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## New assistant principals named at three Salem schools

Salem School Division Superintendent Dr. Curtis Hicks announced assistant principal appointments at several schools in the division last week.

Jamie Garst is returning to Salem High School to serve as an assistant principal, Nikki Mitchem is set to resume her administrative career as an assistant principal at Andrew Lewis Middle and Marcee McMillan is leaving the classroom for an assistant principal position at East Salem Elementary.

“It is truly rare to have the opportunity to hire administrators with this level of experience and commitment to students,” said Hicks. “Each of these

leaders brings a unique set of skills and an unwavering dedication to our division, and I am confident they will have an immediate and positive impact on their respective schools.”

Garst is back in an administrative role after a brief return to the classroom for the past two years. He is a Salem native and Salem High School graduate who has served as both an assistant principal and principal for Salem City Schools. In 2022, Garst was named Virginia’s Secondary Schools Principal of the Year for his work at Andrew Lewis Middle.

“I am thankful I was able to spend the past two years teaching and coaching our



Garst

young people,” said Garst. “These experiences allowed me to regain my perspective as an educator and focus on the future. I love Salem High School and I’m thankful for the opportunity to once again serve the Salem community as a leader.”



McMillan

Garst earned his bachelor’s degree in biochemistry in 2003 from Virginia Tech and later acquired two master’s degrees in biochemistry and curriculum and instruction from Virginia Tech. He also has a master’s degree in educational leadership from



Mitchem

Radford University. He began his teaching career in 2008 in a chemistry classroom at his alma mater, Salem High School.

“Jamie’s deep connection to our community and his proven

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## Roanoke College celebrates 370 graduates during spring 2025 commencement



The graduates range in age from 19 to 37.

Roanoke College welcomed more than 370 new members to its alumni ranks on Saturday, May 3, when those students crossed the Commencement stage, collected their degrees and bid farewell to their undergraduate careers.

The awarding of diplomas included 72 Bachelor of Business Administration degrees, 166 Bachelor of Science degrees and 133 Bachelor of Arts degrees. In addition, 12 students celebrated the near completion of their Master of Business Administration degrees — only the second cohort

of MBA students since Roanoke introduced the 4+1 graduate program.

President Frank Shushok Jr. began his remarks with a message to the entire crowd that gathered under the trees on the John R. Turbyfill Quadrangle.

“Thanks to your love, encouragement, and belief in them, these graduates have not only seen hope, they have stepped into it, nurtured it, and let it loose into the world, and it’s going to be a shining light,” he said.

Shushok asked the Class of 2025 to consider the many rituals that lend meaning to life,



The commencement ceremony took place last Saturday, May 3.

including “little R” rituals like tapping the college kicking post and “big R” moments like the Commencement exercises on Saturday.

“Commencement is what I’d call a ‘capital-R Ritual’ — one of those rare, grand moments

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## Public input kicks off Glenvar Growth Plan as Roanoke County launches long-term vision

Edmee CR Hasler  
Contributing writer

GLENVAR — On April 30, Roanoke County launched its long-term vision for the Glenvar area with a public input meeting, marking the first step in a multi-year effort to guide development, transportation improvements, and economic revitalization.

The Glenvar Center Plan, part of the broader Roanoke County 200 Plan, aims to attract new businesses, expand housing options, and upgrade infrastructure over the next 10 to 15 years. Nearly 100 residents attended the meeting to share ideas and concerns about the community’s future.

“This meeting is very open-ended,” said Isaac Henry, county planner. “We’re sharing data about

existing conditions and want to hear from the community—what they like, what’s not working, and where they see opportunities.”

Attendees viewed maps and displays of current land uses and demographics while county staff gathered feedback through surveys and comment boards. The study area spans 809 acres, home to about 874 residents and 30 businesses. Demographic data show Glenvar has an older population and a higher median income than the county average, with a strong base of owner-occupied housing.

Key focus areas of the plan include:

- Creating a walkable, mixed-use Glenvar Village corridor
- Preserving established neighborhoods
- Expanding



Citizens attended the April 30 meeting to hear about the plan and provide feedback.

industrial opportunities

- Improving transportation safety and multimodal access
- Enhancing public facilities, including Glenvar Elementary School and Fort Lewis Fire & Rescue

Henry said no formal recommendations have been proposed yet. “This

is just the start of the conversation,” he said. “We’re here to listen.”

He also explained the role of the area’s future land use designations—Glenvar Village, Neighborhood Conservation, and Principal Industrial—

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Franco



Showtimers produced Franco's "In Laws, Outlaws, and Other People (That Should be Shot)" last December.

## Franco reflects on decades of theatre, storytelling and student impact

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After more than three decades of shaping young performers and bringing powerful stories to life, Glenvar High School theatre director Steve Franco is taking his final bow.

Among the many moments that defined his career, Franco said the most meaningful was the staging of “My Father’s War,” a play he wrote about his father’s battle with dementia. “It was part hysterical comedy combined with heart-wrenching drama,” he said. “To be able to honor my father’s legacy while also addressing the greater need for Alzheimer’s/ Dementia research was deeply gratifying.”

Franco directed 70 main-stage productions during his time at Glenvar, but none proved more ambitious than “GRUNTS,” a play he co-wrote with former student Darren Todd about soldiers in the Vietnam War. “We

set out with two goals: to honor the men and women that answered their country’s call and to stage a show that was the most realistic play Roanoke Valley residents had ever seen.”

To prepare, the team conducted roundtable discussions with Vietnam veterans, held boot camps, and even staged a mock jungle hike. They hauled 16 tons of dirt onto the stage and into the aisles so that audiences would “take ‘Vietnam’ home with them.”

The production drew national attention, including a phone call from Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf and letters

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**Salem After Five:** “Phlegar Hill” on May 9 at the Salem Farmers Market. Gates open for each performance at 5 p.m. and the shows will last until 9 p.m. Food Trucks: Roanoke College Food Truck, Kettle Cooker Express, Customs BBQ & Grill, Sweet Surrender Ice Cream.

**Mother’s Day Brunch:** On Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Hidden Valley Country Club there will be a fundraiser to support Mrs. Dorsey’s Clothes Closet. Tickets may be purchased at: [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MjI3MTk5?fbclid=IwY2xjawJH6idleHRuA2FlbQlxAABHbRPN9pd\\_OCxgJUyVxawdJZ14cI00c2D-v7lvPeE6KioZh6pQJLyyErClig\\_aem\\_DSKds6QY61NBdkATO\\_wE9Q](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjI3MTk5?fbclid=IwY2xjawJH6idleHRuA2FlbQlxAABHbRPN9pd_OCxgJUyVxawdJZ14cI00c2D-v7lvPeE6KioZh6pQJLyyErClig_aem_DSKds6QY61NBdkATO_wE9Q)

**The Messiah (Part III) at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church:** St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salem continues its celebration of the Easter Season on Sunday, May 11 at 4 p.m. with a performance of The Messiah (Part III) by George Frederic Handel. The Easter portion of this beloved oratorio will be sung by the St. Paul’s choir, joined by orchestra and soloists Asherah Capellaro, Scott Williamson, Taylor Cobb, and Kari Grim, all under the direction of Steven R. Lawrence, St. Paul’s organist and choirmaster. Handel composed the Messiah in 1741, constructing it in three parts. Part 1 focuses on the prophesy and nativity of Jesus Christ, Part 2 on the suffering, death, and resurrection, and Part 3 the triumph of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, and Christ reigning in glory. The oratorio was first performed in Dublin, Ireland in 1742, then in London one year later. The Messiah gained in popularity, making it one of the most frequently performed choral works in Western Music. For more information, please contact the church office at (540) 389-9307. A reception follows the performance and all are welcome.

**Commonwealth Transportation Board invites public feedback on transportation projects, initiatives:** The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will host nine meetings across Virginia and is inviting the public to share feedback on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding, as well as other transportation initiatives. The meeting for the Salem District will be held on Wednesday, May 14, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Valley View, 3315 Ordway Drive, in Roanoke.

**Roanoke Lebanese Festival:** This year marks the 24th Lebanese Festival and will be held May 30, 31, and June 1 at St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church, 4730 Cove Road, N.W., Roanoke, VA. The festival is open Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. The

festival features delicious Lebanese food, Lebanese music and traditional Lebanese folk dancers in full costume. Admission and parking are free. Visitors may purchase a wide variety of home-style Lebanese food, and children can participate in activities for an affordable fee. Menu offerings include meat pies, vegetarian grape leaves, spinach pies, spinach-feta rolls, falafel, grilled lamb and beefkabobs, beef kafta, chicken shawarma wraps, lubee (Lebanese green beans), tabbouleh, cabbage rolls, kibbie, pita bread, hummus, Lebanese cheesecake, baklava, other Lebanese pastries and more. In addition to onsite dining, takeout will be available throughout the day and evening. Orders may be placed online. For more information, visit the website: [www.LebaneseFestival.StEliasChurch.org](http://www.LebaneseFestival.StEliasChurch.org) or contact St. Elias Church at 540-562-0012.

**Salem After Five:** “The Kings” on June 13 at the Salem Farmers Market. Gates open for each performance at 5 p.m. and the shows will last until 9 p.m. Food Trucks: Countryman Jamaican Grill, Kettle Cooker Express, Dale’s Diner Express, Sweet Surrender Ice Cream.

**Salem After Five:** “Matt Tucker” on July 18 at the Salem Farmers Market. Gates open for each performance at 5 p.m. and the shows will last until 9 p.m. Food Trucks: Rocky Mount Smokehouse, Kettle Cooker Express, Countryman Jamaican Grill, Sweet Surrender Ice Cream.

