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Salem Fire & EMS chief announces retirement

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Salem Fire & EMS Chief John Prillaman announced his retirement earlier this week, effective January 1, 2025. Prillaman has served the Salem community in various capacities for over 27 years, including the last 10 years as its fire & EMS chief.

"It has been an incredible honor to work for the city of Salem and serve with a group of professionals who are dedicated to serving our citizens" Prillaman said. "I have been proud to be called a firefighter for more than 35 years and have been privileged to serve with the very best at every level."

Prillaman, 51, joined the Salem Fire and EMS Department in 1998 and was promoted to senior firefighter in 2001. In 2005, he attained the rank of lieutenant

and training officer and was named a captain in 2006 and deputy fire chief in May of 2010. On January 1, 2015, he officially replaced retiring Chief Pat Counts as Salem's fire chief.

The city of Salem Fire & EMS chief also serves as the city's emergency management coordinator during floods, storms and other crisis events. That responsibility became a much more demanding role when the COVID-19 pandemic struck.

"I was never prouder of our Salem Fire & EMS Department personnel or the city of Salem than I was during the height of the pandemic," he said. "We worked long hours treating and transporting patients, setting-up testing sites, and eventually helping oversee mass immunization sites. This would not have been possible without a great team and great partners."

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Chief John Prillaman speaks at the dedication on the 9/11 Memorial in Salem in September 11, 2016.



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

From left to right: John Saunders, Renee Turk, Ann Marie Green and Jim Wallace.

Candidates for Salem City Council share visions for community at Kiwanis forum

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

At the Kiwanis Candidate Forum, four individuals running for a school council got a chance to answer questions and speak to the audience. "I'm John Saunders. I'm running for Salem City Council again," he began. It had been a humbling experience serving from 2018 to 2022,

pushing through the personal property tax relief and listening to the voices of the community. "I'm a listener," he emphasized, nodding to the stories he had heard from his neighbors and friends.

Renee Turk, meanwhile, reflecting on her time as mayor, her commitment to teamwork, and the joy she had found in Salem. "It takes a group," she

smiled. "I wasn't born in Salem, but I'm proud to call it home."

Then came Ann Marie Green, a candidate brimming with experience from her years in local government. "I've been involved since 1989," she said, her voice steady. With her knowledge of projects like the transformation of the old Salem Bank building,

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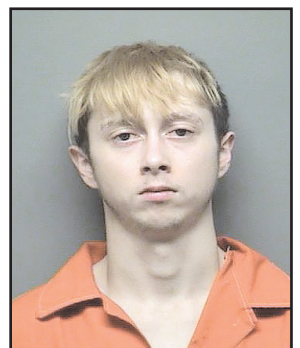
Man behind Sept. 18 crime spree arrested

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The individual who went on a crime spree last Wednesday, Sept. 18 morning in Salem is now in custody. Salem Police officers arrested Bradley Poff, 18, of Salem Friday afternoon and charged him with multiple crimes related to the rash of incidents that occurred in city on Wednesday morning.

Poff was indicted by a Salem Grand Jury Friday and charged with the following felonies:

- Robbery in Possession of a Firearm
- Use of a Firearm in Commission of a



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Poff

- 2 Counts of Grand Larceny
 - Abduction by Force/Intimidation
 - Child Neglect
 - Eluding Police - Endangerment
- After an extensive investigation, Salem

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Museum acquires collection of maps



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The Hildebrand Collection also contains a detailed introduction, written by John R. Hildebrand, that describes how the maps were created and provides some historical context for them.

The Salem Museum and Historical Society's Logan Research Library have announced the recent acquisition of a prestigious and comprehensive collection of maps that contain invaluable genealogical and historical information about some of the original settlers of Virginia and the geography, communities, and development of Virginia. The Logan Library of the Salem Museum is now the only museum with

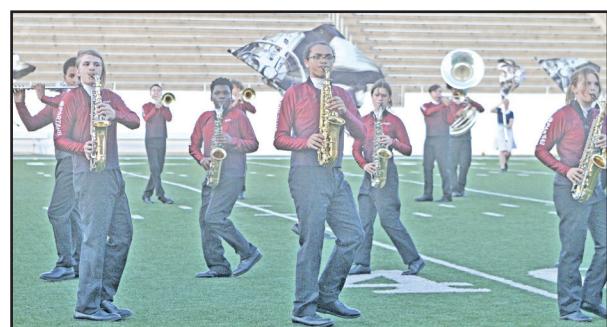
the entire Hildebrand Map Collection.

The Hildebrand Map Collection was compiled and donated by John R. and David C. Hildebrand, the sons of J. Raymond Hildebrand. The collection consists of a series of maps resulting from the elder Hildebrand's research into land records, historical maps, and United States Geological Survey (USGS) maps.

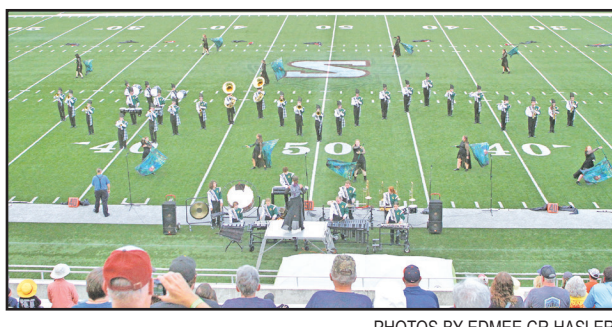
The highly detailed,

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Blue Ridge Fall Music Games bring excitement, fundraising success, musical excellence



The Pride of Salem Marching band performs on Saturday at the Blue Ridge Fall Music Games.



Glenvar High School Marching Highlanders compete at the Blue Ridge Fall Music Games.

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Contributing writer


The Blue Ridge Fall Music Games returned to the Salem Civic Center last weekend with a sense of excitement and renewal. For many of the participating bands, this was their first competition of the season, and for the hosting marching band, Salem High School, it was an opportunity to showcase their skills through an exhibition performance, rather than competing directly.

At the center of the Salem High School Marching Band, was drum major Chance Long. He expressed a mix of excitement and nervousness, as this was their home competition. While Salem wasn't competing, their exhibition performance would still be judged and serve as a critical opportunity to receive feedback. "This is our first performance in front of a silent crowd, so that's very exciting," Chance said. Having only performed at football games up until now, the Salem band was ready to showcase the show they

had been preparing for nine weeks.

The excitement of the day extended beyond just the music. The event served as a significant fundraiser for Salem's band program. "This competition is one of our primary fundraisers for the year," explained Thomas Graham, Assistant band director for Salem. "The money raised from ticket sales, concessions, and everything else helps fund our entire season." Graham acknowledged


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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.

Roanoke College—MAPLE'S Kids by Toy Like Me: Takes place from 9-11 a.m. every Saturday during the following time frames: Sept. 7-Sept. 28, Oct. 5-Oct. 26, Nov. 2-Nov. 30 in the Bast Center. MAPLE'S Kids (Multiple Adaptive Play Experiences in Sports) is an extension of Toy Like Me, part of Roanoke College's new Disability Studies Program. We have partnered with Wheel Love, a local nonprofit that creates active opportunities for local adults with physical disabilities, to promote adaptive sports. Staffed by Roanoke College student volunteers, MAPLE'S Kids has become a community for local families with children with disabilities.

Roanoke College—"Forget Me Not" Exhibition: Sept. 13- Dec. 8, 2024, 1-4 p.m. Olin Hall Galleries, Lower Smoyer Hall. The exhibition "Forget Me Not" by Roanoke College's Center for Studying Structures of Race (CSSR) chronicles projects completed since 2019. This set of works highlight questions about structural racism in local, national and global contexts. By examining the physical and symbolic structures of racism, the CSSR explores and complicates the understanding of race through interdisciplinary research, teaching and community engagement.

Roanoke College—"Child Be Free" by Johnny Floyd: Sept. 14- Dec. 8, 2024, 1-4 p.m. Olin Hall Galleries. Johnny Floyd's exhibition, "Child Be Free," explores our relationship with time and how we define ourselves within its bounds. Influenced by conversations with his grandfather, a theoretical physicist, Floyd delves into questions of purpose and identity, often through the lens of recursion theory, where repetition leads to revelation. Through experimentation with paper, sewing and digital manipulation, Floyd intertwines archival imagery with themes of ancestry and connection. Drawing inspiration from the Center for Studying Structures of Race's project on naming unnamed enslaved individuals who contributed to Roanoke College's history, Floyd intertwines archival African American vernacular photography from the Maurice Berger Memorial Archive and Library with themes of ancestry and connection. By utilizing the Black experience in the United States as an analogy for the constructs of time, his art aims to deconstruct and question the necessity of these constructs, inviting viewers to contemplate their own temporal identities.

Roanoke College—"Freedom is Not a Metaphor" by Sandy Williams IV: Sept. 14- Dec. 8, 2024, 1-4 p.m. Olin Hall Galleries, Smoyer Gallery. "Freedom is Not a Metaphor" by Sandy Williams IV presents a collection of works spanning photography, sculptures, research and installations. Through personal narratives and historical contexts, the exhibition invites viewers to reconsider the construction and contestation of memory. Williams intertwines family portraits with discussions on public space, challenging conventional narratives and encouraging dialogue on agency and historical injustices. Their innovative approach, seen in works like "The Time Ruler" series, prompts reflection on collective memory and

cultural moments. The exhibition serves as a platform for diverse voices to engage with the complexities of public memory, advocating for reconciliation and collective healing. By highlighting struggles against oppressive systems and emphasizing liberation and justice, Williams reminds viewers of our collective strength and the potential for transformative change. The exhibition prompts us to confront our shared consciousness and envision a more inclusive and just society built upon a deeper understanding of our history and identity. In collaboration with the Center for Studying Structures of Race, funding for this exhibition is provided by the Joanne Leonhardt Cassullo Center for Art at Roanoke College.

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

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 Congressman Ben 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, Oct. 1 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.

Roanoke College—Benne Center Fall Lecture: "Warping Religious Liberty in America": Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, 7-8 p.m. Wortmann Ballroom, Colket Center. Join Dr. Bruce Frohnen, professor of law at Ohio Northern University, in an examination of religious liberty's intrinsic communitarianism. In his address, Frohnen will analyze the Supreme Court's role in warping the law—and history—to turn religious liberty from a right of the people to join together for religious activities into a "right" of an individual to express his/her religious beliefs. In the process, the changing tide has stripped us of the benefits and protections once gained from religious affiliations in the form of meaningful religious activities and protections from state actions. Frohnen's lecture, "Warping Religious Liberty in America," is free and open to the public. The event is a program of the Benne Center for Church & Society. When he joined Ohio Northern University in 2008, Frohnen wrote and spoke extensively on public law and constitutionalism. He served as a legislative aide to a U.S. senator, visiting scholar at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and secretary and director of program at the Earhart Foundation.

200th anniversary of Fort Lewis Baptist Church: On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Fort Lewis Baptist Church community will celebrate the church's 200th anniversary by hosting a homecoming on the FLBC's grounds. Activities will begin at 11 a.m. with a special Sunday service, guided tours of

the church, picture displays recapping FLBC's history, lunch, and an Old Time Hymn sing in the historic chapel.

