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# Reconstruction Era Hidden History at the Salem Museum

Discover a secret chapter in Virginia's Reconstruction era history with "Readjusting the Old Dominion: The Forgotten Rise and Fall of Virginia's Readjuster Movement." Admission is free for this speaker series talk on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Salem Museum.

In this talk, Hunter Haskins, the Museum's Assistant Director, will share the powerful story of the Readjusters, a long-forgotten 1880s Virginia political movement that achieved remarkable socio-economic reforms for whites and African Americans. Formed to battle the Commonwealth's crippling debt crisis and its impact on public services, the Readjusters oversaw a transformative period in the state's educational and infrastructural development that welcomed and benefitted citizens of all races and

backgrounds. However, following four years of political dominance from 1879-1883, the movement met a history-making end that, for more than a century, was stricken from Virginia history books. Who were these incredible Readjusters, and what legacy do they leave us today?

Hunter Haskins is the assistant director of the Salem Museum. A graduate of Roanoke College, he double majored in History and Political Science while pursuing a concentration in Public History. Before coming to the museum, Hunter taught history and epistemology at the Carlisle School in Axton, and worked as a docent, interpreter, and blacksmith for Ferrum College's Blue Ridge Institute and Museum.

This Salem Museum Speaker Series lecture will immediately follow the

Museum's annual meeting of the membership. Museum members are urged to arrive at 7 p.m. to elect officers and directors for the upcoming year. The speaker talk will begin after the meeting.

The Salem Museum & Historical Society is an independent, nonprofit organization preserving and celebrating the history of Salem, Virginia, founded in 1802. The Salem Museum is located in the historic 1845 Williams-Brown House at 801 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Museum admission is free, but donations are appreciated. The Museum has free parking. The entrance is at the Oakey Field Complex sign. 540-389-6760. salemmuseum.org

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Salem Museum Assistant Director Hunter Haskins.

## City Council approves appointments, funding resolutions

Edmee CR Hasler  
Contributing writer

At its Nov. 12, the Salem City Council moved forward on appointments to the Salem City School Board and community boards aiming to support school operations, and fund improvements. The council also addressed various resolutions and financial allocations.

The council appointed Chris King and Teresa Sizemore to the school board, both to serve three-year terms ending in 2027. Following a correction to Sizemore's name, the council swiftly approved both candidates.

"Teresa has done a phenomenal job and has a great rapport with the Board. She has worked very hard on behalf of the teachers. Her first priority is the children," said Mayor Renee Turk of

Sizemore.

Turk said Chris King will be a "huge asset" to the School Board. "His background as a teacher, administrator, and parent will add so much experience to our board," said Turk.

Turk went on to say that Sizemore and King both "have great energy and their concern for students, teachers and Salem City education is genuine."

In other appointments, the council recommended Wendell Ingram and Kathy Fitzgerald for reappointment to the Board of Equalization, and Casey Mabry as an alternate to the Community Policy and Management Team. The Council also reappointed members to the Economic Development Authority and Personnel Board, reinforcing leadership in



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Salem City Council members approved several resolutions and appointed Salem City School Board members at the meeting on Tuesday.

city administration.

School funding adjustments

Following this, the Council considered requests to amend the school budget. Vice Mayor Wallace proposed adjustments to the school operating fund, school cafeteria fund, and school grants fund, with allocations of \$2.3 million, \$178,143, and \$333,512 respectively, as approved by the school board in October.

These funds address unbudgeted grants and ensure continued support for school operations. The motion carried without objection.

In a separate motion, additional funds were appropriated to the school grants, capital projects, and reserve funds. The allocation, totaling \$1.88 million, includes \$1.4 million to the capital projects fund. The

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Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, Feeding America's CEO, is pictured with the Mobile Market team.

## Feeding Southwest Virginia Hosts 'Many Voices, One Vision' Conference

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ROANOKE — Feeding Southwest Virginia held its 2024 Agency Conference, themed "Many Voices, One Vision," on Friday at Pilgrim Baptist Church, celebrating its Southwest Virginia agency partners. The annual event brought together 200 organizations that operate food distribution programs in partnership with Feeding Southwest Virginia, offering a chance to recognize their dedication, provide learning opportunities, and strengthen connections within the community.

The conference featured a keynote address by Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America, who joined to honor agency partners for their ongoing commitment to addressing hunger and supporting individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Held over two days, the conference brought together agency partners from across Feeding Southwest Virginia's 26-county, nine-city service region. The event empowered partners

to strengthen their operations and provided a space for networking and collaboration, aiming to build a united effort to better serve the food-insecure population in Southwest Virginia. The day prior, Feeding Southwest Virginia hosted over 100 agency partners from far Southwest Virginia in Lebanon.

Pamela Irvine, CEO and president of Feeding Southwest Virginia, was also on-hand for the event.

Irvine said, "Our 2024 Agency Conference, 'Many Voices, One Vision,' celebrated the work of our agency partners and created a space for shared learning and connection. Feeding Southwest Virginia recognizes that the fight against hunger requires collaboration, innovation, and unwavering dedication. Together, we can strengthen our efforts, amplify our impact, and continue working toward nourishing our neighbors in Southwest Virginia. We were honored to welcome Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, Feeding America's CEO, whose leadership inspires us to continue our mission to serve our neighbors."

## City announces return of holiday celebrations

The City of Salem announced this week that its annual holiday celebrations will be returning this December.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and Christmas Parade kick-off the month of activities on Friday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Salem Public Library and on Main Street. The Gingerbread Festival and Salem Crafty Christmas are set for the following day, Saturday, Dec. 7. The Salem Civic Center will once again host the Roanoke Symphony's Holiday Pops show on Dec. 6 and welcome the Salem Holiday Market the following weekend on Dec. 14 and 15.

Event details:

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## Roanoke College announces new Army ROTC program

Roanoke College announced on Monday, on Veteran's Day, that it is launching an Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program that will begin in the 2025 academic year. The

ROTC program will be part of the New River Valley Battalion of cadets.

The Army ROTC program is a conventional four-year program, but students may also

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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK



**Shelly Koon**

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Christine, our circulation manager, and I were discussing getting ready for Thanksgiving. She will have a houseful and need to cook for them. She is already planning how to minimize her hosting stress and how she can enjoy her grandkids on Thanksgiving.

After watching my mom and my friends undertake Thanksgiving dinner for years, I have some insight on how to make the holiday easier. Especially if your Thanksgiving guests consists of children who complain about having to eat turkey (when turkey is literally the only sandwich they will consume), refuse to eat anything besides a store-bought dinner roll, and then beg to leave the table in under 10 minutes proclaiming “I’m done”.

Kids can get overwhelmed at the many different foods on the holiday menu. Feed them small amounts and give them food they already know. Feed your kids

a healthy snack before dinner so they aren't “hangry”. Thanksgiving is a time to create memories, not stress over the dinner table.

Before I started at the paper, I worked at Food Lion for 6 months which included the Thanksgiving holiday. The day before Thanksgiving is known as “Turkey Wednesday” or “Blackout Wednesday”, the single busiest day for grocery stores during the year, and the Tuesday before is not much better either. I worked that Thanksgiving week and had no fun being yelled at by customers because we were out of heavy cream and potatoes.

My first tip is to split your grocery shopping into two strategic trips. The first trip, which you should do a full week before Thanksgiving (before the supermarkets get crowded), is for nonperishables—canned things, flour and sugar, spices, paper towels, foil—anything on your list that doesn't need to be

super fresh. Then make a second smaller and easier trip the Monday morning before Thanksgiving to just pick up things like salad greens, any fruit you still need, milk and cream, etc. when they are still in stock.

One of the best tricks for serving Thanksgiving dinner is learning which dishes you can make or prep ahead of time. There are dishes that work well to make ahead of Thanksgiving and others that don't. Wash, trim, and chop your veggies the day before then store in plastic baggies in the fridge. Make cranberry sauce a day or two before and keep in the refrigerator. If your family is like mine and serves Jello, it is best to make the day before so it has plenty of time to set. Orange Jello in a glass pumpkin was a family favorite. You definitely don't want to be dealing with more baking when you already have a turkey in the oven. Make any cookies, cakes or pies before the day.

Choose a crockpot recipe for a side dish. Keep mashed potatoes in a crockpot to keep them warm. This frees up the oven for larger dishes like the turkey or ham.

Try to simplify as much as you can in order to lower your stress.



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However you celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, by ordering in, having a potluck or just having coffee and desserts, make it a priority. You don't know if those same faces will be smiling or frowning at the table next year and you don't want to miss time with them.

- Crock Pot Sweet Potatoes With Marshmallows**
- 4-5 large sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced into 1-inch rounds
  - ½ cup brown sugar
  - ¼ cup butter melted
  - 1 tsp cinnamon
  - ½ tsp nutmeg

- ¼ tsp salt
  - 1/3 cup heavy cream (or milk)
  - 1 cup mini marshmallows (or more, to taste)
- Instructions:**
- Prep the crockpot: Lightly grease the inside of the crockpot with butter or non-stick spray to prevent sticking. Layer the sweet potatoes: place the sweet potato slices evenly in the crockpot. Mix the glaze: in a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, melted butter, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cream. Pour the mixture over the sweet potatoes. Cover and cook on low for 6-7 hours or high for 3-4 hours, until the sweet potatoes are tender. About 10-15 mins before serving; sprinkle the marshmallows over the top. Cover and let them melt (but don't stir). Set the crockpot to “warm” to keep the dish hot for guests.
- You can prep ahead by slicing the sweet potatoes and mixing the glaze a day before and storing in the fridge until ready to assemble. Add flavor and pizzazz to your dish by adding pecans, maple syrup drizzle or dried cranberries.

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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.

**“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.

**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, Dec. 2: 7-9 p.m. – The Bluegrass Brothers. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

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**Public meetings:** The Salem City 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.

## Council

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Council also approved a six-year capital improvement plan for the schools, signifying long-term investments in infrastructure and resources.

Software purchase funding

The council also discussed an appropriation of \$101,000 from the city’s beginning fund balance for tax billing software, a purchase managed by the Commissioner of Revenue. Noting increased costs, Wallace acknowledged the need for improved internal budget procedures to prevent similar issues in the future. The motion received full council support.

Approval for erosion control bond

An additional bond was approved for \$20,513 to cover erosion and sediment control for a new building project on Electric Road. Council members highlighted the importance of oversight for such projects, given recent regulatory requirements.