**Whiskey Myers:** Whiskey Myers is set to stop in Salem for its “What We Were Born To Do Tour.” The tour stops at the Salem Civic Center on Sunday night, July 20. The genre-bending band Whiskey Myers has played more than 2,500 live shows to ever-growing crowds since its emergence in 2007. In addition to headlining their own sold-out shows from coast to coast at iconic venues such as Red Rocks Amphitheatre and the Ryman Auditorium, plus performing at marquee festivals Bonnaroo, Stagecoach, the band members were also personally selected to open The Rolling Stones’ Chicago stadium show. Tickets start at \$41.50. They can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**Aaron Lewis and The Stateliners:** Aaron Lewis and The Stateliners will be performing at the Salem Civic Center on July 24. The Vermont native first found success and notoriety with the band Stained that was formed in 1995. The group is still alive and kicking, but Lewis’ creativity stretches beyond the rock and metal genres. By embracing his roots and love of country music he has achieved incredible success on Music Row. He

has two No. 1 Billboard Country Albums in “Town Line” from 2011 and “Sinner” in 2016. And perhaps he is best known for his platinum collaboration “Country Boy” with two of his with heroes - George Jones and Charlie Daniels. His 2021 single, “Am I The Only One” also hit number on the charts and in 2022, he had the top-selling country album in America with “Frayed At Both Ends.” Tickets start at \$35 and go up to \$129. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online anytime at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Salem After Five:** “Blackwater” at the Salem Farmers Market on Aug. 1. Gates open for each performance at 5 p.m. and the shows will last until 9 p.m. Food Trucks: Dale’s Diner Express, Kettle Cooker Express, Sweet Surrender Ice Cream.

**Gavin Adcock:** Fast-rising country music star Gavin Adcock is scheduled to make his first Salem Civic Center appearance on Friday, Aug. 29. Over the course of 12 months, Adcock’s album, “Actin’ Up Again,” was crowned the largest major-label country debut from a solo male artist released in 2024, and with more than 15 million on-demand U.S. streams week of release, Actin’ Up Again was also 2024’s top streaming major-label debut across the whole genre. Tickets start at \$38.50 and go up to \$79.50: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/gavin-adcock-salem-virginia-08-29-2025/event/0100623E921043FA>

**Alice Cooper:** Electric chairs, guillotines, fake blood, and boa constrictors are on their way back to the Salem Civic Center. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Alice Cooper is bringing his Too Close for Comfort tour to Salem, Aug. 19. Cooper’s legendary shows draw equally from horror movies, vaudeville, and garage rock, and his performances are designed to heighten all of your senses. Cooper last played at the Salem Civic Center in 2017, but his first appearance at the historic venue dates all the way back to January 28, 1972, when the building was still named the Salem-Roanoke County Civic Center. Tickets are available at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday - Friday 8

## Franco

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of congratulations from every living U.S. president at the time. “Vets from across the state came to watch. Re-live. Heal,” Franco said. “It is humbling and gratifying.”

Over the years, Franco has seen live theatre evolve—and not always for the better. “We live in a very visual age,” he said. To keep students and audiences engaged, he adapted by writing fast-paced, family-friendly scripts that moved quickly to hold attention.

Franco also played a foundational role in the Roanoke County School for the Performing Arts, now the Center for Performing Arts, which gave aspiring performers a place to grow and helped make live theatre more accessible. “It helped prepare a new generation of performers to carry on the Musical Theatre tradition of professionalism,” he said.

His own writing has reached wide audiences. His comedy “In-Laws, Outlaws and Other People (That Should Be Shot)” has been performed more than 600 times in 38 states and five countries. Still, Franco says the Showtimers production in Salem in December was his favorite. “I was both honored that my hometown theatre would choose to stage my work, and highly impressed with the incredible directing and acting talent they displayed.”

a.m. – 5 p.m. or online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com).

**Halestorm:** GRAMMY-winning rock band Halestorm will bring their “nEVEREST Duality Tour” to the Salem Civic Center on Sept. 11, with genre-bending violinist Lindsey Stirling and symphonic metal band Apocalyptica joining the lineup. Prices range from \$44.50 to \$129.50, with preferred parking available for \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office, open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com).

**Alison Krauss:** Bluegrass music icon Alison Krauss is coming to Salem on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025. The 27-time Grammy winner revealed this week that she and her band, Union Station, featuring Jerry Douglas, will embark on their first tour together in a decade next year. The tour will make a stop at the Salem Civic Center on Tuesday, September 23. The Arcadia 2025 Tour will see the acclaimed group play 73 dates across the United States and Canada. Tickets are available at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or online at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com).

**Warren Zeiders:** Warren Zeiders announced his 27-date “Relapse, Lies, & Betrayal Tour” this morning and one of the stops includes the Salem Civic Center. Zeiders will pull into Salem on Nov. 13. Reserved seats: \$39.50, \$49.50, \$59.50, \$69.50 & \$89.50. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Public meetings:** The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m.

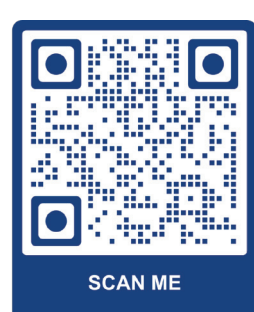
The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 7 p.m.

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Winner's will be published in

New Castle Record & Fincastle Herald on July 2nd  
& Salem Times Register & Vinton Messenger July 3rd.

George Frederic Handel’s

Messiah

Part III



Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 4:00 pm

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church • 42 E. Main Street • Salem, VA

The St. Paul’s Choir and Orchestra

Steven R. Lawrence, Director • Margaret Johnson, Organist

Soloists: Asherah Capellaro, Soctt Willimson, Taylor Cobb, Kari Grim

# RECIPE OF THE WEEK

One thing I always associate with Mother’s Day is rhubarb. My mom’s favorite pie was strawberry-rhubarb pie. My first experience with rhubarb was with my neighbor, Cathy, in Michigan. I was 7 and she was 10 so of course I thought Cathy was sagacious, the smartest girl, and I did everything she did. One late spring day she broke off a stalk of a red leafy plant, peeled the strings off and dunked it in a bowl of sugar she got from her mom. When she handed me some, I took it without hesitation. That first taste of raw rhubarb; the combo of very sour and gritty sweetness is one I will never forget. I was mesmerized by the ping pong of sweet and tart flavors. I have heard that some call it the “Devil’s Celery”. You either like it or hate it. I loved it.

Rhubarb is a spring vegetable, one of the few that is still truly seasonal. Rhubarb is a long, stalky perennial plant that looks a lot like red celery. The stalks can range in color from deep red to light pink, and even pale green. The pretty stalks come into season in late March to early April and stick around until the beginning of June. It’s a good source of fiber, vitamin K, and antioxidants, but its leaves are toxic and should not be eaten.

The ancient Chinese used it as a medicinal herb over 5,000 years ago. Native to southern Siberia, it got its name from the Russians who grew it along the Rha River (now the Volga). For centuries it was traded alongside tea as a cure for stomach aches and fevers.

The English were the first to eat rhubarb, beginning in the 17th century, but unfortunately chose to begin with the leaves that look like chard. The leaves, however, contain a toxic amount of oxalic acid and are poisonous. The ensuing cramps, nausea and sometimes death from ingestion suppressed interest in the plant for about two hundred years. But by the late 18th century Europeans had discovered that the tart stalks were the part to eat since sugar became easier to get. It was brought to the Americas before 1800 and folklore credits Benjamin Franklin, but others credit an unnamed gardener in Maine.

Rhubarb acts and tastes like a fruit, but it’s a vegetable. There’s a good reason for this confusion: In 1947, a case involving the tariff classification of fresh rhubarb from Canada, known as the "Great Rhubarb Controversy," arose. The question was whether rhubarb should be classified as a fruit (subject to a 35% duty) or a vegetable (subject to a 50% duty). The USDA, in



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Contributing Writer

this case, sided with the importer, classifying rhubarb as a fruit, as the tariffs on fruits were lower than on vegetables. The USDA's decision was since rhubarb is often used in desserts and sauces, like fruits, rather than as a vegetable side dish. The tariff classification of rhubarb as a fruit for tariff purposes has remained ever since that 1947 ruling, despite it being a vegetable. Today, in the United States, Washington State is responsible for producing an impressive 92% of the rhubarb harvest.

Rhubarb is very tart, so it needs to be balanced out with something sweet like strawberries (and doused in sugar, of course). It’s great for jams, sauces, and baked goods like this easy crumble dessert. This strawberry rhubarb crumble can be made with either fresh or frozen, strawberries and rhubarb.

Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble

Ingredients

For the Fruit Filling

- 2 cups strawberries, quartered
- 2 cups (about 3/4 pound) rhubarb, cleaned, ends trimmed, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 & 1/2 tablespoons corn starch
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- Crumble Topping
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 6 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces

For Serving

Ice cream or whipped cream

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F with rack in the middle position. Coat a 9x9-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. In a large bowl, toss strawberries and rhubarb with the sugar, cornstarch, and salt, making



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sure everything gets mixed and coated. Pour into prepared baking dish. For the crumble topping, in a medium bowl, mix the flour, brown sugar, granulated sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Work in the butter with your hands, until large moist clumps form. Sprinkle over the strawberry- rhubarb mixture. Place dish on a foil-lined baking sheet; bake until topping is browned, and fruit is bubbly and tender underneath, 45 minutes. Let cool for 10-15 minutes. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream!

Note: Fresh verses Frozen Fruit. Fresh ingredients taste richer and wonderful in this dessert, but frozen works too. It’s not necessary to let the fruit thaw first before using, as long as it’s chopped, but you might need to increase the bake time by a few minutes. Tent the baking dish with foil if you notice the topping is over browning. If you do let the fruit thaw, however, drain any liquid before using.

# Principals

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leadership make him an exceptional fit for Salem High School,” said Hicks. “We are thrilled to have him return to our administrative team.”

Mitchem is also stepping back into an administrative role after three years as a teacher at East Salem. She will join Principal Matt Coe’s staff at Andrew Lewis Middle School as an assistant principal. She has 10 years of administrative experience, including seven years as a principal in Roanoke City Public Schools.

