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Salem High senior receives Chamber Scholarship at Annual Business Showcase

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The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce honored local students and businesses Friday evening at its annual Business Showcase and Registered Apprentice Signing Night, held at Salem RidgeYaks Stadium.

Jacob Moran, a senior at Salem High School pursuing a career in welding, received a \$2,000 Foundation Scholarship from the chamber. Gabe Gomez was also named a scholarship recipient.

"Jacob's dedication to the craft of welding exemplifies exactly the kind of skilled, homegrown talent our community needs to thrive," said Amanda Livingston, president of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce. "We are proud to invest in his future and

look forward to seeing the great work ahead of him."

The event, held May 9 from 5 to 7 p.m., drew vendors, educators, elected officials and community members to the ballpark to celebrate apprenticeship programs offered by businesses throughout Salem, Roanoke County and Roanoke City. The chamber also recognized a record number of registered apprentices and honored four Teachers of the Year representing all four local school districts.

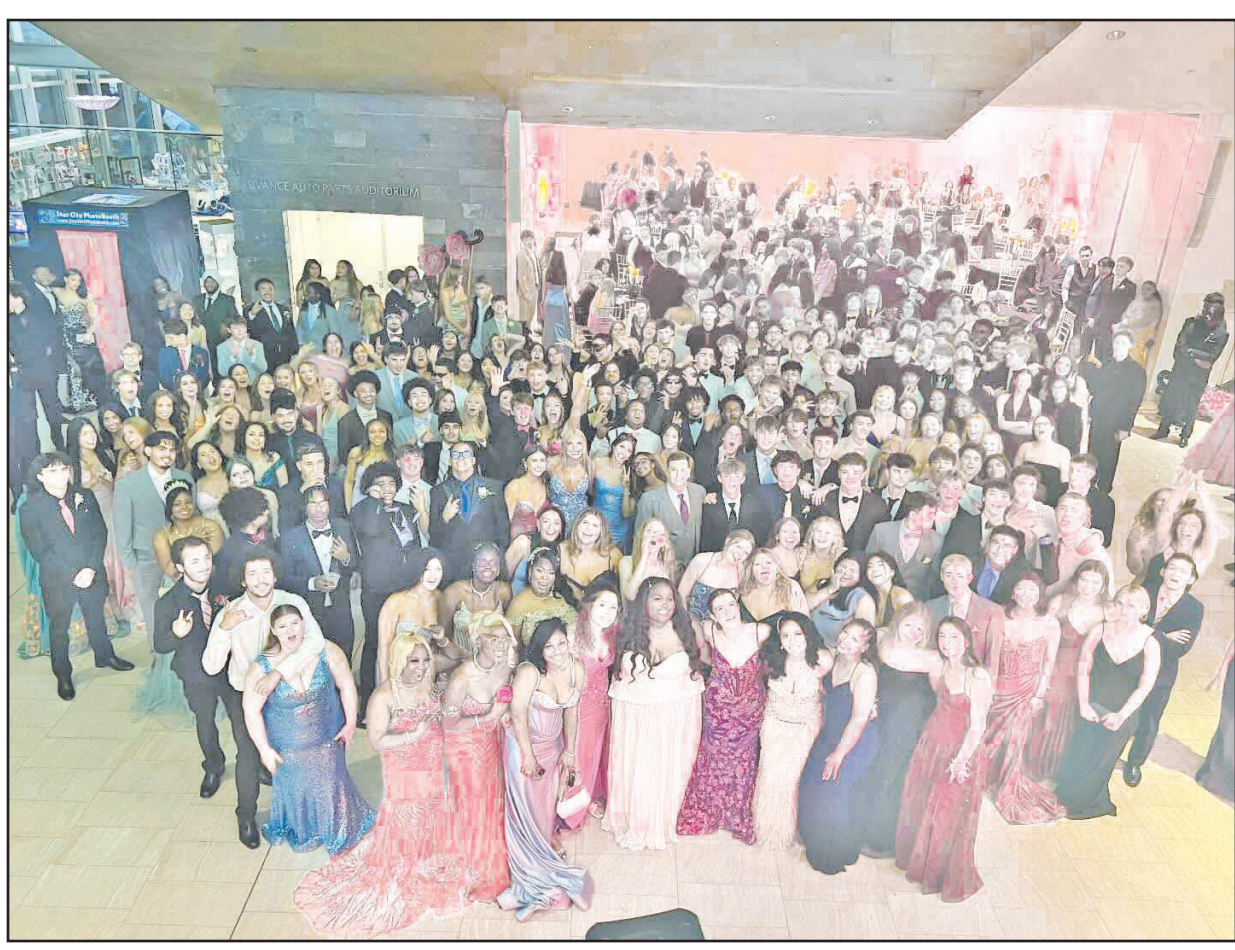
Salem High School apprentices attended the event alongside school board members, city council members and teachers.

Integer Holdings Corporation and Wheeler Media Solutions served as presenting sponsors. Allen Lawrence and the RidgeYaks organization were also recognized for hosting the celebration.



Moran receiving his scholarship.

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Students crown first-ever Prom King, Queen at 'Unmask the Night'

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Students gathered Saturday, May 16, at the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke for the school's 2026 prom, themed "Unmask the Night," marking a historic

milestone as the school crowned its first-ever Prom King and Queen.

Ke'Myja Gillum was named Prom Queen and Elijah Paddyfote was named Prom King during the event, which ran from 8 to 11 p.m. The coronations came after school administrators responded to student feedback requesting the tradition be added to the annual celebration.

The evening featured formal attire and festivities inside the museum, providing what organizers described as an elegant backdrop for the occasion.

Pizza Den closes its doors

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Pizza Den, a family-owned Italian-American restaurant that served the Roanoke Valley for more than three decades, closed May 16 at its location at 912 E. Main St.

Owner Jason Booker announced the closure on the restaurant's social

media page, writing that May 16 would be the establishment's last day of operation and inviting customers to stop by while supplies lasted.

In a video statement, Booker cited a combination of personal health challenges, rising operating costs and shifting economic pressures in Salem as factors in the decision.

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Youth choir marks Armed Forces Day, America's 250th with Salem City Hall performance



Members and leaders of the COMMUNITY Church Youth Praise Team Choir pose on the steps of Salem City Hall following Saturday's performance. From top, left to right: Beth Dalton, Tyler Woody and Amanda Moses; Ryleigh Moses, Sara Nichols-Mhor and Ivy Johnson; and Jayla Paul, Natalie Dalton, Ada Tipton and Elena Emilien.

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A local church youth choir brought music and patriotism to the steps of Salem City Hall on Saturday, performing a special concert honoring Armed Forces Day and the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary.

The COMMUNITY Church Youth Praise Team Choir performed "Stars, Stripes, and Salvation" during a community gathering that also recognized the National Jubilee of Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving and looked ahead to Independence Day on July 4, when the United States marks its semiquincentennial.

The choir, directed by Amanda Moses and coordinated by Beth Dalton, performed four songs for an audience of

community members, families and visitors.

Pastoral intern Tyler Woody led the service and delivered a message honoring the nation's military service members and what he described as America's enduring spiritual heritage.

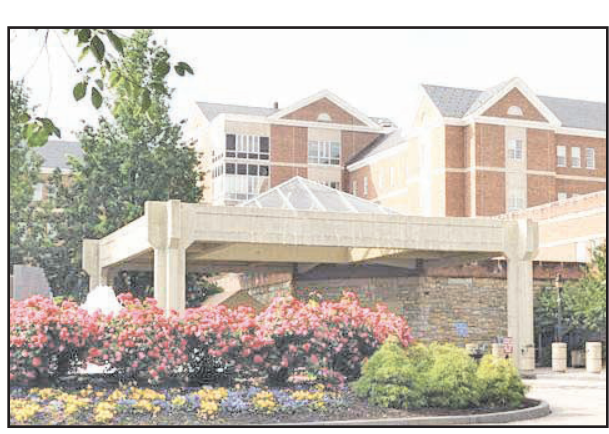
"The event highlighted the strong connection between faith, community service and patriotism within the Salem community," organizers said, while also showcasing the musical talents of the church's youth ministry.

Continued infrastructure improvement funding granted to Salem VA Health Care System

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Projects funded at the Salem VA Medical Center include upgrades and replacement of HVAC systems in outpatient clinical and administrative spaces, installation of new energy-efficient windows in five buildings, and the installation of a new fire pump controller designed to maintain reliable water pressure during fire emergencies.

