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Branson sworn in as interim Salem Sheriff

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

In front of family, friends, fellow law enforcement officers, city and Salem Courthouse staff, Jonathan Branson was sworn in as interim Salem City Sheriff. He is the fifth sheriff since Salem became an independent city in 1968.

Circuit Court Judge Christopher Clemens gave the oath to Branson on Aug. 21 and then hugged him as people packing the courtroom watched and applauded.

Branson will serve until Jan. 1, 2025, the end of Sheriff April Staton's term. He was captain before taking over from his boss. She is resigning effective Aug. 31 after serving in the sheriff's office since 2003. Staton became sheriff in 2018, and was the first woman to be sheriff.

"Building relationships is what I have

tried to do," said Branson. "Developing future leaders in the office is what I am here for. My goal is to work hard and be humble. I am confident this will be a seamless tradition," he added.

Branson noted that his two of his three young children were under three years old when he started with the Salem Sheriff's Office. He was a correctional officer with the Western Virginia Regional Jail, a deputy with the Boutetourt County Sheriff's Office, then served 10 years in Salem.

Sheriff Staton told the audience "Leaving is bittersweet. I am excited to go of to new things and sad to leave this behind. We've built something great here. The Sheriff's Office is family."

She noted from the start that Branson was who she wanted to carry

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PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF SALEM

Circuit Court Judge Chris Clemens swears in Jonathan Branson as interim Salem City Sheriff on Aug. 21 in the Salem Circuit Courthouse.



President Frank Shushok helps students with move-in.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROANOKE COLLEGE

The Roanoke College Class of 2028 consists of 539 students.

Roanoke College welcomes 539 new students for 2024-25 academic year

On Saturday, Roanoke College celebrated the arrival of 539 new freshmen and transfer students during the kickoff to move-in weekend. Students and families were greeted by a phalanx of campus volunteers who helped them get settled in.

The festivities began at 8 a.m. Saturday with a ceremonial ringing of the campus bell led by Roanoke College President Frank Shushok Jr. The bell was sounded 28 times to mark the arrival of the Class of 2028.

The incoming class hails from 31 states and 13 countries. They're arriving at Roanoke College at an

auspicious time that includes the launch of new degree programs, new co-curricular initiatives and the start of construction on a new leading-edge STEM facility.

"You've come here excited to grow and learn through new experiences," Shushok said during the President's Welcome, an event that brings the new class together to hear from campus leaders and commemorate the start of their journey as Maroons.

"We believe in you," Shushok said. "Thank you all for joining the Maroon family. We are better because you're here."

Move-in weekend marked the start of a slate of celebratory events

to welcome students to campus in the leadup to the first day of classes, which fell on Wednesday, Aug. 28. Between move-in weekend and the start of classes, game nights, athletic events, open houses and more will be held to acclimate students to their new campus home.

"We're so happy that you're here," said Student Government Association President Joshua Masten '24, "and we can't wait to get to know each and every one of you."

-The Salem Times-Register

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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 11 a.m. 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 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 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.

-The Salem Times-Register

Beloved band director Dennis Reaser, Jr. passes at 84

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The family of Marvin Dennis Reaser, Jr. announced last week that he died peacefully on the morning of August 20. He was 84.

Reaser was born on July 28, 1940, in Nitro, WV, but was raised in St. Albans, WV, in a family of very modest means. Sometimes the only food served for dinner was "Cracker Soup" (hot water over Saltines), and the school wardrobe consisted of one shirt and one pair of pants, worn daily and laundered nightly.

Music was important in the Reaser household, and piano lessons were required for Dennis, his sister, Sally, and his brother, David. Sally loved her lessons and grew up to become an

expert accompanist, piano teacher and choir director, but Reaser and David hated their lessons and wanted out. Happily, David was destined for glory on the basketball court. Reaser, however, found his escape when one of his aunts gave him a trumpet and two mouthpieces. He loved that trumpet, especially because he was able to play cowboys and Indians with the mouthpieces, which he repurposed as guns. Between Western shootouts, he discovered that he could produce a sound by blowing with pierced lips into the mouthpiece. One successful buzz led to another, and before he knew it, he was showing enough promise as a trumpet player to be released from his piano lessons, though not before

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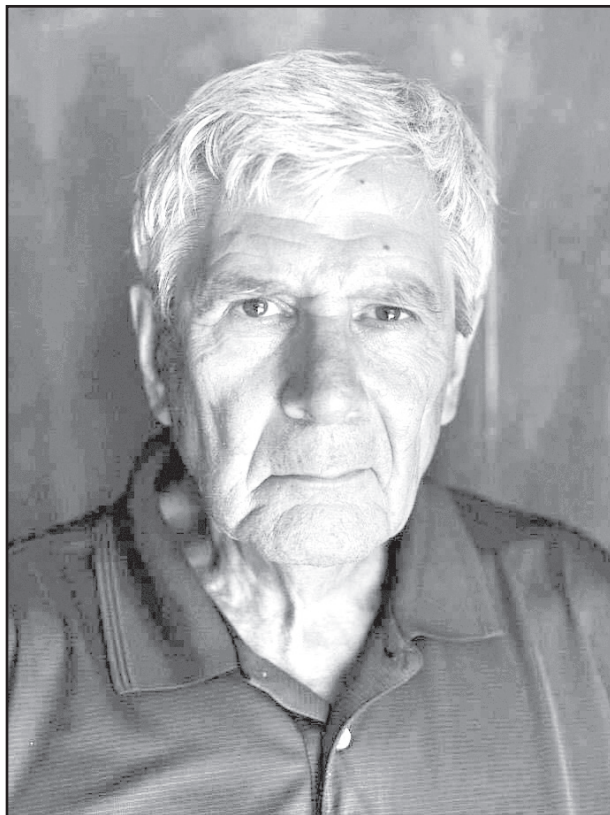
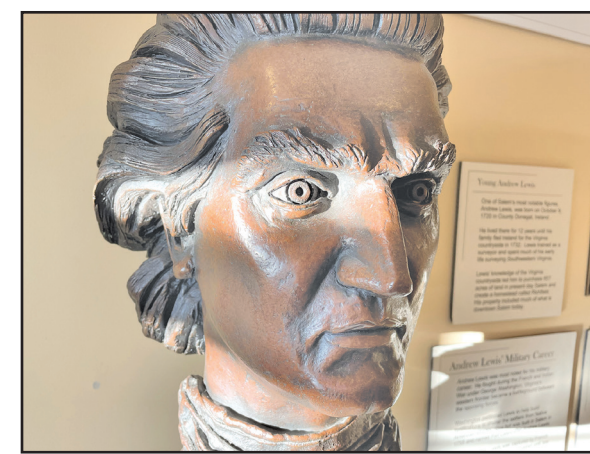


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Reaser in a portrait by his son, Andrew Dennis Reaser.



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A bronze bust of Gen. Andrew Lewis.

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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.

Casework Staff Mobile Office Hours: Congressman Ben Cline (VA-06) has announced that his office will hold Casework Staff Mobile Office Hours in Salem. A member of Cline's staff will hold casework staff mobile office hours at the Salem Public Library (Meeting Room), 28 East Main Street, Salem, VA, on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. A staff member will be available to meet with citizens to assist with problems they might have with a federal agency and hear their views on current issues before Congress.

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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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will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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Public meetings: The Salem City 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.

Virginia Western fuels Roanoke Valley economy on many levels, new study finds

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College contributes over \$300 million annually to the regional economy, according to a new study.

The report from data analytics firm Lightcast found that Virginia Western added \$329.1 million in income to the Roanoke Valley economy in the year studied, fiscal year 2021-22.

Those \$329.1 million in contributions come from three sources: college operations, students and alumni. The net impact of the college's operations spending added \$32.9 million in annual income to the regional economy. The expenditures of students who relocated

to the Roanoke Valley or who would have left if they had not attended Virginia Western added \$3.5 million in income to the Roanoke Valley economy. Significantly, the net impact of Virginia Western's former students currently employed in the regional workforce amounted to \$292.7 million in added annual income.

"Virginia Western has invested great energy into being a responsive contributor to the Roanoke Valley's economy," said Dr. Robert Sandel, president of Virginia Western. "The Lightcast study shows the many ways the College helps fuel the valley's

economic engine."

Virginia Western's impact supported 4,405 jobs. For perspective, the activities of Virginia Western and its students support one out of every 46 jobs in the Roanoke Valley.

On an individual level, Virginia Western students see tangible benefits of investing in their education. The average Virginia Western graduate receiving an associate degree in the year studied will see annual earnings that are \$8,900 higher than a person with a high school diploma or equivalent working in Virginia.

Students' increased earnings in

turn help taxpayers see a return on investment. Taxpayers provided Virginia Western with \$21.6 million of funding in the year studied. For every dollar of public money invested in Virginia Western, taxpayers will receive \$2.40 in return, over the course of students' working lives.

On a larger scale, for every dollar invested in Virginia Western in the year studied, people in Virginia will receive \$8.00 in return. Altogether, the social benefits of Virginia Western equal a present value of \$574.5 million

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

I went to Sam's Club the other day and that was a mistake. I was in a snacking mood, so I had to leave before I bought out the store. But I did get another container of Hidden Valley dry ranch mix. I, like every other American, like ranch dressing. I put ranch dry seasoning on my chicken when I bake it. I dip my pizza in Ranch. I even eat it on my salads.

The history of ranch dressing is interesting and goes back farther than you would think. According to Jacksonchips.com, around 1950, Steve Henson made history when he whipped up a mix of dry herbs and buttermilk. Originally a plumber, Steve made up this mix while working in Anchorage, Alaska. In 1954, Steve and his wife bought land in Santa Barbara, California and opened a dude ranch called Hidden Valley. He started serving the dressing for his guests on everything from salads to steaks. The locals took home the dressing in jars. Henson started packaging up the dry mix in envelopes that he could mail to customers. He moved to New Mexico and sold his recipe to the Clorox Company in the 1970's. It was not until 1983 that people could buy a bottle of premixed ranch at the grocery store. The turning point for ranch from a local simple salad dressing to a nationwide love happened in 1986 with the invention of Cool Ranch Doritos. This taste hooked many Americans on ranch dressing as a condiment for French fries, chicken wings, pizza, and more. Forty percent of Americans name it as their favorite salad dressing. Ranch dressing is customizable by adding different herbs and sauces to it, such as chipotle sauce for a smoky, spicy kick. Ranch dressing



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

is made in gluten free, vegan, and dairy free versions. My millennial goddaughter was shocked to find out that ranch dressing did not always exist since she grew up with it.

Since I was feeling snacky, I thought about making some popcorn, but I did not want plain popcorn. I use an air popper to cut down on the oil and calories, but it is a little dry. I saw the dressing mix on the counter because I had not put the groceries away yet and thought why not. It actually turned out pretty good. I made this popcorn and took some to the office and it got some good comments.

Cool ranch popcorn

- 2 Tbsps. dry ranch dressing mix
- 1 tsp paprika
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- ½ cup popcorn kernels
- Spray olive oil

Mix ranch seasoning, paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, and salt in a bowl. Pop the popcorn



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in an air popper to avoid the need for additional oil. Spread popcorn in a single layer on a baking sheet or waxed paper. Lightly spray the popped corn with olive oil- very lightly- do not over saturate! Sprinkle the popped corn with the seasoning. Lightly move/mix the popcorn. Continue to spray and sprinkle until you have finished coating all the popcorn. Enjoy! Tip: You can use microwave popcorn or oil popped corn- just adjust/lessen the amount of seasoning and oil you add to the popcorn. Small batches do best.