"I am honored to join the Andrew Lewis Middle School community, and I look forward to partnering with students, staff, and families to foster a safe, engaging, and empowering learning environment where every student can thrive,” said Mitchem. “I’m especially excited to reconnect with many of the families I had the pleasure of working with at East Salem Elementary. I will always be grateful for my time there and the lasting relationships that helped shape who I am as an educator and leader."

Mitchem has a bachelor’s degree from Concord University and a master’s degree in teaching from Hollins University. In addition, she has a master’s degree in educational leadership from Radford University. She began her teaching career at Roanoke’s Virgina Heights Elementary and after five years there as a fifth-grade teacher, she became the dean of instruction at Lincoln Terrace Elementary. In 2015, she moved to Fallon Park Elementary to become an assistant principal, and from 2016-22 she served as Fallon Park’s principal.

“She is a thoughtful, student-centered leader who knows how to support teachers and help students thrive and we are excited to welcome her to Andrew Lewis,” said Hicks. “Her familiarity with our reading curriculum and the requirements of the Virginia Literacy Act will serve her well as these programs begin to take root and expand into the middle school environment.”

At East Salem Elementary School, Marcee McMillan is set to join the front office staff and complete the brand-new leadership team that includes recently named Principal Kenya Motley.

“It is a true privilege and honor

to be able to give back to the community that gave so much to m and I'm looking forward to worki alongside the teachers, student and the families at East Salem.” sa McMillan. “Teaching has shown n the powers of patience and empathy well as the importance of cultivati relationships and believing in eve child's potential, and I am excited begin this new journey.”

McMillan has a bachelor’s degr from Ferrum College and a maste degree in teaching from Holli University. She will comple requirements for her Education Leadership certificate later th summer from James Madisn University. She began her teachi career at Roanoke’s Westsi Elementary and since 2017 she h been a valued faculty member at G.V Carver Elementary. She was vot as the school’s teacher of the year 2024.

“Marcee McMillan is another prou Salem graduate, and her appointme as assistant principal at East Sale Elementary is a great reflection our homegrown talent,” Hicks note “She has a strong understanding curriculum and instruction, includi the Virginia Literacy Act and ti science of reading. Her knowled and the relationships she has built w be incredible assets to our student staff, and families at East Salem.”

McMillan is taking over f Christina Rose, who is moving the central office. Rose is replaci the retiring Dr. Elizabeth Arthur the division’s coordinator of stude services. Mitchem is stepping into Motley’s former position at Andrew Lewis Middle, and Garst is replacing Chris Wilkes, who is moving to Roanoke College to lead the Maroons regiment marching and spirit bands.

All three appointments were formally approved by the Salem School Board during last week’s meeting. They will take effect on July 1.

“This is an exciting time for the Salem City School Division,” Hicks concluded. “With leaders like Nikki, Jamie, and Marcee stepping into these important roles, our future is in excellent hands.”

-The Salem Times-Register

# POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of April 22, 2025 – April 28, 2025

4/22/2025	Alex T. Perez-Beers	47	Simple Assault & Battery
4/22/2025	Robert C. King	54	Violate Condition of Release
4/22/2025	Karin F. Owen	54	Entering Property of Another w/intent to damage
4/23/2025	Christina M. Jarvis	36	Domestic Assault & Battery
4/23/2025	Jeffrey L. Peters	54	Domestic Assault & Battery
4/23/2025	Jacob A. Booth	29	DUI
4/25/2025	Danisha S. Rudd	23	Simple Assault & Battery
4/25/2025	De’asia L. Calloway	28	Disorderly Conduct
4/25/2025	Damian S. Hopson	26	Simple Assault & battery
4/25/2025	Stephanie H. Conner	27	Simple Assault & Battery
4/25/2025	Shakeya M. White	33	Public Intoxication, Carrying Concealed Weapon
4/25/2025	Roger S. Fuller Jr.	32	Contempt of Court
4/26/2025	Tyler L. Thorne	35	Public Intoxication
4/26/2025	Scotty D. Monk	52	DUI, Obstructing Justice
4/26/2025	Noah K. Gay	21	Public Intoxication
4/27/2025	Isabella G. Gustafson	19	Trespass in Cemetery at Night
4/27/2025	Michael A. Pickens	19	Trespass in Cemetery at Night

City of Salem Police Department

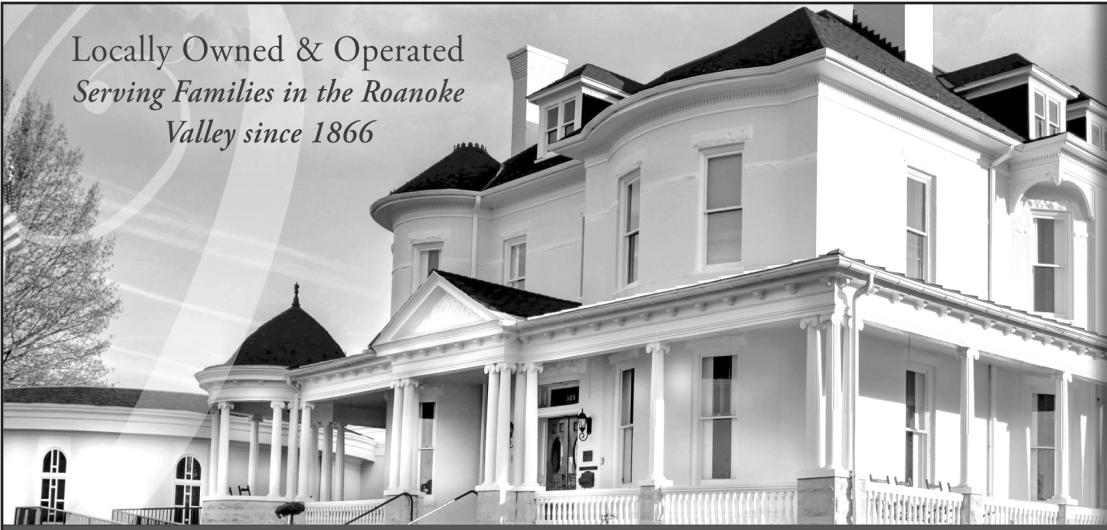


Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of April 22, 2025 – April 28, 2025

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
4/28/2025	100 BLK Sheraton Dr	Credit Card Theft
4/28/2025	100 BLK Niblick Dr	Forgery/Uttering

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# Commencement

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when tradition, ceremony, and meaning come together to connect us across generations, anchor us to enduring ideas, and remind us that we are part of something larger than ourselves,” he said. “Rituals like this often mark transitions — weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, confirmations, funerals — each carrying deep lessons about faith, commitment, love, loss and the passage of time. They also reflect shared values, offering all who participate a chance to recommit to what matters most.”

Shushok urged the crowd to make the most of these moments that make up “the architecture of life.”

“Maroons, may you live bravely and beautifully. May you find a kicking post wherever you land. May you find something so worthwhile that nothing can stop you from working, waiting — even leaping for it. May you find joy in every moment — the big Rs and the small. We’ll be cheering for you every step of the way.”

The Class of 2025 hails from 29 states and 12 countries, and the graduates range in age from 19 to 37. This year’s class included eight young women who shared the valedictorian honor, as well as one outstanding salutatorian.

The 2025 valedictorians are:

- Julia Olsen Bassett, a health and exercise science major from Midlothian.
- Peyton Olivia Bradford, a psychology major from Salisbury, Maryland.
- Simran Kaur Gill, a psychology major from Salem.
- Rhianna Nicole Gleason, a criminal justice major from Midlothian.
- Rebecca M. Goldstein, an education studies major from Medford, New Jersey.
- Madeline Diane Higgins, an English education major from Danville.
- Riya Amit Patel, a biochemistry and public health studies double major from Salem.
- Sydney LeVette Pennix, a psychology major from Roanoke.

Salutatorian honors went to Connor Joseph Tyson, a health and exercise science major from Waxhaw, North Carolina. All valedictorians were invited to the stage to deliver brief remarks.

“I would like to express deep gratitude to the professors who challenged us, to the families who supported us, to the coaches and mentors who guided us, to the friends who laughed and cried with us, to the dining staff who fueled us, and to each person who believed in us and helped us reach this moment,” said Julia Bassett.

Said Madeline Higgins, “Mother Teresa said, ‘The problem with the world is that we draw the circle of our family too small.’ In my time here, I have been lucky to draw my circle wide. As we go off and find home in strange places, let us cherish the people we hold dear and have excitement for those we are yet to meet.”

During the ceremony, the college

also awarded honorary degrees to two individuals who have transformed the commonwealth and the Roanoke Valley into a thriving hub for research, talent and economic development: Dr. Michael Friedlander and Heywood Fralin.

Dr. Michael Friedlander is vice president for health sciences and technology at Virginia Tech, founding executive director of the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion, and senior dean for research at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. He has grown the institute from one employee — him — to a world-class facility with more than 400 employees. He remains actively engaged in research.

Friedlander has fostered deep connections in the region between higher education, research, health care, community organizations and economic development, creating educational and workforce pipelines that encourage participation in health care and health-related fields. This has served as both a model and a catalyst for Roanoke College as it strives to become the Roanoke Valley’s premier educational partner, as expressed in the college’s strategic plan.

Heywood Fralin is a visionary philanthropist, education advocate, and civic and business leader who has played a pivotal role in advancing collaboration among higher education, industry and government throughout the Roanoke Valley and the Commonwealth of Virginia. As chairman of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, he championed policies to promote access, affordability and innovation.

In 2018, Fralin made a \$50 million gift through the Fralin Family Trust to establish the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech Carilion. His gift has elevated the region’s standing as a destination for medical research and health care innovation, and that has opened doors for Roanoke College students and alumni by creating opportunities for internships, research experiences and career advancement.