Other resolutions approved by the Council included:

Resolution for Energy Contracts (Resolution 1486)

In a step towards stabilizing Salem’s energy costs, the Council approved Resolution 1486, authorizing City Manager Chris Dorsey to finalize an Energy

Efficiency Improvements (EEI) Master Service Agreement. This agreement will allow the city to lock in a fixed-rate energy product for the period from June 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, aligning with Salem’s commitment to sustainable and cost-effective energy procurement. The Council’s approval enables Dorsey to negotiate terms with the least-cost energy supplier, ensuring the contract remains within the legal framework reviewed by the city attorney.

Resolution for Battery Storage Services (Resolution 1487)

Council members unanimously supported Resolution 1487, which grants the city manager authority to enter into a Battery Energy Storage Services (BESS) agreement with Delorean Power, LLC, operating as Lightshift Energy. This agreement, which includes battery storage for city facilities, positions Salem to utilize stored energy during peak usage times and bolster the city’s grid reliability. Battery storage aligns with Salem’s goals to increase energy resilience and reduce costs by capitalizing on advancements in energy storage technology.

Delegation of Performance Bond Approval

(Resolution 1488)

To streamline infrastructure project management, the council approved Resolution 1488, delegating authority to the Community Development Department to set and approve performance bond amounts during site or subdivision plan approvals. By assigning this responsibility to the administrative team, the city aims to expedite development timelines and enhance efficiency in processing projects, from residential subdivisions to commercial site plans.

Public Improvement Bonds (Ordinance and Resolution 1485)

The Council also held a public hearing on the issuance of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds totaling up to \$3.7 million to support critical city infrastructure projects. Following the public hearing, the council approved Ordinance 1485, authorizing the issuance, sale, and award of these bonds, which are earmarked to finance public improvement initiatives across Salem.

The Council concluded with a roll call vote on all actions, with unanimous approval from council members.

## ROTC

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enter the program as sophomores – or even as juniors, according to the college. The launch of the ROTC program aligns with Roanoke’s strategic plan imperative to make the exploration of purpose, the pursuit of character, and the graduation of leaders a distinction of a Roanoke College education.

A c a d e m i c a l l y, the ROTC program is considered a concentration to be combined with an academic major. Courses in military science will be taught on campus at Roanoke College, and cadets will participate in a joint military training exercise each week with the Radford University cadets.

Roanoke’s new military support and recruitment coordinator, Damon Daniels ’24, will serve as the point of contact for those interested in the program. Daniels served in the Army for almost 20 years with tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. He recently graduated as a health and physical education major. While at Roanoke, he served as the president of the Student Veterans

Group, which he helped create and now advises.

“The College thanks Radford, and especially Major Drew Snow, assistant professor of military science and detachment officer in charge, for helping to bring ROTC to Roanoke College,” David Taylor, associate vice president for academic operations, said. “We’re excited to continue the collaboration.”

The Army provides instructors and professors for military science courses on the Roanoke campus and ROTC students from both schools have joint instruction once per week. ROTC courses include critical thinking, personal development, leadership development, analytical thinking, troop leading procedures and Army problem-solving. Cadets learn to recognize their unique leadership styles and have the opportunity to refine their skills and work up to leadership positions.

ROTC members will join a small detachment, allowing for a close-knit community that works together. Cadets maintain a high level of physical fitness

and can graduate as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army. ROTC members may also receive financial support and scholarships from the U.S. Army to assist with educational costs.

Cadets may graduate as second lieutenants through a curriculum that builds leadership and management skills. The program emphasizes personal integrity, goal setting, ethical decision-making and mission accomplishment. ROTC also offers field training, such as rappelling, land navigation and marksmanship, while increasing self-confidence, discipline and physical stamina. ROTC also offers the opportunity to serve the nation or the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Prospective students interested in Roanoke’s new ROTC program are invited to contact Damon Daniels, military support and recruitment coordinator, at 540-444-0774 or [daniels@roanoke.edu](mailto:daniels@roanoke.edu).

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## SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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### Antique coffee grinder

Coffee is an important part of many morning routines. Long before the days of buying coffee grounds from the store, buying whole beans was the only way to get coffee. This meant coffee grinders, like this one pictured, were also part of people’s morning routines.

Beans were poured into the top, and the hand crank on the side was used to grind the beans as they fell through the machine. The grounds then came out of the bottom to be used to make coffee.

When beans were processed in a grinder like this they had to be used immediately because they quickly spoil once cut. This means this was a daily ritual for anyone who wanted their coffee in the morning.

Homeschool students ages 5+ can learn more next week at Salem Museum Homeschool Days.

On Nov. 20, students will learn about Life 200 Years Ago. They will learn what the Roanoke Valley was like in the 1800s and how different life was long ago.

Program presented at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. It will include hands-on history instruction, followed by a scavenger hunt across the Museum’s exhibits.

RSVP Required. Call 540-389-6760 or email [garrett@salemmuseum.org](mailto:garrett@salemmuseum.org) to register.

Price is \$4 per student. All parents/guardians/chaperones are free. Museum member’s registration is free.

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more time, just sign up again.

**Upcoming November events for adults:**

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-4 p.m.: DMV Connect at Salem Library. The DMV is coming to you! Walk-ins only.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. Same Page Book Club: An LGBTQ+

book club for the community and allies.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m. Virtual Speaker Event: Native Rights and Culture in Fiction. From the comfort of home, join Mona Susan Power, an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as she chats about her newest novel, A Council of Dolls. This conversation highlights how her work explores Native Rights and Native American culture, using an important symbol that anchors comfort and companionship in Native life: dolls. Learn more about Native American history and culture during November, National Native American

Heritage Month. Register for the discussion at [www.salemlibrary.info](http://www.salemlibrary.info)

Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m. End of the World Book Club; This month’s theme: Evil Kids/Families. Join our horror and science fiction book club! Each month we’ll read books on a different theme and discuss over hot drinks; registration is not required. Themes are announced in advance, with example titles given, but you can read any book that fits the theme

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1 p.m. Afternoon Book Club: Night Watchman, by Louise Erdrich. Join a lively discussion for adults.

# Sandel receives VCCS Expanding Opportunities Award

ROANOKE – The Virginia Community College System honored Dr. Robert Sandel, president of Virginia Western Community College, at the Hire Ed Chancellor’s Awards on Thursday, Oct. 24. The annual awards recognize people and organizations who have gone the extra mile to promote student success and equitable access in VCCS workforce and career training programs.

Sandel received the Expanding Opportunities Award, the event’s highest honor, at the Hire Education Conference, which was held at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. The Expanding Opportunities Award recognizes an extraordinary contributor to the field of workforce development, and Sandel received a standing ovation.

Awardees exemplify the mantra of the VCCS mission, vision and values, to “Give everyone the opportunity to learn and develop the right skills so lives and communities are strengthened.” Awardees’ legacies are undeniable in the arena of

workforce development, where the VCCS seeks to “align education and economic development to extend workforce development courses, training and programs into communities across Virginia.”

Sandel’s nomination noted that from day one of his tenure in 2001, he knew how much potential Virginia Western had in developing programs to prepare residents for new job opportunities in emerging sectors. To do that, he saw that collaboration and building trust between local businesses, educational institutions and government entities was critical to reversing the challenges Roanoke had faced in the late 1990s.

Sandel has overseen more than \$138 million in new building construction and renovations. This investment has made positive impacts on the local economy, quality of student education and preparation of the region’s workforce. Today, Virginia Western offers more than 100 programs and trainings to meet the region’s workforce needs. As a healthcare-driven region, the College’s array of health profession programs has grown to nine —

the third largest among the state’s 23 community colleges. Through partnerships with other VCCS schools, Virginia Western’s programing expands beyond the Roanoke region.

Sandel announced in August that he would retire June 30, 2025. “During his 23-year presidency, Dr. Bobby Sandel’s visionary leadership has significantly transformed Virginia Western Community College, resulting in more than doubled enrollment and expanded access to higher education,” Dr. David Doré, chancellor for the Virginia Community College System, said then. “His unwavering commitment to expanding programs and investing in cutting-edge learning facilities will leave an indelible mark on the region, establishing a legacy that will enrich the lives of students and the community for generations. His creation of strong partnerships will guarantee that higher education remains accessible and meaningful for all.”

-The Salem Times-Register

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VCCS Senior Vice Chancellor Craig Herndon (from left), honors Dr. Robert Sandel, president of Virginia Western Community College. Sandel received the 2024 Expanding Opportunities Award on Oct. 24 at the Virginia Community College System Hire Education Conference at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Schoolhouse tool  
7. Martens  
13. Slags  
14. One who scrapes  
16. Centiliter  
17. White wine  
19. Of I  
20. Former Syracuse great Warrick  
22. Relating to the ear  
23. Sandwich shops  
25. Victories  
26. White (French)  
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual  
29. Genus of parrots  
30. Unhappy  
31. Talk incessantly  
33. Type of Squad  
34. Unit of perceived loudness  
36. Violent seizure of property  
38. Agave

40. Sound units  
41. Removes from record  
43. Partner to Mama  
44. Mythological bird  
45. Dash  
47. Hair product  
48. 2-year-old sheep  
51. Signs a deal  
53. Conifer  
55. Autonomous republic in NW Russia  
56. Wife of Muhammed  
58. British Air Aces  
59. Ears or ear-like appendages  
60. Not caps  
61. Deep-bodied sea dweller  
64. Rural delivery  
65. Feeling  
67. Study of relations of organisms to one another  
69. Room to argue  
70. Question

CLUES DOWN

1. Cream puff  
2. Road open  
3. Stressed syllable  
4. Thailand's former name  
5. Cologne  
6. Recounted  
7. Garment of cloth  
8. Airborne (abbr.)  
9. Reproduced  
10. Emits coherent radiation  
11. "Westworld" actor Harris  
12. Smallest interval in Western music  
13. Unstressed central vowel  
15. Lives in  
18. When you expect to get somewhere  
21. Storage bags  
24. One who covers with plastic  
26. Cast out  
27. Automobile

30. Repaired shoe  
32. Belonging to the bottom layer  
35. Possesses  
37. Soda  
38. Programs  
39. In an unexpected way  
42. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal  
43. For each  
46. Unbelief  
47. Seized or impaled  
49. Arrive on the scene  
50. Especially happy  
52. Classic western film  
54. Split pulses  
55. Frida \_\_: Painter  
57. Start again  
59. Employee stock ownership plan  
62. Young women's association  
63. Frozen water  
66. "The First State"  
68. Computers need one

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# Salem Museum offers new research material on Walter Biggs

As interest in the career of noted twentieth century illustrator and Salemite Walter Biggs surges, the Salem Museum has announced that its prestigious new research collection on the noted artist is now available to researchers.

