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Elected Official's Day held at Feeding SWVA

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Feeding Southwest Virginia held an event on Friday, Sept. 13 at its 1025 Electric Road location in Salem to bring together local elected officials and community partners to celebrate the renovation of its Salem distribution site. As part of the event, elected officials volunteered at the center. Among those present was Rep. Morgan Griffith, who represents Virginia's 9th Congressional District.

The Feeding Southwest Virginia ribbon cutting event celebrated

updates, that had long been neglected, thanks to infrastructure funding provided over the past few years. Everything from a remodel of the administration offices in Salem to new dock doors and new reach lifts, was celebrated.

The renovation project included remodeling of the front offices and volunteer office area, replacement of overhead dock doors, replacement of hi-speed overhead refrigeration doors, a new 26-foot refrigerated delivery truck, new program delivery truck, new warehouse reach

lift, Kenworth "Over the Road" tractor and the installation of a thermal break in freezer.

The organization moved into its Electric Roadbuilding in 2004. Aside from some painting done by volunteers, no other updates had been made. "We had old shaggy carpet, dim or non-existent lighting and very old warehouse functions. Thanks to unique pandemic funding, we were able to spruce up the place with paint and carpet and most importantly,

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See Feeding SWVA, Pamela Irvine, president/CEO of Feeding Southwest Virginia, made remarks during the ribbon cutting. page 2

44th Olde Salem Days held



Downtown Salem turned into an outdoor bazaar over the weekend for Olde Salem Days.



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Over 300 arts and crafts vendors were on hand.

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Downtown Salem was once again awash with those looking to enjoy the outdoor bazaar that is Olde Salem Days this past Saturday, Sept. 14.

Matt Pollard, president of the Rotary Club of Salem, explained, "Everyone from the community seemed like they were having a good time. We look forward to returning all of the profit from this year's event back to the community

through the various organizations when we grant our awards."

This year's event marked the 44th year Olde Salem Days has been held. It featured over 300 arts and crafts exhibitors from across the country. Food trucks and music entertainment were set up in the Farmers Market for the entire family and an auto show was held for the car enthusiast as well.

Jeremy Longshore, event chairman, said it's hard to give an exact estimate of how many attended the event, but noted that

there were likely between 25,000-30,000 people in attendance. "It was a great turnout," he said. He noted that the cloud coverage kept the temperature from rising too high but said that once the sun came out in the afternoon, he noticed that the crowds started to thin.

"I think this was one of the better years that I've seen in participating in this event in the past 10 years," he said. "This was one of the smoothest years and better years I've seen."

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The commemoration brought together city officials and employees.

Salem commemorates 23rd anniversary of 9/11

Local firefighters, city officials, police, members of the sheriff's office and employees at the courthouse gathered in front of the 9/11 Memorial in Downtown Salem to pay special tribute to the fallen on the 23rd anniversary of the 2001 Sept. 11 attacks.

Located on Market Street in front of Fire Station 1, the memorial serves as a reminder of those who perished during the attacks.

Salem Fire and EMS Chief John Prillaman led the program that featured reading aloud the names of the 343 firefighters who perished that day and the 71 law enforcement officers who lost their lives. The reading was done by various first responders and it was followed by a prayer and a quiet dismissal.

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Sandy Williams IV to create memorial honoring enslaved individuals at Roanoke College



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Artist Sandy Williams speaks at the unveiling of the memorial 'Authors and Architects.' The sculpture will be ready in the spring of 2025.

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Contributing writer

Roanoke College is embarking on a historic project to honor the names of enslaved individuals who shaped the college's early history, with a memorial designed by artist Sandy Williams IV. The project, in the works for five years, is set to come to fruition next spring, marking a significant moment of reckoning for the institution.

Maxey and later President Shushock asked me to coordinate this Memorial Project, I asked for three things," said professor Jesse Bucher, who has been leading the effort. "First, that Roanoke College students be involved in every stage of the process. Second, that we place Roanoke College within a larger regional historical context. And third, that we have enough time to develop and complete a memorial that will be beautiful, intellectually



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Concept image of the memorial 'Authors and Architects.'

rigorous, and able to engage the community."

Bucher emphasized the importance of this project, noting, "Five years later, we are at the cusp of realizing these objectives."

The project has involved extensive archival research by Roanoke students, including Sidney Penix, Jade Mooney, and Jasmine Mufatti. Since 2019, they have sifted

through 19th-century records, identifying more than 4,000 enslaved individuals. Bucher detailed the challenging nature of the research, stating, "The records refer to enslaved people exclusively as human property. Wills, property assessments, and birth records allowed enslavers

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Salem School Board recognizes students for prestigious summer Governor's programs



PHOTO BY MIKE STEVENS

Josephine Eaton, School Board Chair Nancy Bradley, Gifted Education Specialist Chris Taibbi and Hall Blackwood.

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Contributing writer

At the recent Salem School Board meeting, three outstanding Salem High School students were recognized for their participation in Virginia Governor's Schools over the summer, representing the district in highly

competitive academic programs. Iliana Martinez attended the Virginia Governor's World Language Academy for Spanish at Washington and Lee University from June 22 to July 13. The program, hosted at the

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update the warehouse to greatly improve operations," Lisa Claytor, chief development officer, said. "Thankfully, funding was also available for food purchases (over \$2 million) that is not present currently. The Food Bank is busy seeking donations to make up for this much-needed funding for food purchases."

Amanda Livingston, executive director of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, described the renovation as being "beautiful."

"This incredible organization, that sits right in our backyard, serves counties all across our region. It's daunting to know that one in every five children in Virginia is food insecure. It's uplifting to know that Feeding Southwest Virginia is working so hard to eradicate this problem," Livingston said. "Feeding Southwest Virginia does an incredible job of engaging the community to assist them in reaching their goals."

September is Hunger Action Month when the Feeding America Network launches a national public awareness campaign to shine a light on the problem that every community in America experiences hunger. In Southwest



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Following the ribbon cutting, elected officials volunteered at the center.

Virginia, one in seven individuals will experience food insecurity and one in five children will suffer from hunger.

For Feeding Southwest Virginia Food Bank, communication with elected officials is very important at this time as Congress will address the Farm Bill this year. The Farm Bill is at the heart of the mission of the Food Bank. The organization is asking Congress to double TEFAP funding and to increase other means of support to end hunger. The programs authorized by the Farm Bill help to bridge the gap for children, families and seniors facing food insecurity in SW Virginia.

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The names of the 343 firefighters and 71 law enforcement officers who perished as a result of the attacks were read aloud.