Additional projects include renovating shell space to create 16 office workstations for staff, continuing tile floor renovations in 20 private patient restrooms in a medical-surgical unit, and continuing installation of upgraded gas and groundwater monitoring wells at the medical center landfill



Salem VA Health Care System

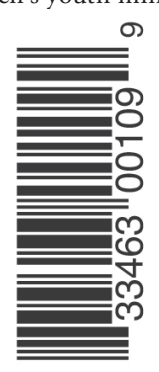
to meet environmental safety standards established by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

Tammy Snyder, interim director of the health care system, said the funding will help ensure the facilities remain modern and efficient for veterans

across Southwest Virginia.

"This funding allows the Salem VA Health Care System to continue modernizing and improving, so our facilities remain safe, efficient, and equipped to provide high-quality care for our Veterans across Southwest Virginia,"

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The Losers Club: Held at the Salem Center but not just for seniors. All adults are welcome. Every Tuesday 5 – 6 p.m. No registration fee with \$3/month dues. Contact: Charlene Lester 540-293-7753.

RoCo Food Truck Week at Green Hill Park: RoCo Food Truck Week will conclude Thursday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Green Hill Park, 2500 Green Hill Park Road, Roanoke County. Featured food trucks will include Empanada Nirvana, Get Glazed, Kerstin's Kitchen and Rocky Mount Smokehouse. Seating will be available, and attendees are encouraged to bring picnic blankets and enjoy lunch in the park.

Cub Scout Summer Day Camp: The Great Valley District of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Scouting America, will host a Cub Scout Summer Day Camp June 8-12 at Hope Tree Family Services, 931 Mt. Vernon Lane, Salem. The camp is open to youth entering first through fifth grade and will feature outdoor adventures, STEM activities, crafts, games, fishing, archery and nature programs. Tara Kelley serves as camp director.

The Dandelion Tour — Ella Langley will perform at the Salem Civic Center on Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m., with special guests Dylan Marlowe and Gabriella Rose. Tickets range from \$53.50 to \$123.50 and go on sale Friday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at the Salem

Civic Center box office, open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and online at Ticketmaster; additional fees may apply to online purchases.

Happy Trails Film & TV Festival: The Happy Trails Film & TV Festival will return to the Roanoke Valley June 26-28 with events centered at Community Church and a special side program at Pink Cadillac Diner. The festival promotes faith-friendly productions and raises money for cancer research. Film and television stars will meet fans and present new projects during a weekend featuring films, music, workshops, panels and a banquet. Award-winning performer Don Richmond will present a special Elvis-style performance. The 2026 event marks the festival's ninth year and traces its roots to the RoVaCon media events that began 50 years ago in Roanoke County.

Justin Moore: Justin Moore will return to the Salem Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27. The multi-platinum country artist last performed in Salem in 2017 during his "Hell on a Highway" Tour with Dylan Scott. Known for hits including "This Is My Dirt," "You, Me, and Whiskey," "Small Town USA" and "If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away," Moore's show tickets go on sale Friday, April 3, at 10 a.m. Prices start at \$39.50. Tickets are available at the Salem Civic Center box office, open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and online through

Ticketmaster.

Foreigner: The rock band Foreigner will return to the Salem Civic Center this fall as part of its 50th anniversary tour celebrating five decades of performances since the group's first rehearsal in 1976. The concert is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The band last performed in Salem in May 2023, playing a sold-out show featuring many of its best-known songs. Tickets may be purchased at the Salem Civic Center box office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or online through Ticketmaster.

Public meetings:

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 26.
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 8.
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on June 9.
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 22.
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 13.
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on July 14.
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 27.

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of May 5, 2026 – May 11, 2026

DATE	NAME	AGE	OFFENSE
5/5/2026	Jennifer D. Neice	43	Fail to Appear
5/5/2026	Jason D. Colley	53	Public Intoxication
5/6/2026	Jani C. Wade	36	Breaking & Entering, Trespassing
5/9/2026	Bianca L. Jenkins	32	Domestic Assault & Battery, Obstruct Justice
5/10/2026	Jason D. Colley	53	False Report to Police, Petit Larceny Not From Person
5/10/2026	Christopher R. Tucker	30	Violate Protective Order

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of May 5, 2026 – May 11, 2026

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
5/5/2026	0 BLK Wildwood Rd	Credit Card Theft
5/7/2026	2000 BLK W Main St	Breaking & Entering, Damage Property
5/7/2026	2000 BLK Cook Dr	Bad Checks
5/11/2026	1900 BLK Roanoke Blvd	Grand Larceny
5/11/2026	1000 BLK Carolina Ave	Damage Property



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Winner's will be published in

New Castle Record & Fincastle Herald on July 29

& Salem Times Register & Vinton Messenger July 30.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

Last week I mistakenly used a recipe and photo without crediting the owner. I would like to do so. The Frito Chili Pie recipe and photo came from The Country Cook. If you need some great recipes go check it out at www.thecountrycook.net. Thank you Brandie!

It's Betsy's birthday! She is turning 5. Yes, she is having a party at the office today. Everyone will get a cupcake, chips and dip, and punch. Everyone deserves to celebrate a birthday!

The people we work with are great and love Betsy Louise. I think she helps us to feel like a team and not just people in a building. Research shows dogs in the office help lower cortisol levels (stress hormone) and increase social interaction, creating a more relaxed and productive environment. Key benefits include increased employee satisfaction, better teamwork, and lower turnover rates.

Betsy has plenty of toys, at work and at home. But she will get new ones I'm sure from the ladies. To be honest it's always hard to think of something different to do for her because she gets spoiled every day.

She is a picky eater this dog. She likes what she likes, when she likes it. Today she likes chicken tomorrow she may turn her nose up at it.

With that in mind I spend a fortune on treats for her. I also make her treats. She likes frozen treats because they melt all over the floor. She thinks that's funny.

Celebrating a dog's birthday strengthens your bond, provides mental stimulation, and creates joyful memories while celebrating their role as a family member. Though dogs don't understand the calendar, they pick up on positive human emotions, special treats, and routine-breaking attention, improving their overall well-being. Celebrating with the extra attention, cuddles, and praise reinforce your connection with your pet. New toys, treats, and games offer cognitive stimulation, reducing boredom. Birthdays acknowledge

another year of unconditional love and companionship. The excitement and treats create positive emotional memories. Birthday parties break up daily monotony, offering a special day for both you and your pet. Studies indicate that roughly 64–70% of dog owners celebrate their pets' birthdays annually.

It doesn't matter what anyone else says, and it doesn't matter if your dog knows it's their birthday. Is it fun for you? Is it safe and fun for your dog? That's all that matters. Celebrate all you want.



Doggie Meatloaf

Ingredients

1 lb ground turkey or beef, Choose based on your dog's preference.

1 cup oats (quick cooking)

1/2 cup carrots, finely chopped

1/2 cup green beans, chopped Fresh or frozen both work.

1/4 cup peas (fresh or frozen)

1 egg

1/4 cup chicken broth (low sodium)

Directions

Preheat the Oven: Set your oven to 350°F. Mix All Ingredients: In a large mixing bowl, combine the ground turkey or beef, oats, chopped carrots, green beans, peas, egg, chicken broth, and parsley (if using). Mix well until all ingredients are evenly incorporated. Prepare the Muffin Tin: Grease a mini muffin tin with olive oil or non-stick spray. Fill the Muffin Tin: Scoop the mixture into the muffin cups, filling each about three-quarters full. Bake Until Cooked: Place the muffin tin in the preheated oven and bake for 20-25 minutes. Cool Down: Let the meatloaf minis cool completely before serving. Consider protein swaps and veggie options to cater to your dog's taste. Store leftovers in an airtight container for up to five days.



Yogurt Berry popsicles

Ingredients

1 cup plain unsweetened Greek yogurt

1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce

1/4 cup natural peanut butter (xylitol-free)

1 tablespoon honey (optional)

2 tablespoons finely chopped blueberries or strawberries

How To Make

Add Greek yogurt, applesauce, peanut butter, and honey (if using) to a bowl. Stir until smooth and fully combined. Gently fold in chopped fruit. Spoon mixture into bone-shaped silicone molds or small ice cube trays. Place molds in the freezer for at least 3 hours, or until fully frozen. Remove treats from molds and serve to your dog. How To Store: Store frozen treats in an airtight container or freezer-safe bag in the freezer for up to 2 months. Keep frozen until ready to serve for best texture and freshness. Serving Sizes Small dogs: 1 treat Medium dogs: 1–2 treats Large dogs: 2–3 treats



Frozen Bone Broth Cubes

Vegetable broth, chicken broth/bone

broth, and beef broth are safe for dogs. But it should not contain onions and garlic. If using ready-made broth choose organic and check ingredients.

