It wasn't easy to score today and those guys fought hard. Croix coming in with a season best on this course was impressive. All of our team that scored for us today finished in the top 10 and I'm proud of this team putting a season best 311 score on a tough course."

The Spartans also played in the Woodford Invitational in Wytheville last week and finished second among 13 teams despite playing without number one Ha. Blacksburg was first with an amazing score of 269, 11 under par as a team, and Salem was second at 314. Marion was three strokes behind the Spartans at 317, Abingdon was fourth at 322, Gate City was a stroke back at 323 and host George Wythe was sixth among the 13 teams at 325. Hidden Valley and Pulaski County, both of the

River Ridge District, had 327 each to tie for seventh.

"It was a great day for the Spartans," said Hancock. "I couldn't be more happy for this group, coming in second with Kathryn in a 13 team field of 65 players."

Blacksburg's Jake Albert was medalist with a nine-under 61. Bocoock led the way for the Spartans with a career low 74 to tie for 13th individually. Bateman carded a season low 75 for 15th.

"Zach and Mike had a great day on the course," said Hancock. "They had a lot of great looks and capitalized on scoring chances."

Also scoring for the Spartans were Andrews with an 81 and Creger with a season's best 83.

"I'm beyond proud of these guys," said Hancock. "They've been working really hard and are finally getting to see the results. These guys continue to improve each and every match."

Salem will tee it up again next Monday, August 26, with a match at the Hunting Hill Country Club.



PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Salem freshman Mike Bateman hits a fairway iron.



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The Glenvar golfers were fourth at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club last week. Left to right are Grayson Shepherd, Tyler Shannon, Adam Franklin, Tyler Smith, Riley Wolk and Connor Magruder

# Glenvar will play at River course today

The Glenvar golfers will be at the Pete Dye River course today for a Three Rivers District match hosted by Radford. The match will begin at 1 pm with a shotgun start.

The Highlanders last competed on Thursday of last week at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club and finished fourth in a Three Rivers District match. Floyd continued to dominate the district with a winning team score of 309 followed by Radford at 322, Carroll County at 336 and the Highlanders at 339. Next came host James River at 341, Alleghany was sixth at 344 and Patrick County brought up the rear with a 351.

Floyd had the medalist as Peyton Mason led the group with a 70, but the shot of the day was accomplished by Mason Murphy of Radford. He had a hole-in-one on the par 4 13th hole at the Botetourt G&SC.

Glenvar was led again by Tyler Smith with a 79, followed by Adam Franklin's 81. Riley Wolk scored with an 89 and first-time varsity match golfer Tyler Shannon contributed with a 90.

"Really proud of our guys for continuing to stack good scores," said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff.

# Young Highlanders looking to compete

For the first time in three years the Glenvar volleyball team is not coming into the season as defending Class 2 champs. However, that doesn't mean the Highlanders won't have a target on their backs again.

Coach Mark Rohrback has led the Highlanders to three state championships over his time as coach and always puts a competitive team on the floor. Last fall, after graduating most of the girls from back-to-back state champion teams in 2021 and '22, the Highlanders battled to a 13-11 record with a strong finish and a Three Rivers District championship.

"Towards the end of the season we went on an awesome six match winning streak, which included wins over opponents we had previously lost to," said Rohrback. "We beat Radford for the first time in the Region Quarters, and lost to eventual state champion Appomattox on the road, 11-15, in the fifth set. We were on the road for every match in the post-season, and I was extremely pleased with the team's growth and performance."

Glenvar enters this season with a roster of just eight girls. The only returning starter that will be playing the same position is middle Addi Cockram. Sophia Hammersley, Mahre Swanson and Sawyer Wilson are varsity returners but will be filling different roles from last year's squad. Sophie Nicely returns from an early season ending injury last year.

New players to the varsity squad are sophomores Macy McMahon and Rebecca Magruder and freshman Grace Fiedler.

"All three of these players will have significant contributions to our team this season," said

Rohrback. "We also have a lot of young talent on the jayvee squad that I believe will contribute later in the season."

Rohrback doubles as the Roanoke College men's coach. He left his teaching job at Glenvar to concentrate on his two volleyball teams, and he feels both will benefit from his dual role.