Reaser

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his piano teacher had taken him around town on tour as a boy soprano...a sideline he was not at all inclined to discuss with the football-playing boys he hung around with.

Reaser grew into a fine musician, even on the piano, which he played by ear, eventually releasing two CDs of his playing. He was a star in the St. Albans Jr. High and High School Bands. His band director, Alan Farley, saw something special in him, a fact that would figure prominently in Reaser's future career path. In July of 1959, after one year of college, Dennis enlisted in the United States Navy. He served for four years, sailing to Africa, Saudi Arabia and the Seychelles while playing trumpet in the Navy Band. Upon his discharge from the Navy, Reaser landed two teaching jobs as band director, without having yet earned his college degree. The first was at Macedonia High School in South Carolina, and the second was at DuPont High School in West Virginia. He subsequently earned his undergraduate degree from Morris Harvey College in Charleston, WV (now the University of Charleston), and became a teacher with credentials in 1968.

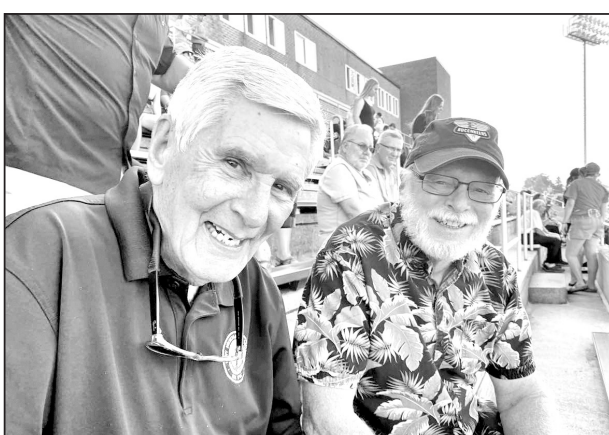
In that year, his former high school band director came back on the scene. Alan Farley had moved to Salem to direct the Andrew Lewis High School Band a few years prior, and was vacating that position to move into school administration. He called up Reaser and recommended that he apply for the band director job. Reaser applied, but the position went to another candidate. The following year, however, he successfully reapplied and landed the job that would form his career for the next 30-plus years. As band director at Andrew Lewis and subsequently, Salem High, he instituted the disciplined and structured practices he picked up in the Navy. His award-winning bands were known for their student-led governance and emphasis on excellence and hard work. Throughout his tenure as Salem's high school band director, "Mr. Reaser" branched out to work on several complementary pursuits. He earned his master's degree in music composition from Radford University, played trumpet in countless gigs at The Homestead and The Greenbrier resorts with the Freddie Lee Orchestra (eventually purchasing the band and rebranding it as the Dennis Reaser Orchestra), helped bring the Drum Corps International Summer Music Games to Salem, authored the book, How to Build a Championship Marching Band,

composed and arranged music for concert, jazz, and marching bands, and took coursework in school administration in order to serve as summer school principal.

In 2001, a gala at the Salem Civic Center on a day dubbed "Dennis Reaser Day" by the City of Salem, marked his retirement from Salem City Schools. Proclamations were read, and the Salem City Council presented him with a key to the city in the presence of hundreds of band alumni, family and friends. After that memorable affair, Reaser decided he had too much gas left in his tank to settle down and play golf every day. He was pretty good at golf, but he was bad at relaxing. So he accepted the position of band director at Hargrave Military Academy, where he stayed for three years, and then moved to Kill Devil Hills, NC, to serve as assistant principal of First Flight High School for more than 10 years.

Reaser finally retired for good in 2015. He moved back to Salem and spent the remaining years of his life composing and arranging music, playing in community bands such as Winds of the Blue Ridge, the Melrose Baptist Church band, and the Gloryland Band at CommUNITY Church, hanging out at the Spartan Square Starbucks and the West Salem Lowes, and visiting with his treasured family and friends, twice flying to Los Angeles to play piano for his son's Christmas party. Reaser began suffering from an undiagnosed form of Parkinson's Disease during his final seven years, but he thought he was just getting old and feeble. He stayed a few steps ahead of the disease for a long time by willing himself to get up and walk every single day, always striving for between five and ten thousand steps.

After being hospitalized in early July of this year, he was properly diagnosed. By that time, the disease had physically overtaken him, but he was always cognizant of what was going on and eager to keep learning and improving. He made valiant efforts at physical



Reaser at the DCI Summer Music Games, which he helped bring to Salem.

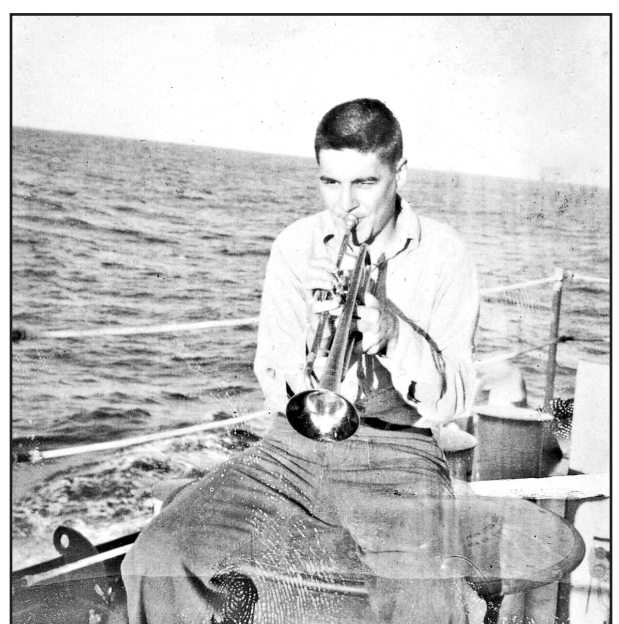
and occupational therapy, but was ultimately unable to recover, the family said. His final weeks were spent at home being loved and cared for by his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and closest friends. A flood of loving and grateful messages from former students, friends and colleagues were received and read to Reaser each day during this time, bringing comfort not only to him but also to his family and friends. Most importantly, he used his final days to firm up his relationships with his dearest and closest loved ones, and to reconcile his heart to his Maker's. During his hospital and hospice time, he repeatedly asked to hear one particular song: "Mirror" by Evie Tornquist Karlsson. Evie herself emailed Reaser twice when she was made aware of this fact.

Former students will recall myriad "Reaserisms" that have stuck with them through the years. One of them, "Life is a constant struggle to get back in tune," truly captures the spirit of how Reaser lived. He remained naturally curious into his golden years, introducing himself to strangers young and old, sometimes to brag about his children, but more often to tell a joke. He loved meeting people who were from West Virginia or who were fans of West Virginia University. Likewise, he was partial to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. If he spotted someone wearing a cap or other indication of their service, he always approached them and struck up a conversation. Often, he'd give them a recording of his Pearl Harbor memorial

opus, "Pearl," on CD, performed by the U.S. Army Band. When he was proud of you, he made sure you knew it. If he was beyond proud of you, he'd pull out his wallet and hand you a twenty-dollar bill. His family, friends and loved ones have countless happy memories of Reaser, and we are honored to have known a great man who never stopped searching for truth, trying to improve himself and who had such a profound, positive impact on the lives of those around him.

Brian Hoffman, sports editor of The Salem Times-Register, said, "Dennis Reaser was certainly an icon in Salem. He was well known by all and, although he could be tough with his students, he was revered by the members of his 'Pride of Salem' band. As sports editor I recall him bumping heads with football coach Eddie Joyce over practice time at Salem Municipal Field. As the days grew shorter it was the only place both could practice under the lights, and they battled for time on the field. Also, I remember how Joyce would bring his team back from halftime before the halftime show concluded and that would drive Dennis nuts. Charlie Hammersley told me 'not too many people went head-to-head with Eddie, but Dennis would.' He loved the band, and he loved his music. He helped us pick out music for our wedding and I considered him a good friend. His spirit lives on in the 'Pride of Salem.'"

Chris Sams, a member of the class of 2000, said, "Halfway through my senior year of high school, Mr. Reaser could see that



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Reaser in his Navy days.

I was still trying to figure out what I wanted to do after I graduated. He asked my parents permission to make a recommendation to me and they gave their approval. Shortly after that he asked me, 'You love music and enjoy performing music, right? Would you like to travel and get paid to play music?' My answer of course was, 'Yes, that would be great!' Mr. Reaser grinned and said, 'Join the Navy Band.' So I auditioned on saxophone and was accepted into the Navy Music program and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August of 2000. 24 years later, I have traveled all over the U.S. and to over 50 countries to play for audiences including many Heads of State and U.S. Presidents. I'm now a Master Chief currently serving as the Senior Enlisted Leader at Navy Band Northeast. At my first duty station in Italy, I'm met my wife, Andrea, who was also stationed there at the time, and we now have three wonderful boys. I truly owe it all to Mr. Reaser."

Cece Bell said of Reaser, "We were not allowed to say the word 'can't' in Mr. Reaser's band. If we did, we had to do five push-ups (or more). So when I started band in 7th grade, Mr. Reaser wasn't about to tell me, a deaf kid, 'you can't be in the band.' What a gift it was to be included! His standards were the highest; his sense of humor unparalleled. I couldn't wait to go to school each day to find out

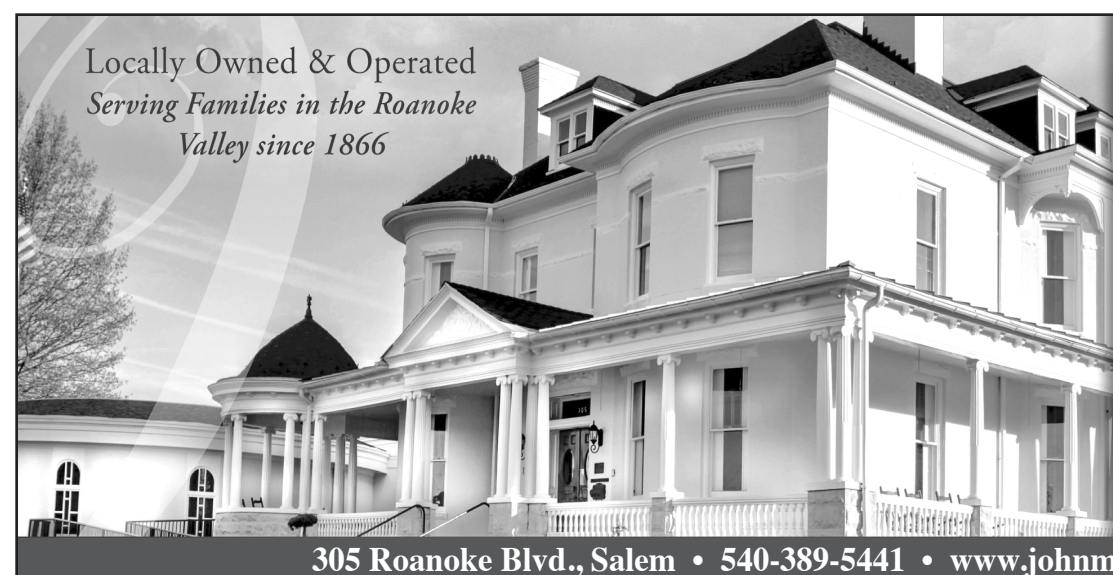
what he might say next. His lessons paved the way for me in both tangible and intangible ways, and without a doubt he was easily the greatest teacher I ever had. I'm not the only one who would say that. We are all going to miss him very much."

