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Museum receives memorabilia from Virginia's only National Marbles Tournament champion

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As the 103rd Annual National Marbles Tournament prepares to return to Wildwood, New Jersey, June 22-25, organizers are celebrating the legacy of Salem native Russell Gwaltney, the only Virginian to win the national championship.

Gwaltney, who captured the title of King of Marbles in 1952 at age 12, is being honored through the donation of his championship trophy and Mibster crown to the Salem Museum.

According to tournament organizers, Gwaltney developed a passion for marbles as a child after purchasing his first 20 marbles for a nickel. His skill in local games allowed him to build a collection of thousands of marbles and eventually become a marble dealer. After losing to his brother, Charlie, in Salem's local championship in 1948, Gwaltney continued to improve his game and won the town championship in 1949.

Sponsored by the Salem Recreation Department and the Salem Times-Register, Gwaltney advanced to the National Marbles Tournament in 1952, where he won the national title.

Tournament officials said Gwaltney never lost his affection for the game and often reflected on the welcome he received after returning home from New Jersey. In a 1993 retrospective with The Roanoke Times, he recalled being honored by Salem residents and local merchants following his championship victory.

Before his death in 2021, Gwaltney requested that memorabilia he had donated to the National Marbles Tournament Hall of Fame, including his 1952 trophy and crown, eventually be returned to Salem for public display. Organizers said a letter outlining that request, originally written in 2012, was discovered during Hall of Fame updates in 2025.

In response, the National Marbles Tournament Committee worked with the Salem Museum to transfer the items. The trophy and crown were formally donated during a ceremony March 28, 2026.



Salem Museum representatives receiving Russell Gwaltney's 1952 National Marbles Tournament awards.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The 1952 National Marbles Tournament trophy.

Tournament officials said the donation honors both Gwaltney's legacy and the enduring appeal of the game that helped shape his life.

Founded in 1922, the National Marbles Tournament continues to bring young competitors from across the country together for championship play. This year's event will be held at Ringer Stadium on the beach near the Wildwoods Boardwalk.

More than 1,200 games are scheduled during the four-day tournament. The top eight shooters will advance to the semifinals, with the top two male and top two female players competing in a best-of-15 championship series. The winners will be crowned King and Queen of Marbles.

The tournament will be held daily from 8 a.m. to noon and is free for spectators.



The memorial bench was dedicated last week.



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Capt. Matt Burnette and Fire Marshal Robert Paxton removed the cover to reveal the bench.

Salem Fire/EMS dedicates memorial bench honoring former members

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Members of the Salem Fire/EMS Department gathered last week to dedicate a memorial bench honoring former members who served the city throughout the department's history.

The bench, located beside the city's 9/11 Memorial in front of Fire Station One, was made possible through donations collected in recent years. Salem Fire/EMS partnered with the city's Street and Maintenance Department to bring the project to completion.

Fire Chief Steve Simon was joined during the ceremony by Nancy Hicks, widow of the late Senior Firefighter Johnny Hicks, along with her daughter, Beth Wells, and son-in-law, Ryan Wells. The family thanked current and former firefighters and emergency responders for their service to the Salem community before the unveiling.

Capt. Matt Burnette and Fire Marshal Robert Paxton unveiled the bench, which was created by Renaissance Metal Furniture.

The bench features the Salem Fire/EMS logo and the inscription, "In honor of all who have served," recognizing the contributions and dedication of past and present department members.

Department officials said the bench will serve as a lasting tribute to those who have dedicated themselves to protecting and serving the Salem community.

Salem city schools to offer free summer meals through July

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Salem City Schools will once again provide free summer meals for children and teens beginning June 15 through the USDA Summer Meals program.

The program is designed to help families who rely on school breakfast and lunch programs during the academic year and may face additional food costs during the summer months. Breakfast and lunch will be available at no cost to children and teens ages 18 and younger. No application or proof of income is required.

Meals will be available at several locations throughout Salem.

At G.W. Carver Elementary School, located at 406 E. Fourth St., breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. and lunch from 9:45 to 10 a.m. from June 15 through July 31.

At Oak Park Apartments, 105 Otter Ave., lunch will be available from 10:50 to 11:10 a.m. from June 15 through July 31. Breakfast for the following day will be provided with lunch.

At Riverwalk Apartments, 1650 Lancing Drive, lunch will be available from 11:20 to 11:40 a.m. from June 15 through July 31. Breakfast for the following day will be provided with lunch.

Students attending Spartan Summer Camp at G.W. Carver Elementary School will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost from June 22 through July 24.



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All meal sites will be closed June 19 and July 3 in observance of the Juneteenth and Fourth of July holidays.

Schedules are available in English and Spanish. For more information, contact Salem City Schools at 540-389-0130.

Salem seeks public input for housing study

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Salem officials are seeking public input as the city begins the process of assessing current housing conditions and future housing needs through a community survey that will support an application for a state planning grant.