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, Oct. 7: 7-9 p.m. - Franklin Station. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

Roanoke College—"The Real Right Stuff: Leadership and Teamwork Lessons from the Astronaut Corps": Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, 7-8 p.m. Cregger Center Arena. Thomas D. Jones is a veteran NASA astronaut, scientist, author, pilot and speaker. In more than 11 years with NASA, he flew on four space shuttle missions to Earth's orbit. In 2001, Jones led three spacewalks to install the centerpiece of the International Space Station, the American Destiny laboratory. He has spent 53 days working and living in space. A distinguished graduate of the Air Force Academy, Jones piloted B-52D strategic bombers, earned a doctorate in planetary sciences from the University of Arizona, studied asteroids and robotic exploration missions for NASA, and engineered intelligence-gathering systems for the CIA. He is also an author of seven space, aviation and history books. Jones received many accolades, including the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, and served on many committees for NASA. He consults on the future direction of human space exploration, uses of asteroid and space resources, and planetary defense.

Glenvar High School Class of 1974 50th Reunion: Glenvar High School, Class of 1974, is having its 50th class reunion on Oct. 11 and 12. The schedule is as follows: Friday, Oct. 11, Parkway Brewery, Salem, 5:30-8:30 p.m. There will be a designated room for those attending. Cash bar only and music on this night. Saturday, Oct. 12, Anello's Banquet Room at Montano's Restaurant, Roanoke, 5:00-9:30 p.m. Heavy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar for convenience. The cost of the 50th Class Reunion event is \$50 per person. Please reference "GHS Reunion" in the memo of check. Check out the Facebook page at Glenvar High School Class of 1974 for more details or contact Donna Bushnell Boles at bolesstudio@gmail.com or Roseanne Caligan Bumpass at rcbumpass@aol.com.

Business Advocacy Pathways to Progress: The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce is set to hold "Business Advocacy-Pathways to Progress" Business Advocacy Breakfast on Oct. 17 from 8:30-10 a.m. The event will be held in the ballroom of Hidden Valley Country Club, where participants will enjoy a breakfast that is catered by the club chef. Participants will meet and engage with influential leaders from Salem and Roanoke County, including school superintendents, mayors and key economic development figures. "Discover how our local leadership is shaping the future and explore new opportunities for collaboration and growth. Don't miss this unique chance to connect with the people driving progress in our communities," the chamber said. Registration can be found at: <https://member.s-rcchamber.org/events/details/business-advocacy->

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"The Ugly Truth About Stakeholder Capitalism": The Ugly Truth About Stakeholder Capitalism will be in the Olin Hall Theater at Roanoke College on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 7-8 p.m. Andy Puzder is a speaker, commentator, attorney and retired chief executive officer. Earlier in his career, Puzder was a commercial trial lawyer in St. Louis. For 17 years he served as the CEO of CKE Restaurants, Inc., an international corporation which owns popular restaurant chains Carl's Jr. and Hardee's. He currently serves on the board of advisors for Young America's Foundation's Center for Entrepreneurship & Free Enterprise, and he is a frequent lecturer and author for the organization on economics, business and public policy. Puzder's lectures focus generally on the material and moral benefits of free market capitalism. He compellingly contrasts the broad-based prosperity and abundance of capitalism with poverty and want of socialism. Puzder recounts that he was just a working-class kid from Cleveland, Ohio, who now considers it his responsibility to ensure that young Americans understand the incredible benefits of the economic system in which they live. His works include books such as "Job Creation: How It Really Works and Why Government Doesn't Understand It" and features in the Wall Street Journal, National Review, Fox News Online and Real Clear Politics.

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Public meetings: 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.

Stoneman to lead Roanoke College-Roanoke Valley initiative

Lisa Stoneman, an experienced educator and innovator, has been tapped to serve as the first leader of a new forward-thinking initiative: Roanoke College-Roanoke Valley (RC-RV), according to a recent announcement from Roanoke College.

RC-RV is being formed with an ambitious vision of expanding access to workforce development, continuing education and flexible learning opportunities for people and employers across the region. It will work hand-in-hand with partners in business, industry and community groups to tailor programs to the needs of the Roanoke Valley.

Stoneman, a researcher and professor who was most recently chair of Roanoke College's Education Department, will serve as the initiative's executive director for curricular innovation and digital learning. In that role, she'll begin bringing together partners and developing new learning models to make higher education and professional development more attainable for non-traditional students.

Early possibilities include online and hybrid programs, weekend and evening courses, professional certificates, dual enrollment or even an accelerated three-year bachelor's degree option. Building the foundation for these innovations will be the focus of the next year.

This undertaking was one of the key

recommendations to emerge from a year-long, campus-wide strategic planning process that recently culminated in the release of a bold, six-year plan: Imagine Roanoke.

RC-RV aligns with the college's larger mission of serving 21st century learning needs and cementing itself as a sought-after educational partner by regional leaders and employers.

"RC-RV positions us to be the college of the valley, fully integrated into our regional community," said Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Kathy Wolfe. "Dr. Stoneman is of and for this community. She brings a social justice lens as well as expertise in educational program development to the task of expanding access to a Roanoke College education for a broader array of learners."

Stoneman, a first-generation college graduate and Roanoke College alumna, has a passion for education and fostering student success. She's taught at Roanoke College for over two decades, rose to head of her department and led the creation of a new master's degree — only the second graduate program offered at Roanoke College — in education.

She was instrumental in launching the Bridges Program, which was picked as a research partner by the National Center for Research on Educator Diversity, and Explore@RC, which offers high school students a leg up on



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Stoneman

their college dreams.

She'll continue working with Explore@RC in her new position and pursue more ideas to expand opportunities for K-12 students.

Stoneman is a recipient of the Garren Excellence in Diversity Award, Maxey Award for Community Leadership and the Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science Education. She earned her bachelor's degree in English at Roanoke College and her master's and doctoral degrees in curriculum and instruction at Virginia Tech.

"I am excited to bring together my passions for program design and collaboration with my lifelong interest in making higher education more accessible," Stoneman said. "As a working class, first-generation college student who came to academia in adulthood, I know the challenges that can get in the way of starting — or finishing — a college degree. I am gratified to be creating solutions for those challenges, so others have the opportunity to reach for their career and life goals."

-The Salem Times-Register

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

One of the first desserts I learned to make was a dump cake. I made it in home economics class in 7th grade. My mom was not much of a baker so when I tried this recipe at home, she thought I had written down the recipe wrong, but she went along with it. She thought if my cake failed then I would learn to pay attention and take better notes. It came out well and she told me later (when I was 55!) that it was one of her favorite desserts. It's so quick and easy to do and after an hour's baking, you have a dump cake that can be enjoyed hot or cold. Just scoop it out and dump it on a plate. We served ours hot topped with vanilla ice cream.

What sets dump cake apart is its easy and effortless prep. There is no need for complicated measurements, mixing, or intricate baking techniques. This, along with the simple equipment needed, makes dump cakes a go-to dessert for those just starting in the kitchen. It is a low effort but a high reward recipe.

When I tried to research dump cakes I couldn't really find much. Interestingly, the name to describe dump cakes varies based on geographical regions. In some areas, they're called cockeyed cakes, crazy cakes, or wacky cakes, with references to them under these names being made as far back as the 1920s. Everyone agrees that the dump cake method goes back to the 1920's. When the recipe called for individual dry cake ingredients, including flour, baking soda, salt, and more. Those ingredients were then dumped into a bowl, then mixed and poured into a pan for baking. Once box cake mixes became available these were adopted into the recipe.

Dump cakes reached their peak during the '60s and '70s, with boxed cake mix companies like Duncan Hines offering dump cake recipes on the back of the box. Dump cakes can easily accommodate dietary preferences. For a gluten-free choice, choose a gluten-free cake mix. Swap out regular butter for dairy-free alternatives. Choose sugar-free pie filling and cake mix if you're watching the amount of sugar. I have many recipes for this easy dessert that uses 3 to 5 ingredients, any flavor pie filling and comes out more like a cobbler than a cake. I even have crock pot recipes for dump cake that keep the cake moist and leave the oven for other dishes on busy cooking days. This version of



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cherry and pineapple is the first one I made.

Cherry Pineapple Dump Cake

- 1 15.25-ounce Duncan Hines Classic Butter Golden Moist Cake Mix (could use any yellow or white cake mix)
- 1 20 ounce can cherry pie filling
- 1 20 ounce can crushed pineapple in 100% pineapple juice, undrained
- 1 stick butter or 8 tablespoons or 1/2 cup
- Nuts pecans or walnuts

Instructions

Dump cherry pie filling and crushed pineapple with the juice in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Mix the cherry pie filling and pineapple together with a spoon. Add in nuts. Spread cake mix evenly over the pineapple and cherries. Cut the butter into pieces all over the top of the cake mix. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes until the filling is bubbly and the top is browned.

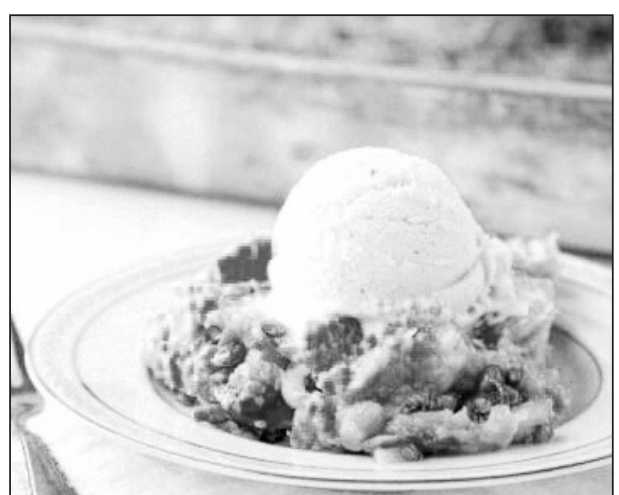
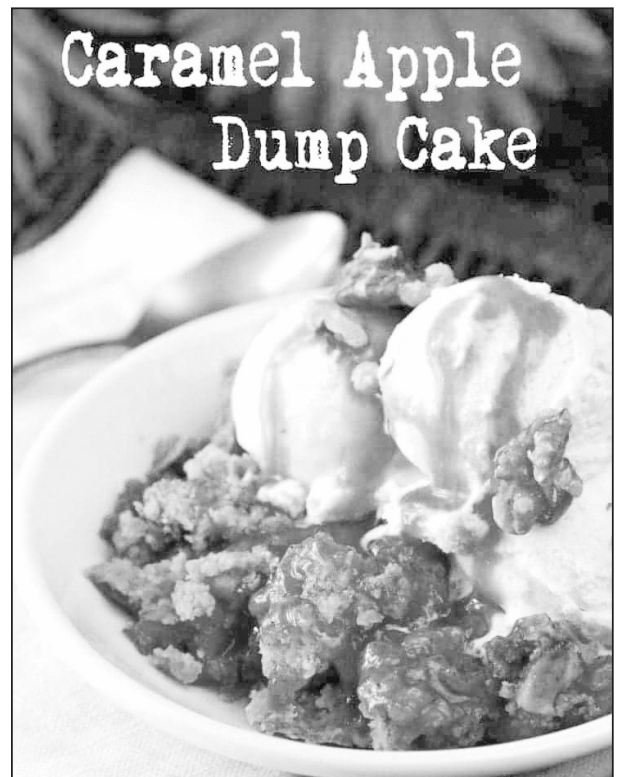
Caramel Apple Pecan Dump Cake

Ingredients

- 2 can apple pie filling (21 ounces each)
- 1 box spice cake mix, or butter cake mix (15.25 ounces)
- 1 c butter, melted
- 1/2 c caramel sauce, like you would put on ice cream
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 c chopped pecans

Directions

In a greased 9 X 13-inch baking dish, mix apple pie filling, caramel sauce, and cinnamon. Spread evenly in the pan. Pour dry cake mix directly on top of the pie filling and spread evenly. Top with melted butter. Sprinkle pecans on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes or until the top is golden brown and the apple filling is bubbly.