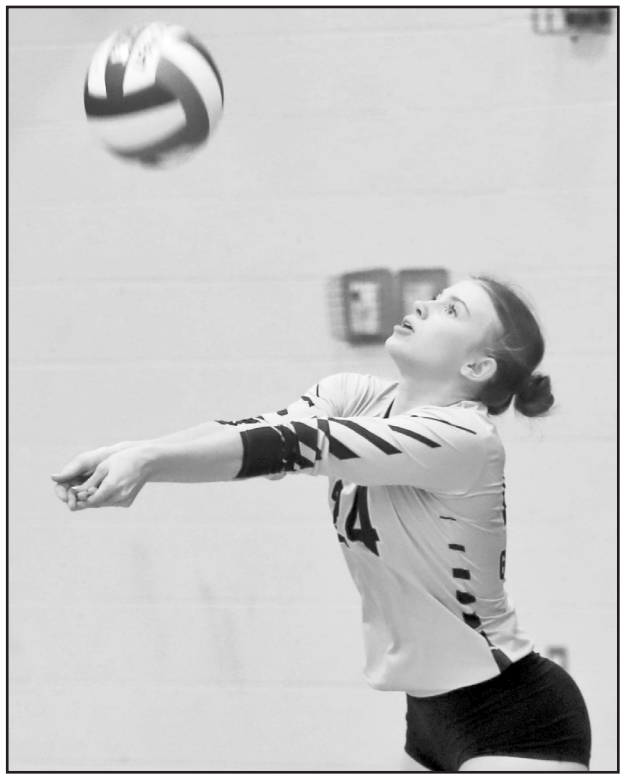
"I feel like any time you spend more time working in your sport you gain additional knowledge that you can apply to any team you coach," he said. "We have already seen the benefits with additional skills we are working on with the girls that we have not tried to incorporate in previous seasons."

Mark's wife Jen returns as an assistant and head jayvee coach. He's added John Hynes and Logan Boyd to the staff.

"John Hynes played at Reinhardt University and will be assisting both Jen and I this season," said Rohrback. "He is also an assistant coach for the Roanoke men's team and works for the Salem Red Sox, and we're excited to have him."

"Our other part time assistant is Logan Boyd. Logan is also helping with the middle school football team but has agreed to help us as much as his schedule permits. Jen and I couldn't be more excited to have these two men helping our volleyball program."

Mark expects the Three Rivers District to be very competitive again. The Highlanders will scrimmage at Liberty tonight, then open the season with a non-district match against Class 3 Northside on Tuesday. The home opener is a week from today against William Byrd, another Class 3 team.



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Mahre Swanson is one of just two seniors on the Glenvar volleyball team and the other, Sophie Nicely, missed all of last season with an injury.

"Our goals are to have lots of fun playing this sport and make as much progress as possible as a team and individually, just like any other season."

# Highlanders kick off middle school football with win, Wolverines open at home today

Andrew Lewis and Glenvar will both be home today for middle school football games. The Wolverines will host William Fleming at 5 pm and Glenvar will host Floyd County at 6:30 pm.

It will be the season opener for Lewis, who had a game with Patrick Henry postponed last week. The Lewis seventh grade team was scheduled to host Shawsville on Wednesday.

Glenvar opened with a 26-0 win over Northside Middle last week on Jim Hickam Field at Northside High. Jay Barnett ran the opening kickoff back for a touchdown and Money Shaw had a two-yard run to give Glenvar a 14-0 halftime lead.

Kiptyn Jones found Grayson Harris for a TD pass and catch for the third score and Shaw added a TD run in the second half to complete the scoring. Shaw led the team in tackles with seven and Anthony Cline had six.

"It was a good start for us, lots to improve on but a good start," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Brian Hooker returns as head football coach at Andrew Lewis.

# Middle volleyball opens fall season

The middle school volleyball season opened last week for both Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle school and both teams are back in action today. Lewis will host Read Mountain for their home opener at 5:30 pm and Glenvar is at Covington.

The Wolverines opened their season at Blacksburg last week, falling in three sets by scores of 25-18, 23-25 and 15-5. On Thursday the girls were at Pulaski and fell in two sets, 25-9 and 25-6.

"We played Blacksburg really tough but could not get our engines going against Pulaski," said Lewis coach Kim Crist.

Glenvar opened last Wednesday with a two set win over Central Academy, 25-12 and 25-9. Kiki Carter and Maudie Doolan were strong from the serving line and at the net.

On Monday at home the Highlanders hosted Christiansburg and lost in two close sets, both by 25-23 scores.

Next Monday, August 26, Lewis is at William Byrd and Glenvar is home to Hidden Valley.