The City of Salem is conducting a preliminary housing survey to gather information about housing conditions, affordability, neighborhood stability, rehabilitation needs and future housing demands throughout the city. Responses will help support the city's application for a planning grant through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a comprehensive citywide housing study.

City officials said the survey is intended to provide a data-driven understanding of Salem's housing market and identify challenges facing residents. The information collected will be used to guide future housing planning efforts and help ensure the city remains an attractive place to live.

The City of Salem hosted a public open house June 16 in Salem City Council Chambers as part of its effort to gather community input for a proposed housing study. Sessions were held from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., allowing residents to learn more about the planning process and share feedback on housing-related issues facing the city.

The survey includes questions about residents' housing situations, housing affordability, home maintenance challenges, neighborhood conditions and future housing priorities. Participants are also asked to identify barriers to finding housing in Salem and suggest areas where housing improvements should be prioritized.

According to the city, survey responses are anonymous and confidential and will be used only in summary form for planning purposes. Officials said broad community participation is essential to obtaining an accurate picture of Salem's current housing conditions and future needs.

The survey is available online through the city's housing assessment initiative: . Questions about the survey or housing assessment project may be directed to the City of Salem Community Development Department's Planning and Zoning Division at 21 S. Bruffey St. or by calling 540-375-3036.

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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.

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.

Jazz in July: Jazz in July will celebrate its 25th year on Saturday, July 18, at the Longwood Park Amphitheater in Salem. The free event begins at 3 p.m. and features performances by The Sway Katz, Flat Five Jazz, Copycat Syndrome, Root Down and the John D'Earth Quintet with Laura Ann Singh. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for an afternoon and evening of live music. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Dale's Diner, Empanada Nirvana, Star City Sips and The Tailgate food truck, with beer and wine also available on-site. Outside alcohol and pets are not permitted. Music continues through 9:45 p.m. Sponsored by Renewal by Andersen and Salem Parks & Recreation, Jazz in July is one of Salem's longest-running summer traditions.

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 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.

Salem's Jazz in July celebrates 25th year with free concert series

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One of Salem's longest-running summer traditions will mark a milestone this year as Jazz in July returns to Longwood Park for its 25th season on Saturday, July 18.

The free event, presented by Salem Parks & Recreation, will feature five jazz acts performing throughout the afternoon and evening at the Longwood Park Amphitheater.

Music begins at 3 p.m. and continues until 9:45 p.m. The lineup was selected by local jazz enthusiast Lenny Marcus and includes performances by The Sway Katz, Flat Five Jazz, Copycat Syndrome, Root Down and the John D'Earth Quintet featuring Laura Ann Singh.

The schedule includes:

3 p.m. — The Sway Katz

4:15 p.m. — Flat Five Jazz

5:25 p.m. — Copycat Syndrome

6:45 p.m. — Root Down

8:15 p.m. — John D'Earth Quintet with Laura Ann Singh

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy an afternoon and evening of live music in the outdoor venue. Admission is free.



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Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Dale's Diner, Empanada Nirvana, Star City Sips and The Tailgate food truck. Beer and wine also will be available on-site. Event organizers noted that outside alcohol and pets are not permitted.

Renewal by Andersen and Salem Parks & Recreation are sponsoring this year's event.

Jazz in July has become a staple of Salem's summer entertainment calendar, drawing music fans from throughout the Roanoke Valley to Longwood Park for an evening of live jazz in a family-friendly setting.

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Arrest Report

Week of June 2, 2026 – June 8, 2026

6/6/2026	Esvin E. Cojulun Ordonez	24	DUI
6/7/2026	Sheldon L. Friedberg	61	DUI
6/7/2026	Laterri S. Fisher	34	Domestic Assault & Battery, Carrying Concealed Weapon
6/8/2026	Joshua B. Graham	30	Public Intoxication, Trespassing
6/8/2026	Jessica N. Long	41	Public Intoxication

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of June 2, 2026 – June 8, 2026

DATE REPORTED	*LOCATION*	*OFFENSE REPORTED*
6/8/2026	700 BLK Roanoke St	Vehicle Theft

Salem students earn academic honors at universities

Several Salem students have been recognized for academic achievement during the spring 2026 semester at their respective universities.

Hunter Austin of Salem was named to the spring 2026 Dean's List at Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg. The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a grade-point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale while completing 12 or more semester hours of letter-graded coursework.

Sophia Walker of Salem was named to Point Park University's spring 2026 Dean's List. Walker was among more than 1,300 students recognized for the honor. Students must earn a GPA of at least 3.5 to qualify for the Dean's List.

James Madison University also announced its spring 2026 President's List, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance during the semester.

The following Salem students were named to the President's List:

Avery Witt, a biology major.

Chance Long, an English major.

Nicholas Woodson, a nursing major.

Avery Flynn, a psychology major.

