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Salem City Council approves zoning changes for Smoke Shops and hears public input on School Board appointments

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The Salem City Council held a public hearing to discuss changes to zoning laws related to smoke shops and retail sales. The proposed amendments affect various sections of the city's zoning code. The Planning Commission has recommended approval, and the hearing was advertised in the Salem Times-Register on Sept. 19 and 26. The council voted yes on the motion. Mary Ellen Wines from Salem's Planning and Zoning spoke during the hearing to explain the need for the ordinance

updates. "The Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation that allows localities to regulate vape stores and other alternative tobacco stores. This law became effective July 1," said Wines. "Basically what has happened is the Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation that allows localities to regulate vape stores, any alternative tobacco stores, cigarette stores, vape stores, as we all know them, that became effective July 1". Wines continued, "so what staff is proposing is that we create a commercial use type retail sales, smoke shops, that differentiate from

our normal retail sales. And what that does is allow us to put a couple of useful design standards on there. Staff has asked that we add and use some design standard that would keep their windows translucent so you can see through them, not let them cover them up to be solid for safety personnel, so that they can have a better look inside." "But also, we don't want the merchandise that could possibly be displayed by those businesses available for public view from adjacent properties, so kids walking home from school can't necessarily see the different types of

merchandise that could be seen." Wines said, "So it's kind of a balancing act of we don't want you to cover your windows, but we don't want you to put a lot of merchandise in them, either, so that use and design standard is in there as well." "We do have several vape shops. Smoke shops currently, those that continue to operate will be considered legal, non conforming once the if approved and takes effect. But if they were to vacate the business for two years or longer, like any other type of grandfathering, then they would have to fall under the new regulations. I did forget to mention that it would



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER
Teresa Sizemore speaks at the Salem City Council meeting.

be by special exception in our highway business district only that they would be allowed," Wines explained. "So it wouldn't be in our downtown district.

It wouldn't be on the periphery of residential neighborhoods had only been our highway business district, and you

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The congregation on Sunday, Oct. 6.



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Those present looking at historical photos of the church.

Fort Lewis Baptist Church celebrates 200 years of ministry

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Fort Lewis Baptist Church marked a momentous occasion on Sunday, Oct. 6, celebrating its 200th anniversary with a homecoming event filled with gratitude, history, and community spirit. The celebration included a special Sunday service, historical displays, guided tours of the church, lunch, and an old-fashioned hymn sing in the historic chapel.

Founded in 1824, FLBC began as Salem Baptist Church, meeting at what is now East Hill Cemetery. Over time, the congregation relocated to the Glenvar area, worshipping in homes and schoolhouses. In 1855, Alexander White, owner of Fort Lewis Estates, donated an acre of land for the construction of the church's first chapel, prompting the renaming of the congregation to Fort Lewis Baptist Church. Reflecting on the church's bicentennial, Pastor Chuck

Garner, who has been with FLBC for 2.5 years, expressed the significance of the occasion. "Celebrating 200 years is special because it shows God's faithfulness. Multiple generations have heard the gospel through Fort Lewis Baptist Church, and we are humbled and grateful that God still allows us to serve the Glenvar community." Over the centuries, FLBC has grown both physically and in its

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Greg Doyle retires after 44 Years at family business, marks end of an era

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After over four decades of dedicated service, Greg Doyle has retired from the family-owned repair shop that has been a staple in the community since 1962. Doyle, who took over the business from his parents, Fred Jr., and Mildred, and ran it for 44 years, is stepping back due to declining health. His sister, Debbie, speaking on his behalf, shares the story of the shop's legacy and the emotional decision to sell the property. Doyle, who has had difficulty with speech since suffering a stroke earlier this year, began working at the shop in 1980, right after high school. "He worked part-time before graduating and has done everything from billing to repairs since then," Debra said, smiling. "People used to come by just to hang out here—it wasn't just a shop, it was part of the community." The business, founded by their father, Fred Jr., a 12-year Marine Corps veteran, started as a general repair shop in North Carolina before moving to Salem. The Doyles purchased the property in 1962, and the business quickly became



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER
Greg Doyle is retiring from the family-owned repair shop that has been a staple in the community since 1962.

a local fixture, with customers regularly filling the parking lot and sometimes spilling over into the streets. Fred Jr.'s wife, Mildred, also worked at the shop helping out in the office. The Doyle children: Robert, Brenda, Debbie, Butch and Greg were always hanging out at the shop as well. "My parents worked seven days a week," Debbie recalls, emphasizing the family's deep commitment. Doyle officially took over the business when his father's health

declined, running it with the same tireless dedication. He often worked late into the night, especially during the hot summer months when the heat made it impossible to work during the day. However, as the years went by, the physical toll of the long hours began to catch up with him. "He wants to retire now and build himself a little garage to piddle around at home," Debbie

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Visitor spending reached \$118M in Salem in 2023

Even though Salem's top tourism driver, The Moyer Sports Complex, was closed for renovations, visitor spending for Salem in 2023 still reached \$118 million which is a 5.2 percent change over 2022. In addition, tourism supported jobs in Salem totaled 1115, while local tourism-related taxes were \$5.7 million. The figures are provided by the Virginia Tourism Corporation and the VTC says overall visitor spending in the commonwealth generated a record high \$33.3 billion in 2023. That is an increase of nearly 10 percent from the previous year and this number also exceeds pre-pandemic levels by nearly 15 percent. "We are pleased with the growth and certainly excited to see all of Virginia's Blue Ridge attracting more visitors each year," said Salem Mayor Renee Turk. "Having the Stag Bowl in 2023 certainly complemented our other NCAA events and gave Salem and the valley a nice boost."

The tourism industry in Virginia directly supported over 224,000 jobs in 2023, an increase of over 13,000 jobs relative to 2022. Direct travel employment is now at 93 percent of pre-pandemic employment levels. Industries like tourism, retail, and entertainment accounted for more than 5 percent of all jobs in Virginia last year. Travelers spent \$91 million a day in Virginia in 2023, up from \$83 million in 2022. Virginia visitors directly drove \$2.4 billion in state and local tax revenue, an increase of 9% from \$2.2 billion in 2022. Overnight visitation to Virginia increased by 1.4 million to 43.6 million visitors in 2023, up from

42.2 million in 2022, essentially reaching full recovery to pre-pandemic levels. "We still have to constantly be aware of how the economy affects travel and spending for families, but we are thrilled to see this consistent uptick," said Carey Harveycutler, Salem Tourism Director. "It has taken a while, but for the most part we can see this recovery in everything from the Salem Fair to the Salem Red Sox." All five categories of visitor spending in the Commonwealth have now fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels and beyond. Those categories include recreation, transportation, lodging, food & beverage, and retail. Recreation was the fastest growing category in 2023, up 12 percent over 2022 and 24 percent beyond pre-pandemic levels, more than any other category, as travelers continue to show a strong preference for experiences. Throughout 2023, Virginia's visitor economy benefited from balanced hotel performance as business and group demand recovered strongly on weekdays against a backdrop of stable leisure demand during weekends. VTC receives its annual economic impact data from Tourism Economics. The information is based on domestic visitor spending (travelers from within the United States) from per-person trips. Visitors included those who stayed overnight or traveled more than 50 miles to the destination. Detailed economic impact data and methodology are available at www.vatc.org/research

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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: 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.

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’evours 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.

Candidates Forum for Salem City Sheriff: The Salem Kiwanis Club is hosting a forum for the candidates for Salem City Sheriff. There are two candidates that will be present as follows: Chris Shelor and Jonathan Branson. The event is Tuesday, Oct.15th as part of our regular meeting. The forum is to begin at noon and end about 1:15 p.m. Candidates will each have five minutes for an opening speech, and will then take questions and answers. The candidates can then each make a two-minute closing statement. The forum will be open to the public.

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-pathways-to-progress-breakfast-with-salem-roanoke-county-leaders-7673>

Coffee with City Council: Salem residents will have the opportunity to meet and hear from the candidates running for Salem City Council. Attend the event at the Salem Library on Oct. 18, at 9 a.m. for a free forum where candidates will discuss their platforms and answer questions. Attend the event for coffee and conversation and learn more about the candidates. All four candidates will be in attendance: Anne Marie Green, John Saunders, Renee Turk and Jim Wallace.

St. Paul’s Choir Performance: On Sunday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m., a Service of Choral Evensong will be offered at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 42 E. Main Street in Salem. This centuries-old, reflective service includes readings from scripture, music and prayer. Evensong has its origin in the ancient monastic service of vespers. During the reign of Henry VIII, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer changed the service to Evensong for the Anglican Church. Evensong is sung daily in cathedrals and parish churches throughout the world. The St. Paul’s choir, under the direction of Steven R. Lawrence, will sing settings of the Evening Canticles by Charles V. Stanford and the anthem Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace by Samuel S. Wesley. The choir will be joined by organist Margaret Johnson. The Rev. J. Edward Morris will officiate and preach. Fr. Morris began serving St. Paul’s in February 2024, but he is a familiar face in the Salem community, having served as Assistant to the Chaplain at Roanoke College from 1989-1997. After leaving Salem, Fr. Ned attended General Theological Seminary in New York and later served as Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky and The Episcopal Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, South Carolina. St. Paul’s, located in the heart of the City of Salem, is a welcoming parish, seeking to proclaim by word and example the good news of Jesus Christ. We warmly invite everyone to attend this service of Choral Evensong and hope that you will find it an opportunity for refreshment, renewal and joy. A reception follows the service in the Parish Hall. For more information, please visit www.salemstpauls.org or call the church office at (540) 389-9307.

How to Make the Most of Small Business Saturday: The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce and Wheeler Digital are hosting a Zoom session for local small businesses at 12 p.m. on Oct. 23. Visit: <https://www.s-rcchamber.org/> to find out more information.

Pumpkinfest: Pumpkinfest returns on Friday night, Oct. 25, at the Salem Farmers Market. This year’s event runs from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and it will once again feature a costume contest and pumpkin giveaway. Plus, all attendees can walk through our “Chefs vs. Surgeons” Jack O’ Lantern patch, vote for their favorite carved pumpkin and later bid on it in the pumpkin auction. In addition, children can buy tickets for carnival games and inflatables, stroll through the trick-or-treat zone, get their face painted, and enjoy sand art and a bake sale. This is 24th year

Salem is joining forces with Q99 to present this event in Downtown Salem. Pumpkinfest admission for adults is just \$5 a person and children 15-and-under are admitted free. The Unlimited activity wristbands are just \$5 for children. Dale’s Diner, The Tailgate, Kettle Cooker Express and Sweet Surrender Ice Cream will be selling their amazing creations throughout the evening. Once again, “Five-Dollar Shake” will provide musical entertainment. All proceeds from the event will benefit Area 8 Special Olympics. Q99, Kroger and Salem Parks and Recreation are sponsoring this year’s event and Q99’s Dick and Dave once again will host the fall celebration. The Salem Farmers Market is located on the corner of Main and Broad Street in the heart of Downtown Salem.