The Don Gunter Research Papers: Walter Biggs Collection comprises the astounding work of noted Biggs scholar Don Gunter, a former editor of the “Dictionary of Virginia Biography,” whose exploration of Biggs’ life and legacy extends across multiple decades. Biggs was a prolific impressionist whose work graced the covers of numerous magazines and stories; the Gunter Research Papers reflect a detailed study of Biggs’ extraordinary career. Materials in the collection include files, images, correspondence, catalogs, and art and files by Biggs’ wife, Mildred. Access to these materials is available by appointment only.

The Gunter Research Papers are housed in the Logan Research Library of the Salem Museum and Historical Society, located in the historic 1845 Williams-Brown House at 801 East Main Street, Salem, VA. Researchers can view the files at the Logan Research Library by appointment on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library can be reached at [library@salemmuseum.org](mailto:library@salemmuseum.org) to schedule appointments. Admission is free, but donations are always appreciated. The Museum has free parking. The entrance is at the Oakey Field Complex sign. 540-389-6760. [salemmuseum.org](http://salemmuseum.org)

-The Salem Times-Register



“The Letter” by Walter Biggs.

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## Local businesses in Roanoke County receive grant funding

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Roanoke County recently announced \$115,000 in grant awards to 13 businesses through the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Business Equipment Acquisition Program (BEAP) Grant. The funds will help businesses acquire new capital to grow their operations.

“Our local businesses are integral to Roanoke County,” said EDA Chair Woody Windley. “These grants demonstrate the County’s support of many different types of companies in our community and their continued

growth.”

The BEAP program was established in fiscal year 2025 (July 4, 2024-June 30, 2025) as a pilot program to help support existing businesses in Roanoke County and the Town of Vinton. The total grant award per business was up to 50% of capital acquisition costs, with a cap of \$20,000 per award. Applicants were scored on several criteria including locally owned, total employees, engagement with resource partners, impact on the business, and utilization of local suppliers.

Among the grant recipients for Fiscal Year 2025 is Ride Source, LLC, which offers the McAfee Knob Shuttle out of Salem.

## POLICE REPORT

### City of Salem Police Department



#### Weekly Arrest Report

Week of October 29, 2024 – November 5, 2024

10/29/2024	Jakob A. Dixon	26	Simple Larceny Not From Person
10/29/2024	Tiyre J. Johnson	27	Failure to Appear
10/29/2024	Griffin I. Newman	27	Carrying A Concealed Weapon
10/29/2024	Mikeal K. Williams	23	Fugitive From Justice
10/29/2024	Eric W. Wright	46	Criminal Trespass
10/29/2024	Michael J. Blasko	42	Public Intoxication
11/01/2024	Tyler L. Thorne	34	Public Intoxication
11/01/2024	Christa R. Mack	48	Disorderly Conduct, Refuse to Identify
11/01/2024	Khierston B. Crockett	20	Disorderly Conduct
11/01/2024	Juon S. Burgess	39	Public Intoxication
11/01/2024	John C. Lewis	57	Domestic Assault & Battery
11/02/2024	Michelle A. Rhame	36	Simple Larceny Not From Person
11/02/2024	Shantel L. Byrne	42	Public Intoxication
11/03/2024	Timothy L. Harris	35	Criminal Trespass
11/04/2024	Mackenzie N. Wright	26	Domestic Assault & Battery, Public Intoxication
11/04/2024	John C. Lewis	57	Public Intoxication

### City of Salem Police Department



#### Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of October 29, 2024 –November 4, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
29-Oct-2024	300 BLK Wildwood Rd	Bad Checks
29-Oct-2024	300 BLK Electric Rd	Fugitive From Justice
1-NOV-2024	O BLK Library Sq	Grand Larceny
1-NOV-2024	600 BLK W Main St	Grand Larceny
2-NOV-2024	900 S Colorado St	Aggravated Assault & Battery
2-NOV-2024	900 BLK Indiana St	Vehicle Theft
4-NOV-2024	1200 BLK Kings Arms Dr	Fraudulent Activities

## VDOT ROADWATCH

### INTERSTATE 581

I-581 PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, beginning August 18, crews will perform paving and patching operations. Lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound, Sunday through Thursday, during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

### ROANOKE COUNTY

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 311 – A new pedestrian bridge is under construction over Route 311 at McAfee Knob trailhead. The trailhead parking lot is currently closed and will remain closed during construction. Bridge beams were placed across Route 311 on the new bridge on June 11. Flagging operations will be in place daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Occasional slow rolls during nighttime hours are possible. Alternate areas for parking and updates on the shuttle can be found by calling 540-387-5588 or visiting the shuttle website at [www.roanokecountyva.gov/McAfeeShuttle](http://www.roanokecountyva.gov/McAfeeShuttle). Expected completion by end of 2024.

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT DOW HOLLOW ROAD AT ROUTE 11/460 – On October 28, interim safety improvements for the intersection of Dow Hollow Road and Route 11/46 began during daytime hours from 9 am to 3 pm, weather permitting. These safety improvements include extending turn lanes onto and from Dow Hollow Road and adding directional pavement markings and concrete islands to direct turn movements. Periodic lane closures will be in place throughout the area. Work is expected to be complete within 7-10 days.

ROUTE 607 CLOSURE FOR BRIDGE WORK - Beginning Wednesday, November 6 at 9 a.m., a portion of Route 602 (Bottom Creek Road) will be closed for bridge work over Mill Creek. The bridge is located .03 mile from Route 744 and 1.67 miles from Route 669. During this time, drivers will need to seek alternate routes. Weather permitting, the road will re-open to traffic in the late evening on Friday, November 22, 2024. Flagging operations will

be in place after the road re-opens to complete the rest of the work.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN ROANOKE AREA - Blue Ridge Parkway may be repairing roads in our area that require road closures and flagging operations and detours may be in place. Visit their website at

[www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm](http://www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm) for more information.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is January 2025.

BRUSH CUTTING AND STABILIZATION WORK TO RESUME ALONG OLD RAILBED IN BOTETOURT AND CRAIG COUNTIES - Residents along the former Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Craig Valley Branch railbed in Botetourt and Craig counties may notice maintenance work continuing on the old railbed starting in mid-November. In spring 2024, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) began clearing brush and stabilizing the former railbed. These activities are intended to prevent additional deterioration and to help designers who are developing plans for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail. VDOT continues to collect data and conduct site visits and field reviews on the railbed. The cost estimate for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail is still being refined and a specific schedule for construction has yet to be determined. VDOT plans to hold public hearings on the project in 2025. The hearing dates have not yet been announced.

CRAIG COUNTY MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is January 2025.



### SEALED BID SALE SALE OF REAL ESTATE 1878 WOODMERE COURT SALEM, VIRGINIA

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in the Western District Right of Way and Utilities office located at 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, Virginia 24153, until, but no later than, 12:00 pm December 9, 2024, for the following property:

1878 Woodmere Court offers a beautifully designed split level home with a comfortable 1,484 square feet of living space that includes 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a 2-car garage. The home sits on 0.23 acre with mature tree growth, tucked away in a neighborhood yet close to dining, shopping, and entertainment. Whether you are looking for a new perfect nest or are a savvy investor looking for your next opportunity this house beckons!

The value placed on this property is \$250,000.00

Employees of VDOT, their immediate families or any person employed with the valuation and/or acquisition of this property are ineligible to bid. The property is being sold “as is” with conveyance by deed without warranty. For further information and proposals, contact Amanda Newhouse, Western Region Property Management Agent, at (540) 387-5572 or by email at [amanda.newhouse@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:amanda.newhouse@vdot.virginia.gov).

Property will be open for inspection on, November 22, 2024, from 9 am to 2 pm.



# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## ROANOKE COUNTY'S POLITICAL SQUABBLES COLOR HISTORY OF SECTION DURING PAST CENTURY

### *Was Never Given Over To Whigs - Former Newspapers Chiefly Political Organs*

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

Ever since this nation was formed there have been arguments, disputes, fights and much bitterness over political questions. In a democracy it was ever thus. Elsewhere in this issue will be found an account of the duel between a grandson of General Andrew Lewis and John McHenry which resulted as the outgrowth of a quarrel over politics.

President Andrew Jackson once killed a man in a duel but this fact did not prevent him from becoming elected as president of the nation. Botetourt county gave President Jackson a good vote of confidence. In the days when the Whigs were in control, Roanoke county was a growing infant and in those days both Botetourt and Roanoke remained Democratic when the state was carried by the Whigs.

#### Papers Were Partisan

In early days much bitterness arose over politics and one reason for this fact was that the early newspapers were almost without exception strong party organs. In days past a newspaper did not hesitate to criticize its political adversaries in stinging terms.

When Jordan Woodrum established his paper in Salem in 1854 it was a staunch Democratic weekly which saw a little good in the Whig party. On the other hand the Which papers believed that the Democrats were leading the country to ruin.

When the succession movement was launched, this paper which had changed hands became a strong advocate of the Confederate cause and in the years that followed the Civil War politics were extremely bitter. A gradual evolution is noticed down through the years until the present era since political parties have become more tolerate even though there is still much discord over questions of the government policy.

In 1876 one of the hottest political fights of the country was fought when the famous Tilden and Hayes contest was on. Historians were almost unanimous today in declaring that Tilden was fairly elected in this contest but the army which was in change of the elections in some of the southern states was able to throw three southern states in the Republican column to insure the election of Hayes. The returns from these three southern states were not returned until it was determined how many states Hayes needed to insure election.

#### Strong For Tilden

In the head of this campaign the

Salem Register of 1876 said:

"Two weeks from next Tuesday and the tale will be told. Then we are to know whether we are to have another four years of thievery and corruption or honesty and purity in the administration of our public affairs. Let even good man cast his vote for Tilden, Hendricks, Pridemore and Reform. Wake up, people of Roanoke! Every man to his post Work unceasingly from now until election day for out ticket. We have the "rads" on the run. Keep them going."