Reaser was adamant that there be no funeral in his honor. The family will hold a private graveside service at Ketron Cemetery in Roncoveverte, WV, in the near future. A celebration of Reaser's life in which former students, friends and colleagues may reunite and share memories is likely to be planned and announced soon in the Pride of Salem Alumni group on Facebook. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that those interested consider a donation of any amount to the Dennis Reaser Pride of Salem Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a deserving graduating band member. And listen to some good jazz. That would make Reaser very happy, the family said.

Donations may be made online at the direct link below this obituary or by searching "Dennis Reaser" here: <https://sefandaa.org>

Checks made payable to the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association may be mailed to SEFAA, Dennis Reaser Pride of Salem Endowment, PO Box 1461, Salem, VA 24153. Be sure to write "Dennis Reaser Endowment" in the memo area of the check.

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OPINION

While Congress continued its District Work Period, I had a great three-day healthcare tour across communities in the Valley. I met with different doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals to learn more about how we can best help their needs and their patients' needs for our healthcare system. I had another great telephone town hall last week, hearing great insight and answering constituents' questions directly. Additionally, I joined Congressman Morgan Griffith and spoke with folks at the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce's annual "Breakfast with Our Legislators" event. It was great to present Congressional Record plaques to different people and organizations across the Valley. As Congress continues its District Work period, I look forward to hearing more about how to make Washington work better for residents of Virginia's Sixth District.

Healthcare Tour Across Virginia's Sixth District

In Virginia's Sixth District, we are fortunate to have outstanding hospitals, clinics, and care providers who are deeply committed to serving our communities. However, the past few years have brought significant changes and challenges to our healthcare system, and I've heard from countless folks in Virginia's Sixth District who are concerned about the future of their healthcare.

That's why last week, I went on a three-day healthcare tour across Virginia's Sixth District to give an update on what's happening in Congress, as well as hear ideas on how I can better represent doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals' needs along with the needs of citizens who utilize these local healthcare providers. During this tour, I met with different healthcare professionals and explored the work of hospitals, clinics, and organizations dedicated to delivering quality care.

I launched the tour in the Roanoke area, visiting the



Ben Cline

Congressman

Sheila S. Strauss Hospice House, Friendship Richfield Living, the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at the Virginia Tech Carilion Center, and the Clinic Center for Simulation, Research, and Patient Safety. On the second day of the tour, I was in the Harrisonburg area where I visited Augusta Health in Fishersville and James Madison University's Nursing Program. I concluded the tour with stops in Winchester, meeting with representatives from the Shenandoah Community Health Center, as well as individuals from the Shenandoah University's Health Professions School, as well as Valley Health Winchester Medical Center.

The healthcare tour was an invaluable opportunity to connect with dedicated individuals in the healthcare field. I am committed to ensuring that those on the front lines of healthcare have a strong voice in the policymaking process.

Telephone Town Hall

Thank you to everyone who joined our Frederick County, Clarke County, Shenandoah County, and Winchester City telephone town hall last week. Your engaging questions and insights are vital as we work together to serve Virginia's Sixth District. I enjoy holding both in-person and telephone town halls in each of the 22 counties and cities in the Sixth Congressional District, and I look forward to hosting similar events in the future.



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Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce's "Breakfast with Our Legislators."

Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

I had a great time last week at the annual "Breakfast with Our Legislators" event with Congressman Morgan Griffith and the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce. It was great to connect with so many of you and share insights on key issues. Thank you to all the folks who attended.

School is Back in Session

It's that time of year again—back-to-school season in Virginia's Sixth District. As our students, families, teachers, and staff head back to school, let's all take a moment to stay extra vigilant. Safety is a community effort, so be sure to watch out for those making their way to and from school. I want to wish everyone a fantastic start to what promises to be an incredible school year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Congressman. If my office can ever be of assistance, please contact my Washington office at (202) 225-5431.

Virginia Consumer Sentiment and Inflation Expectations Report has been released

Consumer sentiment jumped almost four and a half points over the summer to 74.2, reversing the skid of the second quarter. Nationally, inflation fell below 3.0% in July for the first time since March 2021, likely bolstering consumer optimism.

A quarter of respondents report that their household finances are better today than a year ago, while 36% believe that now is a good time to buy large, durable goods, such as a refrigerator. The Virginia Index of Current Conditions (ICC) is 62.0 in the third reading of 2024, up slightly from the previous quarter and

Roanoke College Poll

above the preliminary national value (60.9) but well

below the highs before the COVID-19 pandemic. Strong economic news continues, including slowing price growth with a robust labor market and personal consumption levels. Wage growth continues to outpace inflation, giving workers more purchasing power; the overall economy, as measured by GDP, grew faster in the second quarter of 2024 than anticipated (2.8%).

Thirty-seven percent of Virginians believe their household finances will improve over the coming year compared to 22% who anticipate growing

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Friends of Salem Library (FOSL) Fall Book Sale: Sept. 13-15

Books! Books! Books! FOSL Book sale Chairman, Ken Sosnowski, reports that the September book sale at the Salem Public Library will be well-stocked. Library staff had to stop accepting donations for the sale due to lack of storage space.

Volunteers have been busy pre-sorting the books to prepare for the sale. Unusual books and sets will be listed on the FOSL website prior to the sale: www.SalemLibraryFriends.com

Friday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m.-noon: FOSL Members Only Sale. If you are not currently a member, you may pay the membership fee and join at the door to get an early look at the sale.

Public sale:
 Friday, Sept. 13, 12-7 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday, Sept. 15, 1-4 p.m.;

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

Bag Sale. Fill a shopping bag for \$5!

The book sales are the largest fundraising method the FOSLs use to provide support to the Salem Public Library. Their focus is on books and reading, but they do so much more. There's more: funding for community-building events, Storytelling programs, furniture for the library, including the children's area and display fixtures, story time supplies, adult art program supplies, technology needs. They sponsor the Salem Public Library Summer Reading Program for all ages, including prizes, performers, and craft supplies.



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CLUES ACROSS
 1. Currency of Guinea
 5. Avert something bad
 10. Sounds
 12. Immediate dangers
 14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
 16. Californium
 18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
 19. Coastal Scottish town
 20. Triangular lower back bones
 22. Trouble
 23. A way to smile
 25. Something that is not what it seems
 26. Of she
 27. Temporary living quarters
 28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal

30. Indicates near
 31. Spiritual leader
 33. Soup dish
 35. Philippine island
 37. No longer fashionable
 38. Peaks
 40. Alabama football team
 41. ___ King Cole
 42. Digital audiotape
 44. Open trough
 45. The woman
 48. Cools down
 50. Turkic language
 52. Body part
 53. Pulse steadily
 55. Embedded computer hardware company
 56. Indicates shape
 57. Thou (plural)
 58. Odd and remarkable
 63. An evening party

65. National capital of Zambia
 66. Tantalizes
 67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN
 1. Not naturally outgoing
 2. Exclamation of pain
 3. Polynesian garland of flowers
 4. Surrounded by water
 5. Church towers
 6. Hot beverage
 7. Body parts
 8. Travel documents
 9. Railway
 10. Gradually wear away
 11. Measuring instrument
 13. Minor dust-ups
 15. Strongly alkaline solution
 17. Extreme scarcity of food
 18. Dash
 21. Philly culinary specialty
 23. Popular lager ___ Adams
 24. Snitch
 27. Trimmed
 29. Greek god of desire
 32. Take to the limit
 34. Cool!
 35. Sound mental health
 36. Native American group
 39. Test for high schoolers
 40. Rocky peak
 43. Preferences
 44. Bother
 46. Call attention to (slang)
 47. Snake-like fish
 49. Bulgarian capital
 51. Don't know when yet
 54. Italian Seaport
 59. Brooklyn hoopster
 60. Where to bathe
 61. Equal, prefix
 62. Beverage container
 64. Denotes openness

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Geese pictured in Salem



Geese flying over Spartan Field.

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Railroad crossing removed from Kesler Mill Road



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Earlier this week, construction began to remove the railroad tracks across Main Street at the Kesler Mill Road intersection. "Thank you for your patience as Main Street detours will be in place through the 'smooth' completion this week," the city of Salem said.



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Touring Friendship Richfield Living to see their assisted living facility, their nursing home facility, and their rehab physical therapy center in Salem.

Rep. Cline goes on regional healthcare tour

Last week, Rep. Ben Cline kicked off his comprehensive three-day Sixth District Healthcare tour, visiting key healthcare facilities on Tuesday in Roanoke. The tour took Cline to various communities across Virginia's Sixth Congressional District, where he engaged with healthcare professionals and explored the work of hospitals, clinics and organizations dedicated to delivering quality care.

"The past few years have brought significant changes and challenges to our healthcare system, and I've heard from countless constituents who are concerned about the future of their healthcare," said Cline. "In Virginia's Sixth District, we are fortunate to have outstanding hospitals, clinics, and care providers who are deeply committed to serving our communities. By visiting these facilities and listening to the experiences of doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals, I can better represent their needs along with the needs of citizens who utilize these local healthcare providers. I am committed to

ensuring that those on the front lines of healthcare have a strong voice in the policymaking process."

On the first day of the tour, Rep. Cline visited the Sheila S. Strauss Hospice House, Friendship Richfield Living, the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at the Virginia Tech Carilion Center, and the Clinic Center for Simulation, Research, and Patient Safety, where he met with healthcare providers and discussed the pressing issues facing their facilities.

On the second day of the tour, Congressman Cline is in the Harrisonburg area to visit Augusta Health in Fishersville and James Madison University's Nursing Program.

He concluded the tour on Thursday with stops in Winchester, where he met with representatives from the Shenandoah Community Health Center, as well as individuals from the Shenandoah University's Health Professions School, as well as Valley Health Winchester Medical Center.

-The Salem Times-Register

Roanoke College renames president's house in honor of Fishwick family

After 56 years as the Roanoke College President's House, the stately mansion at 535 N. Market Street in Salem will soon have a new name – Fishwick House – in honor of the family that sold it to the college and continued to support the institution in numerous ways across three generations.

The Roanoke College Board of Trustees last week approved a resolution to change the name of the Greek Revival-style home, which has housed six presidents and their families since 1968. It will continue to house Roanoke College presidents under its new moniker.

"We are delighted to honor the Fishwick family's remarkable legacy at Roanoke College by naming the President's house in their honor," said Roanoke College President Frank Shushok Jr. "Today, Fishwick House is more than our home. It is a gathering place for the Roanoke College community that the Fishwick family has loved and served for three generations."

Fishwick House was built in 1937 by a local pastor named Dr. LeRoy Gresham. It was later owned by attorney John P. Fishwick, a 1937 graduate of Roanoke College who went on to become president of the Norfolk & Western Railway. In that role, Fishwick fostered deep ties between the railroad and the college that remain strong today; in the shadow of his influence, a series of Roanoke College

alumni advanced to C-suite positions at Norfolk & Western and its post-merger iteration, Norfolk Southern Corp.