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Salem VA Health Care System Earns 5-Star Rating

Salem VA Health Care System recently announced its second consecutive 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), ranking it among the nation's top-performing facilities. This prestigious award highlights Salem VA's exceptional performance in critical areas like patient experience, safety and readmission rates.

Only 13% of hospitals reviewed across the nation achieved this elite 5-star status in 2024. Salem VA's 5-star rating reflects the system's unwavering commitment to providing high-quality, patient-centered care to Veterans across

Southwest Virginia.

"The exceptional proficiency and unwavering dedication of our staff to serving Veterans is clearly demonstrated through this 5-star designation," said Rebecca Stackhouse, executive director of Salem VA Health Care System. "We understand Veterans have choices in their healthcare providers, and this rating reinforces our commitment to delivering exceptional care every day."

The CMS star ratings, based on 47 quality measures across five critical categories—mortality, safety, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care—provide a

comprehensive benchmark of healthcare quality. Earning a 5-star rating signifies Salem VA's above-average performance, reflecting its dedication to excellence in every facet of care.

How Do the CMS Star Ratings Work?

CMS star ratings provide a clear snapshot of a healthcare facility's performance:

- 4- or 5-Star Rating: Indicates above-average performance and a high standard of care.
- 3-Star Rating: This rating reflects good care and is consistent with most hospitals nationwide.

• 1- or 2-Star Rating: Suggests below-average performance but does not necessarily imply poor care.

As one of the leading VA healthcare systems in the nation, Salem VA's 5-star rating highlights the exceptional effort required to meet and maintain such high standards, the provider said. This accolade celebrates current success while also reinforcing the system's commitment to continuous improvement and the delivery of outstanding, patient-centered care.

The Salem VA Health Care System

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Candidates

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she knew she could help shape the future of the city.

Jim Wallace, a familiar face on the council, gave his report card. Economic development, education, and transparency had been his focus since his election. "We've made great strides, but there's more to do," he admitted, as he outlined his new plan to improve the city's appearance.

One by one, these candidates expressed their dedication to Salem, to its people, and to the future they all envisioned. Each had their own path, but they shared a common goal: to make Salem thrive.

Turk and the other candidates discussed on the future of remote work for city employees and potential real estate tax reductions.

The conversation began with the question about the ongoing practices of remote work in the post-pandemic landscape.

Turk expressed a preference for city directors to work from the office, stating, "I've seen people being effective at home and at work. But my thought is I prefer seeing people in the building." She emphasized that while she believes in the effectiveness of in-person collaboration, the ultimate decision rests with the city manager, who is responsible for implementing council policies.

Green echoed Turk's sentiments, noting that many city employees, particularly those in public safety and service roles, cannot work from home. She advocated for most employees

to be in the office to ensure effective service to the community.

"They need to be there to deal with the public," she stated, reinforcing the importance of accountability for public-funded positions.

Wallace joined the conversation, citing examples from the corporate world, such as Amazon's announcement to return all employees to the office by 2025. He argued that collaboration and efficiency suffer when employees are remote, suggesting that the city should adopt a similar approach to enhance teamwork and productivity.

Saunders added to the discussion by emphasizing the city's customer service orientation. "I do not believe in working at home... I want employees in City Hall showing the citizens and helping the citizens do what they need to do," he asserted.

The dialogue then shifted to the topic of real estate taxes, with candidates discussing

the need for potential reductions. Green noted that Salem has the second-highest tax rate in the Roanoke Valley and highlighted the city's aging infrastructure as a significant concern. "I think it probably does need to be reduced... there are ways that we could do some cost-saving and that that rate could be reduced," she said.

Turk agreed, stating that the new city manager would be tasked with examining the budget for potential savings and revenue streams. "If we have other revenue streams, then that is something that possibly could be done," she noted, emphasizing the need for meaningful reductions rather than minimal adjustments.

Saunders expressed confidence in the city's financial health, citing an increase in reserves from less than a month in 2018 to seven months by 2022. "Bottom line is we have plenty of money... it doesn't make sense not to give you the money back," he concluded.

Crime

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Police identified a person of interest early Thursday. Poff was taken into custody at a home on Maple Street late Thursday morning and held on an unrelated probation violation. Within 48 hours of the crimes, Poff was formally charged with seven counts. He is being held in Salem-Roanoke County jail without bond.

"This was a multi-layered case that was solved by hard work, collaboration, and technology," said Salem Police Chief Derek Weeks. "The men and women at the Salem Police Department stayed on this investigation relentlessly and brought it to a conclusion. I appreciate each one of them and the neighboring jurisdictions that assisted us."

During the crime spree, the suspect had his head and face completely covered with garments and a mask. The coverings made it virtually impossible to compile an accurate description that could have assisted in his capture.

"We understand there was some frustration in the media and in some circles of the public that a description of the suspect was not immediately given," said Chief Weeks. "However, the last thing you want to do is provide information that is not only misleading, but also incorrect. It was a very unusual set of circumstances."

Timeline of the chain of events:

- 7:27 a.m. - Salem Police received reports of a stolen car at the Riverland Mobile Home Park on W. Riverside Dr.
- 8:00 a.m. - It is believed the

suspect drove the car to the Cave Spring area of Roanoke County and robbed a high school student before returning to Salem.

• 8:44 a.m. - Salem Police received a 911 call of an attempted robbery in a parking lot in the 1800 block of Braeburn Dr. The suspect attempted to steal a female's purse.

• 8:58 a.m. - The suspect abandoned the stolen car in a retail parking lot in 1800 block of Electric Rd. and stole another vehicle. The newly stolen car also had a young child inside of it. Soon after exiting the lot, the child was abandoned and left alone just over a mile away on Intervale Drive. Minutes later, Salem Police engaged the suspect in a pursuit that culminated back in the vicinity of the mobile park where the original car was stolen. The suspect fled the vehicle along West Riverside Dr. and ran into a heavily wooded area on foot.

• 9:30 a.m. - All Salem City Schools were placed in "secure" mode as a cautionary measure.

• 10:24 a.m. - The abandoned child was found safe on Intervale Drive, reunited with his mother, and taken to Lewis Gale Medical Center where he was evaluated.

• 1:12 p.m. - All Salem City Schools except South Salem Elementary are taken off "secure" mode to allow for end of the day dismissal at their normal times. Additional police are placed at South Salem to assist in dismissal. All Salem schools were dismissed, and students were returned home without incident by 4 p.m.



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OPINION

Substance use disorder - Finding the good news

As public health servants, we are always pleased to have opportunities to share good news. We are thrilled to report that we have started to see decreases in the rates of drug overdose deaths in some of our localities, particularly those experiencing higher rates of fatalities. Although it is too soon to know if this will continue, this local trend appears consistent with national declines in overdose deaths. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made headlines earlier in September when they announced a remarkable 10% drop in overdose deaths across the United States. This decline in deaths has both national and local experts cautiously optimistic about progress for people experiencing substance use disorder.

Like many places, we witnessed a steep increase in overdose deaths during the pandemic. Locally, the rate of overdose deaths in Roanoke City and Salem more than doubled between 2019 and 2022. The Roanoke Valley has been among the top 30 U.S. areas with the highest rates of overdose fatalities. However, we are encouraged that the 2023 rates dropped by 30-40%. (Overdose death rates in the Alleghany Highlands and Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke Counties remain elevated but mostly stable in recent years.) We are also encouraged that the rate of emergency department visits for nonfatal overdoses in the wider Roanoke Valley dropped 10% in 2023. This is an important

Health Column
Christie Wills, Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts

improvement as our area's rates have been two times as high for emergency overdose visits compared to the rest of Virginia for more than ten years.

While many people offer theories about the reasons behind this dramatic drop in deaths, most experts agree the data doesn't yet provide clear answers. There is growing evidence that community harm reduction efforts are showing results, including greater availability of naloxone (Narcan), a medication that reverses most opioid overdoses. In fact, our local health department and other partner agencies such as the Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition, the Drop-In Center and Blue Ridge Behavioral Health are among the most active in the state in making naloxone available to residents in our community. (Visit our website to learn how to respond to an overdose with our free Revive! trainings.) Harm reduction tools have a well-documented

connection to overdose prevention. They can be used to interrupt the cycles of trauma and isolation that drive addiction, substance use, and overdose fatalities. When people enter treatment programs with medication-assisted treatments like buprenorphine or methadone, the risks of overdose and death are markedly reduced. Research shows that when people receive medication for their opioid use disorder, they are more likely to stay in treatment compared to people who don't.

While we are optimistic these trends are a step in the right direction, 100,000 U.S. overdose deaths per year for the last three years is still alarming and unacceptable. We still have far too many individuals who are harmed by substance use disorder. There is much work to be done. Our focus now is to ensure we keep gaining momentum through increased partnerships to expand access to prevention, destigmatize substance use disorder, and to make treatment and recovery as widely available as possible.

October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. If you or a friend or loved one has an opioid use disorder (OUD), talk with a health care provider to learn how medications can help. SAMHSA's National Helpline is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

This is the day Prillaman was promoted to Deputy Chief by Pat Counts.

Salem last four fire chiefs Danny Hall, from left, John Prillaman and Pat Counts. Seated is Ron Hartman (Chiefs Hartman and Chief Counts have passed since this photo was taken in 2016).

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Before coming to Salem, Prillaman served 11 years as a volunteer firefighter in Roanoke County where he rose to the rank of fire chief of Back Creek Fire & Rescue. In addition, from 1991-95 he was a Fire Protection Specialist in the United States Air Force. He received several medals and commendations during his time of service and graduated with honors from the Fire Academy at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois.

"In the short time I have known Chief Prillaman I have observed not only his love of the city, but his strong desire to maintain a well-qualified and reliable work force," said Salem City Manager Chris Dorsey. "It is clear that he wants his co-workers to value Salem as much as he does, and his leadership will be missed."

Prillaman is a Roanoke County native and 1990 graduate of Cave Spring High School. When he returned to the area after serving in the Air Force in 1997, he actually began

working for Salem's Streets and Maintenance Department in the sign shop and in building maintenance.

"I have been very lucky to have some great mentors throughout my fire service career and my time in Salem," said Prillaman. "It would be impossible to properly thank everyone, but I will forever be grateful to my predecessors Chief Dan Hall, who made the decision to hire me in 1998, and Chief Pat Counts, who gave me the opportunity to become the leader that I am today."