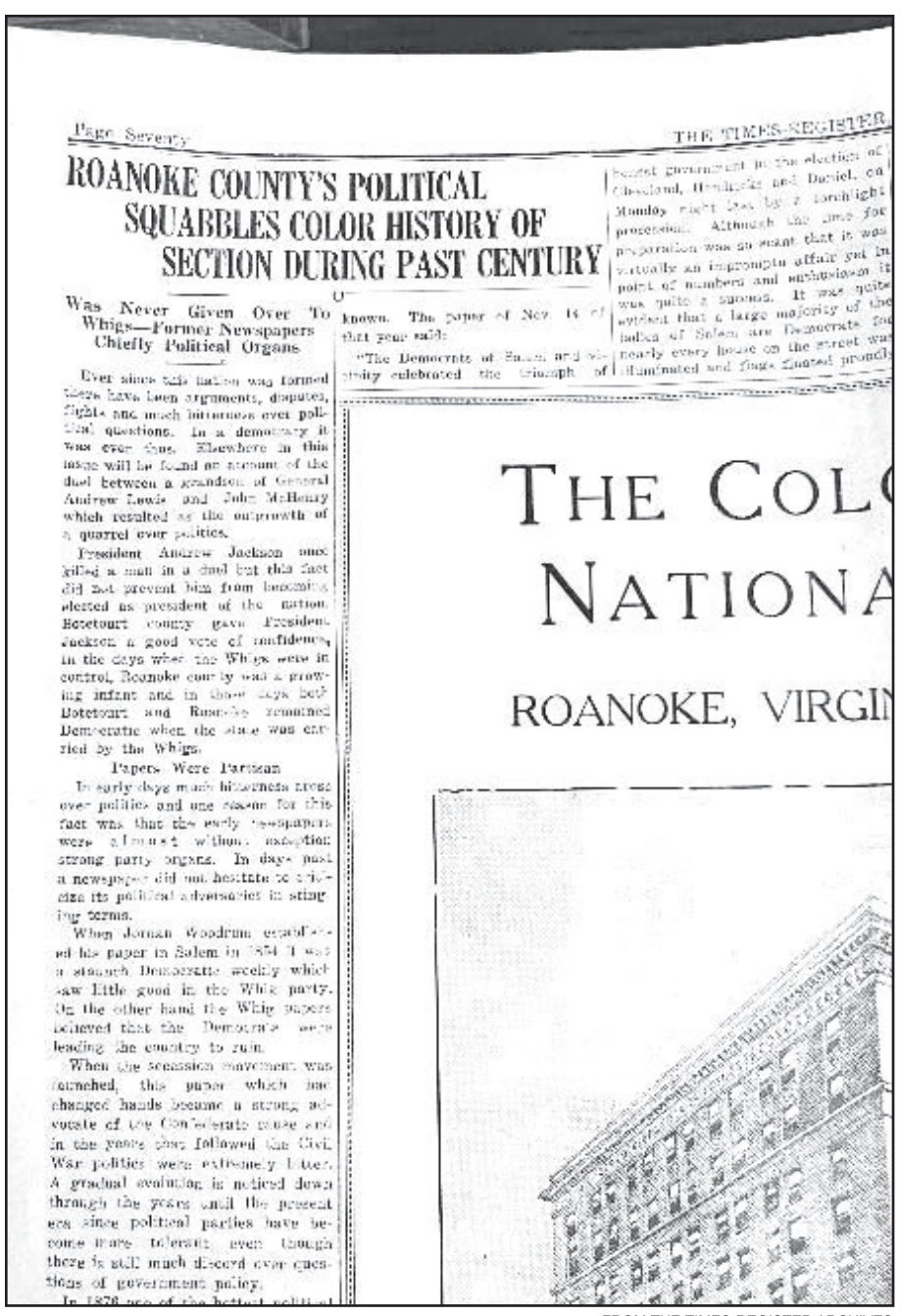
"A big glorification" was held in Salem during the campaign. It was recorded that at the time of this rally excellent speeches were made by Messers Johnson, Hansbrough, Edmundson and Griffin. Thaw was the day of the torchlight precession and Salem put on a big one. Following the parade that night tar barrels were ignited so that the sky was illuminated for miles about. Sky rockets were sent shooting skyward and a good time was had by all.

#### Didn't Like Garfield

In 1880 when Garfield was a candidate for the presidency the Salem Conservative and Monitor had the following to say concerning that political campaign:

"Gen. Garfield has a sweet record for a presidential candidate, being a salary-grabber, a Credit-Mobelierite, a lawyer who receives fees designed to influence his action was a congressman, and a violent hate of every southern man who dared take up arms in what he deemed a just cause, and who sent so far as to declare himself in favor of unrestricted and perpetual disfranchisement of all such. Such is the past record of the Republican nominee for president. Chester A. Arthur, the nominee for vice-president is chiefly known to face as the man whom Hayes removed from the collectorship of the New York custom house for cause - for corrupt practices in this official capacity."

From the Times-Register of 1884 we learn that a big torchlight parade was held here when news of the election of Grover Cleveland was made honest government in the election of Cleveland, Hendricks and Daniel, on Monday night last by a torchlight procession. Although the time for preparation was so scant that it was virtually an impromptu affair yet in the point of numbers and enthusiasm it was quite a success. It was quite evident that a large majority of the ladies of Salem are Democrats for nearly every house on the street was illuminated



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and flags floated proudly from nearly every balcony. The Duval House, The Hampton House and the Fleming building were particularly brilliant."

"Representatives from different sections of the county began to assemble late in the evening and a large crowd had collected by 7 P.M. The procession formed at the east end of Main Street and took up the line of March, headed by the Salem Silver Cornet band. Next was a mammoth portrait of Hon. John W. Daniel, carried by four men. Then followed the first division - about 150 men - with transparencies, among them being on representing the interior of a post office with a good representation of Page Morris with a huge tongue,

licking a postage stamp. The motto over it was "My last lick." On the left side "Othello's occupation gone" and on the right "Alas, poor Pagey."

"The second division was headed by the Salem Glee Club, on a large float drawn by four horses. The glee club sang several splendid songs of victory and those in the procession on the street and on porches, joined in the chorus of several songs. After the glee club came the St. Johns, six men, with bottles inverted on their staffs, each with an escort bearing a torch and on their banner "In the name of St. John we demand our rights."

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu

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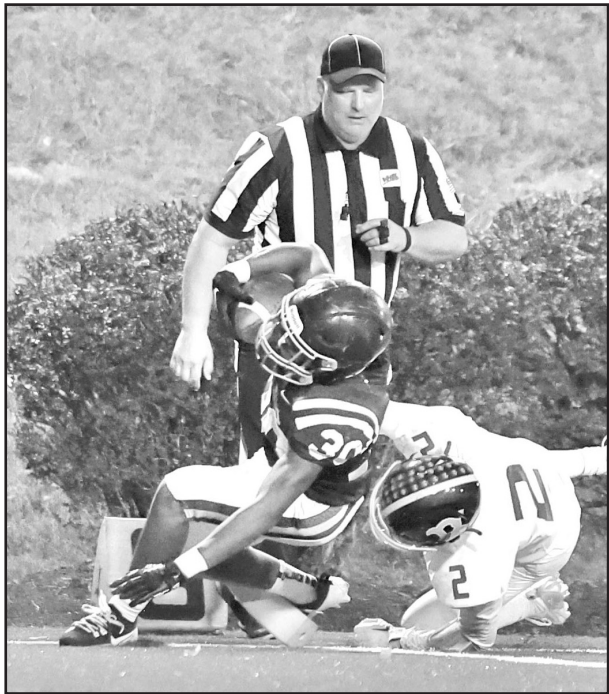


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Left, Coen Logan goes high for a catch and an ensuing touchdown in last week's Salem win. Right, Jordan McCadden is over the pylon and into the end zone.

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had two fumble recoveries, taking one home for a defensive touchdown.

The Spartans come into the playoffs relatively healthy. Holter has been able to sit the first team much of the second half, and that has a double purpose.

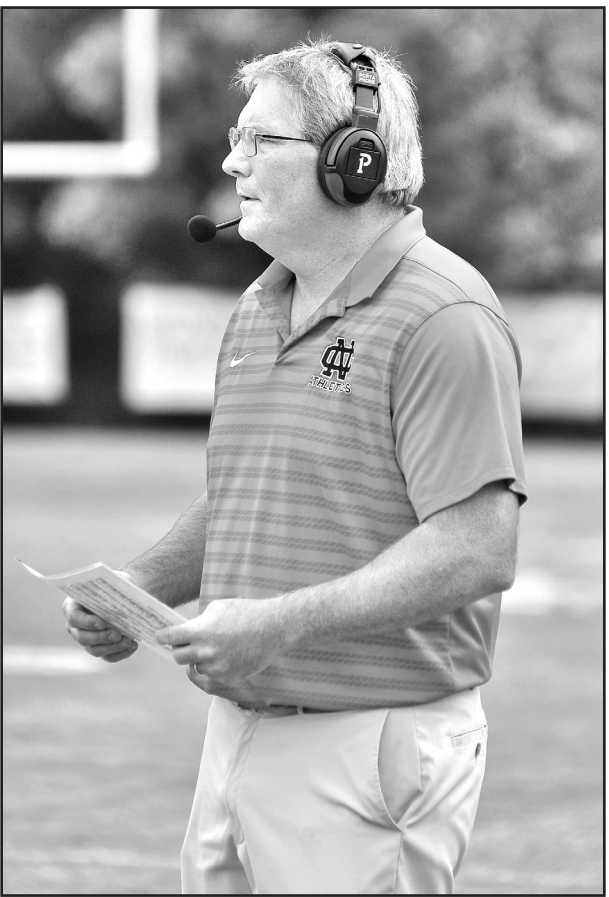
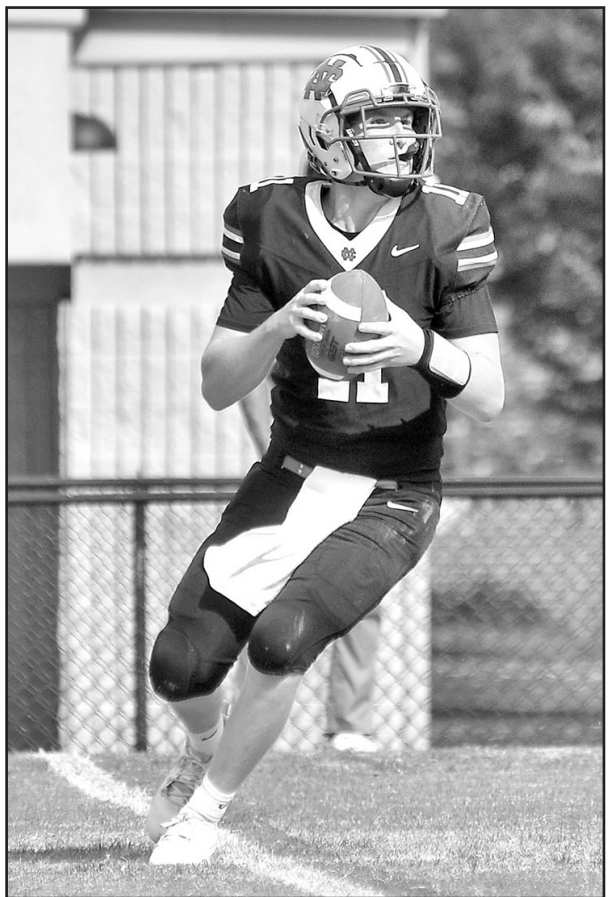
“It keeps our kids fresh for the next game, and it’s also an

opportunity for our future varsity kids to play on Friday night in Salem Stadium,” said Holter.