John P. Fishwick generously supported his alma mater with both time and resources, serving on the board of trustees from 1964-1972 and making significant donations to support student education, including the establishment of an endowed professorship in English. His first wife, Blair Wiley Fishwick '37, also served on the board of trustees – from 1976-1981 – and established another endowed scholarship for students. Blair Fishwick died in 1987.

Fishwick's second wife, Doreen Fishwick, carried on the family's devotion to Roanoke College, creating an endowed scholarship in her own name. In 2021, she was awarded an honorary doctorate by the board of trustees, and upon her recent death in May, she left the college a generous bequest.

John P. Fishwick Jr., along with his wife, Jeanne, extended the family legacy, giving and serving generously to support transformative learning experiences for students. Their involvement has included the Turk Pre-Law Program and the men's and women's tennis programs, among other areas.

In 2021, John A. "Jack" Fishwick followed in his grandfather's footsteps when he graduated from

Roanoke College and became the third generation of the Fishwick family to contribute to the college. He now serves as the head coach of Maroons' men's and women's tennis teams.

"It has been a privilege for me and my family to be part of Roanoke College's illustrious history," said John P. Fishwick Jr., "and we are greatly honored by the renaming of the President's House."

Since the Fishwick family sold their N. Market Street home to Roanoke College more than 50 years ago, it has offered a warm and inviting welcome to countless students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college. Whether it is hosting new employees and students at the beginning of an academic year or bidding farewell to seniors, Fishwick House has been – and will continue to be – the setting for unforgettable milestones in the lives of our community members.

It is fitting that Fishwick House will now stand as a physical reminder of the Fishwick family's generosity and devotion to Roanoke. The new name is meant to celebrate the many countless ways they have helped shape the institution into a place that develops students as whole persons and prepares them for responsible lives of learning, service and leadership.

-The Salem Times-Register

FROM THE ARCHIVES

DUMMY LINE'S "CHERRY TREE STOP" NOTED

Fare Twenty Cents From Roanoke - One Car Ran Over Track Early To Avoid Legal Entanglement

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

Some of the older residents of this county can remember when the dummy steam engine pulled a couple of cars between Roanoke and Salem. That was in 1891 and the establishment of this service was at about the time that Roanoke was putting on the streets their mule-drawn street cars.

When Roanoke secured a charter to operate mule drawn street cars the company almost lost their charter because of the fact that this charter provided that the cars should be in operation by a certain date but while the track was ready the cars were not. In order to comply with the terms of the charter the company pressed into service the dummy steam engine and made one trip over the tracks in order to project the charter. Some difficulty was encountered in making the little steam engine stay on the track but

it cleared up the technical point that threatened to prevent them from operating mule drawn street cars.

It was soon after this event that the dummy steam line was placed on regular schedule between Roanoke and Salem. A similar line was in operation between Roanoke and Salem. A similar line was in operation between Roanoke and Vinton, the Vinton line being put in operation a couple of months before the line to Salem got started.

These little engines pulled two cars as a rule and the line had one car which was a combination passenger and package car. An engineer, fireman and conductor was necessary for the dummy line.

The Route To Salem

In coming out of Roanoke the dummy line extended up Second street, S.W. to West Fifth street and thence to Third avenue, up to Eleventh street

and to Orange avenue. From there it went out by way of Horton's race track to Washington Heights and to Salem.

"Cherry Tree Station" was the name of the station at the city limits and passengers could ride to this point for five cents. At that time quite a bit of development was in progress about Washington Heights as the boom was on and certain promoters who also had an interest in the line were endeavoring to build a town at Washington Heights. A skating rink and dance pavilion were located there.

To that point from Roanoke the fare was ten cents. The next stop was at Peters Creek and the fare to that point from Roanoke was fifteen cents. The next stop was Coyner's Springs or Mason's Creek as it was sometimes called and the fare to that point was twenty cents.

It was not until 1892 that electrically operated street cars came into use in

SCHOOLS IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BUILT Virginia; Left to Right, Top Row: W. W. Ballard, 1872-89; L. R. H. ter: William M. Graybill, 1886-8 C. Stearnes, 1892-1906; Roland B.

DUMMY LINE'S "CHERRY TREE STOP" NOTED
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Salem and soon after that the line to Salem was electrified.

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu

OBITUARY

Wiley, Lewis S.

Lewis S. Wiley, a widely-respected horseman and cattle farmer and long-time Fauquier County resident, passed away peacefully at his family's home, Gordonsdale Farm in The Plains, Virginia, on Sunday, August 11, 2024. He was 86. Born in Salem, Virginia, on June 30, 1938 to James Langhorne Wiley and Camille Dawson Wiley Sullivan, Lewis attended North Cross School with the very first class of students. He briefly attended Andrew Lewis High School prior to his four years at The Hill School in Pottstown, PA where he thrived - playing football, wrestling and running track. He graduated Hill in 1957. He attributed his years at Hill as instrumental in shaping him into the man he would become. He went on to graduate from The University of Virginia in 1962 where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) Fraternity and a member of the Ribbon Society—Eli Banana. Gordonsdale, a Thoroughbred horse farm where his father and stepmother, Molly, settled in 1965, became Lewis's home for more than 50 years. In 1966, he and his first wife, Helen Calvert Wiley, married and raised their two daughters at the farm. A second marriage to Carol Pierson followed. Lewis spent many mornings at the Middleburg Training Center watching and training horses and the facility provided some of his favorite memories. He



also was a fixture at the local steeplechase races - as an owner, trainer, steward, and a spectator - one of the few events that could get him to leave his beloved leather chair. He was on the board of Marshall National Bank and was Vice Chairman of Oak View Bank. Lewis was heavily involved with the Middleburg Spring Race Association since the early 1970s. His love of bird hunting with friends was one of his favorite pastimes. Whether it was shooting skeet, dove in a corn field, ducks at the marsh, pheasant in South Dakota or quail in Georgia - next to horses, that's where he was happiest. Lewis also loved watching a good John Wayne western as well as a musical, particularly his favorite, "Guys & Dolls." Monday nights were reserved for watching his much loved train program on TV with friends. Lewis knew how to have fun and was known for his sense of humor, kindness, quiet generosity and support of local organizations. He also was a loyal friend. One of his closest friends was the late Sandy Young; they traveled to

the yearling horse sales at Saratoga Springs, NY, to the Potomac River at Coles Point, VA and to the marshes of Port Micou near Loretto, VA. They were known to "work hard, and play harder" and coined the phrase "Come on Weekend!" Lewis took care of his friends and the people closest to him he saw every day at the farm. He was grateful to them and did not take their loyalty for granted. His family offers many thanks to his nurses, caregivers and to Jean Rofe for their help, support and love. He is survived by his daughters Elizabeth Wiley of The Plains, VA and Sheila Wiley Harrell (Martin) of The Plains, VA, grandchildren Molly Clayton Harrell and William Buchanan Harrell of The Plains, VA and stepbrother Lewis B. Pollard of Warrenton, VA. He was predeceased by his parents, his stepmother Mary LF Wiley, his brother James L. Wiley, stepister Karen Dudley Vaughn, half-sister Langhorne Wiley Canning and stepbrother Nelson Pollard. The family will have a private burial with a celebration of life at a date to be determined. Memorial donations can be made to The Fauquier SPCA (www.fauquierspca.com), your local hospice, or The Salem Museum (www.salemmuseum.org). Arrangements by Royston Funeral Home, Middleburg, VA. Please visit www.roystonfh.com to express online condolences to the family.

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challenges, while 52% percent think the coming few years will include strong economic growth. The Virginia Index of Consumer Expectations (ICE) was 82.0 in the third quarter of 2024, up almost seven points from the last quarter. Comparatively, the preliminary national ICE was 72.1 in August. The improved optimism about the near-term future indicates that consumers are becoming more confident that inflation moderation will be sustained and the economy will continue to prosper.

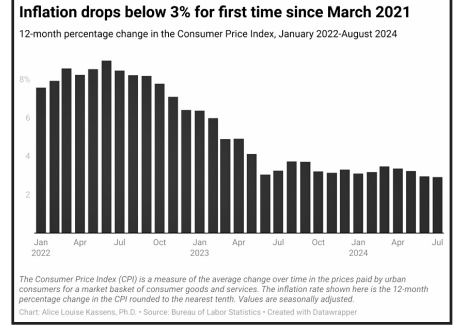
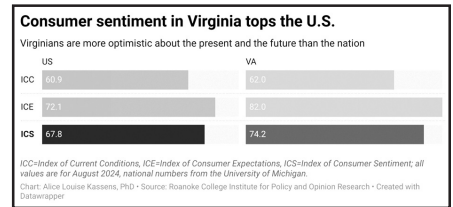
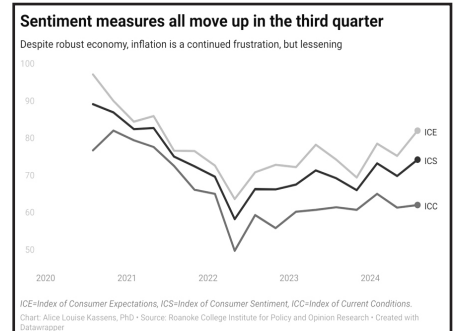
Nationally, inflation fell below 3.0% in July for the first time since March 2021, despite the shelter component comprising more than a third of the national inflation Consumer Price Index, at 5.0%. The 12-month average of short-term price expectations is 2.4% while the long-term value is 3.5%; both are within the range sustained over the two years before the COVID-19 pandemic. Virginians are growing more confident in inflation moderation and price stability, which reduces worry and facilitates budgetary planning.

Analysis

"Consumer sentiment improved over the summer, likely buoyed by the continued settling of prices," said Alice Louise Kassens, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics and Senior Analyst at the Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research. "Consumers continue to spend, which is crucial to economic growth. Our spending makes up close to 70% of all spending in the economy, so strong spending by households is paramount for a strong economy. Virginians' short- and long-term price expectations are consistent with where

they were before the pandemic. Things are more expensive than a year ago, but wage growth outpaces inflation, giving consumers more buying power - and they are spending. Consumers are driving our economy and remain a barrier to recessionary pressures."

- Conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College



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POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of August 13, 2024 - August 19, 2024

13-AUG-2024	Shawn D. Haley	51	Damage Property
13-AUG-2024	Taylor M. Kirk	28	Failure to Appear
13-AUG-2024	Sharon L. Walters	61	Damage Property, Public Intoxication
13-AUG-2024	Brian F. McDonnell	45	Aggravated Assault
14-AUG-2024	Latasha M. Musser	41	Conceal Merchandise, Damage Property, False Name to Police, Obstructing Justice
15-AUG-2024	Jonathon A. Francisco	38	Violation of Probation
15-AUG-2024	Frank Albert	60	Petit Larceny Not From Person
15-AUG-2024	Douglas W. McFall Jr.	43	Fugitive From Justice
16-AUG-2024	Stephen T. Hardy	31	Conceal Merchandise, Public Intoxication
18-AUG-2024	Kathleen V. Moyers-Hageman	63	Domestic Assault & Battery
18-AUG-2024	Jeremy M. Reed	39	Entering Property of Another for Purpose of Damaging It
18-AUG-2024	Timothy R. Maiden Jr.	32	DUI
18-AUG-2024	John C. Matala	18	Public Intoxication
18-AUG-2024	Barbara L. Anderson	68	Criminal Trespass
18-AUG-2024	Joshua R. Redell	36	DUI
19-AUG-2024	Bradley M. Smith	25	Public Intoxication
19-AUG-2024	Brenard Smith	51	Aggravated Assault & Battery

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of August 13, 2024 - August 19, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
13-AUG-2024	2000 BLK Apperson Dr	Aggravated Assault & Battery
15-AUG-2024	300 BLK Electric Rd	Fugitive From Justice
18-AUG-2024	1000 BLK Pearl St	Burglary
18-AUG-2024	O BLK W Clay St	Aggravated Assault
18-AUG-2024	900 BLK Apperson Dr	Grand Larceny

Firefighters check hydrant near newspaper office

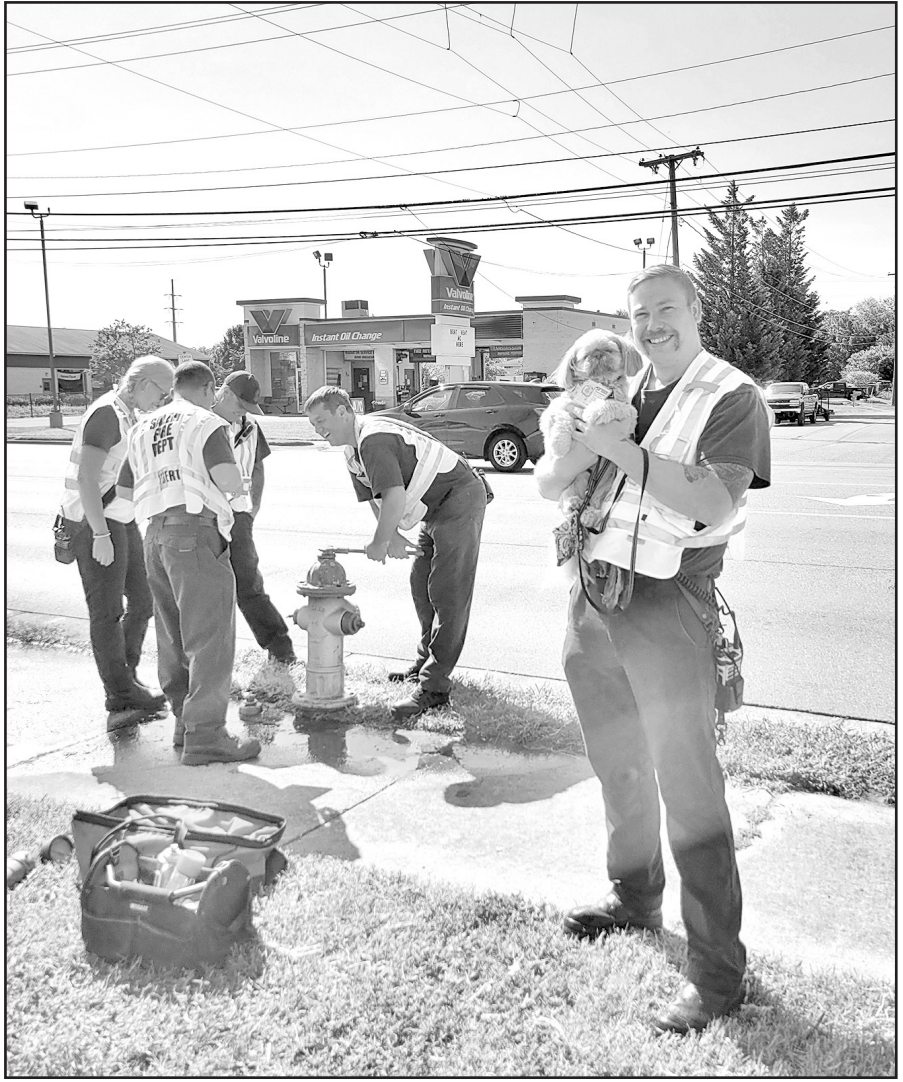
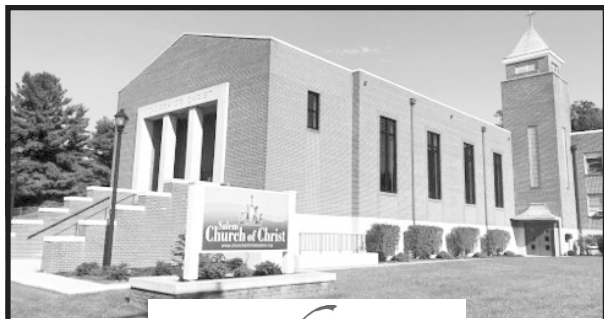


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A group of Salem firefighters checked the hydrant in front of The Salem Times-Register office last week. They posed for a picture with Betsy, the office pet.



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An event to mark move-in weekend was held at Roanoke College on Saturday.

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A new study finds that Virginia Western's economic impact supports 4,405 jobs in the Roanoke Valley.

These benefits include \$390.9 million in added student income over a 40-year working career, \$138.4 million in added business income, \$32.9 million in added income from college activities, as well as \$12.2 million in savings related to reduced government spending for health, the justice system, and income assistance in Virginia, thanks to a more educated workforce.

“Not only do our students reap benefits when they attend Virginia Western, but the ripple effects of their decision to attend here spread out to benefit our community,” Sandel said. “This rigorous study highlights the significant gains that society reaps from investing in Virginia Western.”

-The Salem Times-Register

Sheriff

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Branson speaks in front of those present at the ceremony.

on. In addition to being chief deputy, he has been accreditation officer and was responsible for making sure the Salem Sheriff's Office met accreditation criteria, and for filing the reports for state reaccreditation.

“What I love most about Johnny is he is a natural leader,” Staton said, “and is passionate about this office and serving the citizens of Salem. I am most proud that our whole office

stands behind him.”

Ten of the current deputies were in the courtroom for the swearing in.

Branson's wife, Ally, and sons Keilan, 11, Kaden, 10, and daughter Irelyn, 8, were in the courtroom for the ceremony.

Under state law, an interim sheriff must come from the sheriff's office ranks.

Branson is running for re-election in the Nov.

5 general election, as is former Salem deputy and police officer Chris Shelor.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)

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

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

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2721 12 O'Clock Knob Rd., Salem, Pastor: Clay Dalton; Sundayschool, 9:45AM, Sunday morning worship, 11:00AM, Sunday evening, 6:00PM, Wednesday evening, 7:00PM.

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

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

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

MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev. Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sundays: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed: 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST - 703 Hemlock Road N.W. Roanoke, 342-6492. Roy E. Kanode, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Awanas 5:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30p.m.; Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m.; Praiz Kidz 6:00p.m.; Family Night Activities 6:30 p.m. website: www.ridgewood-baptist.com.

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - Salem Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). North Campus: 7640 Alpine Road (Roanoke). Español Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). Worship Times: 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM for Salem and North; 10:30 AM for Español. For more information, visit: www.fcclife.org

CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH - 314 Turner Rd, Salem VA. 540-387-0491. Mass Times: Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 10:30 am (nursery available). Visit our website: olphsalem.org for our full schedule.

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SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST - 401 West Main Street. 540-389-2400. Minister Taylor Plott; 10:00am Sunday Bible Study; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office.

WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Minister Neil Richey, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 PM.

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

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831. www.firstchristiansalemva.com. Adult and Children Sunday School - 9:30 am, Worship - 10:30 am. Nursery Provided for both. Everyone welcome

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 2931 West Main Street, Salem - Pastor Matthew Cox - 380-4636 - website: www.flccsalem.org. Sunday: 9:30am Adult Study Group, 10:30am Worship, Youth & Children's Church. All are welcome!

ECKANKAR
ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A light and sound service is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eckva.org or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

EPISCOPAL
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 42 East Main Street, Salem, 389-9307. Sundays at 7:30am and 10am. Holy Communion in church and live-streamed on YouTube@StPaulSalemVa.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
COLLEGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH - 210 S. College Avenue, Salem VA 24153. Please visit our website www.collegelutheran.org for information on services.

FOURSQUARE
theBRIDGE SALEM CHURCH - 4335 West Main Street, Salem. 540-404-1414 | bridge.salem@icloud.com • www.salemva.church Saturday service, 6pm (Nursery & Kids Church available). Mail: PO Box 1954, Salem. Twitter/Instagram: @thebridgesalem Joey Lyons, Senior Pastor | joey@salemva.church | 540-831-9864

INDEPENDENT
RESTORATION CHURCH - a Community on Mission Following Jesus into the World - 10:10am Sundays at the Salem YMCA - 1126 Kime Lane, Salem - 540-384-1601 - www.restorationsalem.org. Watch Live at: YouTube: Restoration Church-Salem, VA. Facebook: RestorationChurchSalem

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 226 South Broad Street, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. Sunday School 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM.

SHILOH BAPTIST- 201 South Market Street, Salem, Rev. Adrian E. Dowell, H) (389-0409). Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. (All classes) via zoom and conference call line. Wednesday Adult Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in person for adults, children and teens. Adult class is also streamed on Facebook. Men's Bible Study Saturday at 7:00 a.m.(Zoom). Saturday Intercessory Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. (conference call line). Sunday Women's Bible Study Class at 8:30 p.m. (Zoom). In-person Worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. or worship with us on line via Facebook. Church office can be contacted for additional information.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
CHRISTIAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH - 1 CLI Way, Salem, VA, 540-343-3801 | www.clchurch.org. Sundays @ 10 am | Wednesdays @ 7 pm. Livestream on YouTube & Facebook.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 41 East Main Street, Salem, VA . 389-3881. Come worship with us, Pastor, Rev. Chris Vogado, and our Associate Pastor, Rev. Janet Chisom each Sunday at 11:00 AM (10:00 AM from Memorial Day - Labor Day). In- Person Sunday School is 9:30 AM (9:00 AM Memorial Day - Labor Day). You may still worship with us online live at www.salempres.org, or Facebook, or YouTube. During in-person worship, masking for health reasons is optional.

UNITED METHODIST
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Pastor Alan Combs, Sunday: Genesis Contemporary Service at 8:45 a.m., Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School classes meet at 9:50 a.m. www.fumcsalemva.org.

LOCUST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 3415 Locust Grove Lane, Salem, 540-315-0881, Pastor Mike Sanborn. Each Sunday Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.