# Sox return home after splitting big series with Nats

The Salem Red Sox missed a golden opportunity to pick up ground on the first place Nationals when they spun their wheels on a six game trip to Fredricksburg last week. Salem went 3-3 on the week and came home two games behind the Nats, just like they were when they left.

Actually, Salem rallied to stay in the race in the second half standings of the Carolina League's North Division. The Sox dropped the first two games of the series by scores of 8-1 and 4-3 to fall four games off the pace, but rallied to win the next three and pull within a game of the Nationals. Fredricksburg then won Sunday's getaway game to retain the top spot in the division by a two-game margin.

Salem came off the ropes last Thursday with a 6-4 win as Franklin Arias had three hits in the leadoff position. On Friday Salem took a 3-0 lead with two runs in the first and one in the second and held on for a 6-2 win. Freili Encarnacion and Kelvin Diaz had three hits each and Luis Cohen pitched five innings of relief to pick up the win.

On Saturday Matt Duffy, Max Carlson and Nathanael Cruz combined to pitch a four-hit shutout as Salem pulled to within one game in the standings with a 4-0 win. Diaz had his first homer since joining the team last week, scored twice and drove in two for the Sox.

On Sunday Salem had a chance to tie for the division lead but came up short in a slug fest, falling 11-9. Arias had three more hits and Albert Feliz smacked his 11th homer but the Sox let an 8-5 lead slip away as the Nats scored two in the sixth, one in the seventh and three in the eighth to get the win.

Salem returns home this week at 27-21 to host Lynchburg in a six game series. Meanwhile



PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

The Glenvar Glow Chicks recently enjoyed being on the diamond as the Field of Dreams team at the Salem Red Sox game. Behind the pitcher's mound, left to right, are Field of Dreams participant Mia Ferris with first baseman Albert Feliz, starting pitcher Cole Tolbert with Kinsley Hughes and third baseman Freili Encarnacion with Kelsey Sheppard. The girls were introduced with the players prior to the game and joined them for the National Anthem.

Fredricksburg is at Columbia, the second place team South Division.

tonight, Fireworks on Friday, Military Appreciation Night on Saturday and a pregame autograph signing for Sunday's 3:05 pm game.

This week's homestand includes Hockey Night



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Left, Glenvar Rhett Henderson(#51) blocks on the edge as Cooper Mullins carries the ball in Friday's scrimmage. Right, Highlanders gang tackle a Byrd ballcarrier.

# Salem, Glenvar play in Benefit football games Friday

Salem and Glenvar High School will both play in Benefit football games Friday in their last tune up before opening the regular season.

The Spartans will host Brookville at Salem Stadium Friday. The varsity is scheduled to play at approximately 7 pm following a jayvee game

between the Spartans and Bees. The game will be played like a regular game and admission will be charged.

Likewise, the Glenvar varsity will play a Benefit game at Blacksburg High School this Friday. It's scheduled to begin at 7 pm as well.

Both teams had controlled scrim-

mages last Friday. Salem was in Charlottesville to go against Albemarle and Maury High Schools.

"I saw some good things and some areas we need to work on," said Salem coach Don Holter. "We have a long way to go but we're working day by day, week by week, to correct the little things. I'm proud of the attitude and effort, we just have to sharpen our sword and that starts by doing the little things right."

Glenvar had a home scrimmage last Friday with William Byrd and Pulaski County.

"I was pleasantly surprised," said coach Kevin Clifford. "The kids competed, and that's what you're looking for. We played a Class 3 school that

won 12 games last year and a Pulaski team that I consider to be one of the top programs, year after year, in the Roanoke Valley. We don't scout anyone but our defense played fairly well and we competed.

"The mistakes we made were coachable mistakes, but you can't correct effort. I liked what I saw as far as the competitive nature of our team."

The regular season opens August 30 with Glenvar at Galax and Salem at Liberty Christian Academy in Lynchburg. Look for a special section previewing the high school teams, TOUCHDOWN XLVIII, in next week's edition of the Salem Times-Register.



Above, Salem defensive coordinator Ryan Murphy surveys the action during Monday's practice, and right above and below Spartans have a spirited day of work with the Liberty Christian Academy opening game less than two weeks away.



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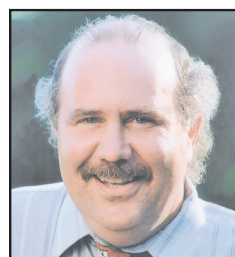
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## Eddie Joyce coaching tree drops a leaf at Roanoke College

*Brian Hoffman*



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Above, Andrew Lewis High graduate Jeff Highfill, who played for Eddie Joyce's Wolverines, coaches tight ends at the Maroons first practice last Friday. Below, Highfill checks out the first year players as they loosen up.