The jayvees beat Blacksburg at Bill Brown Stadium last week, 52-0, and many of them dressed for the varsity game a night later. The jayvees finished 8-2.

Friday’s playoff winner will advance to the region semifinals

against the winner of a game between George Washington and Glass in Danville this Friday. If GW wins they’ll be home, but if Glass can pull an upset the Hilltoppers could be here next week. GW won a regular season meeting in September but it wasn’t a blowout, topping the ‘Toppers 28-10.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

# Salemites are key members of North Cross team in championship game this Saturday

The VISAA Division II state championship football game will have a Salem flavor when the North Cross Raiders of Roanoke County travel to St. George to play Blue Ridge this Saturday. North Cross, 9-1, is quarterbacked by Brock Miles(left), a senior from Salem and former Spartan. The Raiders’ offensive coordinator is Salem’s Shaine Miles(right), who played on Salem’s 1991 state runnerup team before taking his talents to Blacksburg to play for Frank Beamer at Virginia Tech. Blue Ridge is 10-0 and top-seeded. The two were scheduled to meet during the regular season but that game was weathered out and not rescheduled, so this one is for all the marbles.



Apparently, Mark Brooks got the memo. Mark has been entering our contest for most of the season but, until last week, he only picked the games in the “subscribe” section and not the ones in the little boxes sponsored by our advertisers. Last week I dropped a couple lines in there for Mark and noted that he wasn’t doing this correctly, and had little chance of winning picking just nine of 15 games.

Well, he got the message and guess what? This week Mark picked all 15 and won the contest. He was one of several contestants who missed three games and was closest to the high point total which was a whopping 76 by your very own Salem Spartans. So, Mark gets the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob’s and proves that it’s worth your while to read the contest story.

Last week for the 19th hole question I asked you pick the score of the Washington-Pittsburgh game. As expected in our part of the country, most of you picked the Commanders and many of you picked the Redskins. Unfortunately a late pass from Russell Wilson to Mike Williams tripped you up and the Steelers pulled out a 28-27 win.

Three contestants picked Pittsburgh to win 27-24 and that was the closest to the actual score. So, we’re going to give Joe Whelby, Russ Myers and Bill Thorne all a free day of golf at the Academy Street course in Salem, and I don’t think proprietor Chuck Johnston will mind. Joe didn’t put his address on the entry blank so you can pick up your coupon at the front desk. Say hi to Betsy.

I would love to put the Eagles-Commanders game as our 19th Hole this week but they play tonight so we’d have a lot more than three folks tie for the golf in that case. Instead let’s go with a game absolutely no one will have a good feel for with their prediction, the CIAA championship between Virginia State and Virginia Union at Salem Stadium Saturday. Pick STATE or UNION and the score and the closest will get some free golf.

One thing we know, a team from Virginia is going to win the game Saturday. **—Brian Hoffman**



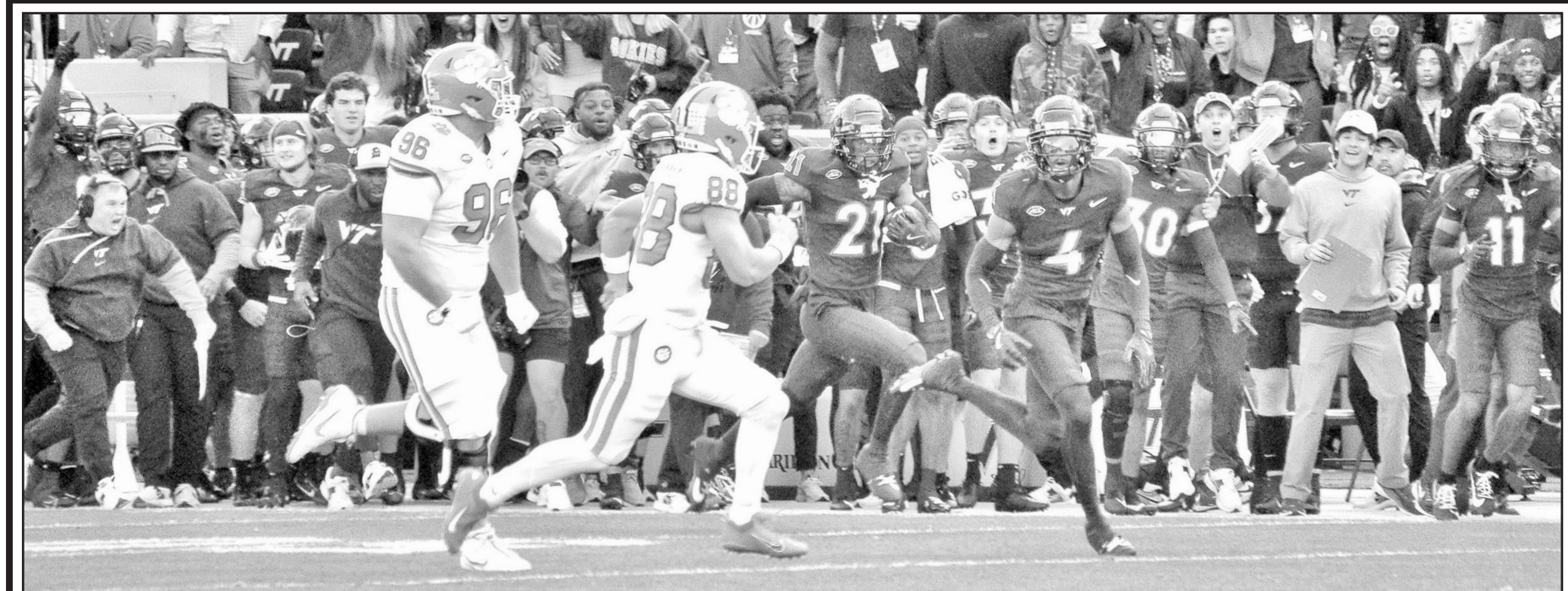
CIAA Championship is at Salem Stadium Saturday

Two Virginia teams will play for the CIAA football championship at Salem Stadium this Saturday afternoon. Virginia State will take on Virginia Union at 3 pm.

This is a rematch of a game played just last weekend when Virginia State defeated Virginia Union, 35-28, in Petersburg, VA. The Panthers, however, had already clinched a spot in the CIAA Championship Game and VUU will now face a rematch with Virginia State, marking the first time since 1932 that the two teams will meet in a post-season game.

"We took a tough one today, we had our chances." said Virginia Union Head Football Coach Dr. Alvin Parker. "We now prepare to defend our championship in Salem."

Virginia Union finishes the 2024 regular season with a 7-3 record overall and a 6-1 record in the CIAA. With last week’s win Virginia State improved to 7-3, and the Trojans are also 6-1 in CIAA games.



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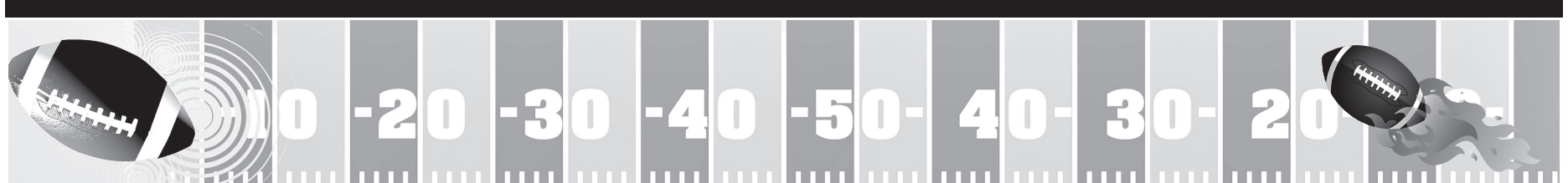
Above, Virginia Tech’s Quentin Reddish (#21) gets lots of encouragement from the Hokie bench as he returns a blocked field goal attempt 77 yards for a touchdown in Tech’s game with Clemson Saturday. Below left, Salem grad Jorden McDonald (#39) blocks a Tiger on a Hokie kickoff return and, right, freshman linebacker Jaelyn Allen (#48) from Salem waits his turn on the Hokie sidelines. Tech took an early lead on the special teams play but the Tigers used a big second half to win, 24-14.

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**The 19th Hole (see story)**





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The Glenvar High boys were Region 2C runnersup and state qualifiers at last week's cross country meet at Green Hill Park. Left to right are Casey Weeks, Cash Malcolm, Jackson Wimmer, Evan Harris, Coach Madison Bourne, Asher Faught, Tyler Davis, Aldin Smith and Bryce Austin.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Glenvar teammates Anna Hall (left) and Everly Shanks placed 14th and 15th at the Region 2C championship.

## Lewis hoops sweep 3

The Andrew Lewis Middle School boys and girls will take on Northside today with the girls at home and the boys at Northside. Both teams were scheduled to play at Pulaski on Tuesday but results were too late for publication.

The boys were 5-0 through Monday. Last Wednesday at home they defeated Blacksburg, 53-25, behind 20 points and eight rebounds by Jahamere Nance. Crayton Boger had eight points and six boards.

"We always like to keep opponents under 30 points a game," said coach Adam Rutledge. "We like our chances if we can do that."

A day later in Vinton the Wolverines beat William Byrd Middle, 55-28. The scoring was spread out with Cayson Boles having six, Boger scoring nine, Jayden White six, Ji'Zaiah Haynes six, Issac Ellington six and Nance had nine. The Wolverines held Byrd to just five points in the first half.

On Monday at home the boys downed Hidden Valley, 59-19, behind 22 points and eight rebounds by Nance. Boger had 14 and was three-for-three on three point shots. Eli Blankensip added eight points and Jayden White scored seven.