Trick-or-Treat with the Downtown Merchants: Youngsters will have a chance to Trick-or-Treat with the Downtown Merchants on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. Children can travel up and down Main Street from Academy St. to College Ave. Businesses that have a pumpkin sticker on their storefront window are participating. InFirst Federal Credit Union is sponsoring the downtown trick-or treating. In addition, the Salem Sheriff’s Office’s Fall Open House is happening from 10 a.m. to noon at 2 E. Calhoun Street.

Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating: Traditional neighborhood Trick-or-Treating will take place citywide in Salem on Thursday, Oct. 31.

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, Nov. 4: 7-9 p.m. – Luv Buzzards. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

“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 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.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

I must admit that when someone brings doughnuts to the office, I can seldom resist a Boston Crème. That combination of sugary yeasty dough filled with creamy sweet yellow vanilla custard and topped with shiny chocolate just makes my tastebuds water. The doughnut was inspired by the Boston cream pie which was created by chef M. Sanzian at Boston's Parker House Hotel in 1856. Boston cream pie is a classic American layered cake (not pie) made from moist and fluffy yellow cake, vanilla pastry cream and chocolate ganache. Called a “pie” instead of a cake because in the mid-19th century pie plates were more common than cake tins and were used interchangeably according to TheTravel.com. Growing up in the Midwest, we called the éclair like doughnuts Long Johns; my dad and I were obsessed. Bavarian crème doughnuts are almost the same but they are coated with powdered sugar instead of topped with chocolate.

The flavors of Boston Crème pie are in all sorts of products today; snack pies, coffee pods, Pop Tarts, yogurt, ice cream, and can be found in most grocery stores. This state dessert of Massachusetts even has its own holiday, October 23 is National Boston Crème Pie Day. Some cooks change up the recipe by making chocolate cake instead of yellow cake. Now that is indulgent!

This week’s recipe is for one of my favorite no bake desserts. When I was a dental hygienist one of my patients brought this in for our office and I loved it so much she gave me recipe. This cake tastes like the best of a Boston Crème doughnut and a chocolate éclair. The toughest part of making this is waiting for the



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dessert to chill, which is why I recommend the day before you plan on serving it. The cake needs at least 6 hours in the fridge. But for the best results, I would recommend letting it chill for 12-24 hours.

Boston Crème icebox Cake

Ingredients

- 6.8 oz vanilla instant pudding mix
- 3 cups milk
- 8 oz whipped topping thawed
- 16 oz graham crackers
- 16 oz chocolate frosting

Instructions

Mix instant pudding and milk together in a large bowl. Fold in whipped topping, mixing until well combined. Set aside. Place a layer of whole graham crackers in the bottom of a 9 x 13 dish, breaking as needed to cover the entire bottom with a single layer. Spoon 1/2 the pudding mixture over the graham crackers and gently spread into an even layer. Top with another layer of graham crackers and then the remainder of the pudding mixture. Add a 3rd and final layer of graham crackers. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Uncover frosting and



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remove foil wrap. Microwave for 25 seconds to make the frosting easier to spread. Stir well. Remove cake from refrigerator and pour over cake and spread into an even layer. Replace the plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight, or for at least 6 hours. (The longer you give the graham crackers to soften up the better.)

Notes: I have had success making this recipe with either vanilla pudding or French vanilla pudding. For a lighter (kinda) version use fat-free Cool Whip, sugar-free pudding mix, skim milk, and just a thin layer of frosting on top. To make your own Chocolate ganache frosting heat 3/4 cup heavy cream until simmering then pour over 1 cup of chocolate chips. Allow to sit for 2-3 minutes, stir well, then pour over cake.

OBITUARY

Hudson, Susan Holliday

Susan Holliday Hudson, born July 2, 1959, in Roanoke, Virginia to Thomas Mitchell and Elaine Holliday Hudson, passed away on Friday, September 27, 2024 at her home. She was the third of five siblings, a mother of two, an aunt, and great aunt. Predeceased by her parents and her sister Cynthia Hudson Landeweer and stepson Paul Taylor. Survived by her daughter Kathryn Taylor Hill (Katie) and her husband Mike Hill, daughter Virginia Elaine Taylor (Ginny), siblings Sara Johnston and her husband Don, Amy Dreher and her husband David, Mitch Hudson and his wife Lara, and their families including many nieces and nephews.

Susan was a graduate of Andrew Lewis High School, and James Madison College (B.S., Speech Language Pathology). As a speech therapist for 34 years, Susan dedicated her education and training to helping others. She continually worked to expand her professional body of knowledge, and her work as a speech therapist improved the lives of countless children in Page and Botetourt Counties.



Susan carried with her the winning combination of both youthful and intellectual curiosity. Fun loving and witty, she shared her life with others through joy, humor, and thoughtfulness. She had a special talent for maintaining friendships old and new, participating in reunions, clubs, and making time to keep in touch. Never one to shy away, her family and friends will forever have fond memories of good times made better by having Susan in the mix. Susan enjoyed traveling both in the United States as well as abroad. Every year was a chance to visit sunny Atlantic Beach with her family. She also enjoyed her travels to France, Italy,

England, Canada and more. She loved live performances in music and dance, and she was exceptionally proud of her daughters' professional and educational accomplishments. She was kind and charismatic, loved by her family and friends, and will be remembered for the happiness she freely gave.

Susan courageously managed and endured the effects of cancer and cancer treatment. If you would like to recognize her longstanding commitment to children's health and development, please donate in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 11a.m. at Greene Memorial United Methodist Church followed by an inurnment ceremony at Sherwood Memorial Park at 1p.m. A reception will then be held at the home of Don and Sara Johnston following the inurnment.

Arrangements by Oakey's Roanoke Chapel and Crematory, 540-982-2100.

Church

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community outreach. Additions such as the educational building in 1949, Sunday school classrooms in 1964, and a picnic shelter in 1994 have helped support the church's programs and events. FLBC is also known for its strong commitment to local families, establishing a preschool program in 1980 and an afterschool program in 1988. In 2012, the church launched its "5th Quarter" events, providing a safe space for Glenvar High School students to gather after home football games.

Garner noted the church's deep ties to the Glenvar community and its ongoing mission to serve. "Our next project will be renovating the main entrance area to include new bathrooms and new places to gather for fellowship and Bible study," he explained. "We're also continuing to build partnerships with fellow Glenvar-area churches to expand our collective impact, especially in our food pantry ministry."

With an average Sunday attendance of 100 to 120, FLBC remains a vital part of the area's spiritual life. Though the church took time to reflect on its storied past, Garner emphasized the church's forward-thinking approach. "Although we have enjoyed celebrating the past during this 200th anniversary, we are now solely focused on working towards the future," Garner said. "We've already begun updating the upstairs classrooms used by our afterschool program, and



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A lunch was had after the service.

we're excited about the opportunities ahead."

What truly sets Fort Lewis Baptist Church apart, Garner believes, is the congregation itself. "The people make Fort Lewis Baptist special. They have been welcoming to my family and are always willing to serve others. We create a relaxed, casual atmosphere on Sunday mornings and strive to treat everyone with the respect they deserve."

As Fort Lewis Baptist Church enters its third century of ministry, it remains committed to sharing the Gospel and continuing its legacy of service. Garner reflected, "Our only goal is to help people learn about Jesus. That's what has sustained this church for 200 years, and it's what will carry us into the future."

Council

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all would have to approve their actual location."

Also in new business was heard by council. During the public hearing Teresa Sizemore voiced her views to the council regarding the School Board appointments for the expiring terms ending Dec. 31, 2024 of two members of the City of Salem School Board.

Teresa Sizemore, greeted the council then began: "As you may know, I've had three sons. My oldest was in the gifted program and graduated from Salem High School and is now a teacher and band director in Charlottesville, Virginia. My middle son had an IEP, went through the CEP program and is thriving in the local business, doing

exceptional. My youngest son is the average student, extremely social, extremely eighth grader. Since Sizemore has had children in the school system at all levels, she has an idea of what the children need. Sizemore continued: I know what we've improved in and what we can continue to improve in while we've came a long way, there's always room to grow, no matter who you are or where you are what school system it is."

"I am most proud of my work in support of the CTE (Career Technical Education) program and the work with the profile of a graduate, which some of you also participated in. I know how important it is to make sure that every child has a path for graduation. I've

even assisted the Salem Educational Foundation and establishing scholarships now for trade schools. So now it's not just for college path. They also offer scholarships for those with trades." Sizemore said that during her term on the school board, "we've created new positions in administrative and central office, as well as moved several positions and changed a lot of administrative positions. To say I was busy the last three years, or the whole board was, is an understatement."

"So I think you all can can vouch that I do work well under pressure. "We still have a long way to go. I can take pride that I do take the time to listen. Can't always solve everyone's problems.

I had to learn that early on, but I can at least listen and make them feel heard and come back and get the truth of what we can really do to to make sure they do feel heard." Sizemore wrapped it by saying "Our SOL scores have went from 38th to 21st in the state over the last three years. I do not feel that I'm done. Even three years has flown by, and I feel like I still have a lot of good to offer the school board, and I would love a chance to continue with another term. I don't think I'm stagnant just yet." Sizemore said. Then finally to the council: "You'll see my letter of intent, my resume and letter of recommendation from a former assistant superintendent. Thank you."

Doyle

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said with a bittersweet tone. The shop, filled with decades of memories and tools dating back to the 1960s, took over a year to clean out. "There's 60 years worth of tools and equipment," Debbie added. "It's been hard letting go."

The shop specialized in heating, air conditioning, and radiator work, evolving as technology changed. Doyle's mechanical expertise, honed over years of hands-on work, became widely respected. "He's helped customers with everything from cars to tractors, even mobile homes," Debra said proudly. "People would come from far and wide, and they still knock on the door, asking if he's going to keep working after retirement."