Emma LaFountain, a psychology major.

James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and was founded in 1908.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

It's been 17 years since my dad died but every June, I try to honor his memory by eating his favorite foods and doing something he would have enjoyed. This Father's Day I plan on grilling a steak and watching baseball. He was a baseball fan and in every city that we lived in, we went to games. I have been to games at the stadiums of major league teams including the L.A. Dodgers, Anaheim Angels, Detroit Tigers, Cincinnati Reds, and the Minnesota Twins. We went to minor league games as well; Toledo Mudhens, St. Paul Saints, Arkansas Travelers, Myrtle Beach Pelicans and of course the Salem teams. He always had a hat to match the team.

When we moved to Virginia the team was named the Salem Redbirds, then they became the Salem Avalanche. He died just after they were renamed the Salem Red Sox. I often wonder what he would think of the new name, the Salem Ridge Yaks. I do know he would have a new hat. When the opportunity came up he and my mom bought a house in a neighborhood that is behind the Salem ballfield just so he could walk to games.

The celebration of this day can look different for everyone. Some people may only celebrate their father or use the day to bring the family together in his honor. Others may include their stepfather, spouse, father-in-law, uncles, brothers, and role models in their festivities.

Here's a little Father's Day history.

In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, was inspired by Anna Jarvis and the idea of Mother's Day. Her father, William Jackson Smart, a farmer and Civil War veteran, was also a single parent who raised Sonora and her five brothers by himself, after his wife, Ellen, died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27 years old, came up with the idea.

Within a few months, Sonora had convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. She proposed June 5, her father's birthday, but the ministers chose the third Sunday in June so that they would have more time after Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) to prepare their sermons. So, on June 19, 1910, Sonora delivered presents to handicapped fathers, boys from the YMCA decorated their lapels with fresh-cut roses (red for living fathers, white for the deceased), and the city's ministers devoted their homilies to fatherhood.

The widely publicized events in Spokane reached all the way to Washington, D.C., and Sonora's celebration put the idea on the path to becoming a national holiday.

The first Father's Day bill was introduced in Congress in 1913, but in spite of encouragement from President Woodrow Wilson, it did not pass. Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day. Then, in 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued a proclamation establishing the third Sunday in June to honor fathers. In 1972 President Richard Nixon signed a law making it a national holiday. Holiday founder Sonora Dodd died in 1978, at the age of 96.

In many Catholic countries, such as Spain and Italy, fathers have traditionally been honored on March 19, the Feast of Saint Joseph, a tradition dating back to the 1500s. The Taiwanese celebrate Father's Day on August 8—the eighth day of the eighth month—because the Mandarin Chinese word for eight sounds like the word for "Papa." In Thailand, Father's Day is celebrated on former King Bhumibol Adulyadej's birthday, December 5.



Here are two of my dad's favorite recipes.

Smoked Sausage Hash

Ingredients

2 Tbsp. olive oil
1 Tbsp. butter
3-4 potatoes, cubed
1 (14 oz.) package smoked sausage, sliced
2 peppers, diced (red, green, or orange)
1 med. onion, thinly sliced
2 garlic cloves, minced
salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

Heat the olive oil and butter over medium-high heat in a large skillet or cast iron. Add the potatoes and season with salt and pepper. Cook until desired crispiness about 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside using a slotted spoon. Turn the heat down to medium and cook the smoked sausage for 2 to 3 minutes on each side, until lightly browned. Add the onions and peppers and cook, stirring frequently, until the onions are soft and translucent and the peppers are tender. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Season with salt and pepper. Stir the potatoes back in and continue cooking for another minute or two. Add more salt and pepper if needed or other seasonings as desired.



Crustless Pineapple Pie (2 versions)

Ingredients

2 cups milk
2/3 cup sugar
½ cup biscuit/pancake mix (Bisquick)
¼ cup melted butter or margarine
2 eggs
1 ½ tsp vanilla extract
2- 8oz cans crushed pineapple, well drained
Whipped topping for serving

Lighter version ingredient list

1 1/2 cups fat-free milk
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup reduced-calorie biscuit/pancake mix
1/4 cup light margarine, melted
2 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cans (8-ounce each) crushed pineapple in juice, drained and squeezed dry
fat-free whipped topping for serving

Directions for both versions

In a blender, combine milk, sugar, biscuit mix, butter eggs, and vanilla, cover and blend until smooth. Sprinkle the pineapple into a greased deep dish 9-inch pie plate. Pour batter over pineapple. Bake at 350degrees for 40-45 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean. Serve with whipped topping if desired.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

STORMWATER UTILITY FEE

Community Development will be holding public information meetings about a potential stormwater utility fee that would begin in 2027.

Like all other urbanized areas in Virginia, the City of Salem is required by law to proactively keep stormwater pollution from entering creeks and streams like the Roanoke River. These state and federal requirements make it necessary for Salem to invest in stormwater management programs, activities and capital projects.