While employed with the city, Prillaman earned his bachelor's degree in fire administration as an honors graduate of Hampton University in 2004. In 2007, he acquired his master's degree in public administration from Virginia Tech. Prillaman also graduated from the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer

School in 2014. In addition, he served on the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association Board of Directors for 11 years, serving as the president from 2022 to 2023. He also serves on the board of directors for the Virginia Fire Service Council, Virginia Statewide Interoperability Committee, and the Virginia Public Safety Memorial Foundation.

"I would also like to thank our retired City Manager, Forest Jones, who made a huge impression on me as a young lieutenant and taught me about the 'Salem Way' of treating co-workers and the public in general," he said. "I hope I was able to live up to the standards all these gentlemen set for me, and I trust that the next leader will take the department to even greater heights."

During his tenure, Prillaman also was instrumental in the research, design, and

construction of the state-of-the-art Roanoke Valley Regional Fire Training Tower on Kessler Mill Road and the installation of the 9/11 Memorial in front of Fire Station #1 in Downtown Salem.

In addition, in Prillaman's decade as chief, the department has changed its rank structure, upgraded its radio equipment and department logo, replaced its front-line apparatus, established a PEER Support Team and Chaplain program, upgraded software applications, and implemented a new standardized Incident Command System.

"None of these things would have been possible without a great team," he said.

Salem City Manager Chris Dorsey plans to begin the process of hiring Salem's next fire & chief immediately, according to the city.

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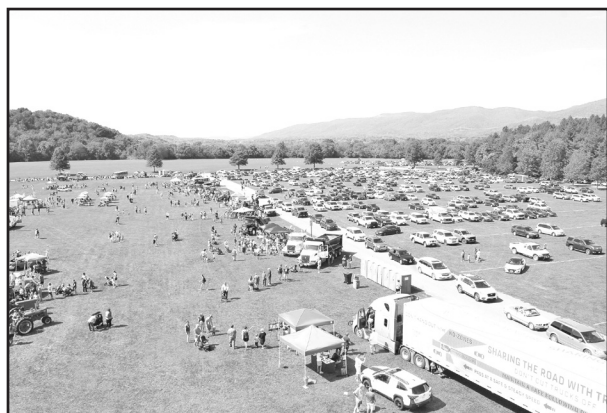
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Touch-A-Truck returned to Green Hill Park




The 13th Annual Touch-A-Truck returned to Roanoke County's Green Hill Park last Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The beloved family-friendly event offered a unique opportunity for kids and adults alike to explore, interact, and learn about dozens of fascinating vehicles.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

32 SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDENDS ARE PAID BY LIBERTY

Trust Company In Roanoke Has Surplus Of \$150,000 And Working Capital Over \$1,100,000 - H. G. Robertson President



Looking at probably the best known corner in Roanoke County, College Avenue at Main Street in Salem, The Court House Square, a well-beaten path when the rest of Roanoke County was a wilderness, Roanoke City a salt lick and Vinton nothing more than a locality called Gish's. However, Roanoke County residents who journeyed to the court house in those days had to walk carefully to stay out of the mud, as one can see from the above photograph.

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The Liberty Trust Company of Roanoke, was organized September 30, 1920, with a paid-in capital of \$500,000. Nearly 18 years later the capital stock is quoted at \$750,000 with a surplus of \$150,000 and undivided profits and reserves in excess of \$260,000, affording a working capital in excess of one million one hundred thousand dollars. This institution has paid 32 semi-annual dividends to its stockholders since 1921 without a single intermission.

The company's banking house, located at Salem avenue and Jefferson street, seven stories in height, is valued at more than a quarter million. The upper floors are utilized for office purposes.

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The company, in addition to making first mortgage loans on real estate, also makes personal loans and loans on automobiles. A savings department is operated on which interest is paid depositors. Savings approximating \$300,000 are carried and individual deposits up to \$5,000 are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Safety deposit boxes are rented at reasonable rates.

When the company was organized 18 years ago, the late R. H. Angell was made president and served in that capacity until his death in 1933. W. W. Boxley was vice president and C. D. M. Showalter, secretary-treasurer.

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

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- Prepared by Lingjie Gu

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hand-drawn large-format settlement and county historical maps depict the Shenandoah area and Southwest Virginia, extending into eastern Tennessee. The Collection also includes a large number of USGS maps (1890-1950) that defined the geography of major areas of Virginia.

Raymond Hildebrand, a native of Augusta County and a member of the class of 1919 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VA Tech), served the city of Roanoke first as assistant city engineer and then as the city's first planning engineer. But he will be remembered best as a historian, one who recorded the results of his research graphically—by preparing maps showing the specific locations of the homes and farms of the area's original settlers, principally the Scots-Irish and Germanic immigrants.

Hildebrand created these maps to assist the descendants of these early settlers and genealogists in researching and preserving family history. He developed a comprehensive knowledge

of the 18th century settlement of the Upper Shenandoah, James, and Roanoke Rivers, an area which later became the counties of Augusta, Rockbridge, Botetourt, and Roanoke.

Besides the maps, two of the most valuable documents in the Collection are indices to the Beverley Patent and the Great Borden Land Grant. William Beverley and Benjamin Borden were holders of two large grants from the British Crown in 1736 and 1739 respectively. These indices list the original landowners. The Historical Society of Western Virginia, the Augusta County Historical Society, and other genealogists provided these important indices.

The Hildebrand Collection also contains a detailed introduction, written by John R. Hildebrand, that describes how the maps were created and provides some historical context for them.

The Salem Museum and Historical Society have such a desirable

resource for researchers and genealogists. The Hildebrand Map Collection is housed in the Logan Research Library of the Salem Museum and Historical Society, located at 801 East Main Street, Salem.

Researchers can view the maps at the Logan Research Library on Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library volunteers can be reached at library@salemuseum.org to schedule appointments.

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Weekly Arrest Report

Week of September 10, 2024–September 16, 2024

9/10/2024	Matthew Tanner	34	Obstructing Justice
9/11/2024	Israel David Jr.	55	Credit Card Theft, Obtain Money/Goods By Fraud, Credit Card Fraud
9/11/2024	Claudia V. Ochoa Villegas	23	Domestic Assault & Battery, Assault on Police Officer, Public Intoxication, Obstructing Justice
9/11/2024	John B. Franklin Jr.	66	Public Intoxication
9/12/2024	Garon R. Bowles	41	Contempt of Court
9/13/2024	Amanda L. English	43	Possession of Controlled Substance
9/13/2024	Beatrice Mondesir	45	Contributing To Delinquency of Minor
9/13/2024	Karl E. Stoj IV	46	Public Intoxication
9/13/2024	Tabitha A. Gross	35	Failure To Appear
9/13/2024	Clifford E. Brown	55	Simple Larceny Not From A Person
9/13/2024	Yvette M. Brown	57	Simple Larceny Not From A Person
9/13/2024	Chauncey D. Wade	47	Simple Larceny Not From A Person
9/13/2024	Benjamin M. Crawford	21	Public Intoxication
9/14/2024	Walker E. Ellis	61	Simple Larceny Not From A Person
9/14/2024	Elizabeth A. Casey	51	Simple Larceny Not From A Person, Criminal Trespass
9/15/2024	Stephanie M. Elting	26	Domestic Assault & Battery
9/15/2024	Estella M. Wheeler	45	DUI
9/15/2024	Micheley J. St.Louis	31	DUI, Hit & Run
9/16/2024	Claude E. Moore Jr.	54	Possession of Controlled Substance
9/16/2024	Jerome Willy	43	Contributing To Delinquency of Minor
9/16/2024	Berry G. Haitienne	32	Contributing To Delinquency of Minor
9/16/2024	Jessica A. Boyer	37	Criminal Trespass
9/16/2024	Tigre J. Thompson	27	Domestic Assault & Battery
9/16/2024	Stephanie L. Dawson	52	Failure To Appear
9/16/2024	Stormie K. Kennington	33	Failure To Appear

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Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of September 10, 2024 - September 16, 2024

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Bands

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while the preparation was intense, especially with challenges from inclement weather during rehearsals, the dedication of the students helped them pull through with a strong performance.

Other participants shared similar sentiments. Aurora Landry, the color guard co-captain of the Marching Highlanders from Glenvar High School, expressed pride in the team's performance, noting that their months of hard work had paid off. "We have an amazing team, top-notch," she

said enthusiastically. Meanwhile, teammate Josie Jarvis was equally thrilled. "We all ate," she exclaimed, using a popular phrase to express that her team performed exceptionally well. Despite being new to the competition scene, she couldn't think of anything that could have gone better.

With 15 bands performing throughout the day, the event gathered excitement as it built up to the evening's larger performances. From smaller schools like Monticello High School to powerhouse groups

VWCC names Hilton director of TRIO Student Support Services

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College announced this week that Cheryl Hilton as the new director of TRIO Student Support Services. Hilton's journey with Virginia Western began in May 2006, marking 18 years of dedicated service to the institution.

Hilton's initial role was as the assistant coordinator of Retention Services, where she played a crucial role in assisting students facing academic difficulties and contributing to a faculty and staff mentoring program. She then transitioned to New Student Advising, helping new students navigate their first experiences on campus, before moving into the TRIO program.

Hilton's experiences with TRIO began as a TRIO student, attending Patrick Henry High School and spending summers on the Roanoke College campus enrolled in high school and college courses. Her first paid job with TRIO was as a tutor counselor residing in the residence halls with participants. After she graduated from Roanoke College, she became the school community contact counselor for Upward Bound, under the TRIO umbrella of programs that promote academic achievement for under-resourced and first-generation students.

Hilton holds a BBA (Business Administration) degree from Roanoke College and a MALS (Liberal Studies) degree from Hollins University, as well as certifications in Teaching and Learning.

Hilton's entire career has been dedicated to higher education and the



COURTESY PHOTO

Hilton

success of students. "This is not just a job; you are working to help change a life," she said. Her commitment to TRIO is evident as she steps into her new role as director of TRIO Student Support Services at Virginia Western.

"The ultimate goal is to help students complete what they have started. I am here to ensure that the program continues to support the success of our students," Hilton said. For her, this role is a full circle moment. "I love being part of this campus, this program, and celebrating our students."

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Health

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in comprised of community-based VA clinics in Staunton, Lynchburg, Tazewell, Danville and Wytheville as well as the Medical Center in Salem, serving over 35,000 Veterans throughout 26 counties in Southwest Virginia. The Salem VAHCS is proud to offer Veterans primary care, inpatient and outpatient mental health services, surgical services, and a wide range of specialty care.

With the recent passage of the PACT

Act, which expands eligibility for Veterans exposed to toxic substances, veterans are encouraged to explore their eligibility for healthcare services. For more enrollment information, visit The PACT Act and Your VA Benefits | Veterans Affairs or contact Salem VA's Enrollment and Eligibility office at (540) 982-2463 ext. 1010.

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Cline awarded Guardian of Small Business Award



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Cline with Close.

Washington, D.C. – Rep. Ben Cline (VA-06) has been awarded the Guardian of Small Business Award for the 118th Congress by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy organization.

NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award is reserved for lawmakers who vote consistently with small businesses on key issues identified by small business owners.