Despite Doyle's reluctance to leave the work he loves, his health challenges—compounded by a heart problem and stroke—

made the decision clear. Debbie explained that while Doyle hopes to stay connected with lifelong friends, the time has come to close the shop. "We know it's time to let go, but it's emotional," she said. The family is now searching for a new owner to continue the business at its prime location on Salem's busy truck route.

As Doyle steps away from the business that has been his life's work, the

community mourns the loss of a local institution. "We've had customers ask where they'll take their cars now," Debbie said, reflecting on the shop's deep roots in Salem. "The small repair places are disappearing, and everything's computerized now."

While the future of the business is uncertain, one thing is clear: Doyle's legacy of hard work, community connection,

and dedication will not be forgotten. As the family prepares to say goodbye to the shop, they hope to celebrate its history with a final tribute—perhaps even a shop shirt or two, crafted by Greg's niece, for the customers who have been loyal over the decades.

In the words of Debra, "It's really hard giving it up, but it's something we know we need to do."



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OPINION

Virginia Trust Index Report released

The Virginia Trust Index is relatively unchanged since August 2023 and remains well below the pre-pandemic value, suggesting a scaring effect. A larger share of Virginians are uncertain about the trustworthiness of others. The Trust Index is substantially higher for Democrats than Republicans heading into the 2024 Presidential election.

Why is social trust important?
Social trust refers to trust in other members of society. How honest and reliable do members of society believe each other to be? The level of trust in a society strongly predicts economic success and is an important aspect of civic culture. It is positively linked to outcomes such as health, happiness and entrepreneurship, which are associated with economic growth. How? Trust reduces transaction costs, particularly for agreements between strangers, promoting productivity and economic growth.

Trust in the United States
One way to measure trust is through survey questions. Since 1972, the NORC at the University of Chicago has included three questions on their national General Social Survey (GSS) pertaining to trust, which are asked every other year, most recently in 2022:

- Do you think most people would try to take advantage of you if they got a

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chance, or would they try and be fair?

- Would you say that most of the time people try to be helpful, or that they are mostly just looking out for themselves?
- Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

Trust in the United States has been declining in recent decades. In 1972, 46% reported believing most people could be trusted. The sentiment peaked in 1984 at 49% and has averaged 37% between 1972 and 2022. The most recent reading is a series low of 26% after a significant decline since 2018. Studies suggest trust has declined because of increased social issues like isolation, loneliness, greed, dishonesty and crime.

Positive responses to the two other questions about trust are also on the decline. In 2022, 44% of respondents thought that most people would try to be fair, and 43% reported that they

believe people usually try to be helpful. Trust is an essential aspect of negotiation, particularly between strangers. Declining trust reduces productivity and hampers economic growth. The 2024 GSS responses are scheduled for release in 2025.

Trust in Virginia
In February 2017, the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College added the same three GSS questions about social trust to a quarterly survey. IPOR continued surveying during the pandemic, so there is no gap in survey collection, offering a glimpse into how fair, helpful and trusting Virginians believe each other to be, including throughout the pandemic. The inaugural Virginia Trust Index Report was released in September 2023. The most recent reading of the three questions about trust in the commonwealth was in August 2024. One-third of respondents believe that most people can be trusted, while almost two-thirds say that you cannot be too careful. Although this is less than a majority, more Virginians believe that, generally speaking, most people can be trusted than in the U.S. as a whole, where 26% believe that to be the case. There has been little change in these readings since August 2023.

Less than a majority believe that

most people are fair and helpful. Forty-eight percent believe that most people would try to be fair rather than take advantage of you, a value slightly higher than the national share of 44%. Forty-four percent report that most of the time, people try to be helpful compared to 48% who believe others are mostly looking out for themselves; 43% believe others to be helpful most of the time at the national level.

The largest shift from a year ago concerns the share of respondents who reported that they did not know about others' fairness, helpfulness and trustworthiness. Those shares fell from 4.0% and 3.3% for the fair and trust questions, respectively, to close to 1% each. The share responding that they did not know about the helpfulness of others more than doubled since August 2023, jumping from 3.3% to 8.2%. This suggests there is more certainty regarding whether people are generally trying to be fair and can be trusted, but much less so regarding the helpfulness of others.

Virginia Trust Index
The Virginia Trust Index combines responses from the three questions pertaining to trust in the commonwealth. All values are relative to February 2017, the first time IPOR collected the trust

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would urge voters to refrain from voting early because events are evolving. October often brings surprises and may already have, but take the time to digest the events.

Kamala Harris was only recently installed by the Democratic Party leadership after a palace coup took place against Joe Biden, who had revealed his inability to think and speak coherently on his feet during his debate with Donald Trump. Think about the level of democracy in the Democratic Party.

The party's primary process has lacked effective participation of democratic voters for years. In 2016 there was great momentum for the candidacy of Senator Bernie Sanders, who ran a winning campaign in the party's primaries. Books have been written about the shenanigans carried out in the party hierarchy to manipulate state primary results. If voters had had their way then, Bernie Sanders would have prevailed over right wing populist Donald Trump who would be out of the political scene, which he deserved. Likely a landslide in Congress would have gone to the Democrats through Bernie Sanders coattails.

In 2020, the Democratic Party hierarchy intervened again after the super Tuesday primary in South Carolina to pick Joe Biden, even though Biden lost the initial primaries. Then when Biden was too incoherent in his 2024 debate with Donald Trump, a palace coup removed him and inserted Kamala Harris as the democratic presidential nominee although she failed to win one primary vote to gain that position. She was crowned, not elected by voters.

In the 2020 Democratic primary, Tulsi Gabbard excoriated Harris for her record as California Attorney General. That record has been obscured in this election. Harris did not embody justice. She was proud to incarcerate 2000 young black men for low level drug crimes giving them long sentences. When she was ordered to release them, she retained them longer to exploit their labor to fight California fires. She also refused to allow evidence to exonerate a death row inmate. Then in her debate with Donald Trump, Harris got the hosts to agree no questions be asked about her time as California AG. Harris does not understand justice and cannot be trusted in the highest office.

Harris has made it clear that she will continue the

genocide in Gaza by saying Israel has the right to defend itself when Israel is no longer defending itself, but using the opportunity to eliminate the Palestinian people so Israel can fulfill it endeavor to create a larger Israel from the river to the sea. Palestinians are in Israel's way to fulfill this nefarious plan.

In the local election, Salem Council has approved the Hope Tree PUD redistricting, which will impact the surrounding residential quality of life by bringing in 10 to 15 years of construction traffic and increased traffic forever after. This did not represent Salem citizens.

I am pleased to see that council members listen to the citizens who elect them on this vital main issue. In the council's 3-2 vote, our mayor, Renee Turk, and councilmen Randy Foley and Bill Jones voted for the rezoning and against listening and protecting Salem residence quality of life request.

Councilmen Jim Wallace and Hunter Holiday voted to represent the overwhelming desire of residents to oppose rezoning because the project is too dense and will significantly harm their quality of life. Former councilman John Saunders is also running in this election, and is opposing rezoning for the Hope tree PUD. If Saunders gets on Council, Salem will have a listening council . We've seen how important this is. Candidate Ann Marie Green also states that the PUD is wrong for that location due to the high density construction, and traffic that would be generated through residential streets.

Please take time to be informed on the national, state and local levels and don't rush to vote early.

-Cynthia Munley
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The Friends of the Salem Library (FOSL) fall book sale was a success, raising \$4,000 for the ongoing support of library programs and events, according to Ken Sosnowski, the book sale chairman. In addition, the FOSLs picked up 15 new members, many who assisted with

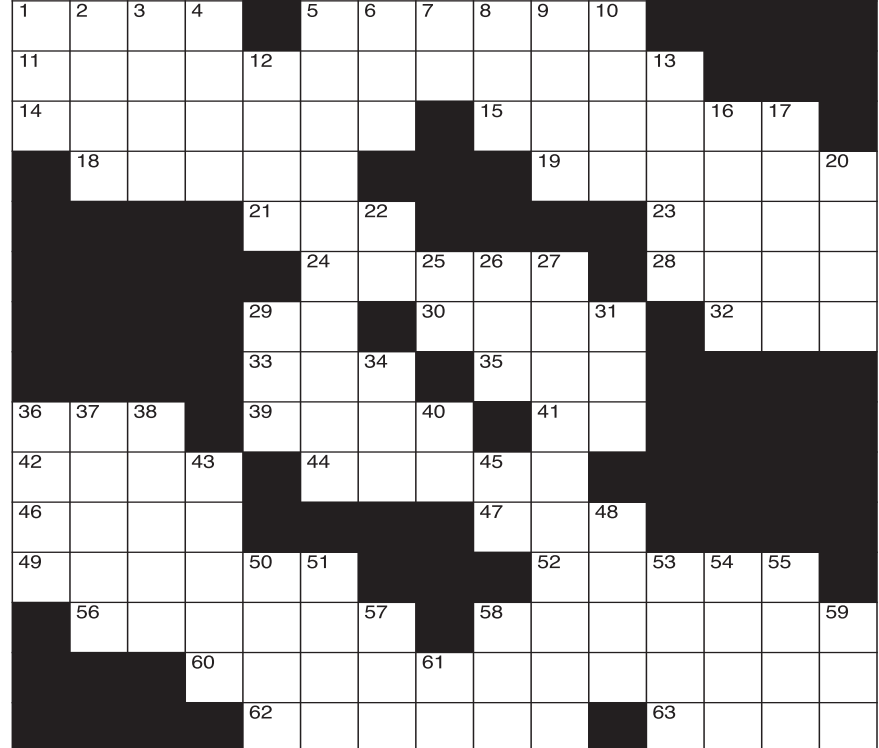
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the sale. The library staff would like to say a big thank you to the FOSLs for their support throughout the past 35 years. The annual book sale began in 1989 when FOSL first

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Flat-topped hill
5. Move upward
11. Admiration
14. It's useful for serving food
15. Kidnap
18. One of the Greek Muses
19. A type of media
21. Sunscreen rating
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. German town devastated in WW2
28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
29. Leave
30. Forearm bone
32. Very fast airplane
33. Helps little firms
35. Defunct economic organization
36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
39. Feels ill
41. Indicates position
42. Beverage containers
44. Assists
46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
47. Purpose
49. Group of elected officials
52. Hebrew prophet
56. They help you drink
58. Lawmaker
60. Charitable
62. Doctrines
63. Footwear

CLUES DOWN

1. Where wrestlers work
2. Dueling sword
3. Practice fight
4. Genus of clams
5. Fear of heights
6. What some tell their dog
7. The Golden State
8. When you expect to get there
9. Pointed ends
10. Extinct flightless bird
12. Feeds
13. Nape of neck
16. Descendant
17. Small boats found in Turkey
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
26. Brew
27. Feeling of anxiety
29. Young girls group
31. Perform on stage
34. White clerical vestment
36. Popular musical awards show
37. Bumpkins
38. One who acts on another's behalf
40. Direction
43. Look at with fixed eyes
45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
48. A large number of
50. Type of powder
51. Large jug
53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
54. American state
55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
57. Witness
58. Landscapers lay it
59. Type of bread
61. Of I

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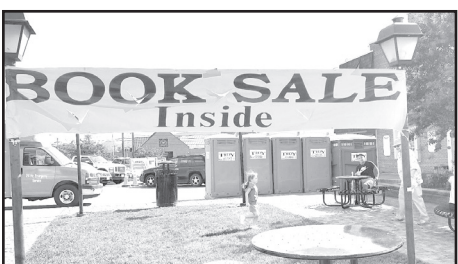


organized. The FOSLs and library staff would like to extend special thanks to our sponsors and patrons for the Booksale. R.M. Johnson & Sons Jewelers, Mac and Bob's, Dilly Dally, 2nd on Main, and Charlotte's Web Antique Mall made it possible to create a special bookbag for the Friends to offer for sale. The bookbags are still available for sale at the Salem Public Library for \$7. Money raised goes directly to the FOSLs to support the library. We also have stadium bags for sale for \$10.