Friedlander was present at the Commencement ceremonies to accept his degree; Fralin, who was traveling, will collect his degree at a later date.

Two retiring faculty members were recognized with the Simon Carson Wells Medal, an honor bestowed on tenured, retiring faculty with at least 15 years of service to the institution:

- Thomas J. Carter, professor of English and communication studies, 31 years of service.
- Hans M. Zorn, professor of philosophy, 35 years of service.

Also retiring this year is Marc LaChance, director of the Roanoke College Wind and Jazz Ensembles, which performed during the Commencement exercises.

-The Salem Times-Register

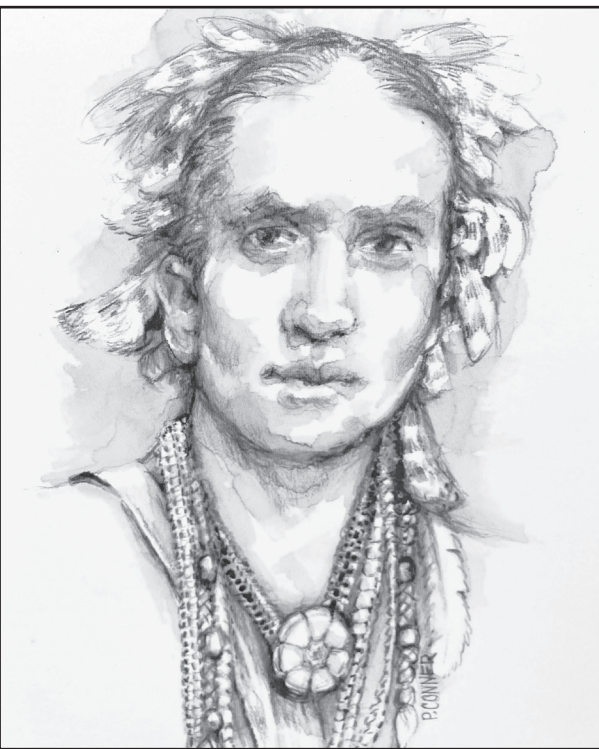
# SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

## Local Native American history talk at the Salem Museum

Unravel the archaeological discoveries of Salem’s incredible Native American village in “The Archaeology of Toter Town: Its Place in Native American History.” Admission is free for this Salem Museum speaker series talk on Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Salem Museum. This talk is in partnership with the Historical Society of Western Virginia.

In his talk, Dr. Michael Barber, a research fellow at the Longwood Institute of Archaeology, explores the fascinating discoveries made in Toter Town, an indigenous settlement prominently noted in 1670s explorations of western Virginia and located where the Moyer Sports Complex now stands. Hear about the 1990s salvage efforts on the site by a team of dedicated archaeologists and local volunteers, and how their discoveries illustrate the village’s contributions to understanding indigenous settlement, ethnicity, commerce, and overall colonial relations.

In addition to exploring the Salem Museum’s Native American displays, attendees are encouraged to visit the Historical Society of Western Virginia to observe the Toter Town



COURTESY PHOTO

A depiction representing a Toter Town inhabitant.

artifacts on display at their museum. Located at 101 Shenandoah Ave NE in Roanoke, the Society highlights and celebrates the rich heritage of western Virginia, boasting a wide variety of historical artifacts, photographs, and documents. Their museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### CITY OF SALEM TAXPAYERS IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

**2025 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX  
DUE JUNE 2, 2025**

**SECOND HALF 2024-2025  
REAL ESTATE TAX  
DUE JUNE 5, 2025**

Tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible, but failure to receive bill, does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

Anyone not having received a tax bill please contact the office of the Treasurer, 114 North Broad Street Salem VA 24153 or phone 540-375-3024.

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# Sandel to serve as keynote speaker for VWCC Commencement

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College will hold its Commencement ceremony Friday, May 9, at the Berglund Center.

The ceremony, which will honor graduates from the fall 2024 and spring and summer 2025 semesters, starts at 6:30 p.m. There are 423 students expected to attend, with 549 degrees and certificates being awarded.

“Virginia Western’s graduates are prepared to meet the needs of this region while they experience the benefits of investing in their own education and training,” said Dr. Robert H. Sandel, president of Virginia Western. “We are eager to celebrate their success at Commencement.”

Dr. Sandel, who is retiring June 30, will be this year’s keynote speaker. He will be introduced by Dr. David Doré, Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS).

The most tenured president in the VCCS, Dr. Sandel has served 24 years as Virginia



## Sandel

Western’s fourth president. Before that, Dr. Sandel was president of Mountain Empire Community College for more than nine years and served more than 20 years in the South Carolina Technical College System. His leadership has helped Virginia Western become a forward-thinking community college, inspiring individual, community and economic transformation.

Two Virginia Western students were selected to participate in Commencement events. Michelle Brown will serve as Student Rehearsal Speaker. Brown is graduating

with an Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies, having completed studies in Automotive, Electrical Wiring and Building Trades. Onaca Umak will address the audience at the ceremony as Student Welcome Speaker. Umak is graduating with an Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology.

Virginia Western’s commencement will be viewable online through YouTube livestream. The link for the event is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vjRcu6jA5M>

-The Salem Times-Register

# Salem Moose Lodge #2573 holds annual pet benefit



COURTESY PHOTOS

The annual pet benefit at Salem Moose Lodge #2573, was held Sunday, April 27. All monetary proceeds went to Paws4people, a service dog group and all dog and cat food and supplies went to the Salem Animal Shelter. Randy Powers (Layla) and Scott Graham (Leia) attended the benefit with their dogs for everyone to meet. Ann Whitenack, the organizer of the benefit, along with many volunteers, worked tireless hours collecting donations from the public and area businesses to make this benefit such a great success.

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

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The office will be closed for the holiday on May 26, 2025.

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Note: The last day qualified voters can apply for an absentee ballot by mail: Friday, June 6, 2025 by 5:00 PM

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### Legals - City of Radford

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### Legals - Montgomery County

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Contact the Montgomery County Office of Elections if you have any questions at 540-382-5741 or the Department of Elections at [elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov).  
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### Legals - Montgomery County

**TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

A Draft Amendment to The Town of Christiansburg 5-Year Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027, and Draft Program Year 2025 Action Plan will be available for comment period beginning May 5, 2025, and ending June 5, 2025. The 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action has been developed in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The 5-Year Consolidated Plan is a planning document that identifies housing and community development needs in the Town's low to moderate income, homeless, and special needs population, as well as three targeted low to moderate income areas. The PY 2025 Annual Action Plan serves as the Town's grant application to HUD and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**  
A copy of the Draft Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Citizen's Participation Plan is available for review online at [www.christiansburg.org/729/CommunityDevelopment-Block-Grant](http://www.christiansburg.org/729/CommunityDevelopment-Block-Grant) or at the Town Manager's Office, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. A print copy of the draft plan will be located at the Christiansburg Public Library, located at 125 Sheltman Street during the review process.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
Two Public Meetings with Town staff to discuss and receive comments will be held on  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025, from 4 PM to 6 PM and Friday, May 30, 2025 from 12 PM to 2 PM in the Admin Conference Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
In addition, Town Council will hold a public hearing on May 27, 2025, at 7:00pm to receive comments. Comments may be made by phone at (540) 382-6120 x. 1120, by mail to Retta Jackson, Town of Christiansburg, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, or emailed to [rjackson@christiansburg.org](mailto:rjackson@christiansburg.org).

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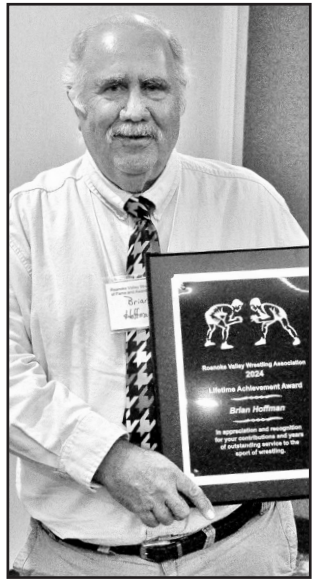
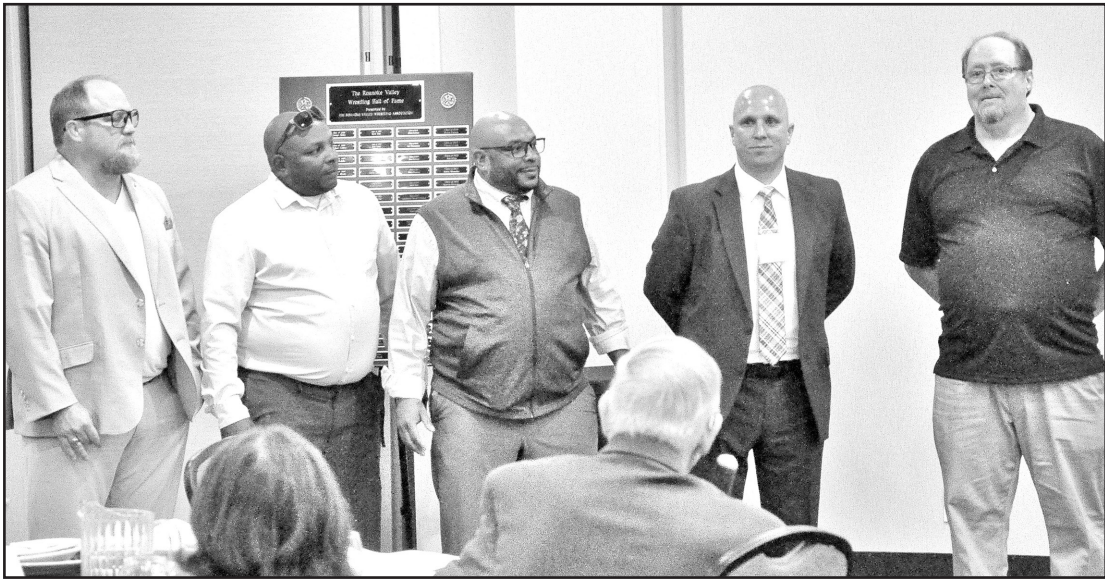
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## Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association inducts Hall of Fame Class of '25

The Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association held its annual Hall of Fame and Awards banquet at the Holiday Inn-Tanglewood Monday evening. New inductees to the Hall of Fame include, left photo left to right, Bobby Stewart, Stacy Menefee, Steven Menefee, Chance Craft and Jimmy King. Salem sophomore Derek Bush, center photo, received the Roy Stanley Outstanding Achievement Award and Salem Times-Register sports editor Brian Hoffman, right photo, was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award.