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strong partnership to successfully deliver a project of this magnitude," said Ken King, district engineer for VDOT's Salem District.

The new lanes will be built on the existing right and left shoulders of I-81 with most of widening to take place in the median. At exit 150, the ramp from northbound Route 220 (Roanoke Road) onto southbound I-81 will be realigned and the southbound I-81 off ramp will be modified to connect with Route 220 at a new signal at Tinker Mountain Road. Interchange lighting will be installed at exits 141, 143 and 150.



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A recent image of local traffic on I-81.

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university since 2011, immerses students in Spanish language and culture. Participants are selected through a rigorous application process and are required to speak, read, write, and listen exclusively in Spanish throughout the three-week program. Iliana was one of the students chosen from across Virginia, and she spent her time developing her linguistic skills through intensive study and cultural activities.

Josephine Eaton was selected to attend the Summer Residential Governor's School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology at the University of Lynchburg from June 30 to July 27. The program offers high school juniors and seniors an advanced curriculum focused on exploring STEM fields through innovative, hands-on approaches. Josephine, after passing a demanding application process, was able to delve into cutting-edge scientific topics and collaborate on real-world problem-solving projects during her four-week stay at the university.

Hall Blackwood participated in the Summer Residential Governor's School for Agriculture at Virginia Tech from June 23 to July 20. This program provides students with the opportunity to engage in academic research and hands-on experiences in agriculture, while focusing on sustainability and other pressing agricultural issues. Selected for his interest in agricultural sciences, Hall spent four weeks learning from top researchers and educators in

the field.

The Salem School Board praised the hard work and dedication of these students, who were chosen to represent Salem in these selective state programs. Each program's emphasis on excellence and innovation highlights the talent and determination of the students selected.

The School Board also approved a Special Education Advisory Committee. Members are: Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez, School Board representative, Macel Janoschka, School Board representative, Sandra Elliott Bryant, parent, Debra Schmitt, parent, Jacqueline Rickmond, Parent, Candice Zimmerman, teacher, Sullivan Hutson, Goodwill Industries of the Valley, Mary Worthington, Blue Ridge Independent Living Center, Ashleigh Judd, secretary, and Randy Jennings, consultant director of student services.

School board members reviewed proposed additions to the list of approved hearing officers under Policy GBMA: Support Staff Grievances. The policy allows support staff to request a hearing in grievance cases, with the Superintendent selecting a hearing officer from a School Board-approved list.

The proposed candidates for the hearing officer list are: David Blevins, Joe Hafey, Caleb L. Hall Jr., Kimble Reynolds, H. Alan Seibert, and Rhonda Stegall. This review ensures compliance with policy guidelines for handling staff grievances.

Salem Kiwanis presents Salem City Council candidates forum

The Salem Kiwanis Club will host a forum for the candidates for Salem City Council. There are four candidates that will be present as follows: Renee Turk, Jim Wallace, John Saunders and Annemarie Green.

The event is Tuesday, Sept. 24 as part of the club's regular meeting. The forum is to begin at noon and end about

1 p.m. Candidates will each have five minutes for an opening speech and will then take questions and answers. The candidates can then each make a two-minute closing statement.

The forum will be open to the public.

-The Salem Times-Register

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A car show was held for car enthusiasts.

Based on his conversations with crafters, they had a profitable day. "I think a lot of them sold a lot of merchandise, so it was unanimous across the board. I don't think I had a single negative conversation the entire day," he said.

Plans are currently underway for next year's event,

with a significant number of crafters already reserving space for next year. "It's already looking very strong for next year," he said.

OBITUARIES

Ashworth, Patricia "Pat" Peverell

Beloved wife, dear friend, crazy big sister, adored aunt, great-aunt, and grandmother, Pat Ashworth, age 80, of Salem, Virginia, died on September 11, 2024. With an enduring love for Salem, her beautiful porch flowers, all holiday decorations, and laughter that often brought her and those around her to tears, Pat positively sparkled. With an uncanny eye for all things fun, children were immediately drawn to her – and for those lucky enough to be loved by her, she simply created magic.

Born in Roanoke, Virginia to Ray and Frances Peverell, Pat attended Andrew Lewis High School where she played on the girls' basketball team, graduating in 1962 and after which she became a lifelong supporter of Andrew Lewis (eventually Salem High School) athletics. Several years ago, she began presenting an annual scholarship in the Peverell family name to a deserving Salem High School senior.

In high school, she developed a love for fast cars, once boasting that her speeding ticket was the fastest clocked in Salem that week. She went on to attend Ferrum College for two years before starting work at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, serving 42 years and 11 months. During that time, Pat could often be seen walking down and around Main Street, a 7-mile routine she kept up for 20 years and for which she was even written about in the paper.

Pat married her love, Larry Ashworth, 32 years ago, and together they lived in Salem and spent countless hours traveling to and tailgating at football and baseball games; eating great meals at The Homeplace and Mac & Bob's; spoiling their grandkids, nieces, and nephews; and simply sitting on their carport, watching the world go by. Having traveled far and wide across the country, there was no place she'd rather be.



Courtney Partlow and husband, Brian of Leesburg, Va., Stacey Wilson and husband, Todd of Greenville, S.C. and nephew, Rick Dickow of Roanoke, Va.; chosen daughter, Aileen Vincent of Winchester, Va.; and central to her life, her extended family of Betty and Ginny Brubeck.

Her family, of course, was full of adoring grandchildren and great nieces and nephews whom she spoiled incessantly: granddaughter, Emma Ashworth of Salem, Va.; chosen granddaughter, Angelina Vincent; and great nieces and nephews, Addison and Tyler Partlow, Allison and Isabelle Wilson, and Maverick Dickow.

The family will welcome friends for visitation on Sunday, September 15, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home, Salem. A Memorial Service will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Neal Turner officiating.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

And when she wasn't with Larry, she was with her best friend and neighbor for life, Betty Brubeck. Whether piddling around shops in Roanoke, picking out new posies, or playing countless games of cards with a Diet Coke by her side, Pat and Betty were inseparable from the start – born one year and two days apart. Joined by Larry and Ginny Brubeck, they formed the "Salem Crew," often seen jumping into a minivan to hit the road and cheer on nieces and nephews at any type of event you can imagine.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Frances Peverell of Salem. In addition to her husband, Larry Ashworth and brother, Ed "Eddie" Peverell and wife, Patti of Palm Desert, Calif., Pat is survived by nieces,

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Nominate a deserving Salem resident at www.roanoke.edu/charlesbrown.

If you have questions about the award or nomination process, please email programs@roanoke.edu.

The nomination deadline is Monday, September 23. Nominees must be residents of Salem.