Salem Public Library accepting donations for LOA's Emergency Food Pantry

The LOA's (Local Office on Aging) Emergency Food Pantry is empty and needs replenishing. The Salem Public Library will be accepting donations for the emergency food pantry for the next two weeks through Oct. 21.

Emergency Food Pantry LOA's Emergency Food Pantry provides an emergency bag of food filled with shelfstable meal equivalents for our clients who have an urgent need. Since many of our seniors live alone, we especially need



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individual single serving size food items.

Current needs
Ensure/Boost nutritional beverages
Crackers Canned meats (tuna, chicken) Peanut Butter Jelly (no glass, please) Oatmeal packs Cereal (single serving bowls) Nutrition/breakfast bars Individual packs of peanut butter crackers Macaroni & cheese cups Mashed potatoes cups

Ongoing needs Soup Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit Ramen Noodles Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat

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Items collected for those in disaster areas

The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Feeding Southwest Virginia and Wheeler Media Stations organized a food collection drive to support communities in seven counties recently designated as federal disaster areas. The event was held at the Salem Civic Center on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Brett Sharpe of 94.9 Star Country, along with a variety of other radio hosts, were on hand at the Civic Center on Thursday to help promote this effort.

With many families in these hard-hit regions struggling to access basic necessities, the drive aimed to provide essential supplies to those most in

need. Priority items included: Peanut butter, canned meals (chili, spaghetti), canned meats, canned fruits, bottled water, beans, pasta and rice and canned vegetables.

All donations collected were distributed to the affected counties as quickly as possible.

"We are calling on our community to come together and help our neighbors in need," said Amanda Livingston of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce ahead of the event. "Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference."

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Weekly Arrest Report

Week of September 24, 2024–September 30, 2024

9/24/2024	Devin A. Beecham	28	Contempt of Court
9/24/2024	Thurman E. Ayers	35	Failure to Appear
9/24/2024	Christopher A. Lindamood	63	Simple Larceny Not From Person, Public Intoxication
9/24/2024	Casey J. Hagerty-Heilman	35	Possession of Controlled Substance, Public Intoxication
9/25/2024	Rodney E. Hall	33	Failure to Appear
9/26/2024	Corey J. Beck	41	DUI
9/26/2024	Randy L. Scaggs	50	Criminal Trespass
9/27/2024	Deana W. Newland	53	Possession of Controlled Substance
9/27/2024	Eulogio G. Lopez	34	Domestic Assault & Battery
9/28/2024	Julie A. Jackson	68	DUI
9/29/2024	Ashley N. Sutphin	40	Domestic Assault & Battery
9/30/2024	Wilma J. Jones	44	Homicide, Use of Firearm In Commission of Felony, Possession of Firearm by Felon
9/30/2024	Dale E. Eanes	65	Petit Larceny

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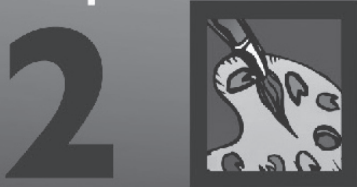


Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of September 24, 2024 – September 30, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
25-SEPT-2024	1900 BLK Braeburn Dr	Vehicle Theft
27-SEPT-2024	O BLK Hale Ave	Homicide, Use of Firearm In Commission of Felony, Possession of Firearm by Felon

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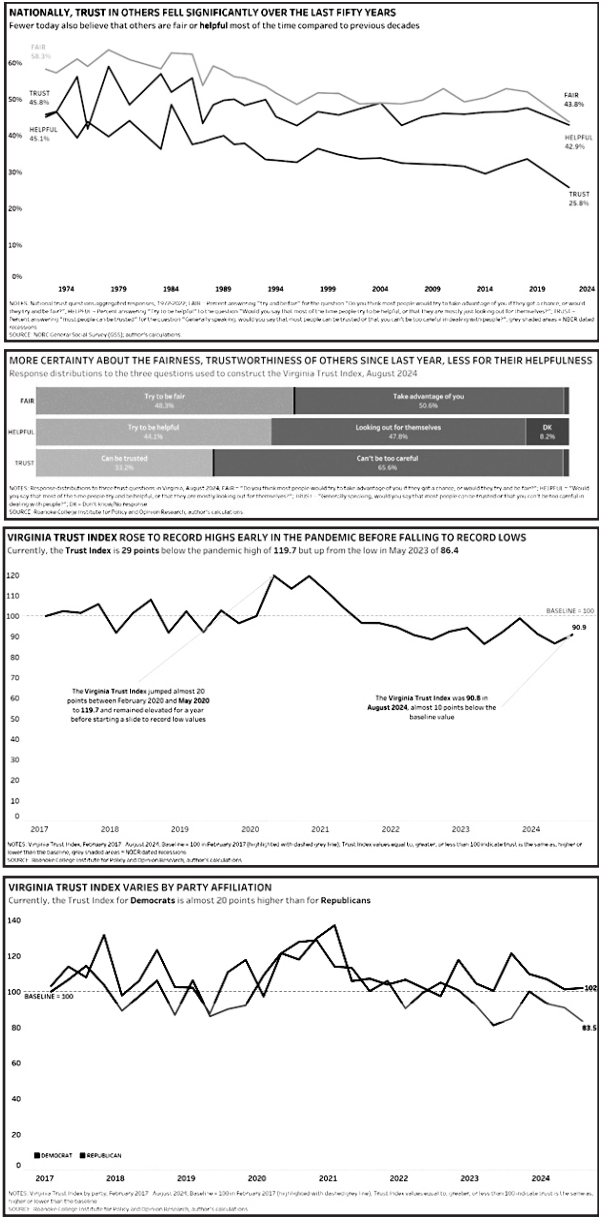
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data. When the index is equal to 100, less than 100 or greater than 100, trust in Virginia is the same, lower or higher than that baseline, respectively.

Until May 2020, the Trust Index was relatively stable, neither increasing nor decreasing by large amounts; the average value was 99.7, very close to the baseline value. At the onset of the pandemic, the Trust Index jumped almost 20 points to 119.7. It remained elevated for a year, with an average value of 113.7 between May 2020 and May 2021, before a multi-year decline to a series low in May 2023 (86.4). The index has leveled off, but at a lower level than prior to the pandemic. Although the average index value since February 2020 is 98.2, which is very close to the pre-pandemic value, that value is heavily influenced by the surge in the year following the pandemic. Since August 2021, the index has averaged 92.3.

What is driving the path of trust in Virginia? The significant increase in trust that persisted between May 2020 and May 2021 is likely due to a we-are-in-this-together attitude. Despite frustrations over pandemic-related restrictions such as closures of non-essential businesses and mask mandates, Virginians relied on each other for help, and a greater share found each other to be fair, helpful and trustworthy. The steady decline in trust after May 2021 likely reflects growing frustrations with continued COVID-19-related restrictions such as mask mandates, a divide over newer vaccine mandates and general political discord. With the pandemic in the rearview window, we have settled into a lower level of trust in Virginia. Is this a permanent scaring? Or a transitory phase? Only time will tell.

Index Analysis

“Trust in the commonwealth was relatively stable for years before the pandemic, neither increasing nor decreasing by a large amount. Suddenly, at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, trust jumped by almost 20 points to a series high and remained elevated for a year,” said Dr. Alice Louise Kassens, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics and Senior Analyst at the Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research. “Trust then began a steady decline over the next two years, hitting a series low in May 2023. A sudden increase

in trust is common during a crisis as people rally together. What is curious about the pandemic is the subsequent rapid decline from those highs and the subsequent leveling out at a lower value rather than a return to “trend.” As the we-are-in-this-together attitude dissipated, frustrations over COVID-19-related mandates, including vaccine mandates, created divides across communities, reducing our trust in one another. Has a permanent scaring occurred? Will trust ever return to its pre-pandemic values? We will have to wait and see, but we should hope this is not the case. Trust is important for a productive economy, so rebuilding some lost trust will help the Virginia economy navigate future business cycles.

Trust and politics

With a tight presidential election on the horizon and Virginians closely split on their choice, examining trust across political party affiliations is of interest. Democrats and Republicans experience similar trust pathways; however, trust is magnified when one’s party controls the White House. At the last reading before the 2024 presidential election, the Trust Index for Democrats

was 102.0 in August 2024, almost twenty points higher than that for Republicans.

Political Analysis

“In an election year when the political vitriol is flowing frequently and heavily, it isn’t surprising to see a decline in the trust index,” says IPOR Senior Analyst Dr. Harry Wilson. “While the overall rise and fall impact the parties similarly, both Democrats and Republicans are more trusting of other people when their party controls the White House. Some of the partisan difference may be a ‘leaching effect’ from other areas, such as trust in government and trust in the media, where Republicans are typically more wary than Democrats.”

-The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College

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Marons host soccer doubleheader Sat.

The Roanoke College men's and women's soccer team will host an ODAC doubleheader at Kerr Stadium in Salem Saturday. The women will open the twin bill at 1 pm against Washington & Lee University and the men will follow with a 3:30 pm game against Virginia Wesleyan.