Please visit one of the two community meetings to be held on June 18 and June 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center to learn more about the City's plan to present to City Council.

For more information about Salem's Stormwater Enterprise Fund, visit the QR code.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
JUNE 18 & 24

American Heart Association donates CPR training kits to Salem schools



COURTESY OF SALEM CITY SCHOOLS

The kits were donated during the Tuesday, June 9 Salem City School Board meeting.

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Salem City Schools received two CPR School Kits from the American Heart Association during the Salem School Board meeting on June 9, providing new resources for hands-on lifesaving training at Andrew Lewis Middle School and Salem High School.

School Board members and Superintendent Dr. Curtis Hicks accepted the kits, which will be used during the 2026-27 school year to teach students CPR skills and emergency response techniques.

The donation was made possible through funding provided by Roanoke-based Steel Dynamics.

Representatives from the American Heart Association attended the meeting to present the kits and recognize Salem City Schools for its support of the organization's school-based fundraising and health education programs.

Kate Spyhalski, development director for school engagement with the American Heart Association, and Elizabeth Vail, senior development director for the Blue Ridge region, thanked Salem schools for participating in the Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge during the 2025-26 school year.

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New Solo Aging Café group forming at Salem Public Library

A growing number of adults are aging by choice or by circumstance without nearby support. If this sounds like you, you're not alone—and you're warmly invited to join us for one or both meetings of the Solo Aging Café at the Salem Public Library.

Wednesday, June 24, 2-4pm. Solo Aging Café

Tuesday, June 30, 10am-12noon. Solo Aging Café

The Solo Aging Café is a friendly, welcoming space for connection, conversation, and shared learning. Whether you're exploring what it means to age solo or simply looking to build community, this is a place to feel supported and understood.

Registration is encouraged. To register, go to salemva.libcal.com or call the Salem Library (540-375-3089).

June Adult Events

Wednesday, June 24, 6:30pm. Same Page Book Club. An LGBTQ+ book club. This month's selection is a graphic novel of your choice.

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Benita VanCleave

Thursday, June 25, 6:00pm. End of the World Book Club (Horror/Sci-Fi) Theme: Summertime Stab-ness: Campy slasher horror.

Friday, June 26, 6-8pm. Silent Book Club at Salem Library. Join us after we close to read uninterrupted in a quiet, pressure-free environment. Refreshments provided. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Monday, June 29, 1:30pm-6pm. Red Cross Blood Drive at Salem Library. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org.

Tuesday, June 30, 1pm. Afternoon Book Club This month's selection is "Yellowface" by Rebecca F Kuang, a satirical novel about manuscript theft, plagiarism, and cultural appropriation.

June Events for Kids

Saturday, June 20, 1pm. National Ice Cream Soda Day! Stop by for a free ice cream float while supplies last!

Saturday, June 27, 6pm. Dinosaur Family Puzzle Hunt: Families with children of all ages join us for an after-hours scavenger hunt! Sammy the Stegosaurus has lost his mom in the woods! Can you help him decode the clues on the trees around him before the timer runs out? Look for and solve puzzles around the library. Puzzles are designed for ages 8+ but can be completed by ages 5+ with assistance. Register at salemva.libcal.com

SIXTH DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE



Ben Cline

Congressman

Published an Op-Ed Addressing the Surge of Criminal Illegal Aliens in Virginia

One of Governor Spanberger's first actions in office was to strip away Virginia's 287(g) cooperation agreement, which made it easier for state and local law enforcement to work with federal immigration officers. Removing that policy turned Virginia into a sanctuary state, and our communities have suffered ever since. My op-ed details the many cases of violent criminal illegal aliens, some with active ICE detainers, who are released back onto our streets, where they continue to commit crimes and endanger our communities. I also discuss my bill to restore the 287(g) agreement and bring back safety and order to our Commonwealth.

Voted in Appropriations to Protect Nursing's Status as a Professional Degree

During last week's session in the House Appropriations Committee, I supported an amendment to keep advanced nursing degrees on the Department of Education's "professional degrees" list. In rural communities like the Sixth District, nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system. The amendment responds to a 2026 Department of Education decision that left nursing off the professional degrees list, making it harder for aspiring nurses to secure the student loans they need. The amendment passed in Committee, and I am proud to support efforts to make nursing degrees more accessible and affordable for Virginians.

Exposed the SPLC's Abuse of Donor Trust

For years, the Southern Poverty Law Center raised money by claiming to fight extremism. A federal indictment now alleges the organization secretly funneled more than $3 million in donor funds to individuals tied to the very violent groups it claimed to oppose, all while branding mainstream Christians and conservatives as hate groups. When I questioned the SPLC's CEO in a Judiciary hearing, he dodged my questions and refused to answer for the organization's coordination with the Biden Administration. House Republicans have documented that coordination, including efforts to target conservative Americans for their beliefs. I will continue to support efforts to hold this organization accountable and to protect Americans from politically motivated abuse of power.