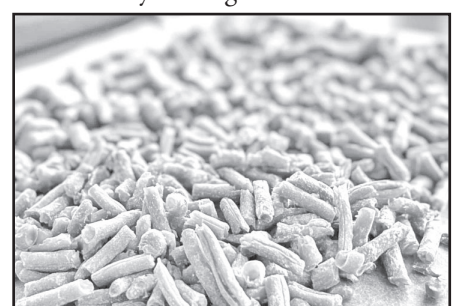
Ingredients:

2 cups bone broth (low sodium, homemade or store-bought)

Optional: chopped vegetables (like carrots or celery)

Instructions:

If using store-bought bone broth, make sure it's low sodium and free of any harmful additives. Pour the bone broth into ice cube trays or silicone molds. If desired, add a small amount of finely chopped vegetables to each compartment for added flavor and nutrition. Freeze the broth cubes for several hours or until completely solid. Once frozen, transfer the cubes to an airtight container or freezer bag for easy storage. Serve the frozen bone broth cubes as a refreshing treat or as a tasty addition to your dog's meals.



Green Bean Crunchies

Ingredients

2 cups fresh or frozen green beans

1 tablespoon olive oil or coconut oil (optional, for extra crispiness)

1 tablespoon nutritional yeast (optional, for extra flavor and vitamins)

Instructions

Preheat your oven to 250°F (120°C). If using fresh green beans, wash them thoroughly and trim off the ends. Cut them into bite-sized pieces. If using frozen green beans, let them thaw slightly and pat dry with a paper towel. Optional: Toss the green beans with a light drizzle of olive or coconut oil for extra crunch. Optional: Sprinkle nutritional yeast over the green beans for added flavor. Spread the green beans in a single layer on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 2-3 hours, stirring every 30-45 minutes to ensure even dehydration. Remove from oven when the beans are fully dried and crispy. Allow them to cool completely before serving to your dog

Pizza Den

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"I was diagnosed with diabetes," Booker said. "With all the craziness it takes to run a restaurant — the stress, good times and bad — these last few years I just have not been able to manage myself well."

Booker said his health had been declining in recent weeks and months, and that continuing under those conditions posed a risk he was no longer willing to take.

Beyond his personal health, Booker pointed to broader economic headwinds facing small businesses in Salem. He said landlords in the area had significantly raised rents on local tenants, a trend he believes has contributed to a wave of closures across the city.

"A lot of this expense that you're paying into your food when you eat out has a lot to do with that," Booker said. "They're pushing small businesses out."

He credited his landlord for being reasonable with the restaurant and helping make the current location viable after Pizza Den's previous space underwent construction. "He's like the only place we could do it, and he really worked with us, and we cannot thank

him enough," Booker said.

Supply chain disruptions also plagued the restaurant's later years. Booker said that when the business reopened following the COVID-19 pandemic, core ingredients — including the sauce and flour bases the restaurant had used for 30 years — were no longer available. Some of the brands had gone out of business entirely.

"A lot of people came at first and it wasn't the same, and just never came back," he said.

Pizza Den was founded in 1991 by the Moran family, who built it into a neighborhood staple for customers across Salem, Roanoke, Christiansburg and Botetourt County. The restaurant was known for its pizza, its family-friendly arcade and its event hosting, including birthday parties, banquets and Sunday private parties.

Booker framed the closure not as a permanent end but as a pause.

"This doesn't mean that is the end," he said. "We just needed, with everything going on, to take a pause and regroup and figure out what we wanted going forward."

Salem VA

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Snyder said.

According to the VA, \$1.064 billion of the total \$4.8 billion committed for FY2026 has already been obligated. That includes \$795 million for repairs and infrastructure upgrades at medical facilities, \$255 million for modernization projects tied to future electronic health record updates, and \$13 million for major building upgrades such as elevators, electrical systems and boiler plants.

The VA also highlighted several national accomplishments tied to

ongoing investments, including enrollment of more than 100,000 new veterans in VA health care during 2026, the opening of 34 new VA health care facilities since Jan. 20, 2025, and a reduction in the veterans benefits backlog by 67% since that date.

The department reported completing more than 82 million direct care appointments during FY2025, while also permanently housing nearly 52,000 homeless veterans nationwide during the fiscal year.

Salem students named to SNHU President's List

Students from Salem were among those named to the spring 2026 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University. The university announced the honors May 12.

Students recognized for the spring term included Alicia Horvath, Joshua Malek, Adam Faizi, Sierra Francisco and Kayla Yates, all of Salem.

To be named to the President's List, full-time undergraduate students must earn a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher for the reporting term. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over a 16-week term or paired eight-week terms grouped in the fall

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Cline introduces bill to bar Pentagon from using Chinese payment technology

WASHINGTON — Rep. Ben Cline, R-Va., introduced legislation last Wednesday that would prohibit the Defense Department from using point-of-sale technology owned or operated by companies linked to foreign adversaries, including China, Russia, Iran and North Korea.

The Servicemember Payment Data Privacy and Security Act would bar the Pentagon from contracting with retailers that use covered payment processing equipment connected to a "country of concern," effective Jan. 1, 2027.

"I introduced the Servicemember Payment Data Privacy and Security Act to protect important information from CCP operatives who aim to exploit, undermine, and harm our Nation," said Cline, who serves on the House Intelligence Committee.

The bill comes after a series of findings about Chinese-manufactured payment devices. The Treasury Department determined in 2021 that point-of-sale devices made by PAX Technologies, a China-based manufacturer, were transmitting encrypted data to

unknown third parties in China. In 2025, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service said in a letter responding to questions from Cline that it had identified concerns with the company and briefed the secretary of the Navy and other Defense Department components in 2021 and 2022 to have the devices removed.

Cline's office found last year that PAX-manufactured devices — similar to tap-to-pay kiosks — were in use in cafeterias in the Rayburn and Longworth House office buildings. Although current law prohibits PAX devices, the kiosks avoided scrutiny because the primary contractor was engaged for a separate service, according to Cline's office. The devices were removed March 30 after Cline raised concerns with the House Administration Committee.

Cline said allowing Chinese-operated point-of-sale technology in Defense Department facilities increases the "risk of exposing sensitive data to our foreign adversaries."

Cline represents Virginia's 6th Congressional District.

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book after you log 30 days of reading. Read any books you choose between June 1-July 31.

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VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81

INTERSTATE 81 ACCELERATION RAMP EXTENSION AT EXIT 162 IN BOTETOURT COUNTY – This ramp extension project is underway and as part of the project, the on-ramp from Route 11 onto northbound 81 was previously closed but is now back open. This project will extend the on-ramp onto northbound I-81 about 1,000 feet. The project also includes installing drainage structures and constructing a retaining wall alongside the slope. As work progresses, additional ramp and lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours. During construction, barrier wall will be installed along the right shoulder of northbound I-81 at exit 162. Electronic message boards will alert drivers to the upcoming ramp closure and announce any schedule changes. Work is expected to be completed in late 2026.

LANE CLOSURES:

Weather permitting, alternating northbound and southbound lane closures for drainage improvements will be in place on Route 11 in Buchanan between I-81 and the Exxon station next to the northbound off ramp at exit 162. All I-81 ramps will remain open.

Drivers can expect other nighttime right and left lane closures in place on I-81. Drivers use caution in the area of the work zone.

INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE WORK AT EXIT 156 IN BOTETOURT COUNTY – Bridge work is

underway on northbound and southbound I-81 at Exit 156. Milling and paving the bridge deck will take place in both directions beginning with the northbound side first and then southbound once northbound is completed. Drivers can expect lane closures on I-81 during nighttime hours. Slow roll operations are expected periodically and flagging operations will be used during barrier wall placement on Route 640 (Brughs Mill Road). Expected completion is fall 2026.