The girls also won all three of their games, beginning with a 35-28 win over Blacksburg at home. Skylar Hicklin had 11 points and Na'Ryyah Jones had 10, including a pair of three points in the first quarter.

"Blacksburg is a really tough, hard-nosed team," said Lewis coach Nat Franklin. "I like that we responded to that challenge and, as a team, grew up a lot this game."

The girls were home again to host Byrd on Thursday and won 31-11. Elaina Hairston had 11 points and Leela Hamden had 10.

"We were missing a few players, which gave different girls the opportunity to get good game experience, and everyone responded really well with their opportunity," said Franklin. "A really nice team win."

On Monday at Hidden Valley the Wolverines won 36-27 behind 10 points from Daviah Goodman. Hicklin had eight and Hairston scored six points.

"Hidden Valley made things interesting early with changing defenses and great hustle," said Franklin. "I thought we did the best job we've done thus far with keeping our poise and executing adjustments. I was very proud of the girls and their efforts."

Next Monday the boys are at Cave Spring and the girls play the Squires in Salem. Then, on Tuesday, Lewis will host Pulaski County in a boys-girls doubleheader with the boys opening at 5 pm.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Lacey Turpin scores for the Andrew Lewis girls.

## GHS CC boys' team, 3 girls qualify for state meet

The Glenvar boys' team and three girls qualified for the state Class 2 cross country meet with strong performances on the friendly fields of Roanoke County's Green Hill Park last week. The state Class 1, 2 and 3 meets will be held on the Virginia Tech course in Blacksburg this Saturday.

The top three teams in the region advanced from the region meet and the Glenvar boys were second behind Floyd County. Floyd had the top two runners, and four of the top 10, in scoring 32 points to Glenvar's 70. Patrick County was third with 95 as three Three Rivers teams advance to states out of the

region. In fact, the Three Rivers had the top five as James River was fourth and Radford was fifth.

Floyd's Mason Erchull was first across the line on the fast 5K course with a time of 15:54. Glenvar's best time was 17:09 by Tyler Davis, the first non-Buffalo across the line for third place. Also scoring for the Highlanders were Aldi Smith in sixth, Bryce Austin in ninth, Asher Faught in 20th and Cash Malcolm in 32nd. Jackson Wimmer was 34th and Casey Weeks was 46th among 69 runners.

The Glenvar girls just missed advancing to state as Floyd, Radford and Appomattox were the

top three and the Highlanders were fourth, just five points behind the Raiders. Reagan Lynch of Floyd was the individual winner in 19:08 as the Buffaloes also dominated the girls' region, taking five of the top 11 spots.

Glenvar had three girls qualify for the state as individuals, finishing in the top five among girls not on the qualifying teams. Valeria Loreda Castillo was 12th overall in 22:08 and also advancing were Anna Hall in 14th place and Everly Shanks in 15th. Also scoring for the Highlanders were Naomi Kidd in 25th and Annie George in 34th place. Izabella Lavoie was 44th.

## Salem's Funk will run in state 4D meet

Salem senior Addison Funk will wrap up a terrific high school cross country career this Saturday when she competes in the Virginia High School League Class 4 championship meet. The meet will be held at the Oatlands Plantation course near Leesburg.

Funk qualified for the state as an individual at last week's Region 4D meet at the Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest 5K course in Forest, VA. Addy ran a time of 21:15 to finish 18th among 92 girls in the race. The individual winner was Elaina Pierce of Charlottesville who covered the 5,000 meters in 17:54.

Teamwise, Blacksburg, James Wood and John Handley finished one-two-three in the girls' race and advanced to the state meet to compete as a team. Salem's girls were eighth and Funk had one of the five best times among runners not on the top three teams, qualifying her for state.

Addy qualified for the state meet for the second year in a row and has finished first among the Salem girls in every race this season. Also scoring for the Spartans in the region meet were Harper Rocovich in 35th, Claire Rawlins in 44th, Ashlyn Davis in 50th place and Caroline Huff in 60th. Not far behind were Julia Crumpacker in 61st and Blair Bowers in 66th.

In the boys' race Blacksburg, Charlottesville and Jefferson Forest advanced as a team and Asher Roach of Blacksburg was the individual region champ with a time of 15:59. Salem was seventh as a team and Austin Prosser finished 21st among the 99 runners in 17:26, missing out on qualifying for the state by just one place. Also scoring for the Spartans were Isaac Snow in 33rd, John Stovall in 36th, Thomas Scharp in 40th and Grant Horner in 51st. Ashton Semones was 53rd and Luke Stovall came in 75th.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Addison Funk was 18th in the Region 4D meet.

"It's worth noting that four of the seven girls and all seven of the boys are underclassmen, and this bodes well for the future," said coach Tom Roth.

## GMS boys, girls down Bruins on the court

The Glenvar Middle School basketball teams hosted Blacksburg in a boys-girls doubleheader Monday and swept the Bruins at the Glenvar Middle School gym.

The boys went first and jumped to a big lead in the first half, then held on for a 47-40 win. JD Williamson had 22 points for the Highlanders while John Deel

had three assists and Amari Byrd grabbed four rebounds.

The girls played the nightcap and took a 22-18 win for their first victory of the young season. Glenvar won despite going just two for 10 at the free throw line.

"The game could have been very different if free throws were made," said coach Andrew

Quillen. "We had some good movement on offense and weren't afraid to attack. We were breaking their press, which was good to see."

Glenvar was led by Kamy Dawyot with a game high eight points. Maudie Doolan added four, Tae Byrd had four, Scarlett McCall had four and Raegan Duncan had a bucket.

Last Thursday at Hidden Valley the girls dropped a 29-19 game to Hidden Valley but played well against a good team. Doolan had seven points and Duncan had six.

"It was our best game of the season," said Quillen. "We really played well as a team."

The boys were home to Hidden Valley and took a 52-37 win. Williamson had 13 points and Money Shaw grabbed five rebounds. Grayson Harris added 10 points and Deel scored eight and had three steals.

The boys improved to 3-1 on the season and both the boys and girls were scheduled to host Radford on Tuesday, but results were too late for publication. Next Monday both teams are at Christiansburg and Tuesday they play a doubleheader in Covington.

"The guys are starting to come together over the past few games," said GMS boys' coach Josh Jones. "Hopefully we can continue to improve each and every game."



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar's Jaxon Kuzmich(#23) battles for a loose ball against Blacksburg.

## Wolverine Duals are at Andrew Lewis Saturday

Andrew Lewis Middle School will be the site of the "Wolverine Duals" wrestling event that Saturday. The tournament starts at 9:30 am.

It will be a full day of action with 10 teams competing, including host Lewis and Glenvar. Also wrestling will be middle school teams from Read Mountain, Cave Spring, Central Academy, Hidden Valley, Northside, Pulaski, Alleghany-Covington and Blacksburg.

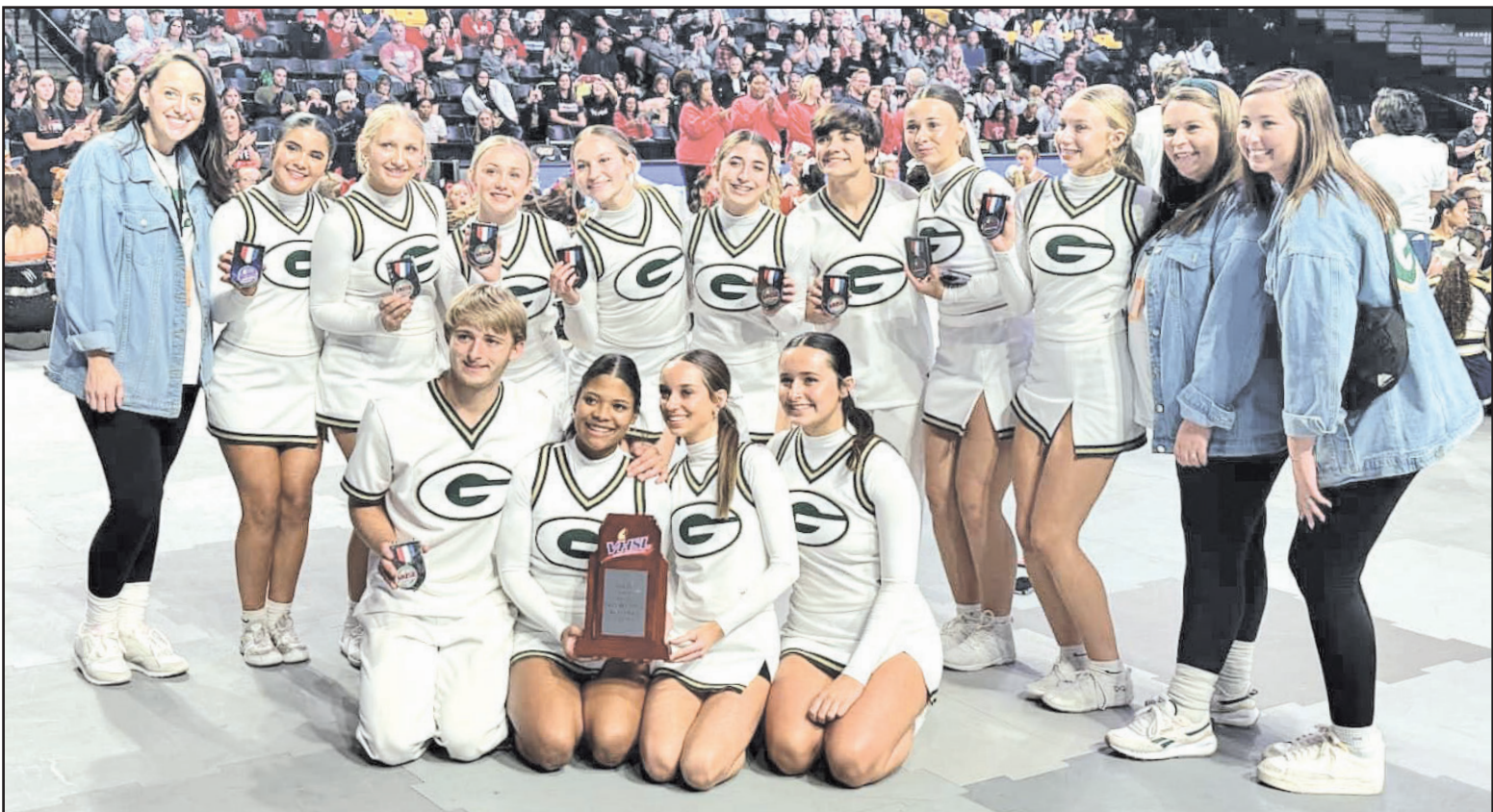
"It's a dual style tournament," said Lewis coach Randall Sell. "We have an extremely young and inexperienced team this year, which is what you kind of expect at the middle school level. I'm excited to see this team at the end of the year because I think we have some future stars, but it's going to take time. I'm excited to see them compete, that's always when it's the most fun."