The men's team is 5-2-2 overall and 2-2 in the ODAC after dropping a road contest at Hampden-Sydney last Saturday night, 2-0. Hampden-Sydney scored in the 34th and 52nd minutes to take the game. Roanoke had the upper hand in shots, 10-8, and corner kicks, 7-3, but couldn't find the back of the net. Luca Gustafson made four saves for the Maroons, who were scheduled to play Guilford College in Greensboro Wednesday.

The RC women were 1-5-3 overall and 1-0-1 in the conference after tying the University of Lynchburg last Saturday at Shellenberger Field in Lynchburg, 1-1.

Senior MC Petrucelli tapped in a cross from sophomore Rebecca Carr at 26:17 to put Roanoke ahead, 1-0. Lynchburg tied the score with just under 20 minutes left in the game, as Sammie Rogstad lofted a free kick just over the goalie's reach. The Hornets had a corner kick with under a minute to play but RC goalie Grace Suchy punched the ball away out of trouble to end the threat.

The women were headed back to Lynchburg Wednesday to play Randolph College in an ODAC match.

Marlins shut out RC hockey

The Roanoke College field hockey team fell to the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins, 2-0, in the squad's first conference game of the season. With the loss Roanoke fell to 5-5 overall.

Virginia Wesleyan scored two goals in the span of five minutes in the third period. Roanoke had the advantage in corners, 9-3, while

Virginia Wesleyan had the advantage in shots, 8-5. Maroon goaltender Madison Wingerter made four saves in the game.

The Maroons are on the road again this Saturday to face-off with the favorite to win the ODAC this season, Shenandoah. That match-up is set for noon in Winchester, Va.

Lemon joins Roanoke swim staff

Roanoke College head men's and women's swimming coach Dominic Breschi has announced the addition of Charlie Lemon to the staff as an assistant coach.

"I am extremely excited to add Charlie to the staff!" said coach Breschi. "He has a lot to offer us in and out of the water. I am excited to work with him and I cannot wait to see him continue to grow as well. We have a great team and I look forward to working together with him to continue to build upon this already great program."

Lemon spent the last three years in various roles, including as the assistant swim and dive coach at North Cross School. While at North Cross, Lemon was a part of a coaching staff that oversaw multiple individual conference champions, several state qualifiers and finalists, and teams that regularly finished in the top three at the conference level.

Lemon graduated with honors in 2021 with a B.S. in Biology from fellow ODAC member Hampden-Sydney College. In 2024, he furthered his education by receiving his M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction/higher education from Liberty University.



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Glenvar Middle School volleyball finishes 13-3

The Glenvar Middle School volleyball team defeated Floyd County in two sets last week, 25-8 and 25-11, to finish their season at 13-3. "I'm so proud of this team," said coach Stephanie Butler. "They pushed each other to improve individually and as a team. I absolutely love the heart and hustle this team showed all season. Front row (6th graders) L to R: Delaney Wright, Kamy Dawyot, Corra Hayes, Haley Jones and Ryleigh Becker. Middle row (7th graders) L to R: McKenna Tice, Kherington Jewell, Sophie Armes, Kaylee Board, Maudie Doolan, Brynlee Stores and Averie Shepherd. Back row (8th graders) L to R: Peyton Hamilton, Elisabeth Harrison, Mia Bayarsaikhan, Kenley Jarvis, Kiki Carter and Emma McClanahan.



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Andrew Lewis Middle School volleyball team

The Andrew Lewis Middle School volleyball team completed their season last week. Front Row, left to right: Luana De La Cruz, Claire Millard, Elizabeth Carter, Brody Crist the dog, Emme Elliott, Emily Wise and manager Ivy Crews. Second row, left to right; manager Remi Dudley, Lena Santiago, Daisy Robinson, Skylar Hicklin, Kathryn Wise, Savannah Claussen, EmmaGrace Putnam and Kaylee Crosswhite. Back row, left to right; manager Anna Leighton, Ava Price, Lacey Turpin, Kate Elder, Lauryn Smith, Sydney Fry, Daviah Goodman, Leela Hamden and Norah Courren

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Spartans Josiah Persinger(#22), Conner Cox(#9) and Jake James(#78) rush the kicker against Hidden Valley.

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his driveway the next morning,” said Holter with a chuckle, remembering the atmosphere from the

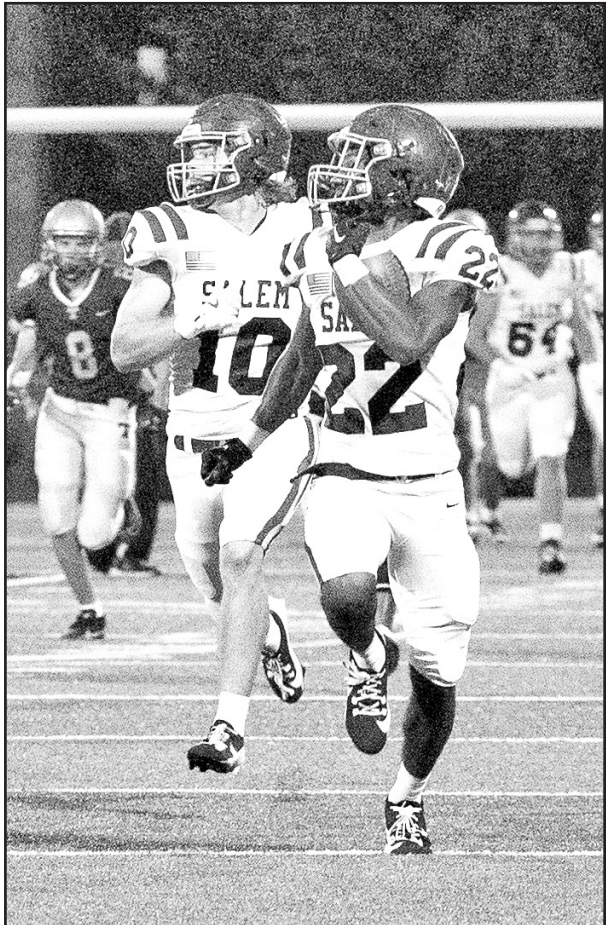


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Josiah Persinger is off to the races for one of his three first half touchdowns against Hidden Valley.

rivalry.

“We’ll have to be at our best to beat them,” he continued. “They have their quarterback back and he’s a good player. They’re going to do some things to challenge you.”

Salem didn’t get much of a challenge last Thursday at Bogle Field in Roanoke County as the Spartans had their way with Hidden Valley, 56-6. The Titans scored a touchdown with a running clock in the second half and that was their first points of the season. They have now been outscored 323-6 in five losses and the Spartans could have put any number they desired on the scoreboard.

“It wasn’t a great test for us but it was an opportunity to get better,” said Holter. “It wasn’t about the opposition, it was about executing a game plan. We still have a lot of growing up to do.”

Salem scored four times on their first six plays and led 42-0 at the half. Josiah Persinger rushed four times in the first half and had touchdowns of 77, 34 and 71 yards while rushing for 188 yards. He didn’t carry the ball in the second half but he returned a kick 68 yards for his fourth TD.

Holter cleared the bench early against the hapless Titans and quarterback Eli Taylor only passed five times, completing three for 89 yards, including a 65 yard TD hookup with Kyshead Arrington. Kyshead rushed three times for 98 yards and two touchdowns and caught three passes for 89 yards.

This was Salem’s second River Ridge District game and the district looks weak this year, as Hidden Valley and Pulaski are winless and Cave Spring has won just one game. That will hurt Salem’s VHSL point rating even if the Spartans run the table and finish 8-2, which is very possible. It could easily cost Salem a home game or two in the playoffs in a region where many of the teams are a long drive away.

Salem’s jayvee team is at Pulaski County tonight. Hidden Valley opted not to play the Spartans last week.

GLENVAR FOOTBALL

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Dawyot played a clean game on both sides of the ball. He was 18-for-30 passing for 270 yards and

four TDs, and on defense Brody tied for the team lead with 10 tackles while getting three sacks and making another tackle for a loss.

Five different players had receptions

for Glenvar, led by Peyton Deel with six catches for 75 yards and a touchdown. Trey Dawyot had five catches for 88 yards and Jace Forster had five receptions for 60 yards, and both caught

touchdown passes. Cale Vaughan had one catch for a 14 yard TD and Devin Clark had one reception that went for 33 yards on a key third down and 30 yards to go.

Ranger Swanson led Glenvar in rushing with 47 yards on six carries. Brody had 44 yards rushing on 11 attempts and Cooper Mullins rushed a dozen times for 39 yards.

Glenvar’s defense allowed just one touchdown, not counting the “pick six.” In five games the Highlander defense has been scored on just twice.

“Our defense really played well,” said Clifford. “We take a lot of pride in our defense and they got after it.”

Vaughan and Dawyot led with 10 tackles each. Swanson had nine tackles, a tackle for a safety and a sack. Mullins took an interception back for a TD in the first quarter and Clark also had an interception.

This week’s Homecoming game with Patrick is Glenvar’s second Three Rivers District game. The Cougars started the season 3-1 but have been shut out by Carroll County, 21-0, and Floyd County, 36-0, in their first two district games the past two weeks.

“They run the Wing-T and they try to play bully ball,” said Clifford. “They’re very physical.”

Blacksburg rallies to edge Glenvar Middle

The Glenvar Middle School football team fell to 6-4 when the Highlanders dropped a nail-biter at Blacksburg last week, 20-19.

This one was close all the way. Glenvar went 70 yards on their first drive and scored to take the early 7-0 lead. Grayson Harris caught a nine yard touchdown pass from Kiptyn Jones to cap off the drive.

Blacksburg answered on the next possession and converted the 2-point play for an 8-7 lead and the score remained that way at the half.

In the second half Glenvar scored on their first possession again with a Jones and Harris pass and catch for the TD to take a 13-8 lead. Jones connected one more time with Harris on a 70 yard pass play to give the Highlanders a 19-8 lead heading into the

fourth quarter.

Blacksburg scored a touchdown with six minutes remaining, then scored again with just a minute left on the clock to give the home team the victory. Anthony Cline led Glenvar in tackles with six and Ben Brown had four.

“It was a great middle school game, our guys played tough and battled the whole game,” said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. “We came up a bit short in the end but I am proud of how hard our guys played. We get one more shot to pick up our seventh victory as a program on the season, which would be one more than last year.”