To list your church, contact Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or email advertise@ourvalley.org



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ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that an ORDER OF PUBLICATION, be and hereby is to be published in *The Fincastle Herald* once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that McKinney Parties Unknown must on or before the 18th day of October, 2024, make known to this Court any objection they may have to the Complaint, and claim any defenses to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of Plaintiff, and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to Defendants Estate of

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Entered: 8/1/2024
Sharon P. Oliver, Circuit Court Clerk, County of Craig, Virginia
I Ask For This: Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 (540) 260-9011 (540) 260-0022 (facsimile)

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Wanda P. McKinney and Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney at the last known of address of Wanda P. McKinney, 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that *The Fincastle Herald* shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this Court attesting to the dates of publication, attesting that the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.
Dated this 8th day of August, 2024.
Joel R Branscom, Judge of the Botetourt County Circuit Court
We ask for this: SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC Thomas Hodge, VSB #42862
Sara Tusse , VSB #79826
Jeff Fox, VSB#50986
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY
8415 Flag Lane, Roanoke, VA 24019
Tax Map No. 106-191, Parcel ID 30488
In execution of a Deed of Trust dated November 13, 2020, in the principal amount of \$115,548.92, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 200005614, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Botetourt County Circuit Court, 1 W. Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, on September 12, 2024 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:→
Beginning at the intersection of the extreme southern corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-193, of the western corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-194, and the extreme northern corner of the property herein conveyed thence proceeding S. 47 degs. 15' 00" E. 234.50 feet to a point; thence S. 36 degs. 54' 23" W. 105.89 feet to a point; thence N. 47 degs. 15' 00" W. 245.21 feet to a point; thence N. 42 degs. 42' 42" E. 105.34 feet to the place of BEGINNING and containing 0.5801 acres, as more fully shown on "Resurvey for Anthony W. Smith Showing Tax No. 106-191 located along Flag Lane", dated November 3, 2019, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, with the Deed in Instrument No. 200003069, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference hereto. TOGETHER WITH a fifteen (15) foot non-exclusive, appurtenant, right of way over Flag Lane as more fully shown on the aforesaid plat of survey.
TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.
WOODS ROGERS VANDEVENTER BLACK PLC, Substitute Trustee
For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

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ABC NOTICE
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Salem High 2024 varsity cheerleaders. Front Row, left to right; Captains Abigail Pham, Aurelia Sluss and Teagan Butt. Second Row, left to right; Trinity Peters, Lexi Hancock, Alyssa Kosko, Skylar Coalter, Heather Thomas and Tresjour Peters. Third row, left to right; Nevaeh Jordan, Janiya Silvey, Londyn Alex, Emma Lichtenstein, Tristan Slade, Anaya Brown and Cami Witt.



Spartan JV cheerleaders. Front row, left to right; Delilah Craft, Captain Sophie Coleman, Captain Baleigh Boynton and Taelyn Stiffler. Second row, left to right; Ashley Geary, Zayla Thompson, Marleigh Conner, Macy Armistead and Ryleigh Kidd. Back row, left to right; Na' Ayelah Starkey, Breshai Mills, Jaycee Sneed, Teddy Doherty, Parker Moore and Ryleigh Bryant.



The 2024 Glenvar High cheerleaders. Bottom row, left to right; varsity cheerleaders Ali Brown (Captain), Madison Duncan (Captain), Ansleigh Ermel (Captain), Selena Noel (Captain) and Maiah Gentry. Middle Row, varsity cheerleaders, left to right; Morgan Gaines, Morgann Cline, Kinzie Lester, Addie Sneed, Kayelynn Dickson, Marley Burris, Elle Graffeo and Taylor Goldfield. Top row, JV Cheerleaders, left to right; Emily Guardia, Harley Whitt (Captain), Takiah Kirby, Ava Wimmer, Hannah Hughes and Julianne Howard.

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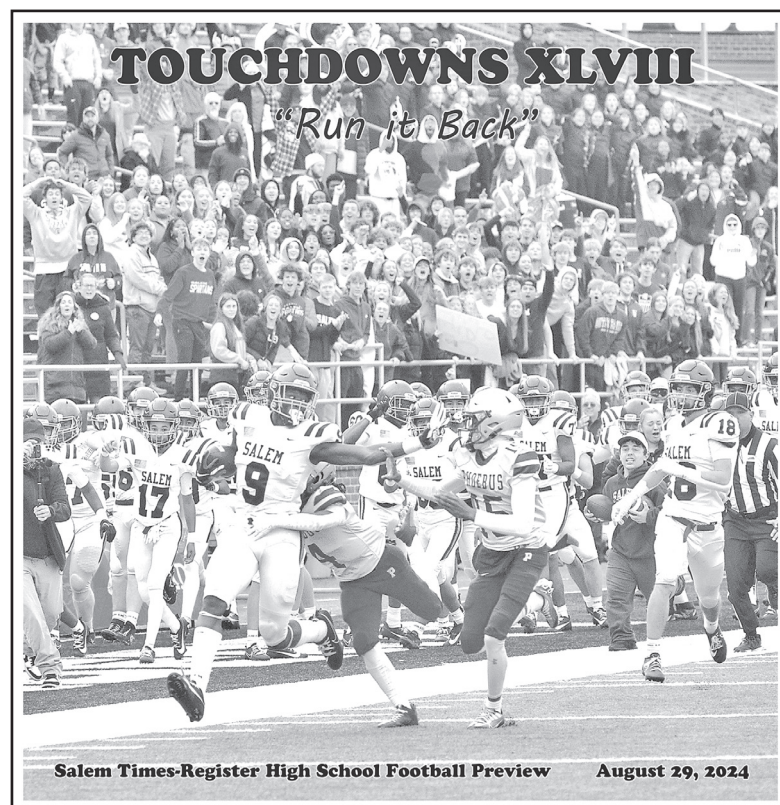
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--Brian Hoffman



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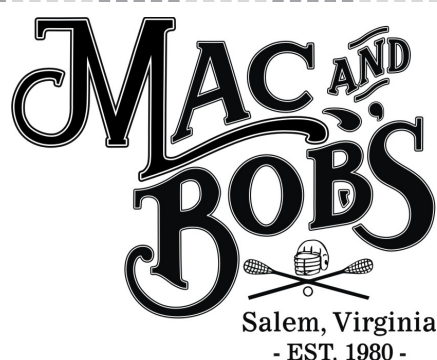
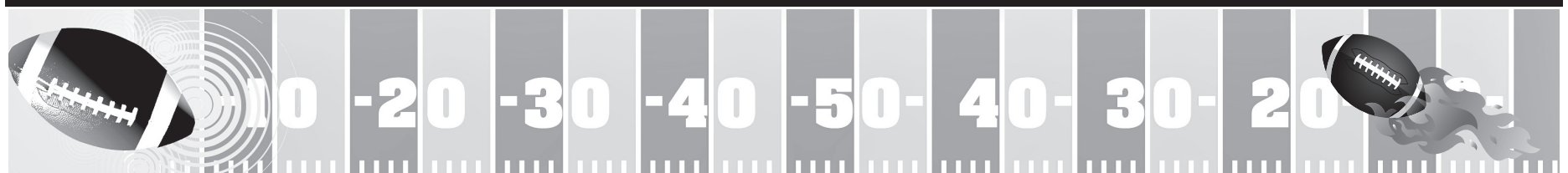
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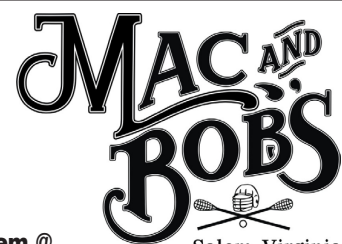
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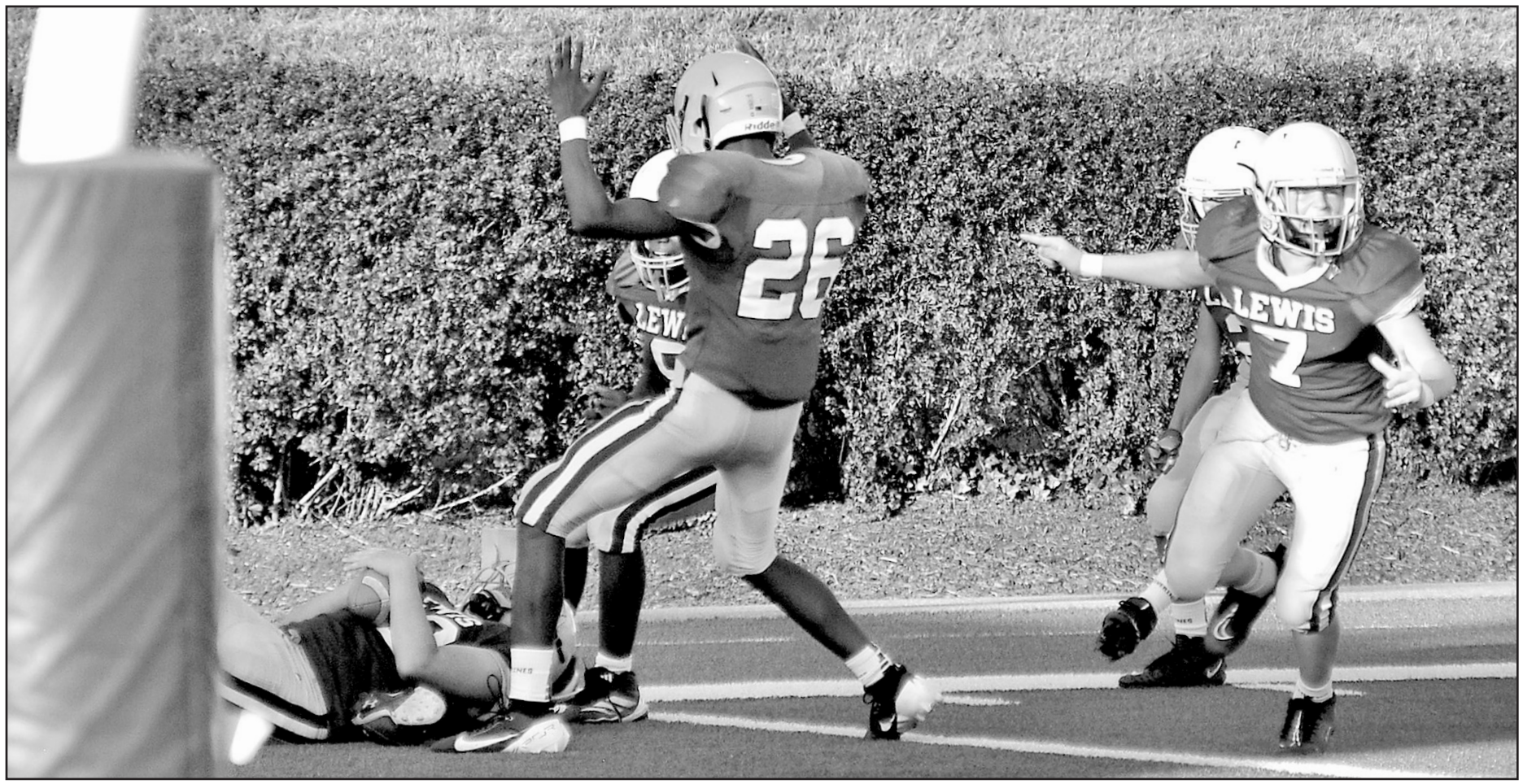


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Wyeth Garnett of Andrew Lewis(left) cradles the football in the end zone as teammates rush to congratulate him in last week's middle school game at Salem Stadium. Wyeth recovered a fumble in the end zone on the last play of the game to give the Wolverines a most improbable 12-6 win.

Lewis recovers fumble in the end zone to win on last play

Just when you thought you'd seen it all! In football you've never seen it all, as witnessed by last week's 8th grade opening game between Andrew Lewis Middle School and William Fleming. The Wolverines pulled out a 12-6 win on the last play of the game, and they didn't need the offense on the field to do it.

"It was a hard fought game with both teams making mistakes that often happen in the first game," said Lewis coach Brian Hooker. "Crazy game, crazy finish. . .take it and move on."

The Wolverines scored first when tailback Ji' Zaiyah Haynes ran an off-tackle play ten yards for the score but the extra point was missed. The Colonels scored just before halftime when the Lewis offense fumbled and Fleming picked up the loose ball and ran it in for a score. Fleming also failed on the extra point attempt so it was 6-6 at the half.