SLOW ROLLS: Beginning around the week of April 3, slow roll operations during nighttime hours, 12 a.m. to 5 a.m., on I-81 will be in place for bridge jacking and blocking. Slow roll operations for northbound will start at Exit 150 and slow roll operations for southbound will start at the Troutville Rest Area at mile marker 158. Flagging operations will be in place on Route 640 under the bridges at Exit 156 will also be in place.

Temporary traffic barrier in place on westbound side of Route 640 under the I-81 bridges off exit 156 with lanes narrowed to 11 feet.

Nighttime outside and inside lane closures may be in place on I-81 from mile marker 155 to 157, 9 p.m.

to 6 a.m. the following morning.

INTERSTATE 81 ACCELERATION RAMP EXTENSIONS AT MILE MARKER 94 IN PULASKI COUNTY AND 105 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY- Work is underway on the extension of two acceleration lanes on I-81. The first one will be the entrance ramp onto I-81 southbound at mile marker 94, the entrance ramp onto I-81 southbound. The second one will be the entrance ramp onto I-81 northbound at mile marker 105 in Montgomery County. Scheduled completion date for both projects is summer 2026. During construction, drivers can expect:

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime lane closures northbound and southbound from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., the following morning, Sunday through Thursday.

Shoulder closures throughout the work zone area. Slow rolls on I-81 between mile markers 98 and 105 of up to 15 minutes may be in place during nighttime hours.

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Salem High School FBLA chapter honored by school board



COURTESY PHOTO

Seven Salem High School students qualified for state competition in eight events this year through the school's Future Business Leaders of America chapter, with five earning top-five finishes. The school board recognized the students and their adviser, Gary Lupton, at its May meeting last week. Salem was the only chapter in the region to place in three separate events — a notable achievement for one of the smaller chapters competing. In the individual event of Data Science & AI, Vivian Eaton finished fifth, earning her the designation of first alternate for nationals. Eaton also competed on the Data Analysis team alongside Andis Hamden and Carter Biscotte, where the trio placed fourth and qualified for the national competition. In the individual event of Introduction to Business Communications, David Vuddandam earned second place, also advancing to nationals.

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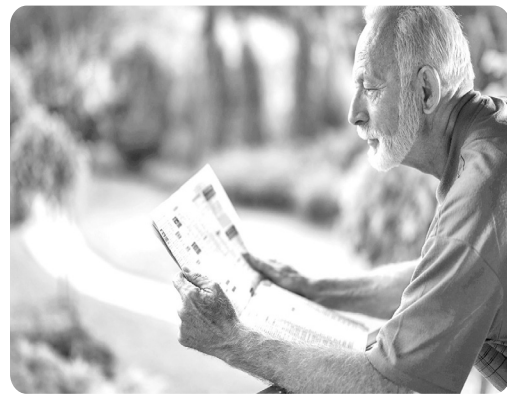
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- One who regrets
 - Time zone
 - Subway dweller
 - Bend in a river
 - Alias
 - Isodor ____, American Nobel physicist
 - Very (music)
 - Zero
 - Phil ____, former CIA
 - Competitions
 - Unwell
 - Puts in place
 - Gets rid of
 - Allows light to pass through
 - Climbed quickly
 - We all have it
 - There's a North & South
 - Emaciation
 - Supervises flying
 - Very dark colors
 - Unwanted
 - Grants
 - Three visited Jesus
 - Wife of Amun
 - Broadway actress Daisy
 - A German river
 - I (Spanish)
 - French opera composer
 - Six (Spanish)
 - Last letter
 - Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - A curved shape
 - Make a mistake
 - Tall plant
 - Cassava
 - Talented
 - Capital of Estonia
 - Finger millet
 - In a way, assists
 - Men's fashion accessories
 - Misery
 - Skin disorder
 - Selling at specially reduced prices
 - Good friend
 - Stationary portion of a generator
 - Expression of disappointment
 - The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - Where birds fly
 - Midway between north and northeast
 - Chaotic states
 - Comedic actress Gasteyer
 - Kids' dining accessory
 - Snakelike fish
 - Midway between south and southeast
 - Assign lifelike qualities to
 - One who cites
 - Midway between east and southeast
 - North wind
 - One or the other
 - Cavalry sword
 - Of the Hungarian language
 - Life stories
 - Flat tableland with steep edges
 - Swiss river
 - Plant that makes gum
 - French cleric
 - One point east of northeast
 - Free from
- CLUES DOWN**
- Computer memory
 - "Et __": "And wife" (Latin)
 - Ancient Syrian city
 - College army

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VWCC commencement held on Friday

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ROANOKE—Virginia Western Community College welcomed 1,041 new alumni during the 2025-26 academic year, with students earning a total of 1,304 degrees and certificates.

More than 400 graduates attended the college's 60th Commencement ceremony Friday, May 15, at the Berglund Center. The ceremony honored graduates who completed degrees and certificates during the fall 2025 and spring 2026 semesters, along with students projected to complete programs during the summer 2026 term.

A total of 418 students attended the ceremony, with 546 degrees and certificates awarded.

Laura Treanor presided over her first Commencement ceremony as president of Virginia Western. Treanor is the fifth person to serve as president in the college's 60-year history.

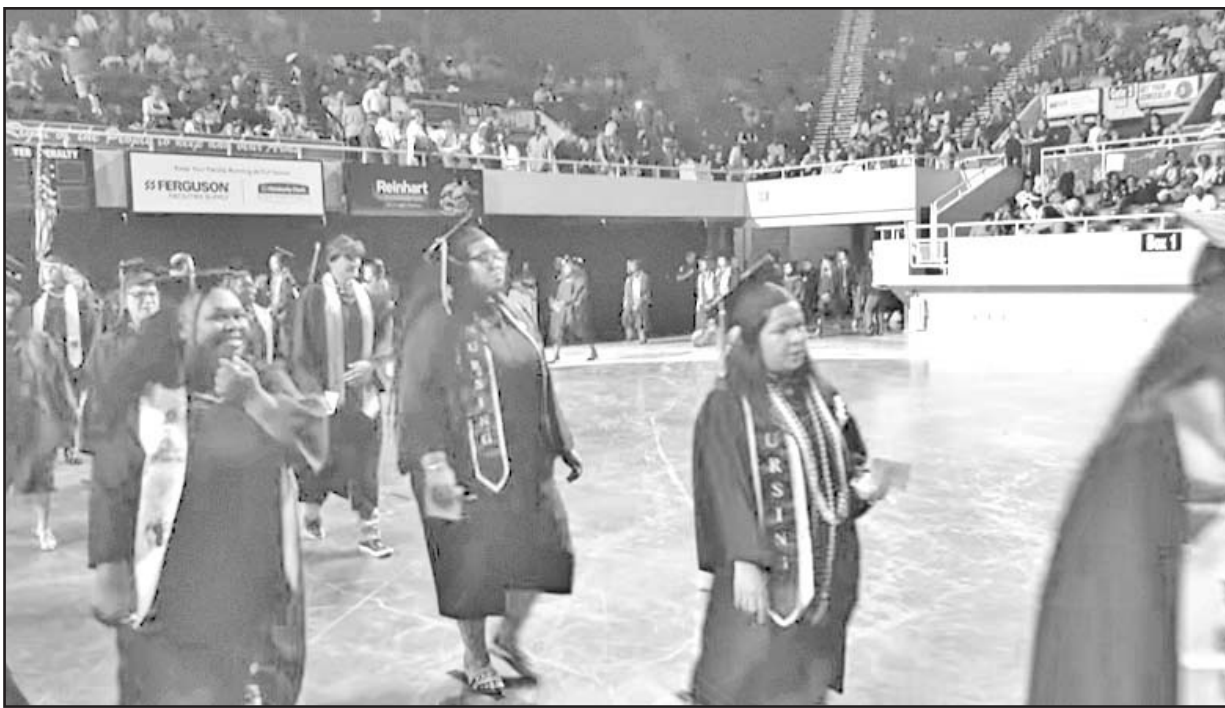
"Each graduate seated before us represents determination, sacrifice, resilience, and hope for the future," Treanor said. "We gather not only to recognize academic achievement, but also to celebrate the journeys, challenges, and accomplishments that have brought our graduates to this important moment."

Three Virginia Western students participated as speakers during Commencement events.

Maureen Arthur, who graduated with an Associate of Science degree in business administration, served as student rehearsal speaker. Addressing graduates before the ceremony, Arthur spoke about the value of time and encouraged classmates not to let opportunities slip away.