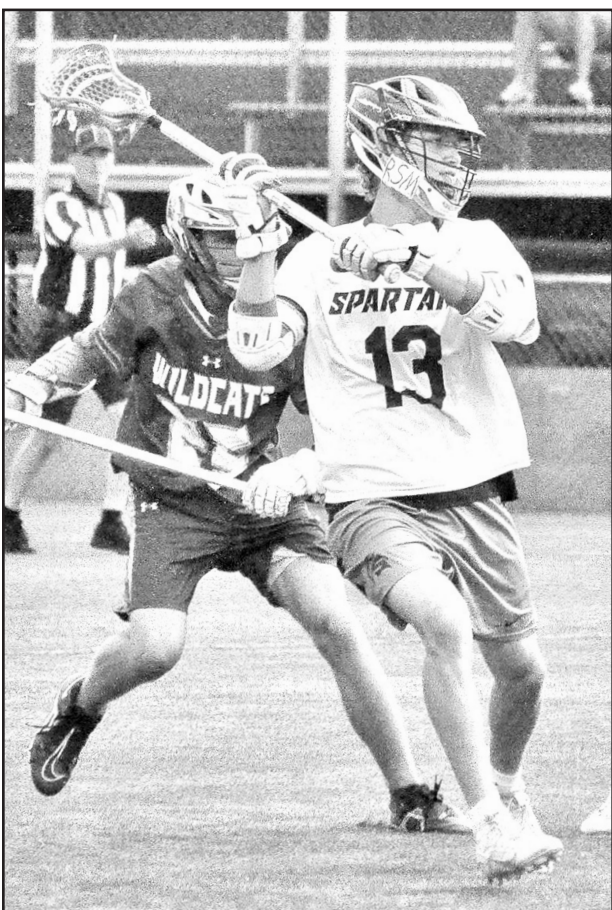


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Salem's Jackson Winger shoots and scores in last week's win over Rockbridge.

## GHS-Floyd tennis rematch Monday

The Glenvar tennis teams will take Radford in key Three Rivers District matches Friday. The boys will be home and the girls are at Radford. The boys lost a big district match at Floyd County last week, 7-2. The Buffaloes are considered district favorites but Glenvar gave them some tough matches. “We had a lot of close matches,” said GHS coach Bob Haynie. “Floyd won three matches easily, Glenvar won two. Four matches came down to the wire and Floyd won all four to get the team win.” The boys beat Carroll County on Friday, 8-1. The Highlanders will host Floyd for a much anticipated rematch next Monday. The girls are 5-4 after losing to Floyd and their match at Carroll County on Thursday was suspended by rain with the Highlanders winning five of six singles matches when things came to a halt.

# Spartan lacrosse dominating

The Salem High boys’ lacrosse team is on a roll. Since losing to nationally ranked St. Anne’s-Bellfield on April 22nd the Spartans have won four straight and outscored their opponents by a combined 76-6. Salem downed two rivals in the past week by lopsided scores. The beat Rockbridge, who was a challenge not many years ago, 22-2 at Spartan Field last Thursday then shut out Hidden Valley, 24-0, in Salem on Monday. In the Rockbridge game the Spartans opened a 17-1 lead at the half and called off the dogs.

Holden Custer finished with four goals to lead the Spartans while Wade Marble had three. Jackson Winger had two goals and four assists, Jackson Jones and Logan Sparks had two goals each and nine other Spartans had one goal each. Ryan Warren won 15 of 16 faceoffs to keep Salem in control of the ball. On Monday at Spartan Field Richard Hof and Jack Ellis only had to make a combined three saves to shutout Hidden Valley. They rarely had possession as Warren dominated the faceoffs again, winning 12 of 14.

Parker Dallas had five goals and four assists to lead the Salem offense while Jones scored twice and handed out five dimes. Custer had three goals and scoring two each were Sparks, Winger and Tucker Preas. With the win Salem is now 9-2 and the Spartans have not lost to a Virginia High School League team, falling only to two private school lacrosse powerhouses. The Salemites will face off again tonight against William Byrd at 7:15 pm at Vinton’s Robert A. Patterson Stadium. Next Monday they’ll host Blacksburg at 7 pm.

## Lax girls open doubleheader at Byrd tonite

The Salem High girls lacrosse team will be in action tonight in Vinton as they play the opening game of a doubleheader with the boys. The Salem-William Byrd girls’ game is scheduled to start at 5:30 pm, followed by a game between the Salem and Byrd boys. The Spartans are 6-4 after defeating Hidden Valley at Spartan Field Monday, 14-5. Salem raced to an 8-3 lead by halftime and controlled the action after intermission. Eleven caused turnovers helped secure the win for the Spartans. “This was a full team effort,” said Spartan coach Mary Schwartz. Bailey Redford was solid in the cage for Salem with 11 saves, three caused turnovers and five ground balls. Rylee McNeill had four goals and three assists

and Mia Potter had four foals and two draw controls. London Fralin had three goals and Anne Thomas handed out three assists in win. Salem was coming off a 14-5 loss at Rockbridge County last Thursday. The Wildcats are solid again with a 9-2 record and they’re undefeated against region teams, but the Salem girls battled them to a 1-1 draw in the first quarter and only trailed 6-3 at intermission. “We had a strong showing in the first half,” said Schwartz. “We were only able to control three draw controls, which made it challenging to gain possession against this strong Rockbrige team.” Redford helped keep Salem in the game with 15 saves as she was peppered in the goal. Potter had three goals and Thomas had two for the Spartans.

## Salem High tennis teams play Bruins

The Salem tennis teams played Cave Spring with mixed results last Friday. The boys had their three game win streak halted with a 9-0 loss in Salem while the girls won 9-0 at Cave Spring. “Most of the games were tight and competitive,” said Salem boys coach Steve Lily. “The Knights, however, boast

an experienced and deep roster, which provided an advantage on key points.” The girls allowed Cave Spring just six total points in sweeping the singles, then won all three doubles by a combined 24-6 for a match total score of 72-12. Claire Rawlins, Caroline Loveday and Elisa Nguyen all won 8-0 in singles and Rawlins

and Loveday combined to win 8-0 at first doubles. The Spartans were scheduled to play Blacksburg teams on Thursday, and Friday they take on Hidden Valley with the girls at home and the boys at Hidden Valley. Salem number one Drew Perez is returning this week after playing some out of town tournaments.

# Pilat wore number 37 as a player, coached RC for 37 years

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Year. Also in 1985, Pilat received the C. Markland Kelly Award and the Hero’s Award as the nation’s top goaltender. With 710 collegiate saves, he has 29 more stops than any other keeper in school history. In addition to leading the program in career saves, Pilat has also coached six of the nine other players ranked in the top 10 all-time saves list at the school. Three of those goalies have earned All-American status. “His accolades speak for themselves,” said former Roanoke College Athletic Director Scott Allison, who hired Pilat to lead the program in 1989. “Nobody loves Roanoke College more than Bill, and he loved and fought for his players. He has been a great representative of Roanoke College and a first-class role model.” Pilat graduated cum laude from Roanoke in 1985 and earned a master’s degree from Alfred University in education in 1986. While at Alfred, he served as a graduate assistant with the Saxons’ lacrosse program. Pilat spent the 1987 season as a member of the Washington & Lee University staff, helping the Generals to a national semifinal appearance, before returning to Roanoke as an assistant in 1988. Since the 1989 Pilat has led the Maroons to a 413-187 record over 37 seasons. He is the fourth winningest active coach in the country across all divisions and seventh overall among active and retired coaches. Pilat has a 202-50 record in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) for a winning percentage of over 80 percent. Pilat was inducted into the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995, and his number 37 jersey was retired. He’s also a member of the New Jersey Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Pilat coached the Maroons to 10 ODAC titles, 14 NCAA Tournament appearances with four trips to the Final Four. He has been named the ODAC Coach of the Year 11 times and has coached 19 Roanoke College Male Athletes of the Year. Pilat has mentored 22 student-athletes inducted into the RC Sports Hall of Fame and he played with an additional four Hall of Famers. His players have earned 114 All-American Awards. “Although I’ve only had the opportunity to work with Coach Pilat for the past two years, it’s been immediately clear why he has earned such deep respect across the campus and the lacrosse community,” said RC Director of Athletics Curtis Campbell. “His dedication to student-athletes, integrity in leadership, and passion for the game have left a lasting impression. I wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement and thank him for the legacy he leaves behind.” Pilat’s son Will was a standout player for the Maroons and among the highlights of Bill’s career was being able to coach his son. Some of the memorable moments include beating Ithaca in the 1992 NCAA Semi finals at Alumni field to go on to the National Championship Game in Philadelphia and beating Stevenson in the 2011 NCAA Quarter Finals on their home field when they were the team picked to win the NCAA title. They had beaten Roanoke by 10 goals during the regular season. Roanoke finished the 2025 season 13-6 and 8-2 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. The Maroons rank third in points (578) and points per game (19.0) and fifth in assists (217) in NCAA Division III. The Maroons lost a semifinal game to the University of Lynchburg, 15-11 in Lynchburg, and weren’t included in the NCAA Division III tournament despite a number 25 ranking in the United

States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Poll. Pilat won’t be on the Maroon sideline next season but he’s not entirely stepping away from the game he loves. He’ll continue to run his goalie camps, which are considered to be among the best in the nation. “I will continue with my Goalie camps as I enjoy coaching and teaching,” he said. “The camps take up a lot of my time as they have grown considerably over the years. I have goalie camps in 10 different states now. I plan to spend more time at the Outer Banks in North Carolina and to play a little golf. I would like to see my twins Will and Emily as often as possible. A national search for Pilat’s replacement will begin immediately. Assistant coach Chris Piatelli will serve as the interim head coach until a replacement is named. “I am so proud to have been the coach of Roanoke men’s lacrosse for the past 37 years,” said Pilat. “The players I have coached mean everything to me. I’ve worked alongside some great coaches, administrators and athletes and this has been the best 37 years anyone could ask for. Our tradition of excellence in men’s lacrosse is well known throughout all of Division III and this is due to the hard work, commitment and dedication of our players, coaches and assistant coaches from the 1960s to the present day. Thank you to everyone who supported our program and who continue to support Roanoke lacrosse. I am proud to be a Maroon forever.”