After a scoreless their quarter and most of the fourth the Wolverines were driving late in the game but got stopped on downs as Fleming took over at their own 30 with just inside two minutes to play. However, the Colonels fumbled on first down and Lewis recovered, giving the Wolverines another shot.

A pass to the five yard line was intercepted by Fleming inside the one minute mark, and Lewis was called for a facemask on the ensuing tackle, giving the Colonels the ball on the 20. After a couple failed plays the Colonels called their final time out with two seconds on the clock. A Fleming shotgun snap was fumbled and a scramble ensued with the football ending up in the end zone and Lewis defensive lineman Wyeth Garnett falling on it for a touchdown as time expired. Lewis wins 12-6!!

Playing well on defense for Andrew Lewis were

Jemari Allen and Garnett. The offense was led by the running of Jamari Allen and Eli Yates and the pass receiving of Haynes.

The 7th grade team defeated Ben Franklin Middle on Monday, 28-14, to run their record to 1-1 on the season along with a loss to Eastern Montgomery last week. During Monday's victory Carter Webb had an interception and a pass reception for a touchdown while Zyere Richardson and Ian Rosier also scored touchdowns. Lewis quarterbacks Pierce Oliver and Malaki Garner performed well in the victory.

This week the 8th grade team will play Ben Franklin Middle on Thursday at Salem Stadium at 5 pm. It will be the first game of a doubleheader with the Salem High jayvees taking on Liberty Christian Academy in the second game.

The next game for the 7th graders will be Tuesday, September 3rd, at Read Mountain Middle.

Middle School Highlanders split

The Glenvar Middle School football team split their first two games of the season in the past week, losing to Floyd County but bouncing back to beat Read Mountain.

Last Thursday at Highlander Stadium visiting Floyd took a 34-13 win. Money Shaw had a rushing touchdown and a receiving TD and led Glenvar in tackles with nine. Kiptyn Jones was 20 for 38 passing with one TD pass while Zane Smith pulled in nine receptions for the Highlanders.

"This was a tighter game than the score indicates," said GMS coach Josh Jones. "We had our chances but made too many mistakes down the stretch to make a difference in the game."

On Monday at Read Mountain the Highlanders bounced back with a 21-14 comeback win over the homes-tanding Stars. After trailing 14-0 in the third quarter Shaw and Jay Barnett ran in TD's to pull the game to 14-13. Then Kiptyn Jones found Shaw in the end-zone with 21 seconds left to take the lead. Lyric Adams led the Highlanders in tackles with eight.

"The guys did a great job of continuing to play the game when we got down," said coach Jones. "It was a total team victory as everyone got in the game for multiple snaps."

Glenvar middle's next game is against Covington on September 5th at home.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar's Bentley Ferguson (#55) holds on to make the tackle against Floyd.

Salem golfers 3rd in tight match

Blacksburg continued to dominate the River Ridge District golf tour Monday at the Hunting Hills Country Club but the rest of the district was tight. Salem finished third in the round as six teams were within nine strokes of each other.

Blacksburg was first again with a four-player team score of six-under-par 274. Then it was close, with

Hidden Valley taking second at 314 and Salem one stroke behind at 315. Cave Spring was next at 317, Christiansburg was fifth at 320, then came Patrick Henry and Pulaski County tied for sixth at 323.

"Hunting Hills played tough, only seeing four players in our loaded district shoot even par or better," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock.

Salem was led by senior Kathryn Ha who shot a one under 69, finishing third overall. Blacksburg had the top two scores with Pierce Campbell carding 64 and Jake Albert at 67.

"Kathryn had a solid day on the course," said Hancock. "She had an eagle and three birdies on the way to that one under performance. Hunting Hills was playing tough, so mistakes were easy to find. The more impressive thing is after a mistake being able to reset and keep grinding to put up a great score."

Also scoring for the Spartans were senior Aidan Andrews and freshman Mike Bateman, both with a score of 80 to tie for 16th overall. The final counting score for Salem was freshman Croix Bowen with an 86 and also playing for the Spartans were freshman Will Creger at 87 and junior Zach Bocock at 89.

"Our district is extremely tight this season and you have to play well to be in the top three," said Hancock. "We are shooting in the low 310s right now and I'm proud of the effort we are putting in out there. Half of our season is now finished, now we just have to continue to build for the push for the postseason."

Next up for the Spartans is the River Ridge District match Salem is hosting on Tuesday, September 3rd, at the Hidden Valley Country Club and the Northside Invitational a week from today at Hanging Rock.



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Salem's Kathryn Ha hits a fairway iron.



PHOTO BY ERIN TICE

Glenvar's Kamy Dawyot makes a save.

Lewis, Glenvar win MS volleyball games

Both the Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School volleyball teams picked up wins Monday night. Lewis won at William Byrd and the Highlanders won a home match with Hidden Valley.

The Wolverines picked up their first win in Vinton after dropping their first four matches. Lewis defeated William Byrd in two sets, 25-10 and 25-20.

"The girls came off a weekend of rest and put all their energy in winning the match," said coach Kim Crist.

Glenvar defeated Hidden Valley Monday, 25-23 and 25-10. That evened Glenvar's record at 2-2 along with a three set loss at Covington last Thursday, 25-20, 25-27 and 15-12.

The Highlanders were scheduled to play at Carroll County Wednesday while Lewis is at Hidden Valley tonight.

Glenvar golfers host district at Hanging Rock today

The Three Rivers District golfers played the Pete Dye River Course in a match hosted by Radford High last week and the Floyd County team continued to dominate. The Buffaloes shot a team score 315 to finish 16 strokes better than second place Radford.

Floyd has won every round of the Three Rivers regular season tour thus far with the golfers scheduled to tee it up at Roanoke County's Hanging Rock Golf Club this Thursday. Just 16 strokes separated the next five teams as Alleghany was third at 358 followed by Carroll County at 363, Glenvar at 369, James River at 370 and Patrick County brought up the rear with a 374.

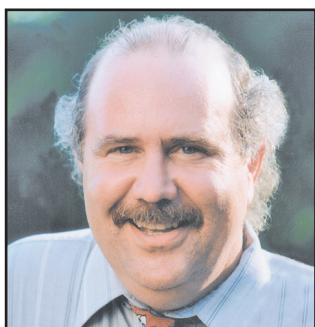
"We had a rough day at the Pete Dye River Course," said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff. "But we

shot 12 shots better than we did last year so I was happy about the improvement on a really difficult course. I really appreciate the team playing through some tough challenges and keeping a good attitude all day."

Hunter Crist of Radford was medalist with a 74 while Glenvar's best score was 87 by Riley Wolk. Also scoring for the Highlanders were Adam Franklin with a 92, Grayson Shepherd at 94 and Tyler Smith had a 96. Also, Jack Osburn played in his first varsity golf match and birdied his first hole.

The Highlanders will be back in action today as they host a Three Rivers District match at the Hanging Rock Golf Club. A shotgun start is scheduled for 2 pm.

Brian Hoffman



The Roanoke Valley sports family lost a great friend last week when Dan Wooldridge passed at the age of 90 on August 20. He was a larger than life figure in the valley who touched lives in many walks of life.

The thing you heard most when Dan's name came up was that "he was a good guy." I know every time I saw him he had a big smile and friendly "how are you doin' Hoops?" that was warm and sincere.

Dan came from humble beginnings, growing up in foster care, to become one of the most respected basketball officials in the country. When former Duke coaching legend Mike Krzyzewski came to the Cregger Center in Salem to see his grandson play in December of 2022 he visited with Dan and shared memories of past games. Dan refereed many games RC legend Charlie Moir coached, and Charlie's son Page, who also coached Roanoke, knew Dan well.

"So many things to say about Dan, but what an amazing life and legacy," said Page. "I first knew Dan as an accomplished official, doing Roanoke College games, as well as being recognized as one of the best in the nation for many years. No doubt that our region has an extraordinary number of officials that have made a positive mark on a national stage that got their start and were nurtured along by Dan.

"Of course, we all recognize him as the driving force behind the creation of the ODAC, and along with Carey Harveycutter, the reason Salem is the City of Champions. His vision and network have created a legacy in our region that is absolutely incredible.

"And more than all this," Page added. "He was a good man, and enjoyable to be around."

Of the many aspects of Dan's sports life his work with the Old Dominion Athletic Conference is among the tops in the Roanoke Valley. Current commissioner Brad Bankston worked with Dan for many years before succeeding him as commissioner.

"Dan set the foundation for the ODAC and provided the energy to create a Division III athletic conference that will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary next academic year," said Bankston. "His love for sports and our membership was infectious. This past winter was

"Good Guy" Wooldridge left his mark in many ways

the first time I can remember that he was not sitting at the end of the press table watching the entire set of games. His love for the league will be missed greatly.

"Dan did a lot of things behind the scenes. One of the common themes you will hear from people is, 'Dan gave me my start.' That could have been in officiating, athletics administration, insurance sales, teaching, etc. He was always connecting and building relationships throughout his professional career. He provided that opportunity to me when I started working for the conference out of graduate school. It was his belief in me that placed me in a role I have cherished since our introduction in the mid-1990s.

"He was a great mentor," added Bankston. "There will be a void in my personal and professional life moving forward. His counsel and support was always there."

A graduate of Lynchburg College, Dan played multiple sports for the Hornets and is a member of the Lynchburg College Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and was a co-founder and Hall of Fame honoree of the Western Virginia Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was involved in numerous civic organizations in the Roanoke Valley and he and his wife Nancy were friends to many.

"Dan was just a great friend to me personally and to Salem," said Carey Harveycutter, Director of the Salem Civic Center for many years. "Without Dan Wooldridge and his vision I really do not think Salem would be as strong as we are in Sports Marketing. It was Dan's idea to hold the ODAC Basketball Championship in Salem. First it was just the men then, when women's sports entered the NCAA, we also hosted the women's championship. The NCAA Basketball Championship would never have found its way to Salem had the city and the Salem Rotary Club not presented an outstanding championship."

Dan was also credited with bringing the NCAA Division III championship Stagg Bowl to Salem.

"The Stagg Bowl was Dan's idea from day one," said Harveycutter. "He had been a referee at the game in Phenix City, AL and thought the valley could do it better. He first went to Roanoke, then when nothing happened came to us, starting with mayor Jim Taliaferro. The rest is history.

"Dan worked diligently for many years to make our championships the best imaginable for the student athletes."

Wooldridge's life in sports may be unsurpassed among people who passed through the Roanoke Valley. He officiated college basketball for 23 years,

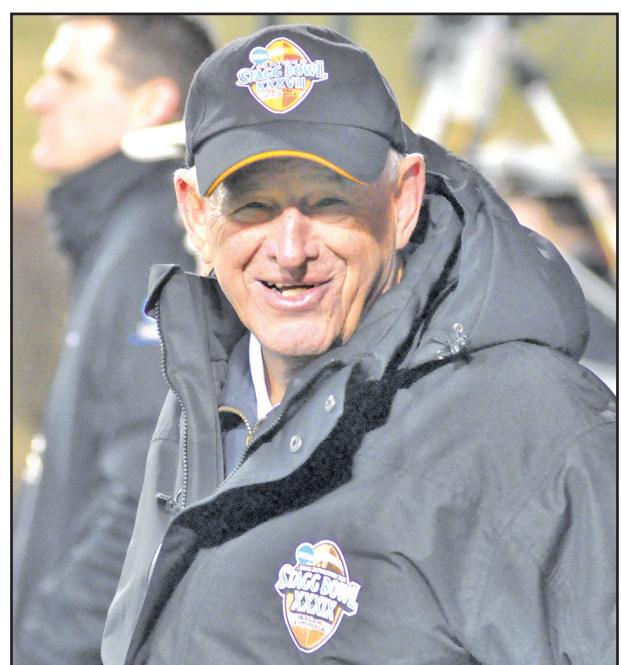


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Dan Wooldridge had a smile for everyone he met.

highlighted by 21 years in the ACC and 13 NCAA postseason tournaments. He represented the United States as one of two American basketball officials at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal and the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow prior to the American boycott.