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Salem hosts pickleball event, Spartan Fall Classic is next

The City of Salem and Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, in collaboration with Performance Pickleball, conducted the "Picklebrawl in the Blue Ridge" event at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem last weekend. There were 194 registered players for the first big pickleball event on the new courts at the renovated Moyer Complex.

The PickleBrawl was the first sanctioned tournament in the Virginia Blue Ridge region, offering top of the class facilities. It was run by the Performance Pickleball team, offering a top of the class tournament experience. There were Skill & Age Divisions in Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. The tournament also featured Open Divisions within each of the Men's, Women's and Mixed events with Prize Money awarded to the top three teams or players in each Open Division event. Medal matches in the Open Divisions were livestreamed and broadcasted each day on the Performance Pickleball YouTube page.

"Performance Pickleball was honored to be chosen to organize the first large-scale pickleball tournament in the Roanoke Valley," said Performance Pickleball COO and tournament organizer Jon Laaser. "The tournament represents the desire of so many to collaborate and innovate as the Roanoke Valley becomes a vibrant hub for pickleballers throughout the region and beyond."

On September 27-29 the second annual pickleball "Spartan Fall Classic" will be held at the courts at the Moyer Complex. The event begins with a Player/Community Fun Night on September 27 followed by tournament play on the 28th and 29th. There are multiple skill levels and age brackets and all proceeds benefit the Salem High School tennis teams.

"Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States," said John Shaner, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Salem.



The new courts at the James I. Moyer Complex were the site for the Picklebrawl in the Blue Ridge last weekend.

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Still time to sign up for Little League Challenger golf tournament

The Little League "Challenger" baseball program will put on a fundraising golf tournament on Saturday, September 28, at the Ashley Plantation Country Club.

Little League Challenger is a 501c non-profit division of Little League Baseball that provides boys and girls

ages 4 years of age and older, with mental and/or physical disabilities, the opportunity to experience the fun of playing baseball.

The golf tournament is used to raise much-needed funds for the teams and players. In addition to players the group is seeking help with donated items to

be auctioned off or used for the tournament like water, sodas and snacks or any giveaways to be included in the golf bags for the 250 golfers.

A "flight shotgun start" will get the tournament underway at 1 pm on September 28 and cost is \$90 per golfer or \$360 for a team. It will be a

captain's choice tournament and many prizes will be offered. Also, each golfer receives special tournament complimentary gifts.

To sign up for this very special event please call 540-600-4653. Deadline for registration is Monday, September 23.

Fredricksburg, Kannapolis play in Carolina League baseball championship

The Fredricksburg Nationals and the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers are playing for the Carolina League championship after winning their Division series' last week.

Fredricksburg swept Carolina in the North Division, two games to none, while Kannapolis needed three games to defeat the Charleston RiverDogs in the South

Division. Fredricksburg is a Washington franchise, Carolina is a Brewers farm team, Kannapolis is a White Sox team and Charleston is in the Rays' system.

The championship series opened Monday in Fredricksburg and the host Nationals took a 6-4 win. Game two was scheduled for Tuesday night but results were too late for publication.

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Salem tackle Jackson Bryie rumbles for some extra yards after picking up a fumble in last week's game.



Lil General pulls rank

It was only a matter of time before a member of Salem's Cassell family won our weekly football contest, and this week is the one.

Pam "The Little General" Cassell tied several others with two misses this week but was closest on the tie-breaker to win the contest. Pam missed Pitt over West Virginia in the college ranks and Cleveland over the Jaguars in the pros for her only two losses. She had 59 for the high point total, and when Notre Dame hung 66 on Purdue she was closest among five or six others who also missed two but guessed fewer points. So, the General gets the \$50 gift certificate to Mac & Bob's this week.

For our 19th hole question I asked you to pick the score between Salem and William Fleming and it was split about 50-50, which is unusual because usually almost everyone picks Salem. However, Fleming came out on top, 25-7, and the closest to that score was Dan Brugh of Camp North Road in Salem who guessed the Colonels would win 28-17. Dan will get a free round of golf at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street.

Most of you had Salem scoring more than seven points, even if you picked Fleming to win. One interesting guess was made by Chris Eklond of Roanoke who picked the Colonels to beat Salem 86-10, and you may have guessed 86 was also his tie-breaker number for high point total of the week. Chris must not have a lot of faith in the Salem defense, as last December he was the one who picked the Spartans to lose to Phoebus, 75-14. He got the winning team right both times but was a little off on the score.

For this week's 19th hole Roanoke College is playing their second game of the season, and the century for that matter. I put them on the contest this week for their game in Winchester against the Shenandoah University jayvee team. Pick the score of that game, put it in the space provided on the entry blank and you might win a free round of golf. **-Brian Hoffman**

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game, 7-0. Josiah Persinger scored on a five yard run with just under six minutes remaining in the game. That was the first score Fleming has given up all season as former Salem High quarterback Nick Leftwich has his Colonels hitting on all cylinders on both sides of the ball.

Persinger was held to 36 yards rushing on 12 attempts and Salem had just 75 yards rushing for the game. Eli Taylor was four for 14 passing for 25 yards

and was sacked five times. His favorite target, Coen Logan, was out with an injury for this game.

"The sun came up Saturday morning and we have an opportunity to get better," said Holter. "We know exactly what we need to do and we're going to get back to basics and fundamentals."

The Salem jayvees lost 20-14 at Fleming last Thursday and they'll be at Northside tonight. Friday's game at Salem Stadium is Youth Night.



PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Glenvar's Ranger Swanson(#0) makes a tackle against Cave Spring.

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and the Highlanders have only allowed eight points thus far. Nick Wilson led the team with 13 tackles against Cave Spring, including two for losses. Peyton Deel had nine tackles while Brody Dawyot and Daulton Shoemaker had seven each. Glenvar had three interceptions, one each by Forster, Vaughan and Devin Clark.

This week Glenvar is back home to take on the other south Roanoke County team, Hidden Valley. To say the Titans have struggled thus far would be an understatement, as they've been outscored 204-0 in three losses to William Fleming, William Byrd and Northside. That doesn't mean the Highlanders will take them lightly Friday night.

"The three teams we've beaten are 1-8 and the three they've lost to are 9-0," said Clifford. "This is a big game."

The Titans hold a 3-2 edge in the series but the Highlanders have won the last two. In 2021 Hidden Valley won a memorable 55-51 shootout at Bogle Stadium but Glenvar won 52-14 in 2022 and 49-13 last year.

"The last two years don't matter," said Clifford. "Winning's hard and we don't worry about who we're playing, we'll be preparing just as hard this week. You can't take time off and expect to win games."