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Retiring Roanoke College lacrosse coach Bill Pilat talks to the Maroons.



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PHOTO COURTESY GLENVAR TRACK

Left photo, left to right, Bryce Peters and Zyere Richardson of Andrew Lewis and Money Shaw and Grayson Harris of Glenvar Middle School compete in the 300 meter hurdles at the Cosmopolitan Track meet at William Fleming Saturday. Right, Ava Poindexter of Glenvar Middle was Most Outstanding in both the field and running events.

## Highlanders sweep middle school championships at Cosmo Track meet

The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School track teams ended their seasons in style last week with strong performances in the Cosmopolitan Club track meet. The Highlanders won both the boys' and girls' championships at William Fleming and the Wolverines also had a big day.

The championships were the first time in school history for Glenvar. Ava Poindexter began the ompe-tition with victories in the Long Jump, Triple Jump and High Jump. She started the final day of competi-tion with a Cosmopolitan Meet record in the girls' 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.29 seconds, in all winning five first place medals and a silver to earn the meet's Most Outstanding Runner and Most

Outstanding Field Event Athlete Awards.

Glenvar's Grayson Harris also had a tremendous weekend by sweeping the 110 hurdles and 300 hur-dles. Harris was also second in the 800 and remains tops in the state in the 300 meter hurdles with his winning time of 42.78 seconds.

Gabby Barba bounced back and forth from the Cosmo Meet and a soccer game to finish first in the 400 meter dash and second in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Money Shaw finished second in the 300 hur-dles and the relay team of Ben Brown, Dillon Faight, Matt Gard and Lyric Adams sealed the boys' victory with an amazing 4 x 400 relay.

McKenzie Eversole of Andrew Lewis finished her

career at Andrew Lewis by picking up silver medals in the 1600 and 800 meter runs. The 1600 meter relay team of Eversole, Jasmine Bond, Leigha Taylor and Olivia Huff also took the silver medal and Huff took home a silver in the 400 meter dash.

Ji'Zaiah Haynes was the top scorer for the Wolverine boys' team. Haynes took home silvers in the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

Dustin Peters got a silver medal in the 110 meter hurdles while Eli Yates took bronze in the high jump. Zyere Richardson took home bronze in the 300 meter hurdles and the 400 meter relay of Haynes, Yates, Richardson, and Jemari Allen won silver medals for the Wolverines.

## Salem runs at Cosmo

The Salem High track team competed in two meets last weekend. Some Spartans were at the Dogwood Invitational in Charlottesville while others were at William Fleming for the 58th annual Cosmopolitan meet.

In Charlottesville Mitchel Taylor took sev-enth in the 110 hurdles and ran a state qualify-ing time. The meet was canceled after a two-hour rain delay so some Spartans didn't get to compete.

There were dark clouds at the Cosmo but it was completed after one short delay that lasted about an hour. In the girls' Senior Division Addyson Funk won both the 800 and 1,600 meter races and was the recipi-ent of the Cosmopolitan Club's scholarship. Quinn Bowen was fourth in the discus and Chloe Underwood took fifth in the 800.

In the Junior Division, for ninth and 10th grad-ers, the Salem 4x400 relay team of Maekayla Scott, Caroline Huff,



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Addyson Funk of Salem is on her way to a win in the Senior Division 1,600 at the Cosmo Meet.

Audrey Harmon and Addison Hancock took first place. Scott was sec-ond in the 300 hurdles and Huff was runnerup in the 1,600.

For the boys, the 4x400 relay team of Demarco Patterson, Fergins Ciril, Elijah Rabb and Alexander Kasey took third in the Senior Division.

In the boys' Junior Division Nicholas Baxley won the 300 hurdles and John Stovall took first in the 800. Tristan Noel was second in the 400 and third in the 200 and Austin Prosser was sec-ond in the 1,600.

Salem will be at the Blue Demon Invitational in Christiansburg this Saturday.

## Sox take four of five from Fred-Nats

The Salem Red Sox took four of five games from the Fredricksburg Nationals in Salem last week to make up some ground in the Carolina League's North Division standings. The Sox are now six games behind the Carolina Mudcats as they head to Fayetteville for a six-game series with the Woodpeckers this week.

The Sox dropped the first game to Fredericksburg, 9-5, but rallied to win the next four around a Saturday rainout. That game will be made up when the Nationals return on June 18.

Salem won three closes, 4-2 on Wednesday, 5-4 on Thursday and 3-2 on Friday as Luis Cohen, Blake Alta and Michael Sansone picked up wins. On Sunday Andruw Musett was three for five with a pair of home runs, including a three-run shot in the sixth inning that nearly ignited a brawl. After Musett crossed the plate words were exchanged and both dugouts and bull-pens emptied before order was quickly restored.

Musett's sixth inning homer was the highlight of an eight run inning that included an RBI double by Yoeilin Cespedes and an RBI single by Antonio Anderson just prior to Musett's bomb over the high leftfield wall.

Griffin Kilander picked up his first win in relief Sunday with two and a third shutout innings. Manuel Medina pitched the final two and two-thirds innings for his first save.

With the win Salem improved to 12-14 on the season. They're now on the road for two weeks, returning home May 20 to host Delmarva for six games.

The parent Boston Red Sox made several changes to the Salem roster last week. Shortstop Franklin Arias and pitchers Brandon Clarke and Matt McShane were promoted to High-A Greenville and the Drive sent shortstop Fraymi DeLeon to Salem. Pitchers Ben Hansen and Jay Allmer were also added to the Salem roster. On Tuesday of this week infielder Antonio Anderson was promoted to Greenville.

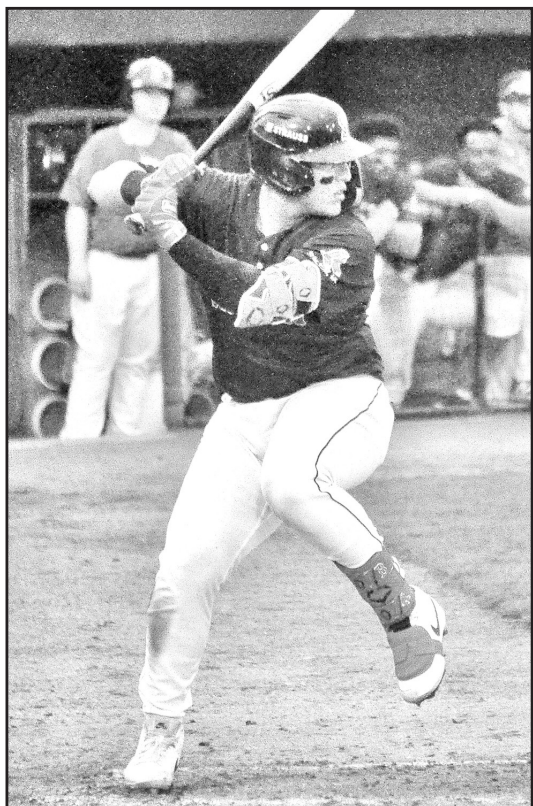


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Andruw Musett hit two homers Sunday.

## Highlanders run at Elite Meet in Christiansburg

The Glenvar track team compet-ed in the East Coast Elite meet in Christiansburg last Saturday and had some strong performances.

Tyson Hobbs won both the high jump and the long jump while Joey Loder took first in the 110 meter hur-dles. Colby Thompson won the 200 and anchored the winning 4x100 relay

team that included Ranger Swanson, Hobbs and Tre Dawyot.

For the girls, Sophia Hammersley took first in the Triple Jump and second in both the 100 and 300 hurdles.

The Highlanders were at Franklin County Wednesday, and this Saturday they're back in Christiansburg for the Blue Demon Invitational.

## Salem soccer teams fall to Bruins again

As good as Salem's soccer teams have been in the past few years, Blacksburg continues to be a pain in the . . . side. On Tuesday both Salem teams lost to the Bruins, with the boys falling 4-1 in the Blacksburg and the girls losing 3-0 at Spartan Field.

Blacksburg scored on four set plays to beat the boys. Anthony Rugama's goal tied the score at 1-1 in the first half but the Bruins answered for a 2-1 lead at the half and outscored Salem 2-0 after intermission.

The loss dropped the boys to 7-5 on the year,

including a 5-2 win over Cave Spring last Friday on Spartan Field. Elijah Clark opened the scoring on a corner kick, assisted by Logan Lavinder, then TJ Fisher scored on a set piece, assisted by Lavinder, to put Salem up 2-1 at the break.

In the second half Joseph Serrano scored off a Clark corner kick and Elijah added a goal, assisted by Graham Cross. Fisher finished off the scoring by converting a penalty kick.

The girls are 6-6 after Cave Spring ended Salem's three game win-ning streak with a 4-1

decision at Cave Spring last Friday. Emma Elder scored Salem's goal.

On Tuesday keeper Karis Guy kept the girls in the game against Blacksburg but the Spartans weren't able to find the twine in the shut-out loss.