Cosponsored Legislation Creating SNAP Exception for Hot Rotisserie Chicken

Millions of hardworking Americans rely on SNAP to put healthy, nutritious food on their families' tables. Current law bars SNAP recipients from using benefits on prepared foods, but the bill I cosponsored creates a sensible exception for hot rotisserie chicken. This change gives families access to an affordable, ready-to-eat meal that saves them time and money. It is a commonsense, bipartisan fix that delivers real value for the Americans who depend on this program.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Congressman. If my office can ever be of assistance, please contact my Washington office at (202) 225-5431.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

President Trump wanted a great 80th birthday. He planned celebrations on the White House lawn by sitting ringside with Melania to savour a $60 million ultimate brawl event. This unique spectacle inadvertently mirrors the declining US empire brawling in a most violent way trying to stomp Iran into regime change. The winner of that fight is Iran, who fought two nuclear powers without nukes of their own, withstood assassination of its top leaders, and played its "trump" card by closing the Hormuz Straits. Iran benefitted from 40 years of war gaming, strategically using its geographical advantages and by withstanding multiple layers of assassinated leaders. Iran displayed a deep bench that survived every tactic in Trump's quiver to the point of significantly depleting the US weapons arsenal including failing a risky attempt to fly into Iran and grab Iran's nuclear "dust."

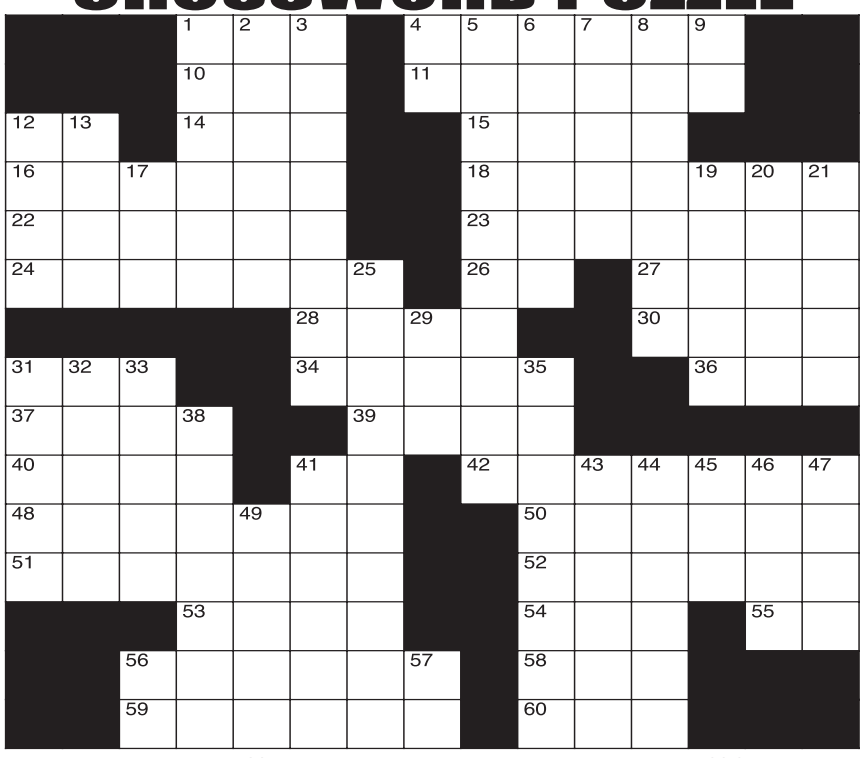
Ironically, as Trump tried to seal the deal for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to end his widely-detested war, his real adversary turned out to be his ally Israel who attempted repeatedly to sabotage negotiations leading to the MOU. Lebanon is now paying an unforgivable price as Israel savagely attacks its villages, murders its people, and bombs its historical castle and even "salting" their farmland by spreading herbicide.

Perhaps this time Trump's Israeli buddy, Bibi Netanyahu, stepped over Trump's red line by trying his utmost to kill Trump's MOU with Iran--an agreement that Trump prematurely announced 36 times as he lied his way to upholding the stock market. The world and US economy will suffer longterm from the Hormuz closure while US strategic oil reserves run dry.