Glenvar was scheduled to play their final game of the season on Wednesday night in Patrick County.



Creger wins close week

It was a very tight contest last week with a lot of good entries. No one quite got a perfect score but several were close and Salem’s Darin Creger got the win by the tie-breaker, and he gets the 50 dollar gift certificate from Mac & Bob’s.

You might have noticed I didn’t have Salem on the contest last week, as they played Hidden Valley and that was a given. Had Salem been on there the point total would have been different and it would have affected the outcome. We have the Spartans back on the contest this year against winless Pulaski County, and when’s the last time you heard that?

Also, our thoughts are with regular contestant Richard Miller who had a stint in the hospital. I put the Syracuse game on the contest in his honor.

For last week’s 19th hole I asked you to pick the score of the big Glenvar-Radford game, and the final tally was 37-12 in favor of the Highlanders. The closest was Gary Sovine of Salem who picked Glenvar to win 35-10, so he gets a free round of golf from the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street. He needs a little something to relax him with the Browns off to a terrible start and the Guardians battling in a tight baseball playoff series.

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—Brian Hoffman



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Nathan McNeill of Andrew Lewis ran for two touchdowns and threw for another in Monday’s win over Hidden Valley.

Lewis loses football game for first time since COVID season

The Andrew Lewis Middle School football team lost for the first time this season last Wednesday when the Wolverines fell to Cave Spring Middle at Bogle Field, 46-21. This was the first Wolverine 8th grade football loss since February of 2021 during the abbreviated COVID season.

Both teams came in undefeated and the game was back and forth with Lewis holding a 21-16 lead with four minutes until halftime. However, the Squires scored twice before intermission to take a 32-21 lead at the half and outscored Lewis two TDs to none in the second half.

On Monday at home the Wolverines bounced back with a 35-0 win over Hidden Valley Middle to improve to 8-1 on the season.

“The team played very well following a difficult loss in their last game against Cave Spring,” said coach Brian Hooker.

The team was led offensively by the running and passing of Nate McNeill, who threw one touchdown to Ji’Zaiah Haynes and rushed for two others. Tailback Jemari Allen ran for two touchdowns while kicker Liam Munoz was five for five kicking the points after the touchdowns.

The defense was led by Dustin Peters, who had several sacks and forced a quarterback fumble. Munoz intercepted two Hidden Valley passes.

The 8th grade squad will complete their season with an away game at Pulaski Middle today.



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Glenvar’s Kiptyn Jones threw three touchdown passes to Grayson Harris in last week’s game with Blacksburg.

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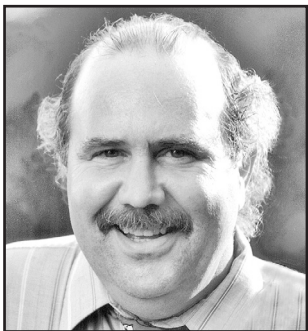
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**The 19th Hole**

**(see story)**



# Brian Hoffman



## Yes, I know he's a freshman!!

Last week, well after the paper was printed, I noticed a mistake I made in one of the 20-some stories I wrote for last week’s sports section. Unfortunately I’ll make a mistake every so often and in last week’s Salem football story I mentioned that Peyton Lewis, “now a senior at Tennessee,” was at the Salem-PH game.

Of course I know that Peyton is a freshman, not a senior, for the Volunteers. I just wanted to let you

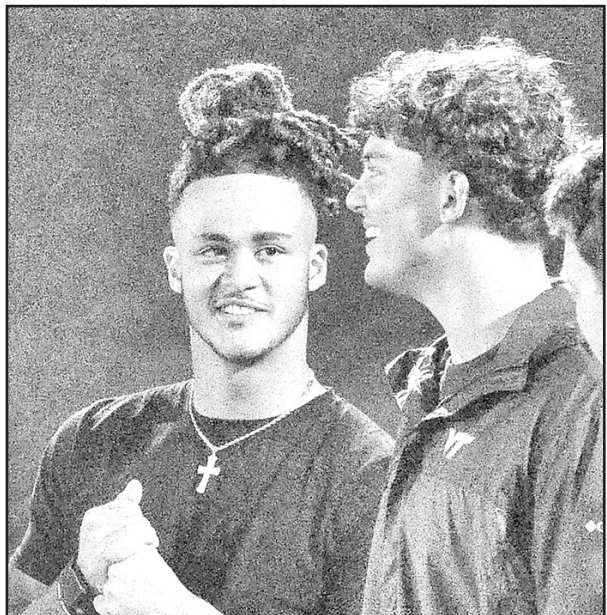


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**Peyton Lewis(left) and Jaelyn Allen were among several former Spartans who attended Salem's win over Patrick Henry on September 26. Allen is a freshman on the Virginia Tech football team and Lewis is at Tennessee.**

know in case you thought I was having a “senior” moment, so to speak. And how has Peyton done so far?

A true freshman, Peyton has played in all five games and rushed 17 times for 118 yards. That’s an average of 6.9 yards per carry, which is second on the team among the five backs that have as many attempts. His longest gain was 35 yards. He also plays on some special teams.

A couple weeks ago I was watching a different game and saw where UT was leading Kent State 65-0 at the half, so I flipped to that game knowing Peyton would play a lot. He finished with 99 yards rushing

on 10 carries in that game.  
Is it just me, or does anyone else still think of the 1970 shootings when you hear the name “Kent State?”  
“Tin soldiers and Nixon's comin'; We're finally on our own; This summer I hear the drummin'; Four dead in Ohio.”

### PICKLEBALL, CHEERS RESCHEDULED

The mixed doubles matches for the Spartan Fall Classic pickleball tournament were rained out on September 28 and were rescheduled for this Saturday, October 12.

Due to the date change there were some scheduling conflicts and those folks were offered full refunds. There are still 65 players registered for this Saturday.

Also, the “GTown Throwdown” cheer competition at Glenvar was also postponed the weekend of September 28. That will now be held this coming Monday, October 14.

### SPORTS FOUNDATION LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

The Salem Sports Foundation is currently re-upping members and looking for new ones. The SSF is hoping to have 100 members signed up this fall, and I would think that’s a more than realistic goal.

Cost is just \$20 per family and dues go directly to Salem High School student athletes through funding requests from coaches for various equipment needed, awards and scholarships.

Recent support includes Hud’l memberships for multiple boys’ and girls’ sports teams, a cheerleading choreographer for competition, a shade tent for all teams to use as well as funding for team awards for district, regional and state levels and scholarships for student athletes.

In addition to monthly meetings, Salem High football coach Don Holter reviews the previous week’s football film each Wednesday at 6:45 pm at The Penguin Club. All members are welcomed to attend.

To sign up or for additional information contact Chelsea Dyer at 540-797-4555, e-mail her at chelseadyerhomes@gmail.com or check out the Salem Sports Foundation on Facebook.

### SOME BASEBALL NOTES

Last Monday I was out for a walk while the Braves and Mets were playing that doubleheader to decide who would make the playoffs. The Mets won the first game, to clinch a spot, and the Braves then won the second game to knock the Diamondbacks out.

I continued listening to the post-game show and the Braves, having clinched a spot in the playoffs, were celebrating like they’d won the World Series. They were wolfing down champagne and just having a great time.

My first thought was, is this the best time to be drinking? They were scheduled to open the playoffs about 24 hours later in San Diego, having to fly from Atlanta. Was this the best time to get hammered?

I don’t know about you, but I’ve been hung over a few times and I don’t think it would have helped

## Maroon runners compete at Lehigh University

The Roanoke College women were 20th and the men were 36th in a large field of runners at the Paul Short Run last weekend, hosted by Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA.

The RC women compiled 520 team points to place 20th in a field of 32 teams. Nine of the schools that finished above the Maroons are Division II programs.

Savannah Reid paced Roanoke with

a time of 24:59.5, establishing a new personal-best at the 6K distance. She placed 79th overall and scored 74 points. Sarah Kochanski and Allie Gallaher also notched personal records for a 6K race. Kochanski clocked in at 25:41.4, finishing 104th and scoring 96 points, while Gallaher placed 116th and scored 107 points with a time of 25:48.6.

The men’s field included several

ranked opponents, with the top nine squads all currently represented in the USTFCCCA Division III national poll. Ian Fellows was the top individual finisher for Roanoke, logging an 8K personal-best time of 26:10.9. He placed 107th overall and scored 105 points.

Next the Maroons will play host to the Roanoke XC Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Green Hill Park.

## Glenvar golfers make Region 2C tourney, finish fourth at Great Oaks as Floyd wins

The Glenvar High golfers finished fourth in the Region 2C tournament at the Great Oaks course in Floyd County Monday, finishing two spots away from a trip to the state tournament. Fellow Three Rivers District members Floyd and Radford claimed those spots.

“The course won the day,” said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff. “It was a very tough, but fair, regional course set up. We struggled to put it together, although we did play eight shots better than last year's regional at Great Oaks.”

Floyd had a 310 to win the tournament. Radford was second at 342, Appomattox took third with 353 and Glenvar carded a four-man 366, four strokes better than Patrick County.

Glenvar was led by Riley Wolk with a round of 85. He finished as first alternate for the state golf tournament, which will be held next Monday, October 14, also at Great Oaks.

“Riley and Tyler Smith were the team leaders all season and I am indebted to them for their commitment to our team,” said Duff.

Adam Franklin grinded out a 90 and Easton Quesenberry put together an impressive 93 for his first regional appear-

ance as a sophomore. Smith had a tough day but fought all the way to shoot a 98 and round out Glenvar’s scoring. Connor Magruder shot a 99 and Grayson Shepherd shot a 111 but finished with a birdie on hole 18. Landon Bolling of James River was the medalist with a 75.

“I’m proud of our seniors and their impact on our golf program,” said Duff. “They’ve worked hard over the last three years and have helped us raise our standards and expectations. I am proud of their body of work and grateful for the opportunity to coach them.”

The Highlanders made the region tournament by finishing third in the sub-region last Thursday at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club. The top three advanced and Glenvar shot 337.

Shepherd led the Highlanders in this one with an 81. He was joined in the scoring by Smith with an 83, Franklin at 85 and Wolk with an 88. The medalist was Appomattox golfer Gavyn Simpson with a 76.