Both teams are back in action tonight with the girls in Danville to take on George Washington High and the boys' host-ing the Eagles on Spartan Field. On Friday the girls are home to host Hidden Valley for "Senior Night" and the boys are at Hidden Valley for a game on Bruce Mahan Field.

## Hornets eliminate RC lax women

The Roanoke College women's lacrosse team saw their season come to an end in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference semifinal round last Friday. The Maroons lost a heartbreaker, 10-9, to Shenandoah University in Winchester.

With the loss Roanoke finished the season at 12-7 overall and 8-2

in the ODAC. Shenandoah went on to play in the tournament final and lost to Washington & Lee, 14-6. W&L will be the only team to rep-resent the conference in the NCAA Division III tournament, which concludes with the semifinals and finals at Kerr Stadium in Salem on May 22 to 24.

## Shenandoah tops RC in ODAC baseball

Shenandoah University proved to be a thorn in the side of the Roanoke College baseball team as the Hornets eliminated the Maroons from the ODAC tournament last week. Shenandoah won by scores of 22-4 and 10-4 to send the Maroons home from Winchester in the best-of-three series.

Roanoke had lost to the Hornets twice during the regular season, 12-4 and 10-9 at Pulaski's Calfee Park, and came into the ODAC tournament as the fifth seed while Shenandoah was fourth, earning home field advantage at Bridgeforth Stadium in Winchester. In Friday's tournament opener at 1 pm it was all Hornets with one of RC's highlights being a two-run homer by Salem native Parker Stallard.

That left the Maroons having to win the next two to stay alive, and that didn't happen. Shenandoah ended RC's season Friday evening with a 10-4 win after the Maroons had taken an early 4-1 lead.

Corey Coogan and Tyler Galloway had multi-hit games, recording two each. Galloway hit his third home run of the campaign in the top of the third, tallying half of RC's runs in the process.

With the loss Roanoke finished the season at 19-21-1 and 11-10-1 in ODAC play. Shenandoah advances to the four team ODAC championship tournament this weekend at Capital One Park in Tysons, VA.

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## Highlanders headin' to college

Glenvar High School held a signing ceremony in the school gym last week for seniors who have indicated they're going to continue their education and participate in sports after graduation. Left to right, with sport and school, are Connor Wilkes (swimming, Carson Newman), Abby Teubert (softball, Milligan University), Amelia Gierke (softball, Emory & Henry University), Hannah Street (softball, Roanoke College) and Rhett Henderson (football, Roanoke College).



PHOTO BY ERIN TICE

Hannah Street pitched Glenvar to two wins in the past week.

## GHS softball team has big district games with Radford, James River

The Glenvar High softball team improved to 10-5 on the season with a 7-0 shutout win over Liberty High at Glenvar Monday.

The Highlanders were hanging on to a 3-0 lead until the sixth inning when their bats came alive and they scored four runs on five hits. Chloe Maxey got things started in the bottom of the sixth inning with a single, and Cora Meade followed with another single to put two on base for Zella Hayes. The freshman slugger then put the game out of reach with a three-run blast to make it 6-0. Glenvar got one more run in the inning when Abby Teubert singled and scored on a double by Haley Leginus.

Glenvar was led by Hayes, who had three hits and three RBIs, and Teubert, who had three hits and an RBI. Leginus added two hits and two RBIs. Hannah Street went the distance on the mound, allowing four hits and striking out four.

The victory followed a 4-3 win over Carroll County last Thursday in Hillsville. Glenvar scored all four runs in the first inning and held on to win.

The first inning rally started with Hayes walked and Audrey Moles singled. Teubert then doubled, scoring both runners, and Leginus then singled to knock in Teubert. Amelia Gierke reached base on an error and scored on a single by Madison Duncan, giving Glenvar the 4-0 lead.

Carroll County scored one run in the bottom of the first and added two more in the third but that's all they would get against Street, who picked up the win on the mound. Hannah struck out seven.

The win lifted Glenvar to 4-3 in Three Rivers District games. They're at Northside for a non-district game tonight, followed by a district game at Radford Friday and a trip to James River on Monday.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Haleigh Vaughan of Roanoke College gets her hand on the plate to score on a suicide squeeze play in Sunday's ODAC tournament game against Bridgewater.

## Spartans top Bruins in softball

The Salem High softball team saw their 9 game win streak come to an end last week with a 10-3 loss at Cave Spring. The Spartans bounced back Tuesday with a 9-4 win over Blacksburg at the Moyer Complex in Salem.

The Spartans had given up just five runs total in their previous 12 games before Cave Spring hung 10 on them last Friday in Roanoke County. That included a string of six straight shutouts, one being a 4-0 win over Cave Spring at the complex. However, the Knights touched Cora Robinson for seven earned runs in four innings this time despite Cora fanning nine. Caitlin Wells led Salem at the plate going three-for-four and Evie Van Liew was two-for-four with a pair of RBIs.

Last Wednesday at Northside the Salem bats were on fire in a 17-2 win over the host Vikings. Piper Furmage drove in four runs for the Spartans, including a two-run homer in the first inning. Furmage went four-for-four on

the day and Robinson was four-for-five with a pair of runs batted in. Anne Crew and Cora Grace Sparger each had three hits and Sparger got the win in the circle for Salem in a slaughter-rule shortened game.

With Tuesday's win over Blacksburg the Spartans are now 12-4 on the season and 7-1 in the River Ridge District. Wells had three hits against the Bruins and Van Liew smacked her third home run of the season. Robinson pitched the first four innings to pick up the win and Sparger went the last three for a save.

Tonight the Spartans go to Franklin County for a non-district game, but it will be a big test to see how much the Salemites have improved since the beginning of the season. The Spartans were shut out by the Eagles, 15-0, in the season opener at the Moyer Complex and Franklin County is now 14-3.

On Friday Salem will host Hidden Valley at 5 pm at Moyer, followed by a trip to Christiansburg next Tuesday.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem's Piper Furmage drives one over the fence in last week's win at Northside.

## Maroons ousted in ODAC softball

The Roanoke College softball team battled over two days and came up 2-2 but that wasn't enough to stay alive in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament last weekend. Top seeded Virginia Wesleyan and Randolph-Macon advanced out of the first weekend of play and will meet Friday and Saturday in Virginia Beach to decide the ODAC champ.

Last weekend's eight-team affair was played at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem, with the winner of two four-team pods advancing. Roanoke was in a pod with Bridgewater, Randolph-Macon and Ferrum while the other pod had Virginia Wesleyan, Lynchburg, Averett and Shenandoah.

After rain postponed Saturday's openers the Maroons took on second seeded Bridgewater at noon Sunday. This was a wild affair with the Maroons winning 6-4 in 11 innings.

The game was tied 1-1 after the regulation seven innings and two more. The International Tie-Breaker came into effect in the 10th, opening the inning with a runner on second, and both teams scored one run to make it 2-2.

In the top of the 11th RC's Carsyn Michaels belted an RBI triple and Leah Butts ripped a three-run double put the Maroons ahead 6-2. The Eagles rallied for two in the bottom of the inning but RC ace Maggie McCray got out of the jam to seal the win.

McCray broke the ODAC single-game record with 20 strikeouts in this game, including a span where she fanned nine consecutive batters from the fifth to the seventh innings. She

tossed 171 pitches in the contest and allowed just three hits, three walks and one unearned run.

With the win the Maroons were matched up with Randolph-Macon for Sunday's second game. The Yellowjackets had beaten Ferrum in their opener and they kept pace with a 3-0 win over the Maroons. Roanoke had six hits but left one runner on base in the first, second and fourth innings and two in the third and fifth frames.

Bridgewater eliminated Ferrum in their second game Sunday and were matched up with the Maroons again in an elimination game Monday. This was another low-scoring affair and the Maroons pulled it out again, knocking the Eagles out of the tournament with a 2-1 win. McCray allowed just four hits, one walk and one earned run with eight strikeouts to win her 13th game of the season.

Randolph-Macon was still undefeated in the pod so the Maroons needed to beat the Jackets twice to advance. They gave it a good shot but came up short in the first meeting, 2-1 in 10 innings.

RC broke a scoreless tie with a run in the fifth. Randolph-Macon tied the game with a run in the bottom of the sixth and won it on a walk-off suicide squeeze in the 10th.

Baylee Compton threw six innings of five-hit, one-run ball and Lindsay Gedro didn't allow a hit or an earned run in three and a third innings out of the bullpen for the Maroons. Gracie Ellis pitched a complete game for the Yellowjackets, striking out 11.

With the loss the Maroons finished the season at an even 22-22.

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## Highlanders shut out Radford to go 50 games without a loss



PHOTO BY BRYANT ALTIZER  
**Jake Williams is a senior captain and defender on a Glenvar team that has allowed one goal all season.**

There are children in Glenvar who are two years old who don't remember Glenvar losing a boys' soccer game!

The Highlanders won beat Radford at Glenvar Tuesday, 4-0, to improve to 12-0 on the season. With the win Glenvar has not lost in their past 50 games, dating back to the first week of April in 2023 when the Highlanders lost to Salem. Glenvar tied Radford on May 10 of that year, 4-4, and the Highlanders have won 42 straight games since, including two Class 2 state championships.

On Tuesday at GHS Aidan

Hylton scored twice, Kian Fisher had a goal and three assists and Adam Saunders scored a goal in the win over Radford. This one went 33 minutes before the Highlanders scored before Hylton's two goals and one by Saunders, all assisted by Fisher, put the Highlanders up 3-1 at the half. Glenvar outshot the Bobcats 23-3.

This was Glenvar's 11th shutout in 12 games and the Highlanders have outscored the opposition 79-1 playing teams from Class 1 to Class 6. The last team to beat Glenvar, Salem High, dropped the

Highlanders from their schedule following the 2023 season.