"The concept of time is something we all have taken for granted," Arthur said. "525,600 minutes. Regardless of circumstance, we all have the same amount of time in a year."

Hagar Atef Youssef, who earned an Associate of



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Science degree in science, delivered the welcome during the ceremony. As a first-generation college student, Youssef reflected on lessons learned during her time at Virginia Western.

"Here at Virginia Western, we aren't defined by our accents or our past, but by our effort, our courage, and our willingness to keep going," Youssef said.

Youssef also encouraged classmates to reflect on their experiences with gratitude.

"Thank you, Virginia Western, for proving that one year can truly change a life," she said. "Just look at our college president, Dr. Treanor, and everything she has accomplished in such a short time."

Demetrice Peerman-Forrest, who graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in human

services, delivered the keynote address and shared her personal journey.

"When I first started at Virginia Western, my life looked very different than it is today," Peerman-Forrest said. "I started here homeless. I came here in a wheelchair. Some mornings, when I got off the city bus, there was a police officer waiting at the bus stop just to push me up the hill so I could make it to class."

Peerman-Forrest credited faith, resilience and support from the college community for helping her succeed and encouraged graduates to persevere through challenges.

"Don't give up just because it's taking time," she said. "Don't quit just because it's hard. And don't count yourself out just because you feel out of place."

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BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)

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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.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH - 4339 Daugherty Road, Salem, Greg Irby, Pastor, Church: 380-3567; Home: 389-7240, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship Services 11:00AM & 6:00PM, Mid-week Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00PM, www.templebaptch.com.

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

BETHEL BAPTIST - 1601 S. Colorado St., Salem, Pastor Hilton Jeffreys, 389-2376, Sunday: Connect Groups meet at 9:30am; Worship Service starts at 10:30am. You can stream live with us at 10:30am on Facebook, YouTube, our App & Website (www.bethelbaptistva.com). Tuesday mornings we have Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.; Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm we have TeamKid for kids 3 years old through 5th grade, Amplify Youth (6-12th grade), Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study and then our College & Young Adult Bible Study at 8:00pm.www.bethelbaptistva.com

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RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST - 703 Hemlock Rd NW Roanoke, VA 24017 www.rwbvca.com, 540-362-6492 Dan Carawan, Pastor Buck Hutton, Youth Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 AM; Morning Worship: 11:00 AM; Adult Study: 1:45 PM, Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00 PM; Youth: 6:30 PM; Choir/Praise Practice: 7:00 PM UPCOMING: May 22nd - Youth Lock In from 8PM to 8AM Saturday, June 6th - Divine Glory Concert (Ladies Trio) at 6PM

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - Salem Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). North Campus: 7640 Alpine Road (Roanoke). Español Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). Worship Times: 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM for Salem and North;

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WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Ministers Luke Tatum and Jerry Anderson, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 PM.

CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH - 955 Bird Lane, Salem, Va 24153, 389-5639. Pastor: Scott Hudson. Sunday School 10:00AM, Worship 11:00AM; Bible Study 6:00PM.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831. www.firstchristiansalemva.com. Adult and Children Sunday School - 9:30 am, Worship - 10:30 am. Nursery Provided for both. Everyone welcome

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SHILOH BAPTIST- 201 South Market Street, Salem, Rev. Adrian E. Dowell, H) (389-0409). Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. (All classes) via zoom and conference call line. Wednesday Adult Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in person for adults, children and teens. Adult class is also streamed on Facebook. Men's Bible Study Saturday at 7:00 a.m.(Zoom). Saturday Intercessory Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. (conference call line). Sunday Women's Bible Study Class at 8:30 p.m. (Zoom). In-person Worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. or worship with us on line via Facebook. Church office can be contacted for additional information.

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VDOT

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Ramp closures are possible. Narrowed or shifted ramps during nighttime hours.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

RAMP CLOSURES TO INCREASE: Drivers will see an increase in ramp closures for paving of exit 137 and 140 on and off ramps from and onto northbound and southbound I-81 in Salem, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Watch message boards for updates on times and dates of occurrence and plan ahead.

EXIT 140 SOUTHBOUND ON AND OFF-RAMP CLOSURES scheduled nightly on May 17, and May 26 through May 29.

EXIT 140 NORTHBOUND ON AND OFF-RAMP CLOSURES scheduled nightly from May 20 through May 27.

EXIT 137 NORTHBOUND OFF-RAMP CLOSURES scheduled nightly from May 14 through May 21.

TRAFFIC SHIFTS AT I-81 EXIT 140: Drivers may experience traffic pattern changes, periodic lane closures, narrow ramps, or quick merges into traffic as well as full stops at the bottom of the ramp onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound or northbound exit ramps of exit 140 off of I-81. Periodic work zones located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass is also possible.

MILLING AND PAVING: Paving operations will require lane closures northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

Milling operations are being performed on Route 311, Route 635 and Route 619 as well as on I-81. Flagging operations on Route 635 under the bridge is possible. Paving and marking operations will follow. Expect delays and plan ahead.

UNEVEN ROUGH PAVEMENT: Drivers may experience some uneven pavement and/or rough surface throughout the project.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures

during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. *Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.* Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

WORK ZONE SPEED: Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, are present.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected completion in summer 2026.

I-81 WIDENING FROM MILE MARKER 143 TO 150 – The I-81 widening project is underway with survey and preparation work. Shoulder strengthening work will require northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime hours. Barrier wall installation is possible in late fall or early winter. The expected completion for this project is summer 2031.

I-81 EXIT 150A RAMP CLOSURE & EXIT 150B NARROW RAMP: Watch for message boards as these ramps will have upcoming closures for paving work.

SOUTHBOUND EXIT 143 RAMP ONTO I-581: Southbound I-81 exit 143 ramp is reduced to one lane for traffic merging onto I-581 towards Roanoke. Drivers should stay alert for traffic pattern changes and additional barrier wall to be installed in the vicinity.

BARRIER WALLS: Drivers will continue to see barrier walls with an eight-foot shoulder being put into place throughout the project. Drivers should watch for changes in traffic patterns.

TRAFFIC SHIFT: Southbound traffic is shifted to the right shoulder from exit 150 in Botetourt County to exit 146 in Roanoke County.

LANE CLOSURES: Periodic right and left lane and shoulder closures in place during nighttime hours 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., on northbound and southbound I-81.

RAMPS - Ramps on I-81, northbound and southbound, may be narrowed at exit 150, 146 and 143.

SHOULDER CLOSURES: Shoulder closures in place with additional barrier wall to be installed next year.

WORK ZONE SPEED: Drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle. Speed reminders are posted for drivers.

'PINK' DETOUR SIGNS: While pink detour signs are in place on I-81 and routes around the project such as Route 11 and Plantation Road, these do not designate a permanent or scheduled detour. The signed detour route is suitable for all traffic during incidents including tractor-trailers and other large vehicles. These signs are used for traffic incident detours only.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Work on this project continues with the initial work beginning behind the barrier wall. Then, beginning in May and through September, the barrier wall will be moved, and the existing lanes will be narrowed. In the fall of 2026, I-81 traffic will be shifted into a new pattern at the bridge. Two lanes of traffic will continue to be open in the work zone, but motorists will be traveling on a different portion of roadway on the right side of the bridge. Throughout construction, two lanes of northbound I-81 will remain open during daytime hours with nighttime closures possible during the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. The project is expected to be complete and the bridge in its final configuration with two lanes of Interstate 81 and the right deceleration lane/exit ramp by the end of 2026.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime right and left lane closures may be in place on I-81 northbound or southbound between mile marker 98 and 109 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

SPEED LIMIT: The speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone.

(UPDATED 1-23-26) * **I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81 between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and work zone areas. Delays are possible.

INTERSTATE 581 EXIT 2N AT PETERS CREEK ROAD – Work is underway on this \$4 million project to re-align and signalize the exit 2N ramp from northbound I-581 to northbound Peters Creek Road, eliminating the current merge ramp and making it easier for drivers to access Valleypointe

Parkway. One lane each direction will remain open during work. During spring and summer 2026, the current exit ramp will be narrowed as construction begins on the new exit ramp. Construction is expected to be completed in late fall 2026.

LANE CLOSURES: Drivers may see intermittent lane closures in place, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Peters Creek Road northbound and southbound in the city of Roanoke between Valleypointe Parkway and Thirlane Road NW.