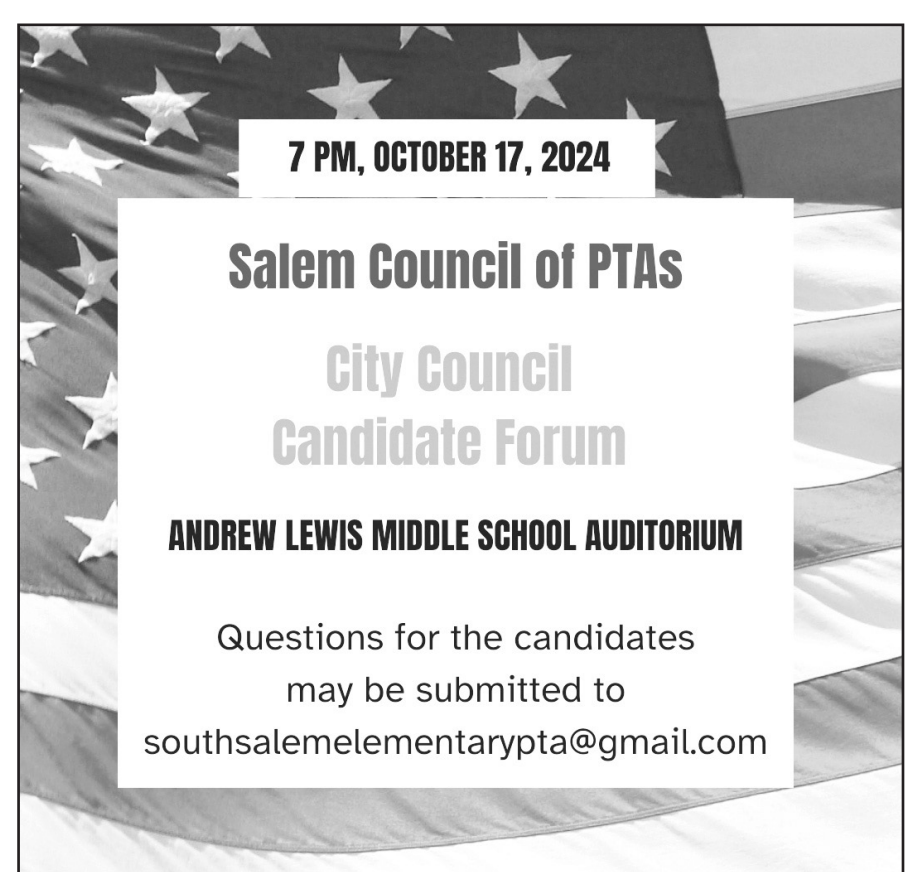
"I am truly honored to receive the Guardian of Small Business Award from the NFIB," Cline stated. "Small businesses and the dedicated men and women who operate them are the backbone of our economy, demonstrating remarkable resilience in these challenging economic times. Unfortunately, with high taxes, rising inflation, and unnecessary regulations, Washington still makes life more difficult for Main Street America. This must change. We must remain

steadfast in our commitment to cutting spending, eliminating bureaucratic red tape, and easing regulatory burdens so our small businesses can thrive."

"The NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award is presented to Members of Congress with a demonstrated record of supporting America's small and independent business owners," said NFIB President Brad Close. "This Congress, small businesses faced tough economic headwinds, especially from inflation, burdensome regulations, and threats of tax hikes at all levels of the government. We are proud to recognize the lawmakers from the 118th Congress, including Representative Ben Cline, who stood up for Main Street by taking pro-small business votes that would reduce taxes, eliminate burdensome government mandates, lower health insurance costs, and fuel the Main Street economy."

-The Salem Times-Register

Candidate forum to be held Oct. 17



COURTESY IMAGE

The Salem Council of PTAs is hosting a city council candidate forum on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. The forum will take place at the Andrew Lewis Middle School Auditorium. All four city council candidates plan to attend. Questions must be submitted in advance of the forum. Questions may be emailed to southsalemelementarypta@gmail.com. Questions may also be submitted in the lobby of the ALMS auditorium just prior to the forum. There will be no live questions from the audience.

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The purpose of the joint work session is to receive an update on the Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update presented by Mike Callahan, President, 3TP Ventures.

Further information concerning the work session may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may attend the work session.

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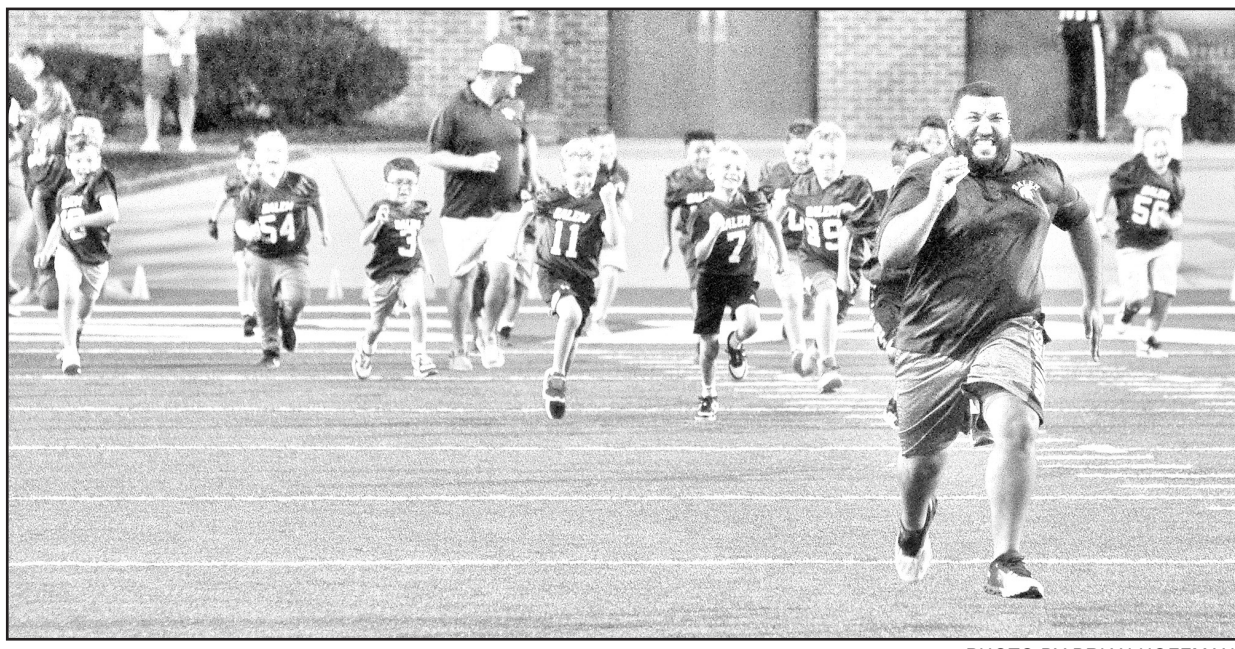


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Salem's Christian Chaney leads his team down the field as the Salem tackle and flag football players, cheerleaders and soccer teams are announced and "run the field" at halftime of last Friday's "Rec. Night" at Salem Stadium.



Banner week for Schultz

If anyone remembers the '60s TV show "Hogan's Heroes" you'll remember Sergeant Schultz, played by the affable John Banner, saying "I see nothing" when hijinks were going on behind the Nazis' backs. And isn't a Nazi prison camp a fun setting for a comedy show?

Whatever, Salem's Carl Schultz, Jr. must have seen something, because he was one of the very few to pick James Madison to beat North Carolina in football last Saturday. And, the Dukes not only won the game but hung 70 on the Tarheel scoreboard.

As you might figure 70 was our high total for the week, but Carl didn't need it to win our contest as he beat everyone else without needing the tie-breaker. So, he gets the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's this week.

For our 19th hole question I asked you to guess the score of the Roanoke College game against the Shenandoah jayvees, and that had to be tough as it was only the second game in 82 years for the Maroons. With that, how would you know how good the Shenandoah jayvee team is?

Well, Dickie Jennings must know something because he got it pretty close. Dickie picked the Maroons to win 27-21 and the final score was 29-22 in RC's favor. So, Dickie gets a round of golf at the Academy Street course.

For this week's 19th hole we'll play homage to Brett Favre, who revealed he's been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease this week. He was always one of my favorites and I'm sure some our readers liked him as well. Give me your favorite memory of Brett, and I'll print a couple next week and my favorite will get a round of golf.

-Brian Hoffman

AL football is 5-0 after 28-0 win over Bruins

The Andrew Lewis Middle School eighth grade football team ran their record to 6-0 on the season with a 28-0 victory over Blacksburg Middle School in a weather shortened game. The game was stopped at halftime due to lightning and Lewis was declared the winner.

The Lewis offense was led by Ji'Zaiah Haynes, who rushed for one touchdown and caught two passes from quarterback Nate McNeill for touchdowns. Fullback Tristen Tucker rushed for a touchdown to complete the Wolverine scoring.

The defense pitched a shutout with defensive lineman Wyeth Garnett and Trenton Fogle performing well. Lewis was scheduled to play at Northside Wednesday.

Glenvar Middle School's game with Central Academy was postponed last week. The Highlanders next game is scheduled for today at Cave Spring Middle School at 5:30 pm.

Middle School volleyball teams in action today

The Glenvar and Andrew Lewis Middle School volleyball teams are scheduled to play today. Glenvar will be at Blacksburg while Lewis is home to Northside.

The Highlanders had three matches in the past week. Last Wednesday they lost to Hidden Valley in two sets, 25-17 and 25-19, but bounced back a night later to defeat previously undefeated Covington in two, 29-27, 25-13.

On Monday the Highlanders hosted Carroll County and improved to 10-3 on the season with a two set win, 25-17 and 25-9. Maudie Doolan and Kiki Carter led the team in kills.

Lewis hosted William Byrd last Thursday and lost in two, 25-14, 25-14. On Monday the girls dropped a two-setter to Hidden Valley, 25-10 and 25-19.

"They came up on the short end of the stick but I was very proud of how they played," said Lewis coach Kim Crist.

SALEM FOOTBALL

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Mykell Harvey got loose for a 45 yard TD run but the Spartans finished the scoring on Arrington's second TD, an 11 yard untouched burst up the middle.

Arrington finished with 108 yards on 11 carries and Persinger had 90 on 12 attempts. Taylor was 11 for 15 passing for 229 yards in his best game of the season, throwing for two scores and no interceptions. Josiah Boardley had four catches while Snead,

Persinger and Arrington had two each.

On defense Persinger, DaVon Jones and Stephen Hall had eight tackles each to lead the team. Dontay Davis had three sacks, John Douglas had two Jordan McCadden had an interception.

Salem's jayvee team took a 14-0 win over Northside. The jayvee game, originally scheduled for tonight, will now be played Monday at Salem Stadium.

Salem's Kyshead Arrington (#21) bulls his way over the goal line to score Salem's first touchdown in last Friday's win over Northside.



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Flag him down

A Salem Dolphin grabs the flag of a Bills runner in Salem Recreation Flag Football action at the East Salem Elementary School field last Saturday morning.