Vice President JD Vance is busy putting "lipstick on a pig" in Sunday morning talk shows as he generously offers to allow the destroyed Gulf states to foot the bill for the reconstruction of Iran that Trump/Hegseth and so-called "good ally" Israel (Vance's words) viciously destroyed. That reconstruction will be allowed "if Iran meets certain conditions." Remember Trump failed to protect Gulf state allies. These Trump/Bibi war criminals' madcap weekend war went predictably wrong as they deliberately targeted civilian infrastructure as trophies for Americans who do not appreciate destructive wars at their own expense. Now, Iran rightfully argues for reparations. All this amounts to Trump trying to redo the 2015 Iran Nuclear Deal (the JCPOA) negotiated over two years by President Obama's administration. Iran may keep its ballistic missiles and proxies Hezbollah and Hamas in the yet undisclosed MOU that war-mongering neocons will trash. Trump's deal, however, will likely sail through

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS
1. Letter of the Greek alphabet
4. Cause to become entangled
10. Swiss river
11. Conversation
12. 'Magnum' was one
14. Small integer
15. Christmas
16. Of a specific mountain region
18. Burrowing bugs
22. Of a symbol worthy of veneration
23. A type of syndrome
24. Cephalopod mollusks
26. Metric ton
27. Ornamental box
28. As quickly as can be done
30. 'Hoop Dreams' subject Arthur
31. Old TV part
34. Extinct flightless birds
36. Former CIA
37. Successor
39. Archaic form of you
40. Within
41. Danny Hurley's alma mater
42. Not sacred or biblical
48. Written law
50. Popular hairstyle
51. Congressman
52. Type of font
53. A predetermined period in office
54. Pouch
55. Hormone that stimulates ovulation (abbr.)
56. One from a particular Asian region
58. One's sense of self-esteem
59. Headgear used to control a horse
60. The habitat of wild animals

CLUES DOWN
1. A right conferred through legal means
2. American island state
3. Inflexibly entrenched
4. 'Pollock' actor Harris
5. Foolish person
6. Follows a particular Chairman
7. Choose
8. Sunrooms
9. One hundred grams (abbr.)
12. A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder
13. South American hummingbird
17. 'Girl Chopping Onions' painter
19. Wild dog
20. Units of land
21. Footwear
25. Possessing a constant temperature
29. Hormone that promotes water retention (abbr.)
31. Popular game
32. Pension (German)
33. Giant of industry
35. Inferred
38. One who revolves
41. Kept possession of
43. Loss of electricity
44. Stoppered bottle
45. Everything
46. First to walk on the moon
47. Engrave
49. Female organs
56. Equal to 1,024 bytes (abbr.)
57. Northeast

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because Congress would need two-thirds to override a likely Trump veto if Congress tries to block it.

With this governing model, Americans pay every which way. Trump takes Israeli leader Bibi's advice to start an ill-advised war that depletes the US's treasury, its military arsenal, and worldwide political capital. Taxpayers buy the weapons, suffer through the completely useless violence of an unpopular war, pay more at the pump and for food, then will probably owe the victim, Iran, hundreds of billions for Trump's demented destruction. This follows Biden's demented NATO-expansion provoked war on Russia as he restarted the Cold War. Will Americans ever get a break from unrelenting violence on their behalf and under their flag?

Don't forget that the US completely subsidizes the existence of Israel whose citizens get free higher education, health care and immense military aid that is used to inflict unimaginable destruction and death on Gaza, the West Bank, southwestern Syria, and southern Lebanon in a likely land grab. In return, as Trump announces a MOU, Israel's Prime Minister, Bibi, brazenly declared that he won't abide by it. Israel is trying to adjust to Iran's new prominence in the Middle East along with Iran's confrontation against Israel's genocidal "Greater Israel" project. But its powerful lobby in the US still continues its bribery and corruption of the US Congress which for too long has bent to Israel's demands and against the US's true national interests.

Buried deep in the newly-proposed National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is a provision that Israel's IDF will be merged seamlessly with the US military to share intelligence, weapons, and strategy with the US and receive retirement benefits thanks to US taxpayers. In admirable response, phones of congressmen are ringing off the hook with calls from concerned citizens to stop this before Israel's complete hostile takeover of our government. This is a sneak attack on America's sovereignty with the complicity of traitorous congressmen like Virginia's Ben Cline who rubber-stamps whatever Israel wants.

Bipartisan media and congressional reaction are voicing loud complaints, but President Trump was elected after Democrats failed to run a winning candidate who would oppose Israel's genocide in Gaza. (Democratic presidential candidate, Kamala Harris, heard and saw plenty of evil but remained "dumb"). Trump's promises to end forever wars won him the election, but then he did a U-turn. We Americans and now the entire world will pay endlessly for the failure of our two-party electoral duopoly to respond to Americans' anti-war demands.

-Cynthia Munley and Dr. Frank Munley, Salem

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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - 1683 Red Lane Extension, Salem, Va. Senior Pastor Jesse L. Bass. 540-580-7748. Sunday morning worship 10:30am. Wednesday night, Bible Study Bible Engagement Project (A Walk through the 66 books of the Bible in one year), 5:00pm.

BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)

THE BEACON BAPTIST CHURCH OF SALEM, 307 N. Bruffey Street, Salem, VA, and **THE BEACON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY K-12,** 307 N. Bruffey Street, Salem, VA, Phone: (276) 340-2445, Sunday Services: 10 a.m, 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Thursday Evening Services: 7 p.m. Find us on Facebook at: The Beacon Baptist Church or on the Web@bbcsalem.org, Pastor Jeremy Raby and the Congregation Welcome You! Independent, Fundamental, Bible Believing, KJV Bible Church

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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.rwbcva.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: June 14th - Share God's Sunday. Please join us for a wonderful Worship service and a covered dish luncheon following our morning service.

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; 10:30 AM for Español. For more information, visit: www.fcclife.org

CATHOLIC

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST/ CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST - 401 West Main Street. 540-389-2400. Minister Taylor Plott; 10:00am Sunday Bible Study; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office.

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, 7:000 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.

CHURCH OF GOD/CLEVELAND

SALEM CHURCH OF GOD - 600 Craig Avenue, Todd Stiffler, Pastor, 387-2068, Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship and Kids Church 10:30 am, Wednesday Bible Study and Classes at 7:00 pm. www.salemcog.church

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 42 East Main Street, Salem, 389-9307. Rev. J. Edward Morris, Minister. Sundays at 7:30am and 10am. Holy Communion in church and live-streamed on YouTube@StPaulSalemVa.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

COLLEGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - 210 S. College Avenue, Salem VA 24153. Please visit our website www.collegelutheran.org for information on services.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 226 South Broad Street, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. SundaySchool 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship Service11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and PrayerMeeting 7:00 PM.

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.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

CHRISTIAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH - 1 CLI Way, Salem, VA, 540-343-3801 |www.clichurch.org. Sundays @ 10 am | Wednesdays @ 7 pm. Livestream on YouTube & Facebook.

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SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 41 East Main Street, Salem, VA . 389-3881. Come worship with us, Pastor, Rev. Chris Vogado each Sunday at 11:00 AM (10:00 AM from Memorial Day - Labor Day). In- Person Sunday School is 9:30 AM (9:00 AM Memorial Day - Labor Day).You may still worship with us online live at www.salempres.org, or Facebook, or YouTube. During in-person worship, masking for health reasons is optional.

UNITED METHODIST

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Pastor Alan Combs, Sunday: Genesis Contemporary Service at 8:45 a.m., Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School classes meet at 9:50 a.m. www.fumcsalemva.org.

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Legals - Craig County

ABC NOTICE

RCLC, LLC, trading as CARPERS, 5178 Craig Valley Dr., New Castle, Craig County, Virginia 24127.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, On and OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Robert Caper, President

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 8415 Flag Lane, Roanoke, VA 24019 Tax Map No. 106-191, Parcel ID 30488

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated November 13, 2020, in the principal amount of $115,548.92, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 200005614, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the front entrance of the Public Safety Building, Courthouse of Botetourt County Circuit Court, 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, on July 2, 2026 at 12:00 noon , the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:-

Beginning at the intersection of the extreme southern corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-193, the western corner of Tax Parcel No. 106-194, and the extreme northern corner of the property herein conveyed thence proceeding S. 47 degs. 15' 00" E. 234.50 feet to a point; thence S. 36 degs. 54' 23" W. 105.89 feet to a point; thence N. 47 degs. 15' 00" W. 245.21 feet to a point; thence N. 42 degs. 42' 42" E. 105.34 feet to the place of BEGINNING and containing 0.5801 acres, as more fully shown on "Resurvey for Anthony W. Smith Showing Tax No. 106-191 located along Flag Lane", dated November 3, 2019, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, with the Deed at Instrument No. 200003069, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference hereto.
TOGETHER WITH a fifteen (15) foot non-exclusive, appurtenant, right of way over Flag Lane as more fully shown on the aforesaid plat of survey.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.

WOODS ROGERS VANDEVENTER BLACK PLC, Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact:
Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF SHARON MOYE MILLER, DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Lenden Eakin, attorney for Carol Luukkonen, administrator of the estate of Sharon Moye Miller, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Sharon Moye Miller, and all persons in any way interested in her estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 15th day of July, 2026 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Sharon Moye Miller or her estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due.
All creditors of Sharon Moye Miller, deceased, and persons interested in her estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest.
Given under my hand this the 12th day of June, 2026.
Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104
Case No.**CL26-1091**
VIRGINIA; IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE
COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant,
vs.
CHARLIE L. PHELPS, a/k/a CHARLES L. PHELPS, *et al*
Respondents.
TO; THE RESPONDENTS;
The object of this suit is to: enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 087.11-03-25.00-0000.
An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Charlie L. Phelps, a/k/a Charles L. Phelps and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Charlie L. Phelps, a/k/a Charles L. Phelps, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the August 1, 2026, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.
IT is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann.§8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the *Salem Times Register*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in county of Roanoke, Virginia.
Entered this 9th day of June, 2026.
Honorable James R. Swanson, Judge