I-581 PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, 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 CITY APPERSON AND ORCHARD DRIVE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT – The installation of a new traffic signal and new turn lanes is underway as part of safety improvements at the intersection of Apperson Drive and Orchard Drive in Salem. Traffic shifts and lane closures may be in place on eastbound Apperson Drive (Route 11) going towards Route 419 (Electric Road) in Salem. Apperson Drive will remain open during the entirety of the project. Electronic message boards and signs will alert drivers to the upcoming changes in traffic pattern. Message boards will be updated with the most current schedule. Estimated completion is late fall 2026.

ROANOKE COUNTY DRY HOLLOW ROAD SIGNAL INSTALLATION - A project to install a signal on Dry Hollow Road in Roanoke County is underway. Periodic flagging operations may be used during daytime hours and delays are possible. The signal work is expected to be completed the first part of June 2026 and is the first part of an upcoming safety improvement project that will reinforce the retaining wall and install a roadside barrier. It is expected to begin this summer.

ROUTE 221 (BENT MOUNTAIN ROAD) UTILITY WORK – Drivers should expect daytime flagging along Route 221 (Bent Mountain Road) between Poage Valley Road and Crystal Creek Drive for utility installation through May 2026. Delays are possible.

ORANGE MARKET PARK AND RIDE LOT TO CLOSE FOR IMPROVEMENTS – A project to improve two parking lots at Orange Market and the roundabout on Route 311/Route 419 in Roanoke County has been underway. All parking lots are now open for use as of Friday, May 15.

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Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of DSB PROPERTIES LLC, property owner, for a special exception permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 213 Rutledge Circle (Tax Map #59-2-3.2).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 632 THORNBLADE WAY, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 29, 2021, in the original principal amount of \$428,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 210003034. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on July 23, 2026, at 4:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 40, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THORNBLADE, SECTION 1, MADE BY RODERICK F. PIERSON, LLS, DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2007. OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGES 48-51, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepate.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepate.com. VA-383940-1

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1449 LAKERIDGE CIRCLE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 4, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$175,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000421. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on June 25, 2026, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEING LOT 17, BLOCK 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF, BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C.B. MALCOLM AND SON, S.C.E.'S, DATED AUGUST 15, 1960 OF RECORD IN TILE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 102. **TERMS OF SALE:** ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepate.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepate.com. VA-372477-1.

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Code Amendment request by Maggie Smith, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, "Zoning," Section 42-336 - Permitted uses, to allow for "Day care center, adult" as a permitted use in the General Business (B3) Zoning District.

B. Code Amendment request by Maggie Smith, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, "Zoning," Section 42-336 - Permitted uses, to allow for "Day care center, adult" as a conditionally permitted use in the General Business (B-3) Zoning District.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - Montgomery County

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Request by Foresight Design Services, Applicant, and Free Clinic of the NRV, Inc., Property Owner, to vacate a five-foot-wide by approximately 800-foot-long portion of a 15-foot-wide public utility easement on property located at 130, 135, and 145 Akers Farm Road NE, identified as Tax Parcel 466 - ((22)) - 4; Parcel ID 100286. Information on the preceding ordinance, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations. Written comments may be sent to the preceding address; please allow adequate mailing time.

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The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by Madison Apartment Homes LLC and Madison Apartment Homes II LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, for an amendment to proffers on Tax Parcel 434 - ((A)) - 8A (Parcel ID 110779) and 434 - ((A)) - 8B (Parcel ID 310087), consisting of approximately 7.950 acres, located at the intersection of Peppers Ferry Road, New Village Drive, and Bozeman Trail. The property is zoned Multi-Family Residential (R-3) with proffers, and the request is to amend the proffers accepted with the 2020 rezoning action. The applicant has proffered new conditions after the initial public hearing for this request. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, by phone at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing

for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the Board of Supervisors Boardroom in the Montgomery County Government Center, located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments on the Board of Supervisors intent to dedicate a variable width permanent drainage easement and a variable width temporary construction easement to VDOT and to vacate an existing twenty foot (20') waterline easement and convey a new variable width waterline easement to the Montgomery County Public Service Authority (PSA) all located adjacent to Route 8, Riner Road in the Riner Magisterial District, on a portion of property owned by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery County, Virginia, identified as Tax Parcel No. 119-A 37A for the Route 8, Riner Road Widening Project shown more particularly on photocopy of Sheet Nos. 3, 3RW, 4 and 4RW, showing outlined in Green, the Permanent Drainage Easement, showing outlined in Orange, the Temporary Construction Easement, showing outlined in Blue the new variable width waterline easement and showing outlined in Yellow the existing twenty foot (20") waterline easement to be vacated.

A copy of the Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement Map can be seen in the County Administration Office, Suite 2 located at the Montgomery County Government Center or on the County's webpage: www.montgomerycountyva.gov

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Suetterlein recognizes Glenvar's Dawyot

Virginia State Senator David Suetterlein was at Glenvar High School last week to recognize Brody Dawyot for his accomplishments on the football field. Brody broke school, district and state records as a quarterback for the Highlanders and is now at UNC-Charlotte on a football scholarship. Standing in the front are Brody's little sisters Sany (left) and Kamy. Standing in the back, left to right, are dad Grant, Suetterlein, Brody, mom Tam, brother Noah, sister Daisy Ann and Glenvar High head football coach Kevin Clifford. Brother Tre was not available for the photo.

SOFTBALL

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17-5. Nunley went the distance in the circle for Glenvar, allowing seven

hits. Zella Hayes and Haley Leginus had three hits each for Glenvar and combined to drive in eight runs, five by Hayes

and three by Leginus. Audrey Moles hit an inside-the-park three run homer and Moles and Hayden Hartz had two

hits each.

For Salem, Reagan Van Doren and Emory Coe were both two-for-three at the plate, while Kayden Dalton and Anne Crew had one hit each.

Salem was back in action Friday with a home game against Pulaski but it didn't go well. The Spartans lost 17-0 to the Cougars to fell to 5-17 on the season. Salem will play in the "four-five" game at Jefferson Forest next Tuesday, May 26, to open Region 4D play.

Glenvar was hanging on as the eighth seed in the Region 2C tournament. The Highlanders are 5-16 after losing at Floyd County Tuesday night, 19-1. The Highlanders were held to four hits, one each by Moles, Zella Hayes, Chloe Maxey and Mia Bayarsaikhan.

The Highlanders were scheduled to wrap up the regular season on Wednesday with a home game against Patrick County.



Salem's Anne Crew drives the ball against Glenvar.

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Christina Burr serves one up for Salem.

Spartan tennis season ends short of region

The Region 4D tennis tournaments are set to begin but Salem will not be included this year. The girls' team did not qualify and the boys had to forfeit their match due to a school trip, and neither team qualified players for region singles or doubles.

The Salem boys were scheduled to play Jefferson Forest in Lynchburg this Friday but that conflicted with a school trip to Washington, D.C. with four of the Salem players due to be on that bus. So, the team had to forfeit, ending the season.

The boys saw their season come to an end with a 7-2 loss to Patrick Henry and a rained out match with Pulaski. The Pulaski match was "Senior Night" and Salem still managed to celebrate the careers of Alan Burr, Evan Graybill, Dresden Fries, and Luke Stovall.

"They have been exemplary multi-dimensional student-athletes," said coach Steve Lily. "Each senior demonstrated remarkable individual improvement and team commitment befitting the best traditions of Salem tennis."

The girls ended their season with a 9-0 win over Pulaski but, even with the win, the Spartans were edged out by Halifax for the last spot in the region. The Spartans finished 7-9.

"Unfortunately I don't think Halifax played as difficult a schedule, but it is what it is," said coach Jill Perez. "We had a pretty good season considering we had lost our top four players from last year, so I was pleased on how the team progressed throughout the season."

GHS teams wrap it up

The Glenvar tennis teams will wrap up the regular season this week and wait to see how the region rankings shake out.

The Glenvar boys were scheduled to end the regular season on Tuesday with a match at Patrick County. The Highlanders were 9-4 after defeating Radford last week. Glenvar played Floyd Monday but no results were reported.

The girls were at Floyd Monday and dropped a 9-0 decision on a 90 degree day.

"We played well but Floyd has a solid team

and were firing on all cylinders," said Glenvar coach Shannon Hall.