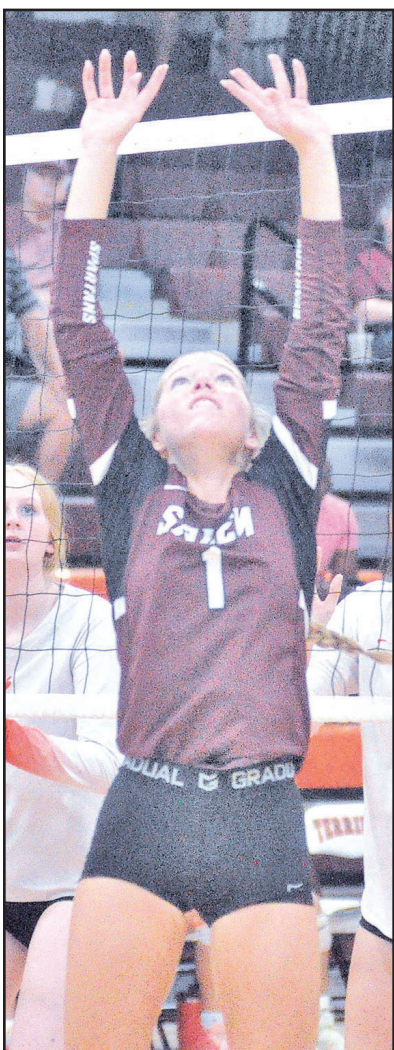
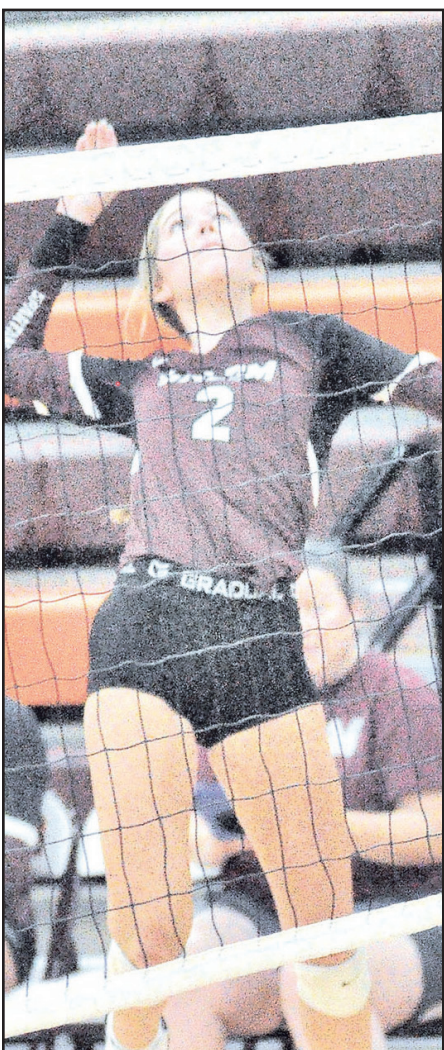
# Glenvar Cheerleaders 2nd in State

The Glenvar High competition cheer team (right) took second in the state in Class 2 at the competition last Saturday at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Graham High was the state champion in Class 2. In Class 3, Cave Spring won the state championship and Lord Botetourt finished second.

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# Spartan volleyball season ends with loss to Glass in region



Left to right, Salem's Tinsley Thomas, Tatum Thomas and Gabby Crawley were named to the All-River Ridge District first team in volleyball.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Salem High volleyball team saw their season come to an end in the Region 4D tournament last week. The Spartans were eliminated in four sets by E.C. Glass High School in a match played in Lynchburg.

The Hilltoppers set the tone when they edged Salem in the first set, 25-23, then won the second, 25-21. Salem battled back to take the third, 25-22, but Glass rallied to win the fourth, 25-13, and take the match.

"It was a hard fought match but we just came up short," said first year Salem coach Doug Eller.

Senior Tinsley Thomas led the Spartans with 25 kills and twin sister Tate had 39 assists. Bailey Redford had eight kills and Myah Crews served up three aces.

With the loss Salem finished the season at a very respectable 14-10. They were 7-5 in a River Ridge District that featured defending Class 3 state champ Hidden Valley and a strong Christiansburg team. Both made the Class 3 state tournament.

"Overall a very good season," said Eller. "Third in a tough district just behind Hidden Valley and Christiansburg, third in the sub region just behind Jefferson Forest and Glass."

Salem had three first team All-District selections in a district full of strong players. Gabby Crawley and both Tatum and Tinsley Thomas were voted first team All-River Ridge District. In addition, Myah Crews was deemed Honorable Mention and Eller was named the district Coach of the Year.

"We accept that as an award for the group of coaches," said Eller, who credited varsity assistants David Turk, Moriah Moore and Chris Thomas for big contributions to the success of the team.

Salem will graduate three seniors, the two Thomas girls and Crews.

"We told the seniors that they were the building blocks for our future success," said Eller.

# Roanoke College will host Frankie Allen tournament

The Roanoke College men will make their home debut this weekend when they host the annual Frankie Allen Tip-Off Tournament at the Cregger Center in Salem.

Action begins Friday night when the Maroons take on Springfield College at 6 pm, followed by a game between St. Vincent of Pennsylvania and William Peace. On Saturday a consolation game will tip off at 1 pm, followed by the championship game at 3 pm.

Allen, who the event is named for, is one of the all-time greats at Roanoke College regardless of sport. He still holds Maroon career basketball records in scoring and rebounding 53 years after graduation.

In 1967, Allen became the first African American student-athlete to attend Roanoke College. Prior to Roanoke College, he was an All-State standout at Lane High School in Charlottesville where he led his team to 40-8 record in his final two seasons, advancing to back-to-back state semifinal appearances.

Rounding out his college basketball playing career in 1970-71, Allen became the all-time leader in points (2,780) and rebounds (1,758) at all NCAA levels in Virginia. Over his four seasons at Roanoke College, he averaged 24 points per game, and 15.2 rebounds per game. Allen was the first individual

to ever be named to the AP Virginia All-State team all four years. Overall, Roanoke compiled an 82 win, 34 loss record during Allen's career including two Mason-Dixon Conference Championships and two NCAA Tournament berths.

After his playing career Frankie went on to become a successful coach. He assisted fellow RC Hall of Famer Charlie Moir at Virginia Tech, then served a stint as head coach of the Hokies. He was also head coach at Tennessee State, Howard University and Maryland-Eastern Shore.

The Maroons opened the season last weekend in Winchester with the Shenandoah University Classic, splitting two games. Eastern University edged Roanoke on Saturday, 73-71, but RC bounced back to down SUNY-Geneseo on Sunday, 83-68.

Against Eastern the Maroons trailed by two with less than five seconds to play and Eastern with possession. Roanoke stole the inbounds pass, but a deep three-pointer for the win rimmed out as time expired.

Joshua McClary scored a team-high 15 points to lead the Maroons along with five assists and three steals. Jackson Bell scored 12 points, Patrick Clevenger and Ryan Truitt each had 10 points and seven rebounds and Marcus Morgan had a full stat line of seven



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Frankie Allen is the all-time leading scorer and rebounder at RC.

points, seven rebounds and three steals.

On Sunday against SUNY-Geneseo Roanoke jumped out early on the Knights, forging a 37-11 lead with 7:34 left in the first half, which included a 10-0 spurt to finish the run. The Maroons led 47-34 at halftime and held a double-digit advantage for much of the second half.

Bell was nearly perfect from the floor, shooting 7-8 overall, including 4-5 from three-point range and 2-2 from the free throw stripe. He finished with 20 points and two blocked shots. Morgan had a double-double with 11 points and a game-best 10 rebounds. Porter Stanley compiled 10 points and five rebounds in just 13 minutes and Clevenger tallied eight points and eight rebounds.

The Maroons open ODAC play next Wednesday, November 20, when they host Washington & Lee at 7 pm at the Cregger Center.

# RC volley is 7th seed

The ODAC volleyball tournament opens this week and Roanoke College was scheduled to play at second seed Virginia Wesleyan University on Tuesday evening. The Maroons are the seventh seed.

The Roanoke College women's volleyball team begins the 2024 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Championship Tournament Tuesday at No. 2 seed Virginia Wesleyan University at 6 p.m.

Washington & Lee is the top seed in the eight team tournament. Semifinals will be tonight at the higher seeds and the championship is this Saturday at home of the highest remaining seed.

The Maroons finished the regular season with a 17-11 record. Last week they beat Eastern Mennonite University in three sets in their home finale. Then, last weekend, they traveled to Winston-Salem, NC for two non-conference matches to wrap up the regular season. They beat Mary Baldwin in three sets, then lost to Salem College in three.

Seniors Rylee Mayer and Peyton Kirchner each recently reached the 1,000 career kill mark. Mayer is sixth in program history with 1,056, while Kirchner is seventh with 1,015. Kirchner ranks third in the ODAC in hitting percentage (.327), ninth in blocks (85), 10th in kills (308) and 18th in aces (43). Mayer is sixth in kills (383) and 18th in hitting percentage (.218) while RC's Kylee Draper is ninth in the league with 5.18 assists per game and Teagan Hubble ranks 10th with 3.53 digs per game.

# Wrestlers sweep ODAC honors

Roanoke College swept the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Wrestler of the Week awards for the week of November 11. Freshman Jonah Paulino was named the conference's light weight wrestler of the week while teammate Cam Cavins earned the heavier weight wrestler of the week award.

The Maroons had champions in half of the 10 weight classes last Sunday at the 2024 Cougar Open, hosted by Averett University, including Paulino at 133 pounds and Cavins at 197. Paulino had two technical falls while going 4-0 on the day and finished strong with victories by pin in the semifinals and finals. Cavins was 5-0 at the Classic and had four pins in his five victories.

# Jean Beamer Tip-Off Classic is at Roanoke Sat. & Sun.

The Roanoke College women's basketball team will host the annual Jean Beamer Tip-Off Classic this weekend. The two day event features four games with set opponents at the Cregger Center in Salem.