Glenvar MS football is 6-1

The Glenvar middle school football team won two games in the past week to improve to 6-1 on the season.

The Highlanders played the Andrew Lewis 7th grade team at Salem Stadium last Thursday and won 35-8. Glenvar held a 35-0 lead at the half and only ran four offensive plays before intermission. Money Shaw ran for a 56 yard touchdown on Glenvar's first offensive play and Kiptyn Jones passed to Shaw on their second play for a TD. Ricky Ferguson and Anthony Cline both ran fumbles back for TDs, then Jones found Zane Smith in the end zone for a 43 yard pass and catch right before the half.

On Monday in Hillsville the Highlanders defeated Carroll County, 42-12. Shaw ran in the first TD, then Jones found Grayson Harris on a long pass down the sideline to score the second touchdown. Jones hit Zane Smith and Harris again on deep balls for first half touchdowns for a 28-6 lead at the break.

Harris ran for a TD in the second half and Jones connected with Chase Clark for a touchdown to complete the scoring. Harris finished with three touchdowns on the night and Jones threw for four.

"The guys did a great job of executing the last two games," said coach Josh Jones. "We have 12 sixth graders and all are getting time in the games, which is great! Hopefully we can continue to execute and improve as the season continues."

The Highlanders are back in action tonight at Central Academy in Botetourt County.

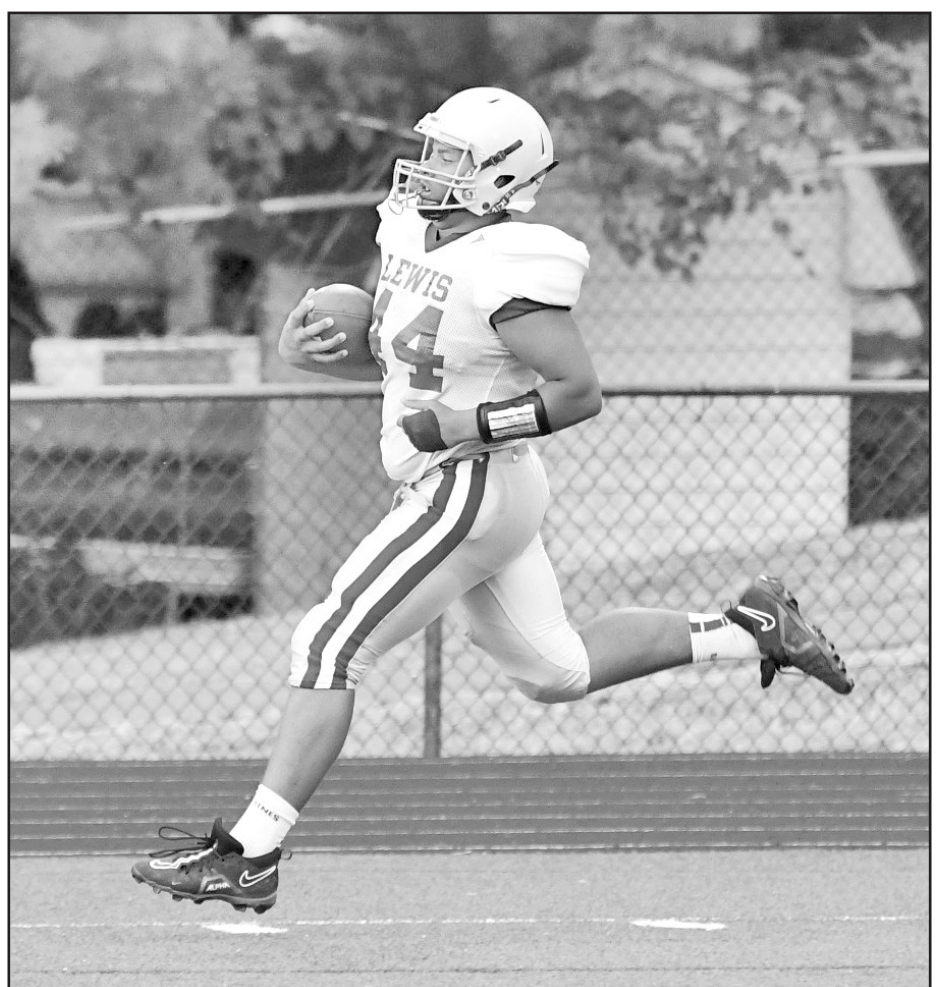


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Tristen Tucker of Andrew Lewis scores on a "pick six" at William Byrd last week.

Wolverines are 5-0 after win at Byrd

The 8th Andrew Lewis Middle School eighth grade football team ran their record to 5-0 on the season with a 54-20 victory over the Terriers of William Byrd Middle School last Thursday in Vinton.

The offense was led by the passing of quarterback Nate McNeill, who threw four touchdowns in the victory. McNeill passed two each to Ji'Zaiah Haynes and Jahamere Nance. Haynes and McNeill each rushed for a touchdown as well and Tristen Tucker intercepted a Terrier pass and ran it back for a score.

The defense was led by defensive back Liam Munoz and linebacker Jemari Allen.

The eighth grade team will host the Bruins of Blacksburg on Thursday at Salem Stadium.

RC game at BC moved back

The Roanoke College football team will play their second game when the Maroons travel to face Shenandoah University's junior varsity squad at 2 pm Sunday. Roanoke is 1-0 after defeating the Hampden-Sydney jayvees, 34-27, on September 8th in their first game since 1942.

This week it was announced that the RC game against Bridgewater jay-

vees has been moved back a week. The game, originally scheduled for October 6, will now be played on Sunday, October 13. Kickoff is still set for 2 p.m. and neither road contest will have a live stream.

The next home game for the Maroons will be Sunday, October 20, against Fork Union.