“We’re excited about our young golfers that will be returning next golf season,” said Duff. “They know there are big shoes to fill but they’re chomping at the bit and ready for the challenge.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENVAR GOLF

**The Glenvar golfers pose for a group shot after qualifying for the Region 2C tournament at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club last week. Left to right are Tyler Smith, Connor Magruder, Riley Wolk, Grayson Shepherd, Adam Franklin and Easton Quesenberry.**

me hit a 97 mile per hour slider later that day. Sure enough, the Braves were shut out in San Diego the next night, then lost the best-of-three a night later to end their season.

I’m not saying the partying had anything to do with that, but if I were Braves manager Brian Snitker I would have made sure the bubbly stayed on ice until the team really won something.

Next we have Pete Rose, who passed away about the time the paper went to press last week. I know he had his faults, but he was one of the best baseball players I’ve seen since I started watching games as a kid in 1960.

As a Phillies fan, they don’t win the 1980 championship without Pete Rose. He was a rascal and he was a gambler, but he was a great teammate and a leader. He played the game like our sandlot coaches told us to play. . . always run, use two hands, never give up.

Should he be in the Hall of Fame? I think that’s a moot point now that he’s gone. Hall of Fame or not, if you saw him play you knew he was one of the best, and that’s all that matters to me.

Last week I was listening to a Brewers play off game on my MLB app on my phone and was pleased to hear Bob Uecker doing an inning or two on the Milwaukee radio station. Uecker turned 90 in January but he’s still fun to listen to and his voice is clear as can be.

You may know “Ueck” was a decent Major League catcher who went on to fame as a broadcaster, late night talk show guest, Mr. Belvedere, TV and movie celebrity and overall baseball promoting good guy. He’s very funny.

Bob Uecker is a guy who played with Hank Aaron and Eddie Mathews when he was coming up and he’s still talking baseball, and I think that’s great.

“It's not like I'm over-exerting myself to do it,” he says. “I still enjoy working.”

And one more thing. I absolutely HATE seeing advertising on the batting helmets of Major League players. The first time I saw that “STRAUSS” on the helmets in the playoffs it really ticked me off.

I wasn’t happy with the advertising on the uniforms, but I accepted it because it was just on the sleeve and not all that big. And, I understand teams have to make money to pay the big salaries in addition to jacking up prices you and I pay for tickets, TV packages and the like.

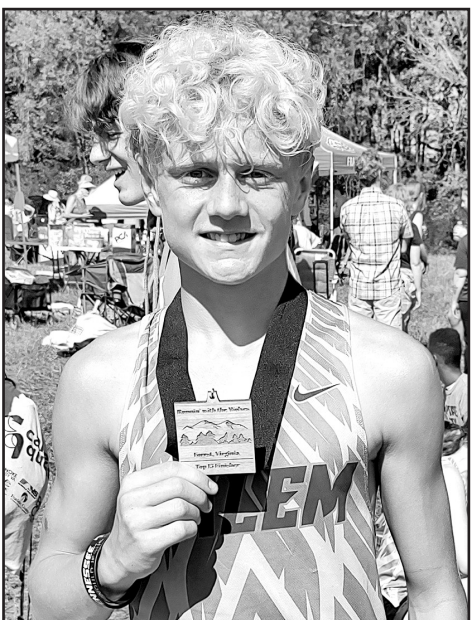
However, when they start putting advertising on the batting helmets I draw the line. I don’t care how much money the Strauss people paid for that the helmets should be off limits. Can you imagine the NFL doing that? (well, maybe)

Next thing you know they’ll take that “NY” off the pinstripes and replace it with an Amazon logo.

### ONE MORE THING

When’s the last time you heard Virginia Tech and Alabama football mentioned in the same breath?

It was last weekend, as in; “Now that Vanderbilt beat Alabama it makes Virginia Tech look a little better.”



**Ashton Semones was third in the boys jayvee race at Poplar Forest.**

## SHS girls third, boys fourth at Runnin' with the Wolves meet

The Salem High cross country team competed in the “Runnin’ with the Wolves” meet at Poplar Forest last Saturday, hosted by Jefferson Forest High School. The Pacers Home School girls and Jefferson Forest boys won team titles at the meet.

Salem’s varsity girls took third place, led by Addyson Funk who placed 6th out of 76 runners. Also scoring for Salem were Claire Rawlins(22), Harper Rocovich(25), Ashlyn Davis(34) and Callie Conner(44).

The Spartan varsity boys placed fourth and the top finisher was Austin Prosser, who finished 7th out of 90. Also scoring for the team were Isaac Snow(18), John Stovall(24), Thomas Scharp(30) and Grant Horner(35).

Salem’s jayvee girls placed second and was led by Hannah Patel (13), Aubrey Snead(16), Leah Johnson(26), Chloe Underwood(32)and Ashley Toapanta(37). Ashton Semones placed third in the boys’ jayvee race, and also competing were Grafton Smith(21) and Jack Dixon(51).

The Spartans were scheduled to host a meet at the Salem Golf Course on Academy Street on Wednesday of this week, and Glenvar was also entered in that meet. The Highlanders were scheduled to run in the East Mont Invitational last week but that wasn’t held due to inclement weather.



# Stagg Bowl is coming back to Salem in 2027

The City of Salem will be hosting two more NCAA National Championships in the future, including another Stagg Bowl. Salem and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference will join forces to host the 2027 Stagg Bowl for D-III football, and in 2028 Roanoke College’s Cregger Center will host the Women’s D-III Basketball Championship. This will mark the 27th time Salem Stadium has hosted the football championship game.

“We are so excited for the Stagg Bowl to return to Salem,” said Carey Harvey, Director of Tourism for the City of Salem. “We thought we made a good case when we hosted in 2023, but you never know.

“Hosting DIII Women’s basketball is great for Salem and the college as we expect to bring eight teams to town. These events would not be possible without our co-host ODAC and John Oney and Virginia’s Blue Ridge Sports. It takes a team to present quality championship and (Salem Director of Parks & Recreation) John Shaner and I are fortunate to have a great group to make it happen.”

The NCAA received more than 1,200 bids from member schools, conferences, cities and sports commissions across 47 states and Washington, D.C., all competing to host predetermined rounds for 87 of the NCAA’s 90 championships. The respective NCAA sports committees selected the sites, with final approval from the divisional competition oversight

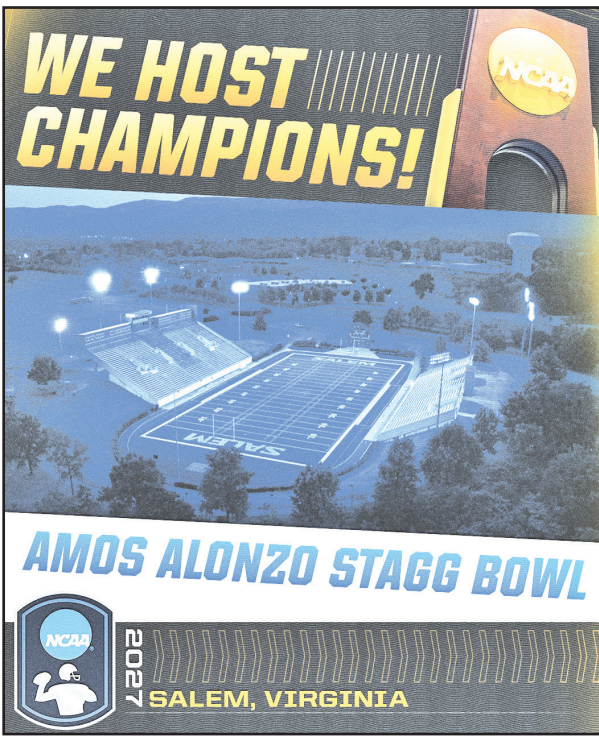
and championships committees.

“The enthusiasm and interest from around the country to host NCAA championships continues to be a testament to the quality of our events,” said Lynda Tealer, NCAA senior vice president of championships. “For this cycle we incorporated more data into the process to help our sport and oversight committees through the evaluation and selection of sites as we had so many quality venues and locations looking to host during these two seasons. We will continue to evaluate and gather feedback on going from the traditional four-year cycle to awarding championship bids for two years to determine the right cadence for the bid process in the future.”

Forty states plus the District of Columbia were selected to host at least one NCAA championship event, with Florida garnering the most with 22. Pennsylvania and Texas are tied for second with 20, while California and North Carolina totaled 17.

The NCAA sports committees made the selections of host sites based on criteria that included the ability to create an outstanding experience for student-athletes, along with adherence to NCAA sport-specific bid specifications.

Specifications can include providing optimal facilities, ease of travel to the location, ample lodging and adherence to NCAA principles, which include providing an atmosphere that is safe and respects the



dignity of all attendees.

Salem has hosted 103 NCAA National Championships since 1993.

## Salem Half Marathon is this Saturday

The annual Salem Half Marathon is scheduled for this Saturday through the streets of Salem. The event was initiated in 2016.

Salem has partnered with Blue Ridge Racing, the area's leading road race management organization, to produce the LewisGale Salem Half Marathon, Virginia's Blue Ridge 8K, and the G&H Contracting Kids Run.

Saturday's races start and finish at the Salem Farmers Market in downtown Salem and takes the runners on a scenic tour of Salem through neighborhoods, Roanoke College and the Roanoke River Greenway. The Half Marathon and 8k take the gun at 8 pm with the kids races to follow.

The course is a little different since the Colorado Street bridge is under construction. Check out the race on the website for course directions and street closings. Over 700 runners are expected to compete.



## Banana Ball World Tour coming to Carilion Clinic Field in July '25

Banana Ball is making its way to Carilion Clinic Field, home of the Salem Red Sox, in 2025. The Banana Ball World Tour will visit Salem on July 11 & 12 as the Firefighters play Banana Ball against the newest addition to Bananaland, the Texas Tailgaters.

Banana Ball is similar to what the Harlem Globetrotters are to basketball. Although the game of Banana Ball is not scripted, it is a highly entertaining show that is a cross between a baseball game and a circus act.

Tickets will go on sale at a later date, but fans must enter a ticket lottery (<https://bananaball.com/tickets/>) in order to buy tickets for the games

by November 1, 2024. Joining the list does not guarantee the opportunity to buy tickets. A random drawing will take place about two months before the event for the chance to purchase available tickets.

“The arrival of Banana Ball in Salem brings more than just an exciting twist on America’s favorite pastime,” said Salem Red Sox General Manager, Allen Lawrence. “This unique event will create lasting memories, inspire future athletes and bring a sense of pride to Salem. Banana Ball isn’t just a game, it’s a vibrant experience that will energize our community and leave a lasting impact.”