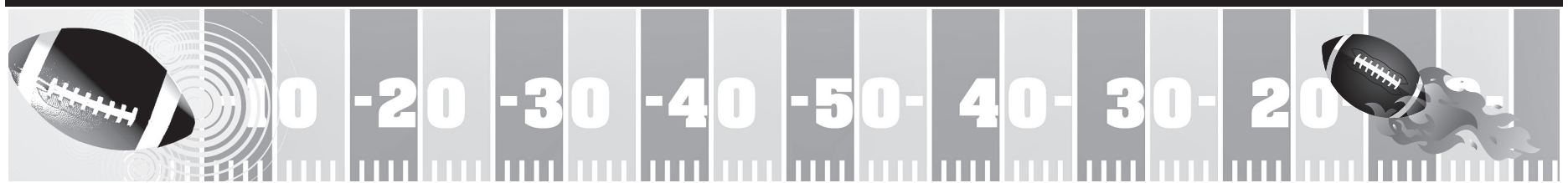


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Nice day, bad result for Hokies

Above, Virginia Tech runningback Bhayshul Tuten runs for the first of his three touchdowns in last Saturday's game with Rutgers. Above left, former Tech great Tyrod Taylor addresses the Hokie crowd during a timeout. Taylor, a current member of the New York Jets, was among the former VT greats inducted into the Tech Hall of Fame last weekend. Left, Salem's Sophie Shearer, a former Southernette, was among the twirlers performing with the band at halftime. The weather was beautiful in Blacksburg and everything was great except for the final score as Rutgers took a 26-23 win.

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## SHS golfers tie for third in RRD tournament, play in sub-region Monday at Blacksburg CC

The Region 4D sub-region golf tournament is scheduled for Monday at the Blacksburg Country Club. The top two teams and four individuals not on those teams advance to the region tournament.

Host Blacksburg is a lock to advance, and Salem is hoping to grab the other spot. However, the Spartans will be without number one player Kathryn Ha, who will be playing in a national tournament and won't be competing with the Spartans on Monday. If Salem doesn't finish first or second without her she won't be able to advance to state play, where she would be a contender for individual honors.

"It's a national tournament compared to a little high school tournament," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock.

The River Ridge District tournament was held at the Roanoke Country Club on Tuesday and the teams were able to get in 13 holes before the tournament was stopped by rain. Blacksburg was the team winner and the Spartans finished tied for third on the day behind the Bruins and Christiansburg. Salem was led by Ha who scored a 50 (-3) on the 13 hole par 53 shortened tournament.

"Kathryn had another solid day on the course," said Hancock. "She has been a pleasure to watch compete in her historic high school career."

Also scoring for the Spartans were senior Aidan Andrews and freshmen Mike

Bateman and Will Creger, who all three scored a seven-over-par 60 on the day.

"It was a tough day in the rain on the course and these guys fought hard," said Hancock. "I'm proud of this team and how we have progressed this year."

On Monday Salem played in the fifth and final River Ridge District season match at Auburn Hills. Despite a chance of rain it turned out to be a beautiful day for the golfers as Blacksburg prevailed again, led by an 11-under-par 61 for Auburn University commit Jake Albert. Auburn Hills saw the lowest field average of the year for the district at 79.67 for all 42 players.

"It's impressive how talented our district is," said Hancock.

Salem edged Christiansburg by one shot and Patrick Henry by two to take second on the day. The Spartans were led by Ha and Bateman, who tied for fifth place on the day at 72. Also scoring for the Spartans were freshmen Croix Bowen, who scored a season best 80, and Andrews at 82.

Last Thursday Salem played in a 23 team tournament at the Shenandoah Valley Golf Club. Perennial Class 5 powerhouse Independence won the tournament firing an incredible team minus-25 263. Salem finished third with the Spartans' lowest team score of the year at 300.

"We've played the best teams in the state this year," said Hancock. "We started our



Salem's Aidan Andrews chips to the green.

PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

season out playing the defending Class 3 champs, Western Albemarle. We play the defending Class 4 champs, Blacksburg, each district tournament, and today we took on the defending Class 5 champs Independence.

"We've gotten to see what the elite teams look like in the state and we've been able to finish just a few places behind them. It's good to go against that type of talent so our team knows what they are up against."

## Nats win CL crown

After dropping game two of the series as part of a doubleheader, the Fredericksburg Nationals won game three to become Carolina League Champions on Wednesday, September 18.

After a rainout on Tuesday, September 17, games two and three of the Championship Series were played as a doubleheader. Game two (game one of the DH) was largely dominated by Kannapolis, who held the FredNats to one hit in a 3-0 win to force a decisive game three.

In the winner-take-all game three, Fredericksburg handed the ball to the freshly-named Carolina League Pitcher of the Year, Travis Sykora. After he struck out two in a scoreless first inning, the Nats got him a lead in the second inning and went on to a 3-0 win. The championship is the first for the Washington Nationals' farm team since moving to Fredericksburg, and the first title since 2014 for the franchise as a whole.

The Carolina League All-Stars and Most Valuable Players were announced following Fredericksburg's league championship series win.

Jaison Chourio of Lynchburg, a Cleveland Guardians franchise, was named the league's Most Valuable Player. Chourio was among the Carolina League leaders in just about every offensive category.

The 19-year-old outfielder led the loop with

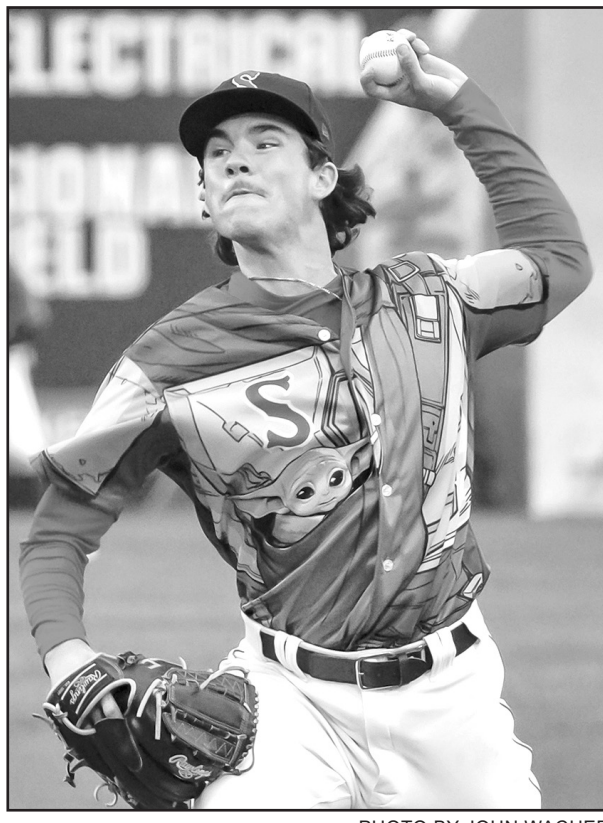


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JoJo Ingrassia of the Salem Red Sox is a CL All-Star.

86 walks, tied for first with a .414 OBP and was second with 44 stolen bases. He was third with an .812 OPS, tied for third with 24 doubles, seventh with 58 RBIs, tied for fifth with 69 runs and tied for ninth with a .269 batting average.

Chourio was also named the league's top Major League prospect. Coming into the year, fans already knew the name thanks to his older brother, standout Brewers rookie Jackson Chourio, but the younger Chourio established his own legitimacy as a major prospect with his first long season as a pro.

By the time of his 19th birthday, on May 19, the outfielder already had 13 stolen bases and a .428 on-base percentage for the Hillcats, and from there he just kept going, finishing with a .414 OBP and 44 swiped bags.

Travis Sykora of Fredericksburg was named the Carolina League Pitcher of the Year. The Washington Nationals prospect had 129 strikeouts, the most at the Single-A level, and the 2023 third-round pick put up a 2.33 ERA and 85 innings across 20 starts. The 20-year-old righty walked 27 and surrendered a grand total of two long balls all season, posting a 0.91 WHIP and a .168 average against.

The 2024 league all-star team was also announced and Salem had one representative, starting pitcher Jojo Ingrassia. He finished with a 3-1 record with one save in Salem with a 1.85 earned run average. Ingrassia struck out 93 batters in 59 innings with an 0.99 WHIP (walks and hits divided by innings pitched). Batters hit just .179 against him.

## Glenvar golfers at BG&SC Monday

The Botetourt Golf & Swim Club will be the site of a Region 2C "sub-region" tournament next Monday. Glenvar is in the field as the Highlanders hope to keep their season alive.

The top three teams at the BG&SC will advance to the Region 2C tournament, along with the top six individu-

als that are not on one of the top three teams. The region tournament will be at Great Oaks on Monday, October 7th.

Glenvar is scheduled to host James River in a two-team match at the Hanging Rock Golf Club today, weather permitting

## Runners compete at Alleghany Invt.

The Salem and Glenvar cross country teams competed in the Alleghany Invitational at the Jackson River Sports Complex in Covington Saturday. The meet was hosted by Alleghany High School.

Parry McCluer won the boys' meet with Hidden Valley taking second. Glenvar was 12th and Salem was 15th among 27 teams.

There were 182 boys in the race and Glenvar's Tyler Davis was 25th in 17:04. The winning time was 15:19 by Eric Duncan of Lord Botetourt. Also scoring for the Highlanders were Bryce Austin(31), Aldin Smith(45), Evan Harris(95), and Casey Weeks(124).

Salem's top finisher was Austin Prosser, who was 26th in 17:06. John Stoval was 66th and also scoring were Grant Horner(96), Rick Rawlins(101) and Luke Stovall(104).

Spotswood won the girls' team title with Christiansburg taking second. Glenvar was 10th and Salem was 11th among 21 teams.

Salem's Addy Funk was 14th out of 171 in the girls' race with a time of 20:56 as Kiera Lowman of Alleghany won in 18:00. Other scorers for the Spartans were Ashlyn Davis(68), Harper Rocovich(69), Claire Rawlins(81) and Blair Bowers(104).

Glenvar's top girl was Valeria Castillo, who was 28th in 21:37. Also scoring were Anna Hall(49), Everly Shanks(52), Rayya Bryson(88) and Naomi Kidd(120).

Salem's Ashton Semones was the overall winner in the boys' jayvee race.

Andrew Lewis and Glenvar competed in the middle school races. For the boys Glenvar was third and Lewis was fourth. Zachary Davis and Jaxson Kuzmich were three-four in the race and Lewis was led by Landon Nunley in eighth place. Stewart Middle School was the team winner.

In the girls' middle school race North Cross won and Lewis was eighth. Amelia O'Brien led Lewis with a 35th place finish.



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Salem's Ustin Prosser finished 26th among 182 runners in the Alleghany Invitational.

## RC soccer tops Centre to remain undefeated

The Roanoke College men's soccer team remained undefeated with a 4-1 win over Centre College in Salem Friday night. The win lifted the Maroons to 3-0-2 and they were scheduled to play at the University of Lynchburg Wednesday.

The Maroons tallied four goals in the second half to hand Centre College their first loss of the season. Junior Quinn Kunath scored three minutes into the second half to tie the game and swing the momentum in Roanoke's favor. The Maroons were able to take the lead in the 53rd minute on a goal from junior Carter Laatsch.