Jeff Highfill, who played high school football under Eddie Joyce at Andrew Lewis High School and served as head coach at William Byrd for 38 years, is back on the gridiron. Jeff is serving as a volunteer assistant coach for the brand new Roanoke College football team.

The Maroons opened practice last Friday on the field encircled by the C. Homer Bast track with over 60 hopefuls. The field got a new Bermuda grass surface over the summer and is green and lush for the first Roanoke College football practices since World War II.

Highfill, a Salem native whose wife Katie was a Lewis cheerleader, retired from his head coaching position at Byrd after the 2018 season. Since then the field at Byrd has been named for him and he's spent time playing golf and enjoying retirement, that is until new Roanoke College coach Bryan Stinespring gave him a call.

"Coach Stinespring called me the first day he officially had the job," said Highfill. "I was honored. I told him my days of full-time coaching were over but I'd be glad to help."

If 13-14 hours a day isn't full-time, then Jeff is a part-time helper. He's been at the college for 8:15 am meetings and the earliest he's been home since practice started was around 9 pm.

"I've gone from zero to 100 miles an hour," said Highfill. "We've had 12 to 14 hour days and I'm 72 years old, but it's great to be around that family atmosphere again with the coaches and players."

Jeff is coaching tight ends, kickers and punters. He'll be in the press box on game days, and the Maroons will have five club games this fall before taking on a full Old Dominion Athletic Conference varsity schedule for the 2025 season. This year's opener will be against the Hampden-Sydney College junior varsity team on Sunday, September 8, at Salem Stadium. The Maroons will also play jayvee teams from Shenandoah University and Bridgewater

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## New Salem volleyball coach has quality assistants



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Above, Salem volleyball coach Doug Eller (dark shirt and hat) watches last week's scrimmage with Franklin County at Salem High School. To the left, holding the clipboard, is former Spartan coach David Turk who coached the Spartans to a state championship in 1998. Seated to the right is Beth Denton, who stepped down to spend more time with her family following last year's season. Right photo, Emme Custer (#13) and Bailey Redford go up for a block against Franklin County.



The Salem High volleyball team will open the season next Tuesday, August 27, when the Spartans play at Roanoke Catholic. Salem has a new head coach in Doug Eller, who takes the reins from Beth Denton.

"Beth reached out to me during the travel season saying she was stepping down to spend more time with her family," said Eller, who coached in the very successful Glenvar program and assisted Linsey Firebaugh at James River last year. The former Linsey Bailey was a standout player at Roanoke College and led the Knights to a spot in the state Class 2 tournament last fall with Eller by her side.

"I have wanted to be involved at Salem for a while so it seemed to be the perfect time to do so," said Eller. "I have worked with all three seniors and one of the juniors through my travel volleyball team so it made even more sense."

Doug will have a great staff around him, including three former high school coaches. David Turk and Russ Danstrum are former varsity head coaches for the Spartans and Basil Conner served as head coach at Glenvar. Moriah Moore and Chris Thomas will also be varsity assistants along with Turk while Sarah Beth Walton will coach with Conner and Danstrum on the Salem jayvee team.

"Coach Turk and Basil were coaches on the 1998 state championship team and Moriah Moore was a player," said Eller. "Basil and I have coached together at Glenvar and also in travel. It's pretty exciting to be surrounded by so many good coaches that want to see Salem be great."

Salem is coming off a 7-13 season but that record is somewhat misleading as the Spartans lost a bunch of close matches. They split with Cave Spring and dropped several matches in five tough sets.

Salem returns three seniors, Myah Crews and sisters Tinsley and Tate Thomas. A strong junior class with varsity experience includes Emme Custer, Gabby Crawley, Bailey Redford and Emma Collins. Returning sophomores are Kate and Macy Gibson, who both saw varsity time last year.

New to the varsity are juniors Ashlin Hudson and Kimberly Reyes-Chacha and sophomores Kourtney Goens and Jenna Wilkes.

Salem's in a tough district with defending state Class 3 champion Hidden Valley returning most of their team and Christiansburg is also expected to be strong. Both are Class 3, so they won't be in the post-season with Class 4 Salem.

"Our goal is to make it to region and states," said Eller.

Salem looked promising in last week's scrimmage with Franklin County and Wednesday of this week they were scheduled to host Jefferson Forest. The regular season home opener is a week from today, August 29, when Salem plays host to Northside.