## Spartans beat Knights, host Bruins tonight

The Salem High volleyball team will play host Blacksburg tonight in a key River Ridge District match. The Spartans are 13-5 overall and 5-2 in the district after defeating Cave Spring in four sets Tuesday night in Roanoke County.

Salem lost the first set to the Knights, 25-21, before bouncing back to take the next three, 25-14, 25-18 and 25-17. Gabby Crawley had 16 kills to lead the Spartans while Tinsley Thomas had 13. Tate Thomas dished out 49 assists.

On the serving line Tinsley Thomas had 31 attempts while Ashlin Hudson and Myah Crew had 16 each. Crews led with 21 digs, Tinsley Thomas had 16 and Bailey Martin had 10.

“Tough match,” said Salem coach Doug Eller. “I thought Cave Spring played really well. I’m proud of our girls, they fought through and prevailed with a quality win.”

Next Tuesday the Spartans host defending Class 3 state champion Hidden Valley in a big district match.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
Ashlin Hudson serves for Salem.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
Glenvar's Rebecca Magruder goes high for a spike in last week's match at James River.

## Roanoke volleyball spiked in Lynchburg

The Roanoke College women's volleyball team fell at the University of Lynchburg last Friday evening in an Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) match. The Hornets won in three sets, 25-20, 25-14 and 25-23.

Kylee Draper handed out 15 assists to go with six digs and three service aces for RC. Rylee Mayer and Peyton Kirchner each had six kills and Sara Waller had four.

Roanoke was scheduled to host Averett University on Wednesday of this week, then they're off until October 16 at Bridgewater.

The Maroons come into the week at 10-6 overall and 2-3 in the ODAC.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
Teagan Hubble of Roanoke College receives a serve in a recent match.

## Highlanders fall at Carroll County

The Glenvar volleyball team fell to 5-9 with a four set match against Carroll County in Hillsville Tuesday. The Highlanders are now 1-5 in Three Rivers District play.

Glenvar lost matches on back-to-back nights last week, beginning with a three set loss at James River. Grace Fiedler had four kills, Sophia Hammersley had 17 assists and Sawyer Wilson had 13 digs.

A night later, at home, the Highlanders put up a good fight against visiting Patrick County but lost in four, 27-25, 20-25, 25-19 and 25-15.

“We played better than Wednesday night, but we’re still working on our consistency in all facets of the game,” said coach Mark Rohrback. “We’ve lost Mahre (Swanson) for the season and are trying our best to figure things out on the court without her in the lineup and with a young team. We made some high level plays, just need to keep working on our court awareness and consistency.”

Fiedler and Macy McMahon led the way against Patrick with seven kills and Grace had five blocks. Hammersley had 30 assists and Wilson had 18 digs.

The Highlanders are now off until next Tuesday when they travel to Radford.

“We will continue to play hard and learn as much as we can this year,” said Rohrback.



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Above, Salem's Kyshead Arrington(#21) is off to the races for a TD in Salem's win over Hidden Valley. Below, DaVon Jones(#6) and Tolin Saul combine for a tackle.

## Spartans host Pulaski for Homecoming

*Salem hammers Hidden Valley, 56-6, in Thursday night snoozer*

The Salem High football team will play host to Pulaski County this Friday for Homecoming, and there was a time when Salem would never consider scheduling the Cougars for a Homecoming game. Oh how times have changed!

The Salem-Pulaski rivalry is a storied one. The Cougars lost to Salem in the first year of Salem High in 1977 but won the next eight games in a row. Willis White took over the Salem program in 1983 and for the next 21 years this rivalry was among the best in the state with Joel Hicks leading the Cougars and White coaching Salem.

Through 2010 the rivalry stood at Cougars 19 wins and Salem 17, but starting in 2011 Salem has won 15 straight games against Pulaski, including back-to-back playoff games in 2011 and '12. The economy has hurt the Dublin area and the Cougars dropped from Class 4 to Class 3, and this

year they've started out 0-5 with losses to Northside, Lord Botetourt, Princeton, WV, Christiansburg and Patrick Henry. In the past three games they've been outscored 112 to 13.

"It's still a very special game when we play Pulaski," said Salem coach Don Holter. "You have two communities with immense pride. When you play Pulaski you play the whole community."

Don fondly remembers his senior year as a player, in 1987, when Salem beat the Cougars in overtime, 6-3, at Salem Stadium. Lee Johnson, now the athletic director at Patrick Henry, kicked a late field goal to tie the game, then kicked another to win it. It was said Hicks resigned on the bus ride home but later changed his mind.

"I think there was a fishing boat in

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Left, Brody Dawyot passes in Glenvar's win over Radford. Right, Daulton Shoemaker makes a sure tackle.

## Highlanders beat Radford, on top in VHSL rankings

The first Virginia High School League football rankings of the season were released Tuesday afternoon and Glenvar stands atop Region 2C with a 5-0 record.

The Highlanders are the only undefeated team in the region, giving them a 20.4 rating at the midway point of the season. Gretna is second at 4-1 with a 19.2 rating, followed by Floyd County and Nelson County. Glenvar's opponent for this Friday's Homecoming game, Patrick County, is fifth with a 17.0 rating.

The Highlanders are cruising along after another impressive win last Friday, defeating Radford 37-12 on the Bobcats' Norm Lineburg Field. Junior quarterback Brody Dawyot threw four touchdown passes to four different players as the Highlanders shut out their hosts in the second half after leading 21-12 at the break.

"I thought we played great," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "We had way too many penalties but our kids played super hard."

Radford scored first in this game to take the lead after their first possession. The Bobcats also scored on a 75 yard interception return, but other than that

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## Spartans qualify for state Class 4 golf, Ha is region Player of the Year

For the first time since 2021, the Salem High golf team is headed to the Class 4 State Tournament. The Spartans qualified for the state with a runner-up finish in Monday's Region 4D tournament at the Shenandoah Valley Golf Course.

This is the eighth time in 25 years the whole Salem team made it through to states. The Spartans needed to finish in the top two Monday and they shot 304 to Blacksburg's even par 284. Salem beat third place James Wood by four strokes, punching their ticket to the state tournament.

"It's an unbelievable feeling to finally make it through," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "We've been so close with good teams the last few years. We play in the toughest district, in the toughest region and at the toughest level of the entire state."

Salem had to shoot 298 to get out of the sub-region, again finishing second to Blacksburg. The Bruins were the big favorite Monday and it was assumed everyone else was playing for second, and the Spartans came through.

"It took a 304 to get in by a four shot margin," said Hancock. "It felt even closer today as the last two groups came down to the final hole and that is where our four shot swing happened against James Wood. It was

nerve racking close all day. We had a rough start early in the round, but our guys fought back and finished strong."

Vanderbilt bound Salem senior Kathryn Ha won the Region Player of the Year honors by firing a seven-under-par 64, scoring eight birdies along the way. She was the medalist by four strokes over Cameron Sharp of Blacksburg.

"She was incredible all day," said Hancock. "She started out strong and finished strong when we needed her the most."

Also scoring for the Spartans were three freshmen in their region debuts. Freshman Croix Bowen got hot in the middle of his round, collecting four birdies on his way to posting a 75 and earning second Team All-Region honors. Freshman Mike Bateman had a tough start after being eight over through eight, but he had four birdies in his final 10 holes on the way to post a 79, claiming Honorable Mention All-Region and just missing second Team by one spot. Rounding out the scoring was freshman Will Creger with an 86, and also playing for the Spartans were senior Aidan Andrews at 87 junior Zach Bocock at 90.

"Our young guys stepped up when we needed them," said Hancock. "I tried to stay as calm as I could on the course with the team, but as we were

watching Mike and Kathryn, in the last two groups of teams, I think the others saw on my face that I knew it was close and coming down to the wire. Mike had a big par save on 18 while the guy he was playing with from James Wood triple bogeyed the hole. Then Kathryn,

in the group right behind, made a big birdie while the guy from James Wood made a par. That hole ended up sealing the deal for us."

The state tournament is Monday, October 14, at the Heritage Oaks Golf Course in Harrisonburg.

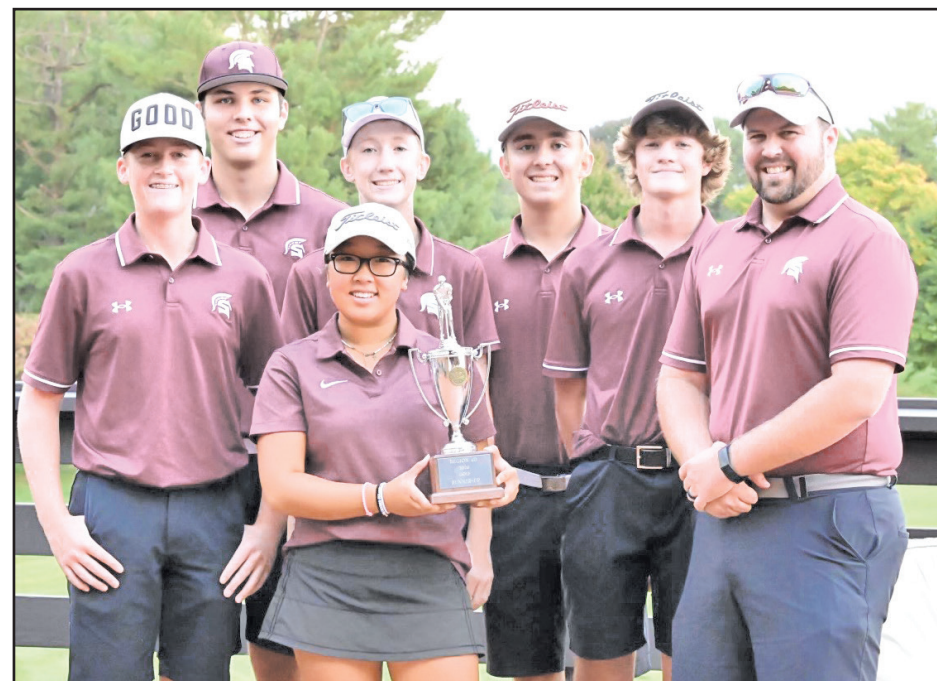


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Salem High golfers pose with the Region 4D runnerup trophy Monday. In front with the trophy is Kathryn Ha and standing behind, left to right, are Mike Bateman, Zach Bocock, Croix Bowen, Aidan Andrews, Will Creger and Coach Blaine Hancock.