The Highlanders are 8-0 in the district, including a 9-0 win over Carroll County in Hillsville last week. Fisher and Kees Van Gerven had two goals each in that one and Glenvar also got goals from Saunders, Avery McClanahan, Griffin Geddes, Wesley Feliciano and Connor Magruder.

The Highlanders will put their 50 game streak on the line again tonight when they host Alleghany. Next Monday they're at Floyd County and Wednesday, May 14, Cave Spring comes to Glenvar.

## Girls win 10th straight

The Glenvar girls' soccer team winning streak is at 10 games after the Highlanders shut out two more opponents in the past week. The Highlanders won at Northside last Friday, 6-0, then beat the Bobcats in Radford Tuesday, 5-0.

Glenvar is now 11-2 after starting the season 1-2. The Highlanders have allowed just three goals in their 10 game winning streak with eight shutouts.

Last Friday at Northside the defending Class 2 champions beat a Class 3 team as Cam Stevens had a three-goal hat trick and an assist. Davin Tate, Annie George and Ryan Jones also scored, with Jones getting her first high school varsity goal.

On Tuesday in Radford Tate had two goals and two assists, Stevens had two goals and one assist and Adalee Harvey had a goal. Jones contributed an assist.

The Highlanders are at Carroll County Friday.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
**Cam Stevens had five goals in Glenvar's last two wins.**

## Spartans lead River Ridge District after win over Blacksburg Tuesday

The Salem High baseball team won a big River Ridge District game Tuesday when they took a 5-3 win at Blacksburg. It was just as important in the Region 4D standings as the Bruins are also a Class 4 team.

With the win Salem moved into first place in the district. The Spartans are now 7-1 in the district and Blacksburg has lost twice. Salem's only district loss was to Blacksburg, so earning the split gave Salem sole possession of first place and a chance to host the district championship game if they win out.

The Spartans got up early with four runs in the first inning. Carter Black and Trace Monroe walked, then Brayden White beat out a bunt to load the bases. Ben Keffer walked to force in a run, Thomas Millard drove in a second on a fielders' choice and Mason Hale singled in two.

Salem got a fifth run in the top of the third on freshman Aiden Poff's first varsity home run. That was welcome as the Bruins scored three in the bottom of the inning, paced by a two run homer.

Monroe pitched for the Spartans and picked up the win. He pitched into the seventh before reaching his pitch count and Zach Bocock came on to get the save despite walking two to load the bases before getting a strikeout to end the game.

With the win Salem is now 11-5 overall. The Spartans lost a wild 9-8 game to Northside last week at Billy Sample Field. Salem led 5-3 after six innings only to have the Vikings put six on the board in the top of the seventh. Salem answered back with three in the bottom of the inning, coming up one run short.

On Friday the Spartans bounced back with a 12-2 win over Cave Spring in Salem. Millard crushed a grand slam home run in the fourth inning and Keffer and Jack Stroud had two hits each.

Brayden White got his first start on the mound and gave up two runs on four hits while fanning three over three and a third innings. Stroud relieved in the fourth and threw two and two-thirds innings of

scoreless baseball.

The Spartans had a big game in Lynchburg against region foe E.C. Glass on Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. On Friday they'll play a 5 pm game at Hidden Valley.

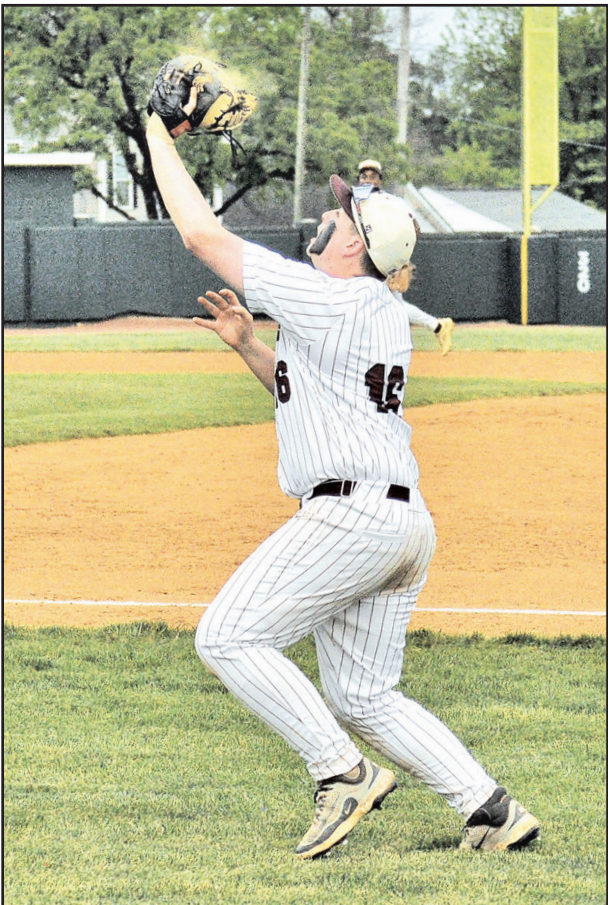


PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
**Ben Keffer catches a foul pop against Northside.**

## Pilat retires after 37 years as RC lacx coach

The number 37 has been has a lot of meaning for Bill Pilat. The Roanoke College Hall of Fame lacrosse coach wore it on his jersey as an All-American goalie for the Maroons, then went on to coach the team for 37 seasons.

The Maroons' lacrosse season came to an end in the ODAC tournament last week and with it came the end of over 40 years of Pilat's involvement with the program. Shortly thereafter he announced his retirement after 37 years as coach and four years in the goal.

"I never thought I would be at Roanoke this long," said Pilat following the Maroons' ouster in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament

last week. "I came to Roanoke because Paul Griffin recruited me but I stayed because I loved the people, the area and the tradition of lacrosse and academic excellence that is Roanoke College."

Pilat came to Salem as a highly recruited goalie out of New Jersey in the early '80s. As a player, Pilat was a three-time All-American, two-time ODAC Player of the Year, and the 1985 Roanoke Male Athlete of the



**BILL PILAT**

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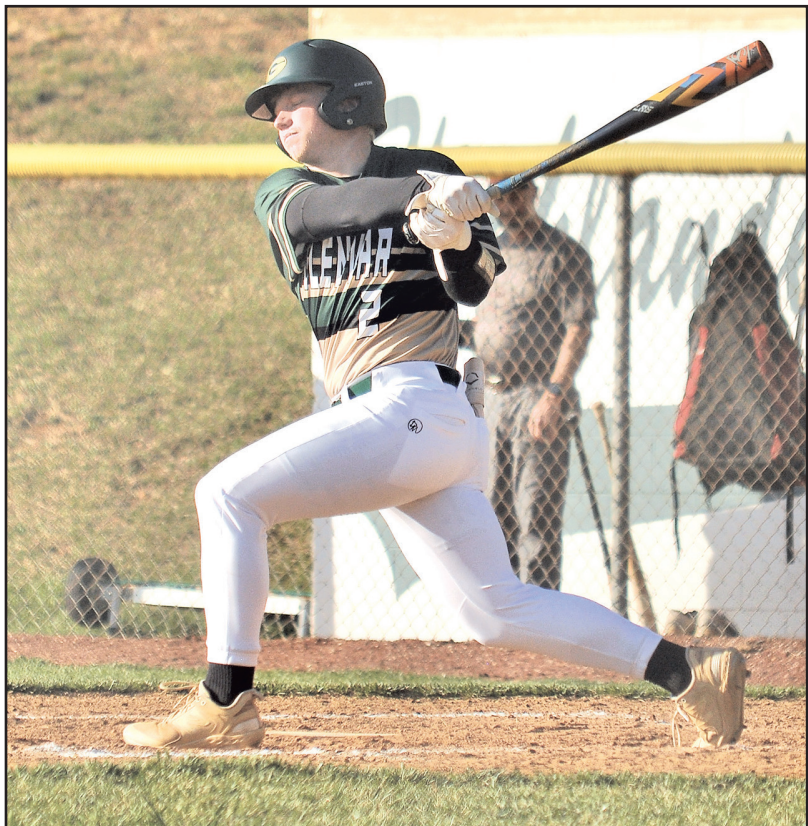


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**Glenvar's Peyton Deel drives the ball in a recent game.**

## GHS baseball at Radford Friday

It's been a streaky season for the Glenvar High baseball team. The Highlanders opened the season with six straight losses, then won their next five. However, they've now lost three in a row to fall to 5-9 as the struggle to get to .500.

The Highlanders lost two games on the road in the past week. Last Thursday in Hillsville they managed just two hits in a 6-0 loss to Carroll County. The Cavaliers' pitcher had a perfect game, 15 up and 15 down, through five innings before Gray Hutchison and Peyton Deel singled in the sixth.

Carroll took an early lead off Glenvar starter Cale Vaughan. In the bottom of the first inning the first three Cavaliers reached on a double and two singles and Carroll was up 2-0 after one frame. That proved to be enough.

Vaughan settled down and allowed just two more earned runs and struck out five through the fifth inning before Hutchison pitched the sixth.

On Monday of this week the Highlanders traveled to Class 3 Christiansburg and got

shut out again, this time 3-0. Like the game before they fell behind early, as starting pitcher Rhett Henderson gave up three hits and three runs in the first inning. After that Rhett was strong as he finished his five inning stint with four scoreless innings and 10 strikeouts.

Henderson was one pitch away from an "Immaculate Inning" in the third. He struck out the first two batters on three pitchers and had an 0-2 count on the third. However, a border line pitch that would have given him three outs on nine straight strikes was called a ball and that batter then got a hit before Henderson struck out the next man to end the inning.

"I thought it was a strike," said GHS coach Jeremy Cromer of the ninth pitch of the inning.

The Highlanders were back in action Wednesday with a home game against Northside, but results were too late for publication. On Friday they have a big Three Rivers District game at Radford, and on Monday they go to Buchanan for a 3RD game with James River at 5:30 pm.