Last Thursday the girls took an 8-1 win at Carroll County. Singles winners were Rebecca Magruder, Karis Gillespie, Priya Patel, Julia Carroll and Emma Peters and doubles winners were Shawna Garwood and Magruder, Gillespie and Cay Jones and the team of Rayah Kelley and Laura Peris.

Glenvar is 8-6 and had a home match with Patrick County on Tuesday followed by a Senior Night match with Carroll County.

BASEBALL

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for Feazell for Glenvar and allowed just one hit from the seventh inning through the ninth as the game remained tied at 6-6. Brayden White relieved Rutledge to start the bottom of the ninth and pitched a clean inning.

After nine full Salem coach Jimmy Winterer and Glenvar coach Cromer huddled with the umpires. It was 8 o'clock by this point but the sun had crept out from behind the clouds and it was decided to play another inning. Vaughan retired the meat of Salem's order in the top of the 10 and White came out to pitch the bottom of the inning. His second pitch sailed by catcher Poff, untouched, and the home plate umpire called the game at that point announcing it was too dark and he didn't want someone to get hurt. The game reverted to the score after nine complete and it was declared a tie.

Thursday's game was the third of four straight for the Spartans, who beat Patrick Henry in

Roanoke on Tuesday, 15-8, and Lord Botetourt on Wednesday at Salem's Billy Sample Field, 11-6, in a game shortened to six innings due to lightning. Ian Stump picked up the win on the mound in relief of Ben Farber and Salem got doubles by Rutledge and Hale and a triple by Poff to spark the offense.

Salem was at Glenvar on Thursday and back home Friday at Kiwanis Park to host Pulaski County in the last game of the regular season. Winterer saved Zach Bocoock to pitch the River Ridge District game and Zach delivered, pitching a six inning complete (slaughter rule) game with seven strikeouts in an 11-1 Salem win.

The big news was two more home runs by Poff, who upped his SHS season record to eight with the post-season still to come. In his first at bat he hit a towering shot over the leftfield scoreboard to stake Salem to an early 2-0 lead. Then, in the fourth inning, he hit one over the leftfield

wall. In four games last week Poff, a sophomore, was seven for 14 at bat with a single, a double, a triple and four home runs. He's hitting .389 for the season with 23 runs batted in. Aiden already has the school record for career home runs, nine, with two seasons to go.

"I've coached high school baseball for 18 seasons, and I have not seen many kids who can hit the ball as hard as Aiden Poff," said Winterer. "He's worked hard to build strength in the off-season, and it has been on full display this year. I'm excited to see him get even better over the next two years, and I expect him to see a lot of interest from college coaches this summer."

It was Senior Night for the Spartans and they all had a hand in the win. Hale had three hits, including two doubles, and drove in four. Rutledge scored twice, White had a double and two RBIs, Brown drew three walks and scored a run, Stroud had two hits and scored twice and

Bocoock had a big night on the mound and also had a hit and an RBI.

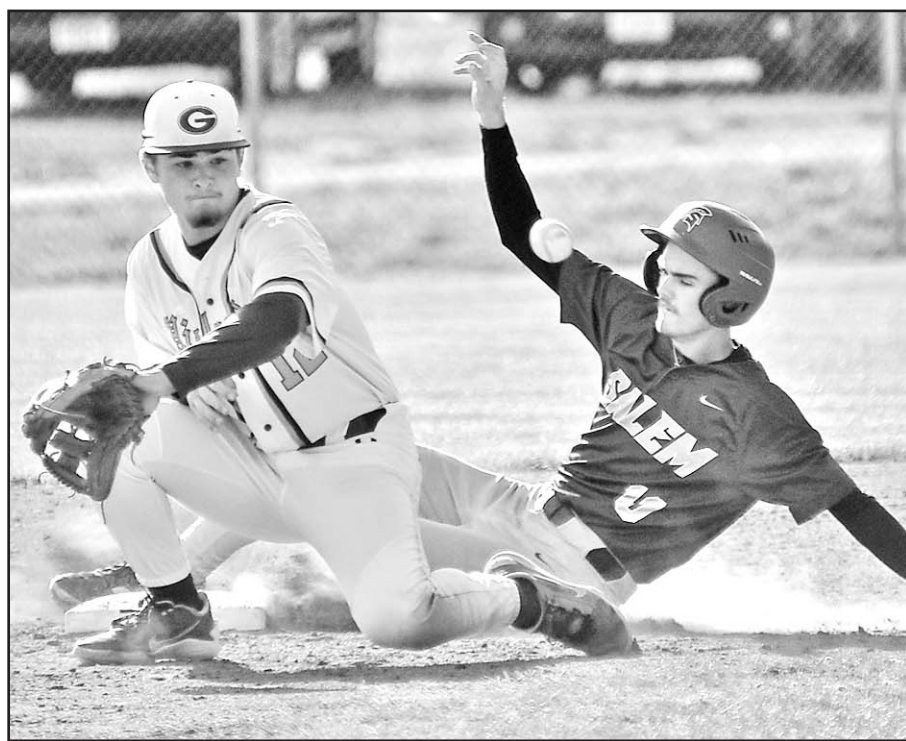
Salem, now 13-8-1, is off this week. The Spartans will open Region 4D play next week, most likely at Blacksburg on Wednesday, May 27.

Glenvar did not play again until Tuesday of this week at Floyd. The Highlanders got a complete game from Feazell and took a 4-1 win. Cam did not allow an earned run and fanned half a dozen Buffaloes. Daniel Summerville had two hits and Feazell and Vaughan drove in runs.

The win gave the Highlanders a 14-5-1 record and a 9-2 record in Three Rivers District games, clinching the district championship.

"It's always great to win the district championship," said Cromer.

Glenvar had a home game with Patrick County on Wednesday that was too late for press deadlines. With Region 2C teams playing this week tournament rankings won't be decided until all regular season games are through, but the Highlanders have clinched a home game to open the post-season and will most likely be the number two seed behind Appomattox.



Salem's Jack Stroud safely steals second as Cam Feazell of Glenvar takes the throw.

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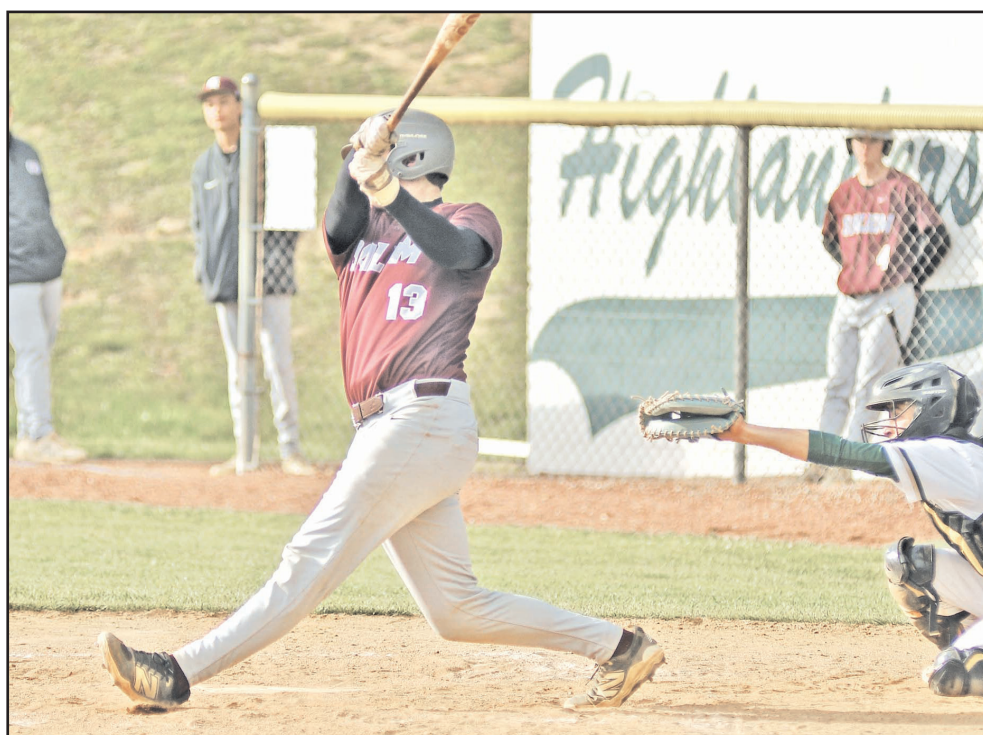


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Left, Salem High sophomore Aiden Poff follows through on the swing that sent his Spartan record-breaking ball out of the yard at Glenvar's Larry Wood Field last week. The home run was the sixth of the season for Poff, breaking the record previously held by Jamie Garst, who is now the Salem High principal. Right, Poff (left in photo) poses for a shot with the home run ball and the former record holder. Poff hit two more home runs a day later and now has eight on the season and nine for his two season Spartan career, which is also a Salem High School record.