He also officiated NCAA Division I Football in the Southern Conference for 26 years, became the first Commissioner of the Old Dominion Athletic Association, and served as Supervisor of Basketball Officiating for the Colonial Athletic Association and Supervisor of Football Officiating for the Big East Conference.

He coached high school baseball and football at William Fleming. He played minor league baseball for the Salem Pirates. He coached American Legion Baseball. You wonder how he got all this done in just 90 years!!

If a measure of a man is the people he touched and the goodness he left behind, Dan left us on top. He was truly an extraordinary man and we were so blessed to have had him pass our way.

A celebration of Dan and his late wife Nancy's lives will be held at the Antrim Chapel at Roanoke College this Saturday, August 31, at 11 am.

Sox still have shot at playoffs

The Salem Red Sox will have a rare Monday game next week when they open their final series of the regular season on Labor Day. The game against the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers is scheduled to begin at 4:05 pm.

The Labor Day game will be just the second time all season the Sox will play on a Monday. Salem is then off next Tuesday before wrapping up the regular season with games Wednesday through Sunday to walk off the regular season, including Fan Appreciation Night on Friday, September 6.

The Sox are in Salisbury this week to take on the Delmarva Shorebirds in their last road trip of the season. The Sox are still hanging on to hopes of making the Carolina League playoffs as they were three games behind Fredericksburg in the North Division standings with two weeks to go.

The Carolina Mudcats were a half game ahead of Salem and two and a half behind Fredericksburg prior to the start of Tuesday's action. Carolina is at Lynchburg this week before finishing up at home against Delmarva. Meanwhile,

Fredricksburg is at Kannapolis this week and home to Lynchburg for the final series.

Salem played host to Lynchburg last week and split a six game series. The Sox made a move on the leader by winning three of the first four but then dropped Saturday and Sunday games to the Hilltoppers, both close affairs.

On Saturday night the two Virginia rivals battled to a scoreless tie through eight innings before Lynchburg scored three in the top of the ninth to take a 3-0 win. Five Salem pitchers allowed just three hits but a walk, an error and two hit batters allowed the Hillcats to win the game in the ninth.

On Sunday Lynchburg took a 5-4 win to even the series at three games each. Salem rallied with three runs in the bottom of the eighth, sparked by a two-run double by Caden Rose, but the Hillcats were able to get out of the inning with the lead and hold on in the ninth.

The Carolina League playoffs are scheduled to start on Tuesday, September 10.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Spartan distance runners tune up for the cross country season on the SHS track.

Salem, Glenvar runners open at the "Bengal Clash" today

The Virginia High School League cross country season opens today as both the Salem and Glenvar runners will head to Martinsville to compete in the "Bengal Clash." The meet is hosted by Bassett High School at the Smith River Sports Complex.

Salem had 14 boys and 20 girls come out for the team. Returning for the boys are sophomores Austin Prosser and Isaac Snow, juniors Grant Horner and Rick Rawlings and senior Yuvraj Singh. All ran in the Region 4D meet last year.

Also returning are sophomores Grafton Smith and Thomas Scharp and junior Luke Stovall. New runners for the boys include sophomores Bryce Crew and Jack Dixon and freshman John Stovall.

"We have been training at 8 am each day to beat the heat but the humidity has also been challenging," said Salem coach Tom Roth.

Elliott Petry coaches the Spartan girls and he returns seniors Callie Conner, Addy Funk and Claire Rawlins and sophomore Harper Rocovich, who all ran in the region meet last fall. Also returning this year are senior Caroline Loveday, junior Chloe Underwood, sophomores Leah Johnson, Aubrey Snead and Ashley Toapanta-Sanchez and freshmen Caroline Huff and Charity McGugan. New to the team are senior Blair Bowers, juniors Hannah Patel and Teagan Wood, sophomores Vivienne Easton and freshmen Julia Crumpacker and Isabelle Henzey.

Andrew Lewis Middle School will also have a team this year, coached by Randall Sell.

Glenvar also had a good turnout for the cross country team as coach Madison Bourne welcomed over 20 high school runners and 15 middle school harriers.

Senior Valeria Loreda-Castillo will again be a strong runner and also returning for the girls are juniors Everly Shanks and Anna Hall and sophomore Annie George. For the boys returning juniors Tyler Davis and Aldin Smith are back and new to the high school team is freshman Bryce Austin, who was a standout in middle school last year.

"The weather has been difficult to work in, but with the nature of the sport we try to train as efficiently as we can while staying safe and hydrating," said Bourne. "We look forward to building up this young team and hope to take both varsity teams back to the state meet this year."

RC soccer teams open this weekend

The Roanoke College soccer teams are scheduled to open the season this weekend with the men at home and the women on the road.

The Roanoke College men's soccer program has 18 games on the calendar, including nine home games in Donald J. Kerr Stadium. The regular season opens this Friday, August 30, at home against Catholic University at 7:30 pm.

The Roanoke College women's soccer

team will have a challenging set of non-conference games on the docket in addition to Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) competition. The Maroons open at Emory University this Saturday, August 31, in Atlanta and face Oglethorpe University the next day. Roanoke hosts Hardin Simmons University and Johns Hopkins University for the Roanoke Invitational September 7-8 in Donald J. Kerr Stadium.



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Salem Red Sox catcher Daniel McElveny reaches high for a throw to the plate with the bases loaded against Lynchburg Saturday. The runner was called safe.

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Left, Salem's Jordan McCadden runs for a touchdown in Salem benefit game with Brookville last Friday. Right, Coen Logan catches a TD pass to put Salem up 34-0.

Spartans, Highlanders open on the road against defending champions

Are you ready for some football? The 2024 Virginia High School League football season is officially here as Salem and Glenvar both open on the road against defending state champions Friday night. Salem will play at 2023 Class 3 champion Liberty Christian Academy while Glenvar goes to Galax to take on last year's Class 1 champion Maroon Tide.

The Salem game should be a good one. Last year LCA opened with a 21-14 win over the Spartans at Salem Stadium and ran the table, defeating Lafayette in the Class 3 final, 28-14. Meanwhile, Salem ripped off 13 straight wins before a heartbreaking 21-14 loss to Phoebus in the Class 4 final.

This year both teams reloaded. Salem graduated a strong senior class, including a couple high school All-Americans, but the Spartans looked strong in last week's benefit game at Salem Stadium. They led 34-0 at the half over Brookville before the substitutes took over after intermission.

"I saw a lot of improvement," said

Salem coach Don Holter. "We had a lot of attitude and effort and the defense was flying around. I'm proud of our young men."

Likewise, the Bulldogs figure to be good again. They return Clemson commit Gideon Davidson, a senior who ran for 135 yards and had two touchdowns and an interception in last season's win over Salem. LCA has also restocked as standout players take advantage of a "sweet heart deal" that hooks them up with free admission to Liberty University if they play for Liberty Christian.

"I saw a lot of juniors and seniors who weren't on that roster last year," said Holter.

This will be the second year of a two-year contract with LCA and that won't be renewed next year. Salem will open with E.C. Glass in 2025 and the Spartans will also play Dinwiddie on week 4. The Generals are replacing Northside on next year's schedule, as the border rival Vikings are dropping Salem after the two have played every year since Salem opened in 1977

except for the COVID season in the spring of 2021. They've also met several times in the playoffs.

"They said they couldn't play us because they had to play the county schools," said Holter. "But Brad Bradley at Heritage is a friend of mine and he told me they're picking them up next year to replace us, so I don't know what to think."

Northside won the first seven times the two schools played, from 1977 until 1983, but since then the series is 36-6-1 in Salem's favor so that may have something to do with the decision. Certainly it's not a matter of trying to save money on gas.

Glenvar has been opening with the Maroon Tide for 12 of the past 13 years, with the COVID spring season being the only time they didn't play since 2011. It's been a great series with Glenvar winning seven of 12 and both schools winning state championships during that time. Glenvar won in Group 2 in 2014 and Galax won in Group 1 in 2015 and last year when they beat Essex, 7-6, in the championship game.

Glenvar won last year's game 39-21 at home.

"Galax will be tough," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "They always make deep runs in the playoffs. I'm excited."

The Highlanders played a benefit game in Blacksburg last Friday and led 28-0 with seven minutes left in the first half when the first stringers were in the game.

"We definitely improved from the first week," said Clifford. "I thought our defense got a lot better."

While both local varsity teams open on the road this week both jayvee teams open at home. Glenvar was scheduled to host the Maroon Tide jayvees on Wednesday and Salem will host the LCA jayvee team tonight at 7 pm following a 5 pm middle school game between Andrew Lewis and Franklin County.

Look for a preview of the Salem and Glenvar High School teams in a special section, "TOUCHDOWNS XLVIII" in this week's edition of the Salem Times-Register.



Left, Glenvar's Rawlin Hanks finds a seam up the middle of the Blacksburg defense and scores for the Highlander offense in last Friday's Benefit game. Center, Petyon Dee stretches across the goal line for a score after catching a pass and, right, Devin Clark catches a long TD pass from QB Brody Dawyot.

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Salem, Glenvar win in 3 sets in season volleyball openers

It's opening week for the high school volleyball season and Salem and Glenvar both opened with wins Tuesday and are playing again tonight.

Salem opened the season with a three set win at Roanoke Catholic on Tuesday, 25-10, 25-12 and 25-12. Emme Custer led Salem with nine kills, Gabby Crawley had six and Tate Thomas had 23 assists. Bailey Redford and Jenna Wilkes led the servers and Myah Crews had a team best 20 digs.

The Spartans have their home opener tonight against Northside, and they'll also play in a tri-match at William Byrd High School on Saturday. The Spartans will play varsity matches against Magna Vista at 11:45 am and William Byrd at 1:30 pm. Of course, those times are tentative depending on how long the matches last. Byrd and Magna Vista are scheduled to play at 10 am.

There are also jayvee matches at Byrd Saturday. Salem will play Magna Vista at 10 am and host Byrd at 11:45 am.

Glenvar opened with a three set win at Northside on Tuesday, 25-20, 25-14 and 25-11. Macy McMahon led Glenvar in kills, with 10, and digs, with nine. Sophia Hammersley also had a big night with five serving aces and 29 assists for Glenvar.

"I was very pleased with how we played," said coach Mark Rohrback, who returns a team with limited varsity experience. "It's so much fun to watch these young players do well."

The Highlanders will also have their home opener tonight when they host William Byrd.



He's Gone!!

Salem's Braxton Winger is off to the races for a touchdown against Franklin County in a 10U opening day sandlot football game at Spartan Field Saturday morning. The fan in the picture makes it official and Salem went on to a big win over the visiting Eagles.

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