Roanoke scored an insurance goal in the 69th minute off a penalty kick rebound. Laatsch took the penalty kick after a handball was called on Centre in the box. Laatsch's shot was initially saved but senior Girom Affolter came flying in to clean up the scraps and make it 3-1.

Senior Michael Ramsey added one more just before the end of game after Pacific Ibanzi fought to get Ramsey the ball on the touchline.

After Wednesday's game in Lynchburg the Maroons are back home Saturday to host Randolph-Macon College at 3:30 pm at Kerr Stadium in Salem.



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Ryan Pidgeon(#28) of RC battles for the ball.

## Women host Sweet Briar Saturday

The Roanoke College women will be looking for their first win when the Maroons host Sweet Briar College at 1 pm Saturday at Salem's Kerr Stadium.

The Maroons fell to 0-5-2 last Sunday when they were shut out by Centre College in Danville, KY, 4-0. Centre improved to 6-1-1 with the win.

Centre led 2-0 at the half. The Colonels outshot RC, 16-8, and took six corner kicks to one for the Maroons.

## Yellowjackets down Maroon volleyball

The Roanoke College volleyball team fell to 9-5 on the season with a four set loss to Randolph-Macon College last week. The Maroons fell in the ODAC game by a score of 25-21, 19-25, 25-21, 25-12.

Seniors Peyton Kirchner and Rylee Mayer each had 10 kills

for the Maroons while, Kirchner added five blocks, four service aces and four digs. Mayer had four digs and three blocks. Kylee Draper had 19 assists and Raygan Wade tallied 13.

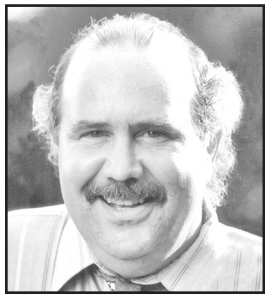
The Maroons are now off until Tuesday, October 1, when they travel to Hollins University.

## Roanoke Field Hockey puts down Hood, 1-0

The Roanoke College field hockey team evened their record at 3-3 last Saturday in Salem with a 1-0 win over Hood College.

Grace Vernarelli scored her fifth goal on the season in the second period to give the Maroons a lead that they would not relinquish. Roanoke only allowed three shots in the game and no more than one per period.

The Maroons were back on the road on Wednesday for a game with Meredith College in Raleigh, NC. They're home Sunday to host Stevens at noon.



## Brian Hoffman

### Salem Potpourri

The weathermen and women are saying a hard rain's gonna fall this weekend, and that could impact some events scheduled for Salem. There's a big pickleball tournament at the Moyer Complex and a disc golf tournament at Salem Memorial Stadium.

The second annual Spartan Fall Classic pickleball tournament had 195 players signed up for this weekend's event. The organizers were going to meet on Wednesday, after my press deadline, to decide if they were going to try and play it this weekend. If they decide not to go ahead with it the make-up date will be the weekend of October 11-13.

If it's decided to postpone the event players who can't make the new dates can get a refund. Also, if folks drop out there will be a chance for new players to take their place. Over 220 matches are scheduled for this Saturday from 8:15 am until 8:30 pm. Sunday is for mixed doubles with over 110 matches from 9:30 am to 6 pm.

The Salem High tennis teams are running the tournament and all proceeds will go toward funds for the teams. The tournament was held at the Oakey Field courts last year and it went over big. There is great anticipation for this year's event with the beautiful new courts at the Moyer Complex.

"I'm super frustrated but there isn't anything we can do about the weather," said Jill Perez, one of the organizers of the event.

The disc golf event is scheduled to be held at Salem Memorial Ballpark, both on the field and around the concourse, on Saturday. The Circuit Challenge is scheduled to take place from 1-4 pm and players must be registered for this event.

The ballpark will open from 9 am-12 pm for open play. People who are not playing in the Circuit Challenge, but would like to come enjoy the experience from 9 am to noon, may enter the park for \$20 and they'll receive a disc.

As of Tuesday the tournament was still on. Folks at the Red Sox office are not in charge of this event but are just providing the site.

"Obviously a heavy rain isn't conducive to disc golf," said Sox GM Allen Lawrence. "We'll just have to see what it looks like when it gets closer to Saturday, like we do with the baseball games. I don't how many times it looked like rain in the morning but by seven o'clock it was a beautiful night for baseball."

### BOWERY HONORS FORMER WASP COACH

Salem's Steve Bowery has provided funding to honor his former football coach at Emory & Henry University. Bowery, class of '83, was a defensive back for former head coach Larry Bales and made a donation to honor Bales with the naming of the



Former Emory & Henry football coach Larry Bales(left) joins benefactor Steve Bowery at the naming of the "Bales Lounge" at Emory & Henry University.

lounge in the University's Brooks Field House.

A 1969 graduate, Bales was inducted into the Emory & Henry Sports Hall of Fame in 1974 in recognition of his record achievements as an outstanding player for the Wasps. An All-America receiver and draft pick for the Dallas Cowboys, Bales coached high school football before serving as Emory & Henry's head football coach from 1979 to 1981.

"It's exciting to know that this beautiful room will be used and appreciated for many years to come, giving future generations an opportunity to learn about the accomplishments of Coach Bales," said Bowery. "I wasn't very good and mainly played special teams, but Coach Bales was good to me anyway. I'm glad I was able to honor him the way I did."

Interim E&H President Lou Fincher added, "Larry's achievements in athletics and in business demonstrate the significance of an Emory & Henry education and serve as an inspiration to our students. We are deeply grateful to Steve for making this honor possible for one of our most accomplished graduates."

### RC FOOTBALL IS 2-0

The Roanoke College football team won their second game last Sunday when the Maroons defeated the Shenandoah University jayvee team. Roanoke took a 29-22 win in Winchester.

No stats from the game were available. Roanoke has three more games remaining in their first season of competition since 1942. They play at Bridgewater College against the Eagles' jayvee team on Sunday, October 13, then wrap up the season with two home games, against Fork Union Military Academy on October 20 and against the George Mason University Club team on November 3rd.

Home games are on Sundays at 2 pm at Salem Stadium

### CHANGES TO THE THREE RIVERS

There's one going out and one coming in for the Three River District next year.

The Virginia High School League Executive Committee officially approved the mid-cycle alignment plan for 2025-26 and 2026-27 this week and a few local schools will be affected. Alleghany High will be moving from the Three Rivers District to the Shenandoah District while Martinsville High is moving from the Piedmont into the Three Rivers.

Most of the schools moving classifications or districts aren't in the Roanoke Valley, or districts our local teams play in. Three schools are moving from Class 5 to 6. John Champe, who has been in Region 4D with Salem, is moving from Class 4 to 5. Two schools are going from 3 to 4 and one from 1 to 2.

Five schools, none from around here, are dropping from Class 6 to 5. Louisa County is moving from 5 to 4, two schools will go from 3 to 2 and two, including Riverheads, will move from 2 to 1.

Five schools are changing districts, including the two previously mentioned regarding the Three Rivers District. Rockbridge County, who was in the Blue Ridge a few years ago, is now moving from the Valley District to the Shenandoah.

### G-TOWN THROWDOWN

The Glenvar High cheerleaders will host the annual "G-Town Throwdown" at Glenvar High School this Saturday. The event is for competition cheerleading teams and Salem High is also entered. The Spartans competed at Rockbridge High last Wednesday and finished third.

### SPARTAN SOFTBALL GIRLS COMMIT

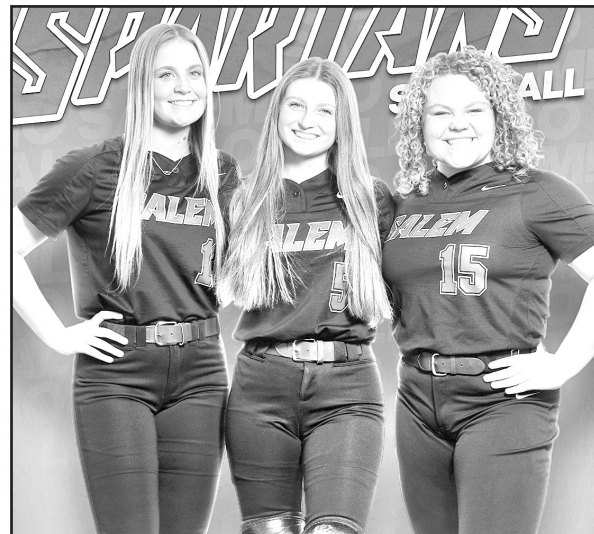
Three Salem High girls recently committed to colleges to continue their education and play softball. All three are rising seniors.

Caitlin Wells, a catcher, has committed to play at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina. She can also play outfield.

Cora Robinson can pitch or play a position. She's headed to Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Also, Spartan pitcher Cora Grace Sparger has committed to play at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA.

Congratulations to these three girls for their hard work and it will be fun to watch them for one more season at Salem High.



Left to right, Salem seniors Cora Grace Sparger, Caitlin Wells and Cora Robinson.

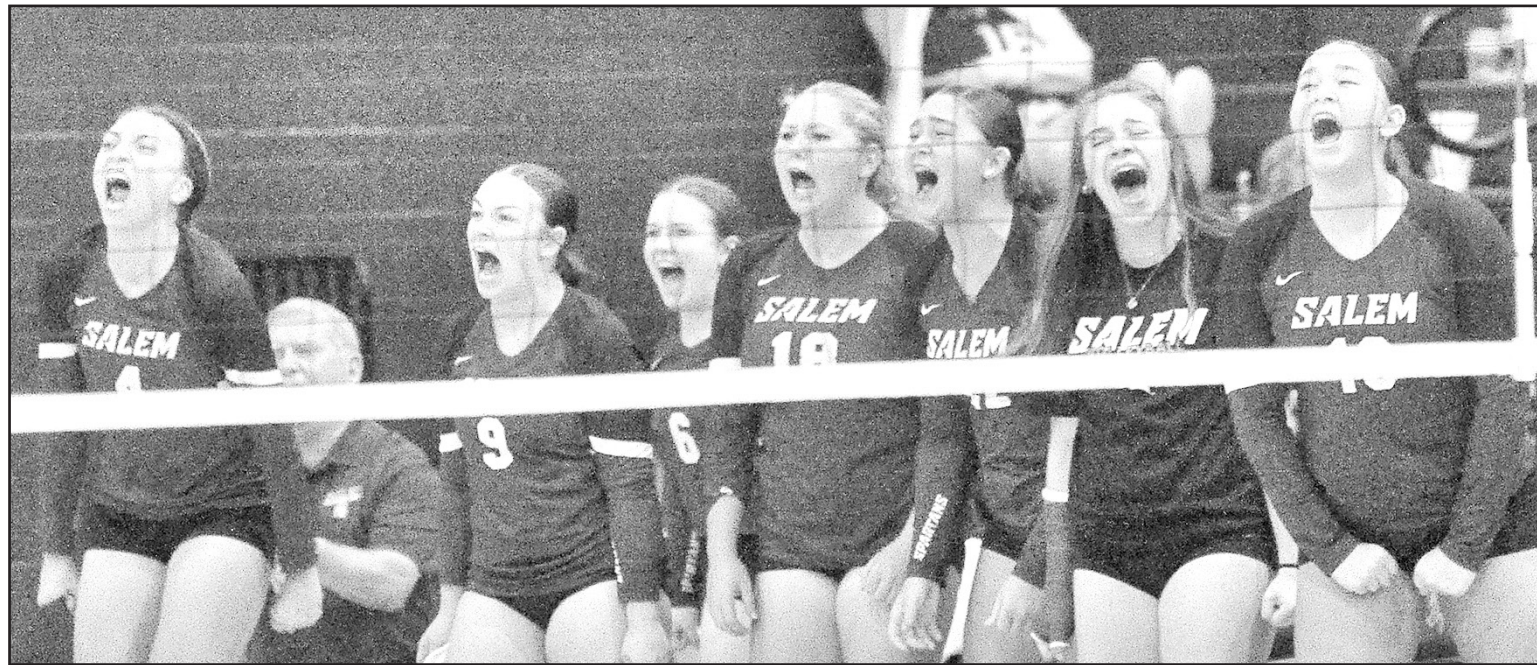
## Salem volleyball team comes back to earth with tough losses

The Salem High volleyball team has been knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten after opening the season 8-0. Salem is now 10-5 after losing to Christiansburg Tuesday night in five grueling sets, 25-16, 19-25, 32-30, 23-25 and 19-17.