The Classic begins Saturday following two men's games in the afternoon. The RC women will tip off at 6 pm against Wilkes University, followed by a game between Randolph Macon and Gettysburg. On Sunday the two ODAC teams switch opponents as the Yellow Jackets play Wilkes at

1 pm and the RC women take on Gettysburg at 3 pm.

The Maroons opened their season Monday night in Rocky Mount, NC but couldn't survive the second half surge of North Carolina Wesleyan, falling to the Battling Bishops 81-65.

NC Wesleyan had the early edge, going up 11-2 after Roanoke scored the first points of the game. The second quarter was back and forth but the Maroons put on a surge with a minute left in the half to take a 42-37

lead at the break. NC Wesleyan then took charge in the third quarter, going on an unanswered 14 point run to take a 62-54 lead. The Bishops held strong in the fourth quarter to win by 16 points.

All of the Maroons' starting lineup made their first career start for Roanoke. Sophomore Abigail Rice led the team in points with 12 while Ashley Fowler, Nadia Snesarev and Paige Breuer also hit double digits in scoring. Sophomore Alicea Farmer topped the team in rebounds with seven.



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## Spartans open the region playoffs at home with Handley

The 8-2 Salem High football team earned a home playoff opening game last week when they beat Blacksburg and Handley High lost to Sherando. That meant Handley, the fifth seed, will come to fourth seeded Salem to open the Region 4D playoffs this Friday.

While some regions have teams with losing records in their eight team brackets, that's not so in Region 4D. Of the eight teams in Salem's region two open the playoffs at 9-1, four are 8-2, one is 7-3 and E.C. Glass is the eighth seed at 5-5 with wins over the likes of Lord Botetourt, Patrick Henry and Brad Bradley's Heritage Pioneers.

Salem is just the fourth seed at 8-2, mainly because several of the teams on the schedule are having bad seasons. The Spartans lost to the two best teams on their schedule early in the year, Liberty Christian and William Fleming, but Salem has been rolling since with seven straight wins, including a 76-10 thrashing of Blacksburg at Salem Stadium last Friday to end the regular season.

Salem needed that win, and a Sherando win over Handley on Saturday, to stay in the fourth spot. That meant a home game instead of a six hour round trip to Handley this Friday night. Salem coach Don Holter has been studying the film of the Handley-Sherando game to prepare for this week's visit by the Judges.

"They look a lot like they did last year," said Holter. "They have some good skill kids and a very athletic quarterback. Coach (Jake) Smith will have his kids ready to go. It's playoff time."

Handley is 8-2 like Salem with a six point loss to Kettle Run and last week's loss to Sherando, the second seed in the region. With that said, last year Salem beat the Judges at Salem Stadium in the second round of the playoffs, shutting them out 42-0.

"That doesn't mean much," said Holter. "That was last year and this is this year."

The Spartans come into the playoffs having scored 55 or more points in their past five games. In the three games since their bye week they've outscored the opposition 199-23 and it could have been worse if not for second half substitutions and a running clock. The offense has been that good.

Last week against Blacksburg the Spartans had 437 rushing yards on 36 carries, an average of over 12 yards per carry. Josiah Persinger ran the ball twice for 158 yards and two touchdowns, running up that average. Kyshead Arrington had 115 yards on eight carries while Jordan McCadden had 63 yards on four carries.

Eli Taylor passed the ball just five times but



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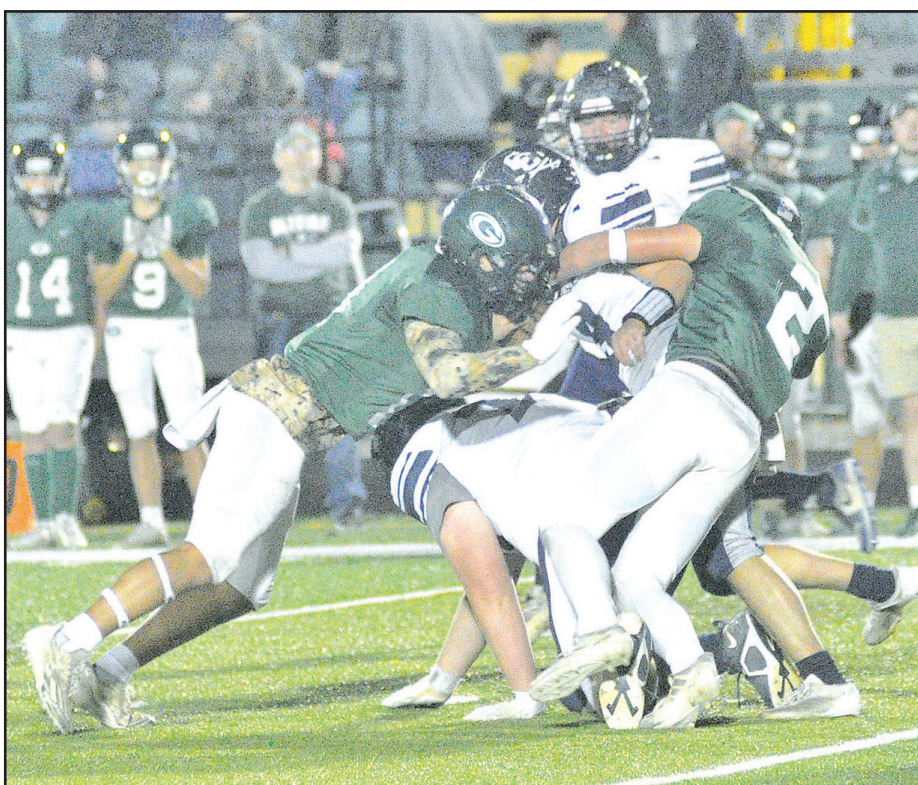
Above, Dontay Davis (#34), Dorian Vance (#67) and most of the Salem defense are in on the tackle in last week's win over Blacksburg. Left, Josiah Persinger breaks loose for an 80 yard touchdown run as Jack Bryie (#55) looks for someone to block.

completed two for 71 yards and two touchdowns, one to Jack Camper and one to Coen Logan.

On defense Dontay Davis led the team with 12

tackles, a sack and two tackles for losses. Logan had nine tackles and Conner Cox had eight. McCadden

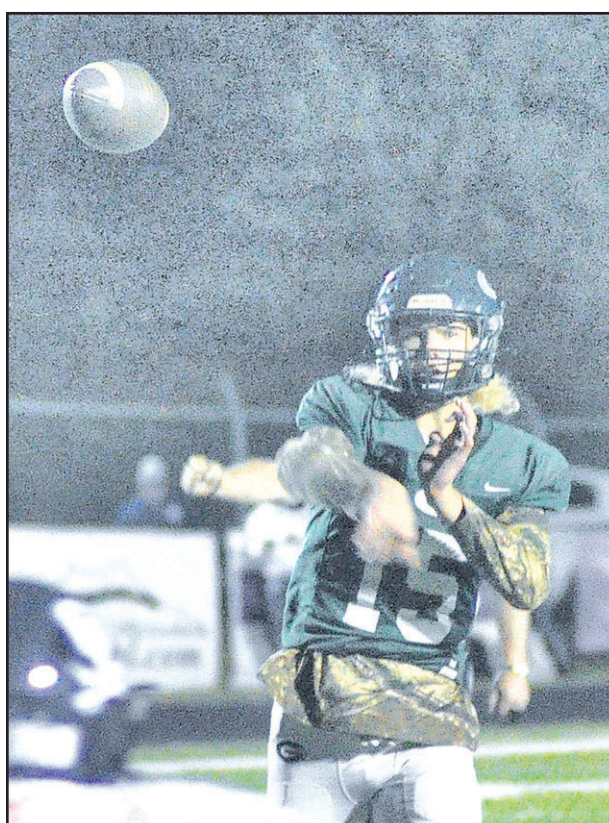
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Left, Cale Vaughan(left in photo) and Rawlin Hanks (#2) of Glenvar combine to make a stop in last Friday's win over Carroll County. Right, Rhett Henderson makes a nice block to Spring Ranger Swanson for a third quarter touchdown in the Highlanders' 48-0 victory.

## 9-1 Highlanders are top seed in Region 2C playoffs



Brody Dawyot throws a pass to the end zone.

The Region 2C football playoffs begin this Friday night and Glenvar is the top seed. The 9-1 Highlanders will play host to eighth seeded Martinsville this Friday night at Highlander Stadium.

Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford will tell you this isn't a "gimme." Although the Bulldogs are just 3-7 they always have some good athletes. Martinsville has wins over Chatham, Dan River and Tunstall and plays the likes of Region 4D top seed GW-Danville, Region 3D second seed Magna Vista and other larger schools like Halifax County and Bassett.

"They're a typical Martinsville team," said Clifford. "They have some good looking kids and they're really athletic. They're more run oriented but they're not afraid to pass. They always have good skill kids and we have to be careful not to give up the big plays."

Martinsville will be joining the Three Rivers District next fall, replacing Alleghany. The Highlanders played the Bulldogs in the playoffs in back-to-back years in 2021 and '22, winning both times by shutout, 38-0 and 35-0. Martinsville has scored 20 or more in five of their games this year but defense has been a problem, as they've given up 38 or more six times, including their last four games.

Meanwhile, the Highlanders have been cooking on offense with junior Brody Dawyot working the grill. Last Friday Glenvar wrapped up the regular season with a 48-0 shutout of Carroll County and Dawyot had a hand in six touchdowns, throwing for five and

running for another.

Dawyot was 22 for 35 passing for 287 yards and he ran for another 84 yards on 10 carries. Cooper Mullins, who is now a full time receiver after starting the season in the backfield, caught 11 passes for 146 yards and two touchdowns. Ranger Swanson is now the full-time back and he rushed for 71 yards and a score.

Other receivers who had a good night against Carroll included Peyton Deel with four catches for 46 yards, Jace Forster with four for 37 and Trey Dawyot with two catches for 52. All three caught a touchdown pass.

On defense Brody was equally effective with nine tackles, including two for losses, and a sack and a half. Daulton Shoemaker had a team high 14 tackles with two for losses, Cale Vaughan had 11 and Devin Clark had his sixth interception of the season.

With the win Glenvar now has nine or more wins in the last four seasons and nine times in the past 10 years, not counting the spring 2021 COVID season when they only played eight games. Glenvar has home advantage as long as they win in the region, and a victory over Martinsville would bring the Floyd-Appomattox winner here next week.

"We'll be okay as long as we don't beat ourselves," said Clifford. "We can't have turnovers and penalties and we need to be sound in all three phases of the game."