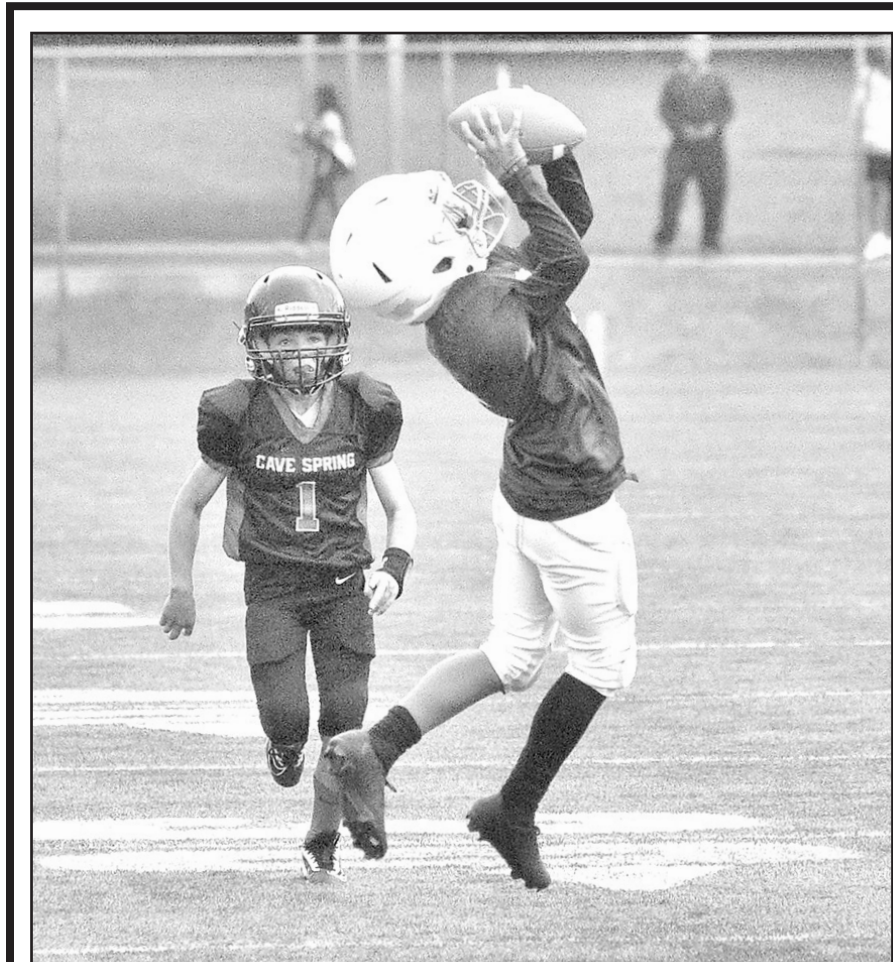
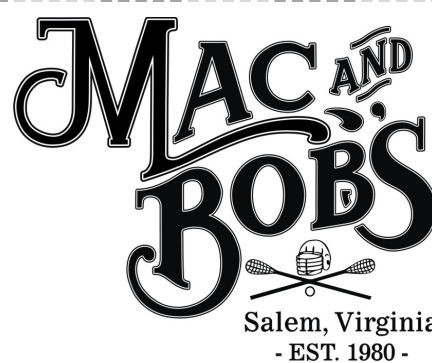


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REC. Jaxon Mitchen of the Salem Spartans 10 year old team goes high to make a catch in Saturday's game with Cave Spring at Spartan Field. The Salem team took a 28-0 win.

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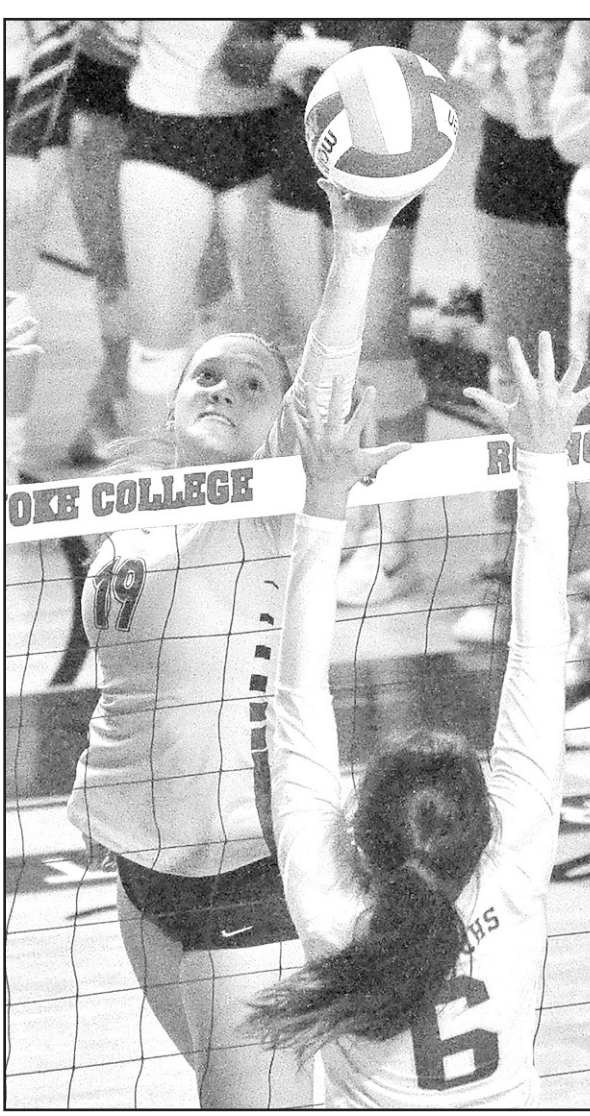
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Highlander cheer team wins division at Big Orange Invt.
 The Glenvar High Competition Cheerleading team took home first place in their division and second place overall at the Heritage Big Orange Country Invitational last weekend. The Highlanders compete again September 25th at Rustburg and host their annual "G-Town Throwdown" cheerleading competition on Saturday, September 28th. Front row (L to R): Selena Noel, Ansleigh Ernel, Ali Brown, and Colby Thompson. Back row (L to R): Morgan Gaines, Carter Graffeo, Elle Graffeo, Harley Whitt, Kayelynn Dickson, Marley Burris, Kinzie Lester, Addie Snead, and Taylor Goldfield.
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Maroons win 2 matches in Harrisonburg

The Roanoke College volleyball team improved to 9-3 on the season when they swept two opponents at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg last Saturday. The Maroons defeated host EMU in five sets, then downed Wilson College in three. Peyton Kirchner and Rylee Mayer had 17 kills each against EMU and Kirchner had five blocks. Kylee Draper had 25 assists and 14 digs. In the win over Wilson Kirchner and Mayer had five kills each while Haley Torbert had four. Raygan Wade had 11 assists. A total of 19 Maroons contributed to the win over Wilson. Up The Maroons will play a pair of Old Dominion Athletic Conference matches this weekend, Friday at Virginia Wesleyan University and Saturday at Randolph-Macon College Saturday.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
 Kaylee Eason of RC goes high over the net.



PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY
 Glenvar's Sawyer Wilson goes low for a dig in last week's match with Carroll Co.