It's been a tough stretch for the Spartans. Salem and Hidden Valley met in a battle of unbeaten on the Titans home court last Thursday and the host team spiked Salem in four sets. Hidden Valley won the first two, 25-19 and 25-12, but Salem bounced back to win the fourth, 25-19. The defending Class 3 state champions then put the Spartans away in the fourth set, 25-15, to take the match and record a River Ridge District win.

"I was proud of our girls," said Salem coach Doug Eller. "They played hard and followed our game plan. We put ourselves in positions to win, but didn't execute to our fullest potential."

Salem's defense was led by Bailey Redford



The Salem bench reacts to a hard-earned point in last week's match at Hidden Valley.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

with 18 digs and Myah Crews with 17. Gabby Crawley contributed with seven blocks.

Offensively, Salem was led by Tinsley Thomas with 10 kills while Redford had seven and Tate Thomas dished out 24 assists. Serving was led by Crews with 24 attempts and five aces, and Redford had 13 attempts.

"If we can serve better and possibly defend better we will get them," said Eller. "The most important part of the night is we know we can play with them. We need to

fill up the gym when they come here."

On Saturday the Spartans played in the Knights Invitational, an eight team tournament at James River High School. In their four team pool the Spartans beat Franklin County, two sets to one, and Rustburg, two straight in best-of-three matches. They lost to host James River, 2-1, to finish second in their pool.

In the championship round Salem played E.C. Glass, the winner of the other pool, and lost two sets to one. Then they played River in a third place match and lost for the

second time on the day to the host Knights, once again two sets to one. Gabby Crawley was named to the All-Tournament team and Ava Mayberry of Glass was the tourney Most Valuable Player.

Salem was scheduled to host Patrick Henry on Thursday of this week but that match was moved to Wednesday, too late for publication, when the Salem-PH football game was moved to Thursday due to the weather forecast. Next Tuesday, October 1, the Spartans will host Pulaski County in a district match.



PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

Mahre Swanson digs one out for the Highlanders.

## Glenvar downs Floyd

The Glenvar volleyball team is an even 5-5 after defeating Floyd County in three sets on Monday. Glenvar took a 25-13, 25-15, 25-21 at GHS.

The Highlanders played with just seven girls as senior Mahre Swanson sat out with an injury suffered in Monday's match. Despite the depleted crew the Highlanders played well and won a big district match. Addy Cockram had seven aces and Macy McMahon had 12 kills.

"The girls really stepped up," said coach Mark Rohrback. "I didn't want to call anyone up from the jayvee because they only have 11 and we didn't have a day to practice in between. I'm really proud of the way they played."

The Highlanders snapped a four-game losing streak with the win. Last Thursday they lost to Radford in four sets after winning the first set, 25-14. Radford then won the next three 25-14,

25-22 and 25-12. Swanson had four aces and Sophia Hammersley had 20 assists.

On Monday at home the girls lost to Auburn in five. They were hitting on all cylinders in the first set, winning 25-10, but Swanson went down in the second and Glenvar lost that one, 25-14. The Highlanders won a close third set, 25-23, and had match point in the fourth but couldn't put the Eagles away as Auburn survived, 26-24. The visitors then ripped off an early lead and won the fifth, 15-4, to take the match. Hammersley had 30 assists, Grace Fiedler had eight kills and Rebecca Magruder had eight kills and three aces.

The Highlanders are at Alleghany tonight and have another busy week coming up. They return the trip to Auburn on Monday, go to James River next Wednesday and host Patrick County a week from tonight.

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## Spartans down Northside, 42-21; will play PH tonight to beat storm

Thursday night football is here for Salem fans and it's not the Cowboys and Giants on Prime Video. Tonight it's the Spartans at Patrick Henry in the River Ridge District opener for both.

Tonight's game was scheduled for Friday at Merrill Gainer Stadium at PH but with a forecast calling for torrential rain the game was moved up a night. It will be played at the normal 7 pm time with hopes of beating the storm moving up from the south.

It's a big game for both teams as Salem and PH are both licking their wounds from losses to William Fleming in the past two weeks. The Colonels beat Patrick Henry last Friday, 41-13, and two weeks ago they spoiled Salem's home opener, 25-7.

The Spartans got some mojo back with a 42-21 win over Northside last Friday at Salem Stadium, evening their record at 2-2 after four games. The Spartans could use a win this week over Class 5 PH to up their Virginia High School League point rating at the midway point of the regular season,

but coach Don Holter knows it won't be easy

"PH does some things to challenge you," said Holter. "You have to get lined up correctly when you play them. We're going to have to prepare well for this game."

The Spartans had a good night against a much-improved Northside team last Friday after falling behind early. Salem's Josiah Persinger was sent off the field for not having his pads covering his knees and on the next play Northside scored on a 22 yard pass play against his replacement. Persinger is one of the top cornerbacks in the state.

"I didn't like the call and the officials heard about it, but he knows the rules," said Holter. "We can't have that happen."

Salem bounced back with a touchdown drive on the ensuing possession with sophomore Kyshead Arrington going over from the one. Then, with just 18 seconds left in the first quarter, quarterback Eli Taylor found Bryson Fraction in the end zone and the senior

made a nice catch over the defender for a 20 yard TD pass and a 14-7 Spartan lead.

Northside tied the game on a 25 yard run with 8:05 before the half but Salem answered on a seven yard score by Persinger. Then the Spartan defense stiffened and Salem made it 28-14 at the half when Taylor hit Anthony Snead on a 55 yard catch and carry with 2:48 on the clock.

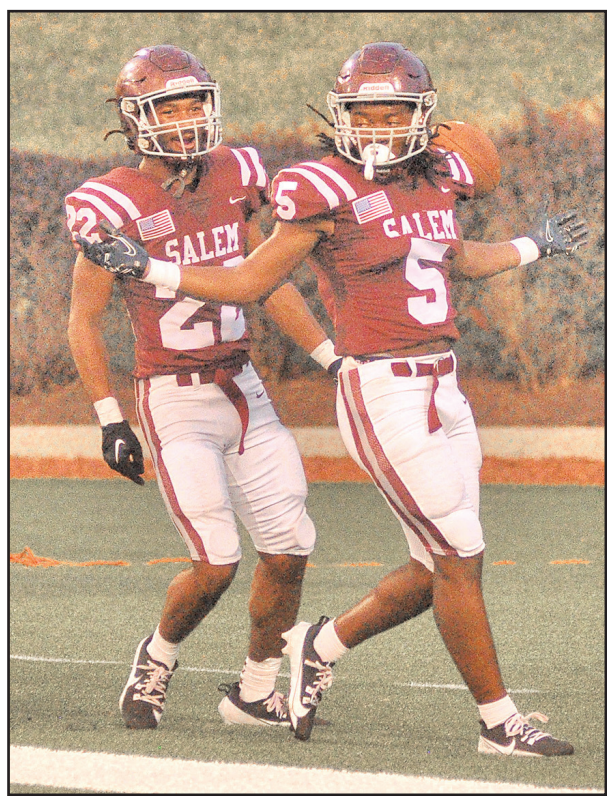
The Vikings never got closer than two touchdowns in the second half. Persinger's five yard run for an apparent TD was negated by a chop block, but he scored minutes later on a 22 yard run for a 35-14 lead. Northside cut it to two scores when

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Above, everyone on the sideline signals touchdown as Anthony Snead scores from 55 yards out after catching a pass from Eli Taylor. Below, the Spartans have eight Maroon hats around the ball to drop Northside quarterback Javin Gibson for a loss.



Bryson Fraction(#5) celebrates his first quarter TD catch with teammate Josiah Persinger.



## Highlanders pitch third shutout in rout of Hidden Valley

If there was ever a good week to have a football bye, this is it. With many schools changing the day of their game to avoid a predicted storm the Glenvar football team has a night off.

Usually a team would want to keep on playing the way the Highlanders have been going. Glenvar defeated Hidden Valley at home last Friday, 63-0, to remain undefeated after four games. It was the third shutout of the season for the Highlander defense and Glenvar has now outscored four opponents, 187-8, two of which are a notch higher than the Class 2 Highlanders.

"Our kids played hard and did what

we needed to do," said coach Kevin Clifford of the win over Hidden Valley. "We were efficient on offense."

The Titans remained winless and have yet to score this season. However, they're a Class 3 team in a strong River Ridge District and the Highlanders did not take them lightly.

"Winning gets tougher when everyone expects you to win," said Clifford. "When you start getting that adulation it's tough not to get an inflated ego, but our kids are staying grounded and that's important. We still have a lot of things to clean up, a lot of things we need to improve on."

You could have fooled the Titans,

who trailed 49-0 at the half. The Highlanders dominated in the skies and on land as junior quarterback Brody Dawyot ran for 92 yards and a touchdown and threw for 188 yards and three more scores. Cooper Mullins had four catches for 35 yards and three Highlanders had one catch each, all for touchdowns. Trey Dawyot had an 85 yard TD catch, Jace Forster had a 26 yarder and Peyton Deel got open for a six yard score.

Mullins had three rushing touchdowns and ran for 69 yards on nine attempts. Ranger Swanson had 60 yards on six carries and a score and Bryan Mateo had four rushes for 47

yards and a touchdown. Rawlin Hanks added 37 yards on the ground.

On defense Jacob Campell led the team with seven tackles. Nick Wilson, Cale Vaughan and Hanks had five each and Vaughan and Deel had interceptions. Glenvar held Hidden Valley to 55 total yards for the night and the Titans never threatened.

"We take pride in playing good defense," said Clifford. "It's something I emphasize and the kids have been playing fundamentally sound."

After taking this week off the Highlanders will return to action October 4 with their Three Rivers District opener at Radford.



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Left, Jace Forster catches a touchdown pass in Glenvar's win over Hidden Valley Friday. Middle, Cooper Mullins avoids a Titan to stay inbounds at the one and score one of his three touchdowns. Right, Cale Vaughan goes high for an interception.