Nine innings leave Salem-Glenvar baseball game in the dark

Region baseball tournaments begin next week, Highlanders clinch Three Rivers District season championship

The Salem and Glenvar High baseball teams played nine and half innings without declaring a winner last Thursday as "darkness" won out in the annual crosstown rivalry. The second game of the spring series was played at Glenvar's Larry Wood Field, which does not have lights, and darkness ended the game after nine complete innings resulting in a 6-6 tie.

"It's not a win but it's better than a loss," said Glenvar coach Jeremy Cromer. "We'll still get half the points."

The "points" were important to the Highlanders, who are battling for position in next week's Region 2C tournament. A win over a Class 4 team, Salem, would have been good for a bunch of points in the

region rating system. With the tie Glenvar got half the points and was still second behind Appomattox in the region coming into this week.

Salem won the first meeting between the two, 3-2, way back on March 19 and the Highlanders were itching to get another shot at the Spartans. Glenvar got off to a fast start with two runs in the first inning on singles by Cam Feazell and Cale Vaughan. Glenvar then made it 6-0 in the bottom of the second on a double by Feazell, a single by Camden Summerville and an infield error.

The Spartans battled back against Glenvar lefty Gray Hutchison in the top of the third. Jack Stroud beat out an infield single and Try Dent drew a one-out walk. Mason Hale's sacrifice fly to deep left

brought Stroud home and Aiden Poff drilled a two-run homer off the leftfield scoreboard to make it 6-3. It was Poff's sixth home run of the season, breaking a record current SHS principal Jamie Garst had held for 27 years. More on that later.

Salem tied the game in the top of the fifth. Stroud singled to start the rally again. After Feazell, who was now pitching for Glenvar, retired the next two batters Hale worked a single and Poff and Zach Bocoock hit back-to-back doubles to tie the game at 6-6.

That's the way it stood through nine innings on a cloudy day at Glenvar. Salem starter Mason Brown was relieved on the mound by Chase Rutledge with two outs in the fifth while Vaughan took over

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Glenvar's Audrey Moles slides safely into third as Salem third baseman Kathryn Wise awaits the throw.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Highlanders turn the tables on Salem softball

Oh what a difference a couple months can make. Just ask the girls on the Glenvar softball team.

On a chilly day on March 19 the Salem High girls visited Glenvar and beat the Highlanders by slaughter rule, 10-0. Glenvar would not win another game, discounting two forfeits from Martinsville, until May 7th when the Highlanders beat Radford. However, their play had steadily improved to that point and Glenvar was anxious get another shot at border rival Salem, who has also struggled this year.

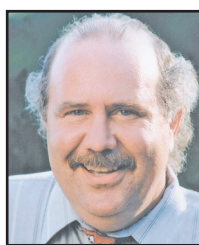
The result? Last Thursday at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem the Highlanders scored the most runs in a game this season in a 17-5 win over Salem. Both teams will try to keep their seasons alive in region tournaments that begin next week.

Last Thursday at the Moyer Complex the Highlanders jumped to a an early 4-0 lead over the Spartans. However, the prideful Salemites battled back to take a 5-4 lead. It was Senior Night for the Spartans and the team's only senior, Khia Priest, swatted a three-run homer in the second inning to fuel the Salem uprising. It was the first homer of her high school career.

The lead was short lived as Glenvar's offense came alive with 13 hits and also benefited from 13 walks by Salem pitchers. The Highlanders scored five runs in the top of the third to regain the lead at 9-5. Glenvar pitcher Jaycee Nunley shut out the Spartans in the fourth and fifth and the visitors put three on the board in the fourth and five more in the fifth to win by slaughter rule,

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Coaching changes at GHS

Glenvar High School will have two new coaches when the weather turns cold again, hopefully not until at least November. Boys' basketball coach Hank Luton recently announced he was stepping down and last week wrestling coach Tim Miles did the same.

Both were very successful during their time at Glenvar. Luton was the head boys' coach for two years and coached the Highlanders to a 28-20 record while competing in the very challenging Three Rivers District. He took a team that was 9-14 the year before and coached them to a 16-8 record his first season.

This past season may have been his best coaching job. He was expecting to have Brody Dawyot, one of the top scorers and rebounders in the greater Roanoke Valley, manning the middle of the lane for the Highlanders. However, Brody signed to play football at UNC-Charlotte and left Glenvar early to get a head start on his collegiate football career. Then Brody's brother Tre, a scrappy guard, decided not to play and senior Cooper Mullins did not return due to an ankle injury suffered during the football season.

Luton was left with a very young team, and expectations weren't high for the Highlanders outside the locker room. It didn't help when freshman JD Williamson, who was off to a great start, injured his knee and was lost

for the season. Despite the setbacks the Highlanders finished the season at .500, 12-12, and were competitive against everyone they played. The Highlanders built a solid core of underclassmen and Luton's resignation came as somewhat of a surprise to the local basketball enthusiasts.

"It was a personal decision," said Luton. "Glenvar's been great to me but I felt it was better for me to spend more time as a dad. I hate leaving that group knowing the program is going in the right direction. Whoever takes over, they'll be good next year."

Miles spent three years in the corner for the Glenvar wrestling team. The Highlanders were Region 2C champions every year and finished sixth in the state in Class 2 in 2024, fourth in 2025 and third this past season. Tim had two individual state champions on the top step of the Salem Civic Center podium all three years.

"I have tremendous gratitude for my coaching family, Gibert Ortega and Jeb Wright," said Miles. "Those guys gave more than I could have asked from a staff."

Like the basketball team, the wrestling team has a solid group returning that includes two state champs and a state runner-up. Glenvar had six region champions last year of which five were underclassmen.

"I need to thank the parents, community and administration at Glenvar for their strong and unwavering support," said Miles. "With their backing I have no doubt Glenvar will stay near the top of Virginia wrestling."

Both jobs should draw multiple qualified candidates. Glenvar is regarded as a great place to coach with solid support from the community and administration and a history of suc-

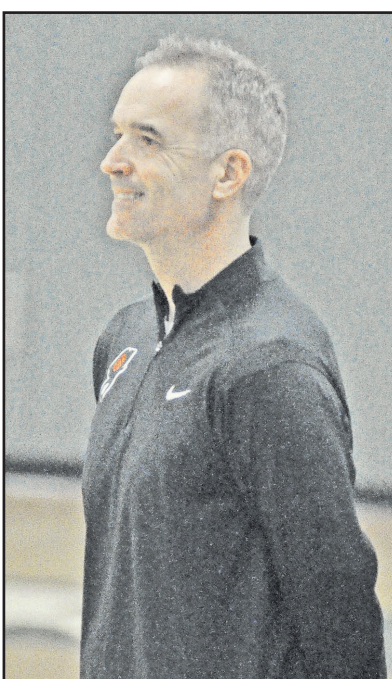
cess in high school athletics.

SCOTT ROBERTSON GOLFGERS

Two Salem High golfers competed in the Scott Robertson Memorial tournament at the Roanoke Country Club last weekend. The three-day tournament attracts some of the top young golfers in the nation.

Ashnoor Kaur, the reigning Class 4 state champion among both girls and boys, competed in the girls' 15-18 division and tied for 33rd place. Ashnoor will be a senior at Salem High next year.

Chloe Collins, who will be a freshman at SHS in the fall, competed in the girls' 14 and Under division and was 13th.



Hank Luton (left) is stepping down as Glenvar boys' basketball coach and Tim Miles (right) is leaving the GHS wrestling team.



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PILAT IS AN AUTHOR

Bill Pilat, who was head lacrosse coach at Roanoke College for 37 years after earning All-American honors as a goalie for the Maroons has written a book. "The Difference: Lessons on and off the field" is available on Amazon.

"It was fun writing my book, The Difference, and getting the input from several Roanoke Lacrosse alumni and hearing their perspectives," said Pilat. "I was proud to put in a book some of the things that make playing lacrosse at Roanoke College such a special experience that sets us apart from other college lacrosse programs."