Glenvar Middle wins 2

The Glenvar Middle School volleyball team won two matches in the past week. Glenvar beat Central Academy in two sets, 25-13 and 25-10, then downed Christiansburg on Monday, 26-24 and 25-17. The Highlanders were scheduled to continue a busy stretch with a match at Hidden Valley on Wednesday. Tonight they host Covington and next Monday, September 23rd, Carroll County visits Glenvar.

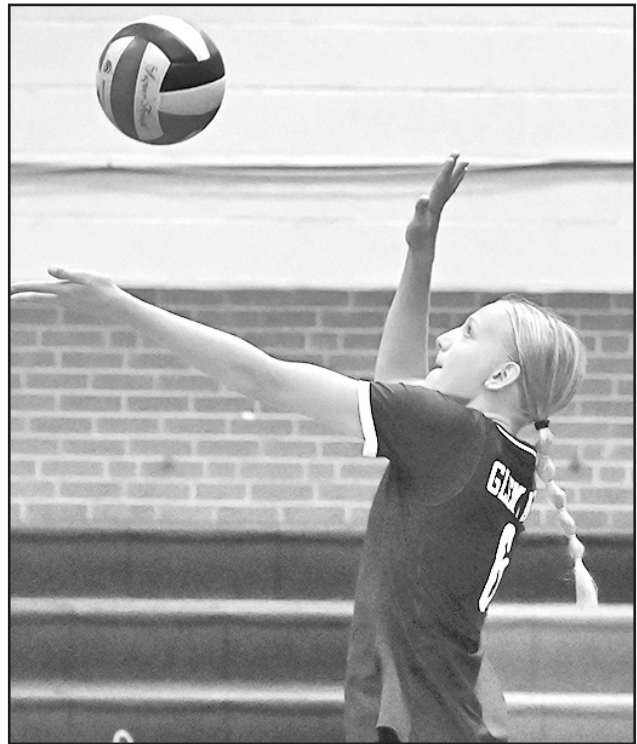


PHOTO BY ERIN TICE
 Maudie Doolin serves for Glenvar Middle School.

GHS girls host Radford tonight

The Glenvar High volleyball team will host Radford tonight in a big Three Rivers District match. The Highlanders will be looking to bounce back from a two-game losing streak that dropped them to 4-3 in the past week. The Three Rivers District appears to be most competitive once again with strong teams all around. After winning a tight match with Patrick County in their 3RD opener the Highlanders hosted Carroll County last Thursday and lost a five-set marathon. After winning the first two sets, 29-27 and 25-19, Glenvar lost the next two, 25-17 and 25-18. That made a fifth set to 15 necessary and the visiting Cavaliers pulled out a nail-biter, 15-12. "I thought we played fairly well against a really good team," said Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback. Sophia Hammersley had 34 assists and seven blocks for Glenvar. Sophie Nicely and Mahre Swanson led the front line with nine kills each and Grace Fiedler had eight. On Monday the Highlanders traveled to Vinton for a non-district match with William Byrd and fell in three, 25-18, 25-21 and 25-20. Hammersley had 22 assists and Rebecca Magruder had six kills. "There's a lot of stuff we're still working on," said Rohrback. "We have to be more consistent. The Radford match should be a really good match." Next Monday the Highlanders will host Auburn and on Tuesday Floyd County comes here for a Three Rivers match.

Lewis girls beat Blacksburg

The Andrew Lewis Middle School volleyball team pulled out a big win over Blacksburg last Wednesday in Salem, winning in three sets. Lewis won the first set, 25-10, but Blacksburg won the second to tie the match, 25-22. Lewis then pulled out a spirited third set, 15-13, to win the match. "The girls played an amazing game against Blacksburg," said coach Kim Crist. Lewis lost to Franklin County on Thursday, 25-6 and 25-10, and on Monday they dropped one to Read Mountain in Botetourt County, 25-18 and 25-12. The Wolverines will host William Byrd today.

Maroon soccer men play to scoreless draw

The Roanoke College men's soccer team remained undefeated as they battled to a "nil-nil" draw against Marietta College at Kerr Stadium in Salem last Saturday. The Maroons had the majority of the opportunities, outshooting Marietta 11-6 and holding them shotless in the first half. Carlos Lomena led the way for RC with three shots on the day while Carter Laatsch and Ryan Pidgeon had two shots each. Roanoke also had the advantage on corners in the contest, 4-1, with three coming in the second half. Senior keeper Luca Gustafson made six saves in the match. The Maroons were scheduled to play at William Peace on Tuesday but that match was postponed by inclement weather. Roanoke is back home Friday for a 7:30 pm match with Centre College in Salem. The Maroons are now 2-0-2.

Roanoke Field hockey team loses 1-0

The Roanoke College field hockey team fell to 2-3 on the season with a 1-0 loss to Sewanee College in Sewanee, Tennessee last Sunday. Despite holding strong defensively, Sewanee broke through the Maroon defense in the 60th minute to break the tie with the deciding goal. Roanoke had the edge on penalty corners, taking seven to Sewanee's six. Grace Vernarelli, Elyse Cosgrave, and Mary Wisher were the only Maroons to register shots. Keeper Madison Wingarter had a season high 10 saves on the day. RC is back at home this Saturday to take on the Hood College Blazers in a 2 pm non-conference game.

RC women fall to Scots

The Roanoke College women are still looking for their first soccer win after falling to Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee Sunday, 2-1. The Maroons team had a 1-0 lead with 22 minutes left in the game but the Scots rallied for the non-conference victory. Neither team found the back of the net in the game's first 45 minutes, but RC struck early in the second half. After a Maryville foul in the box, junior forward Brooke Nicholson converted the penalty kick at 56:07 to put the Maroons ahead 1-0. The Scots countered with a tally 12 minutes later from Madison McDonald, and Katie Corley posted the game winner at 72:58 after a corner kick. Roanoke outshot Maryville, 18-11, but the Scots had a 4-3 edge in corner kicks. Grace Suchy made three saves in the goal for RC. Now 0-4-2, Roanoke heads to Kentucky Sunday to face Centre College at 1 p.m.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
 RC goalkeeper Grace Suchy makes a save.



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The Glenvar Middle School cross country team finished first at Hidden Valley's "Clash with the Titans" Saturday. Front row, left to right, are Bryson Kuzmich and Jaxson Kuzmich. Back row, left to right, are Joshua Foster, Matthew Gard, Grayson Washenberger, Grady Horrell, Austin Ayers, Sawyer Austin, Matthew Brennan, Zachary Davis.

Glenvar boys win middle school race at Hidden Valley Saturday

Hidden Valley High hosted the "Clash with the Titans" cross country meet in south Roanoke County last Saturday and Glenvar High and both Glenvar and Andrew Lewis Middle Schools competed.

The Glenvar varsity finished in third place among eight teams in the girls' race as Blacksburg took first and Roanoke Catholic was second. Blacksburg also won the varsity boys' race with the Highlanders taking fifth among 15.

Valeria Castillo led the girls with a 17th place finish, followed by Anna Hall in 20th. Also scoring were Everly Shanks in 25th, Rayya Bryson in 45th and Annie George in 57th, on spot ahead of Naomi Kidd.

For the boys, Tyler Davis was 19th and Bryce Austin was close behind in 21st. Aldin Smith was 35th, Evan Harris was 43rd and Asheer Faught was 47th.

The Glenvar Middle School boys' team won the meet and three runners finished in the top 15 places. Jaxson Kuzmich placed fifth, Zac Davis was seventh and a Matthew Brennan came in 13th. Also scoring for the first place Highlanders were Bryson Kuzmich in 29th and Sawyer Austin in 31st out of 191 runners.

"I am so proud of all our runners for the effort they put in to finish strong on this tough course," said coach Madison Bourne.

Salem High did not run at Hidden Valley but the Andrew Lewis Middle School team did and both the boys and girls finished fifth in their respective races.

In the boys competition the Wolverines had two medal winners. Camden Burns was 11th out of 191 runners and Landon Nunley was 12th. Also scoring for the team were Mathew Palleria(32), Cannon Cowling(36) and Camdon Crotts(49).

North Cross won the girls' middle school team title. Lewis had one medal winner, Madelyn Eversole, who placed third out of 138 runners. Following Madelyn and scoring for the team were Jansamal Hancock-Parmer(29), Amelia O'Brian(35), Allie Denton(40), Jayda King(57) and Allison Rude(58).

This Saturday Glenvar, Salem and Andrew Lewis will be competing at the Jackson River Sports Complex in a meet hosted by Alleghany High.

"It is a flat and fast course so we are looking forward to running there," said Salem coach Tom Roth.

Smith wins playoff in match with River

The Glenvar Highlanders played a non-district golf match against James River at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club Monday and shot 335 to River's 329.

"We had a fun outing with James River," said GHS coach Shawn Duff. "We had outstanding play from Tyler Smith who led the team with a 75."

Smith tied for medalist with James River's Landon Bolling. Then they had a friendly playoff for first place on hole one, which was won by Tyler. Glenvar had good play from Adam Franklin and Grayson Shepherd with 86 each and Riley Wolk and Easton Quesenberry both shot 88.

Glenvar is now off until Thursday, September 26, when the Highlanders host James River at Hanging Rock. This will be the final match before heading into the sub-region match on Monday, September 30, at the Botetourt Golf & Swim club. Three teams from that day will qualify to move on to Regionals on October 7th at Great Oaks.



PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Adam Franklin tees off for the Highlanders.

SHS golfers rained out of match at RCC

The Salem High golfers were rained out of their River Ridge District match at the Roanoke Country Club on Monday. That will be made up next Tuesday, September 24, at the RCC at 2 pm.

Salem will be busy in the meantime, weather permitting. Today the Spartans will play in the Bryan Gunter Memorial Tournament at

the Shenandoah Valley Golf Club. That will begin at 10 am.

On Monday the Spartans will play in a district match at Auburn Hills, then it's the makeup match in Roanoke a day later. That will be the last match before the sub-region at the Blacksburg Country Club on Monday, September 30th.

Last week the Spartans on the River Ridge District at Draper Valley in a match hosted by Pulaski County. It was another tightly contested matchup after the usual dominating performance by Blacksburg, who won by 35 shots over the field with a team seven-under-par 281. Hidden Valley came in second place at 316, just slightly ahead of Salem and Cave Spring who carded 317 each.

The Spartans were led by Senior Kathryn Ha. She started on hole 10 and finished the back nine at two over, then caught fire going five under on her final nine holes.

"That is how you grind a round out," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "Just when things aren't going your way, you fight back and post an incredible minus three 69 round. I love that she kept fighting to post a great score and finish in third place on the day."

Auburn commit Jake Albert finished first overall with a 66. Also scoring for the Spartans were freshman Mike Bateman at 78, finishing 14th, senior Aidan Andrews at 82 and freshman Croix Bowen at 88.

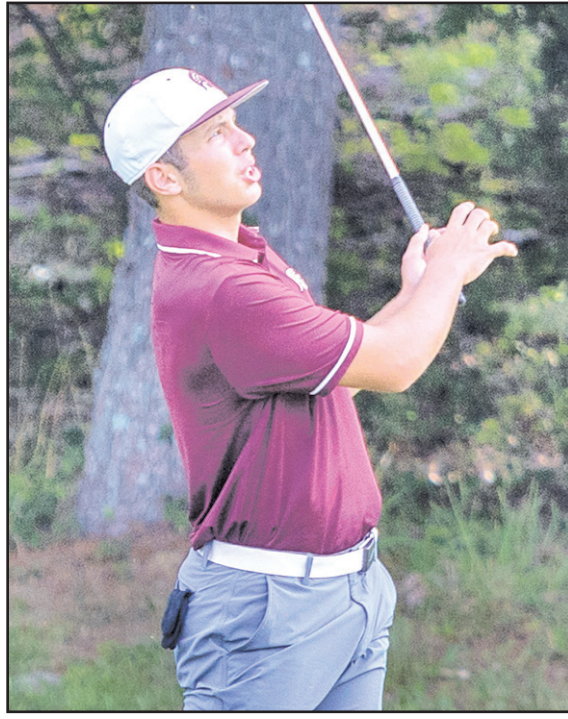


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Zach Bocoock hits a shot.

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Left, Salem offensive line coach Adam Bryie talks to the Mules while the defense is on the field. Right, Conner Cox hangs on to Fleming's Malachi Coleman.

Salem looks to bounce back against Northside after loss to Fleming

The William Fleming Colonels spoiled Salem's home opener with a strong performance at Salem Stadium last Friday. The Colonels took a 25-7 win behind a solid performance in all phases of the game.

With the loss Salem is 1-2 for the first time since the 2002 season, and the Spartans haven't been 1-3 since 1994. The Salemites are planning to avoid that with Northside coming to town this Friday night for a non-district game at Salem Stadium.

This will be the last time Salem and Northside will play, at least for a while. The Vikings are putting an end to a series that goes back to Salem High's opening in 1977 and has been played every year since except for the 2021 spring COVID season. The two teams have actually played 50 times in 48 years counting playoff games.

One might wonder why the series would end as the two rivals are bordering school districts. Many folks in the north and east Salem areas can actually drive to Northside High quicker than they can get to Salem High, so it's not a matter of saving gas money.

"Their athletic director told our athletic director they had to drop us because they have to play Roanoke County schools," said Salem coach Don Holter.

With that said, Northside is picking up Heritage High to fill Salem's spot next year and they're not playing Glenvar, a Roanoke County School with a strong football tradition. Maybe the fact that Salem is 35-6 against the Vikings since 1986 has something to do with it?

Salem has beaten Northside by a combined score of 159-28 over the

past three years but the Vikings were 6-25 overall during that span. This year they've started out 3-0 with some impressive wins. They opened with a 28-21 win over Pulaski County, then swept the south Roanoke County teams, downing Cave Spring 21-14 and shutting out Hidden Valley last week, 49-0.

"They have good size and some good athletes," said Holter. "They're a good football team. We're going to have to be at our best to beat them."

Last Friday Salem was far from their best in the loss to William Fleming, and it's hard to believe the Colonels can play much better. Syracuse bound tailback Malachi Coleman ripped off a 58 yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage and led the Colonels to their first win over Salem since 2002, and just the second win over the Spartans in the past 21 meetings.

"Obviously, they have a good football team," said Holter. "They exposed our youth on defense. We're not a very experienced football team and it showed."

Fleming led 12-0 at the half and the Spartans felt like they were still right in the game with the Colonels failing on two conversion attempts. However, Salem never could get the offense untracked as the Spartans fell behind 18-0 in the third quarter. Then Coleman put the icing on the cake with a 73 yard scoring run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

"He's similar to (Lynchburg Christian standout) Gideon Davidson," said Holter. "He can make you pay."

Salem avoided being shut out for the first time since 2013, when they lost to Sherando in Stephens City in a playoff

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Left, Glenvar's Trey Dawyot is behind the defense for one of his two touchdown catches. Right, Jacob Campbell has hold of a "Knight shirt" in Friday's win.

Highlanders shut out Cave Spring to go 3-0

The Glenvar Highlanders remained undefeated on the young football season with a dominating performance against Roanoke County rival Cave Spring last Friday. The Highlanders shut out the Class 3 Knights on Cave Spring's home Bogle Field, 40-0.

"It was a good example of taking what they gave us," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "They played us to stop the run and we threw for 247 yards. No one west of Lynchburg has thrown for more yards than we have since 2011."

Glenvar led 33-0 at the half and cruised to the win. Junior quarterback Brody Dawyot and his brother Trey had big nights. Brody threw for 247 yards, completing 15 of 22 attempts with four touchdowns. Trey caught two of the scores and finished with 164 yards receiving.

There were plenty of pigs in the air to go around. Jace Forster had three catches for 60 yards, Cooper Mullins caught five passes for 18 yards and a score and Cale Vaughan had one catch that went for a 21

yard touchdown.

Brody Dawyot also had 80 yards rushing to lead the team. The rest was spread around as Mullins had 43 yards and a touchdown, Rawlin Hanks had 38 yards on just five carries and sophomore Ranger Swanson rushed four times for 33 yards and Glenvar's only touchdown after halftime, setting the clock to run continuously for the remainder of the game.

The shutout was Glenvar's second in three games,

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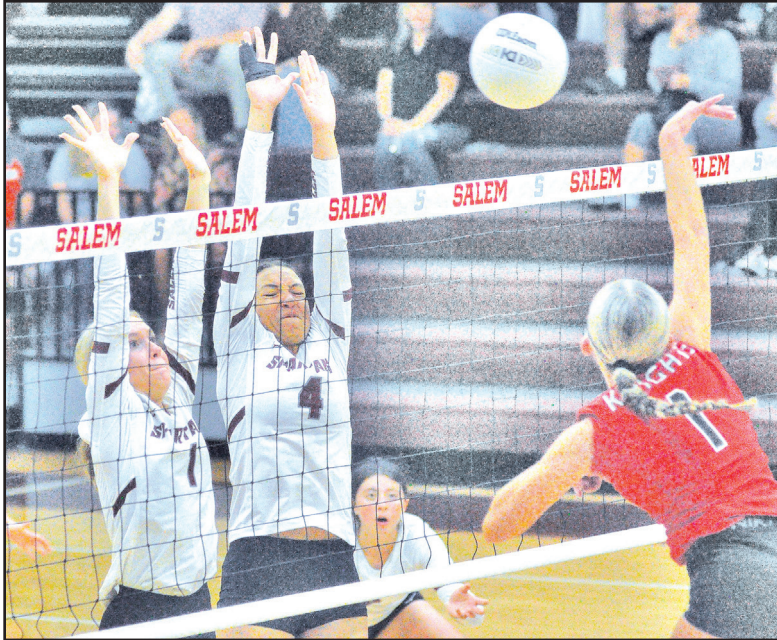


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Tatum Tinsley(#1) and Gabby Crawley(#4) of Salem go up for a block in last week's win over Cave Spring at Salem High.

Spartans at HV tonight for battle of unbeatens

The Salem High volleyball team stormed to their eighth straight win on Tuesday night and yet the Spartans will face their biggest test yet tonight. Salem will travel to Hidden Valley to take on the 2023 Class 3 state champion Titans in a battle of unbeatens.

Hidden Valley came into the week at 11-0 and they were heavily favored in a match with 2-4 Pulaski County on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Salem remained unbeaten at 8-0 with a three set win over River Ridge District rival Blacksburg on Tuesday, setting up tonight's big showdown.

Salem beat the Bruins on the road Tuesday, 25-18, 25-23 and 25-22. "We faced a scrappy Blacksburg team and just refused to lose," said Salem coach Doug Eller.

The Spartans opened River Ridge District play last Thursday with a home match against Cave Spring and had little trouble disposing of the Knights, taking a three set win in Salem. The Spartans dominated the once powerful south county team, 25-15, 25-11

and 25-9.

Junior Emme Custer led the Salem offense with 11 kills while Tinsley Thomas had 10 and Gabby Crawley put down half a dozen. Tate Thomas dished out 34 assists.

On defense Bailey Redford led the team with 13 digs while Thomas and Myah Crews had 10 digs each. In serving Crews had 20 attempts and Jenna Wilkes had 15.

The Spartans will play in an eight-team tournament in Buchanan this Saturday as the James River volleyball team will host the "Knights Invitational." Each team is guaranteed five matches and there is a championship bracket and a consolation bracket. Teams competing this Saturday include Alleghany, Franklin County, Appomattox, Rustburg, E.C. Glass, Salem, Parry McCluer and host James River.

Next week the Spartans have two home matches as Christiansburg comes here Tuesday and Patrick Henry is at Salem a week from today.