I ask for this:
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Counsel for Complainant

Legals - Montgomery County

VIRGINIA:IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

NOTICE OF TAKING PROOF OF DEBTS AND DEMANDS

At the request of the agent for the Administrator of the Estate of Johnsie Lawrence, deceased, as provided by §64.1-171 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, I hereby designate 11:00 a.m. on July 21, 2026, as the time, and my office located at 207 Washington Street, S.W., Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, as the place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the estate.
Given my hand this 4th day of June 2026.
Warren S. Neily, Jr.
Commissioner of Accounts

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104
Case No.**CL26000843-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073
ASHLYN KING, CAMDEN ZEKE DILLOW
v.
Commonwealth of Virginia,

The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR
It is ORDERED that CHANDLER DILLOW appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before July 22, 2026 @ 9:00 AM.
Entered May 18, 2026
Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

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Legals - Town of Vinton

RFP #061826
Introduction
The Town of Vinton, Virginia (the "Town") is issuing this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") to solicit proposals for a direct bank loan evidenced by a Tax-Exempt or Taxable General Obligation Bond, Series 2026 in a principal amount of up to $2,500,000 (the "2026 Bond").
Proceeds of the 2026 Bond will be used to fund capital improvements to a Town-owned and Town-maintained War Memorial building and grounds (the "Project") as well as pay the costs of issuance. The Project is expected to be completed, and the proceeds of the borrowing are expected to be expended within twelve months of closing.
Financial Information
The Town's Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports and Budgets can be found on its Town website here: https://www.vintonva.gov/100/Budgets-Reports
Key Assumptions
Issuer: Town of Vinton, Virginia
Purpose: Proceeds of the 2026 Bond will be used to complete the Project as well as pay the associated costs of issuance.

Tax Treatment: Taxable or Tax-Exempt are requested.
Bank Qualification: Bank Qualified ("BQ") and Non-Bank Qualified ("NBQ")

rates are requested on the Tax-Exempt proposal.

Security: A General Obligation pledge for the full faith and credit of

the Town.
Amount: Up to $2,500,000
Interest Payments: Please specify frequency of payments (i.e. monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or at maturity).

Town of Vinton
311 S. Pollard Street
Vinton, VA 24179
Phone (540) 983-0607
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Adam E. Cody Sexton
Deputy Town Manager

Principal Payments: Please specify frequency of payments (i.e. monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or at maturity).

Final Maturity: The Town is seeking proposals for terms ranging from 10 to 20 years from closing.

Interest Rate: The Town is interested in considering BQ Tax-Exempt, NBQ Tax-Exempt, and taxable rate proposals. Fixed rate is preferred, but variable rates will be considered.

Optional Redemption: The Town prefers the option of prepayment in whole or in part at any time without penalty. If not, please specify the most flexible terms/conditions for prepayment that your institution would propose. The Town is looking for maximum flexibility in this regard.

Drawdown: All at closing.
Bank Closing Cost: None anticipated to be paid by the Town. Please specify any exceptions.

Annual/Ongoing Fees: None anticipated to be paid by the Town. Please specify any exceptions.

Lender's Counsel: If your institution will involve its own legal counsel for purposes of reviewing the legal and financing documents, please provide the name of the firm, the primary contact(s), and a not-to-exceed fee for which the Town will be responsible. If your institution covers these costs, please clearly indicate this benefit in your submittal.

Documents and Opinion(s): Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC, as Bond Counsel to the Town, will be responsible for drafting the financing documents. There are no other additional legal costs anticipated to be paid by the Town except as may be provided in your proposal.

Legals - Town of Vinton

Conflict Waiver: Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC has been engaged to serve as Bond Counsel to the Town for purposes of this financing. By submitting its proposal, each proposer represents that it understands the role of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC, and that, if the proposer is selected as the winning proposer, the proposer will have agreed to waive any potential conflict of interest that the involvement of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC might present to such proposer in connection with this financing.

Ongoing Disclosure: The Town will provide annual audited financial statements.
Please specify any additional requirements.

Direct Bank Loan: Proposals are requested for a direct bank loan evidenced by the 2026 Bond, by a single financial institution or a syndicate of financial institutions represented by one lead institution with which the Town will deal with exclusively on all aspects of the financing.
The successful proposer(s) will be expected to provide a letter in form satisfactory to the Town and Bond Counsel regarding the qualifications of the lender and stating that the loan is being made for its own account, with the present intent to hold the loan to maturity and with no intention of sale or distribution. No formal offering document will be prepared, although proposers should feel free to direct any questions about the Town or its finances to the Town's Deputy Town Manager, whose contact information is below.

Award: The Town reserves the right to request additional information from the proposers and reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularity or informality. Although the selection will be based substantially on lowest total financing cost (including both interest cost and upfront fees and expenses), the Town reserves the right to select the proposer that best meets the needs of the Town.

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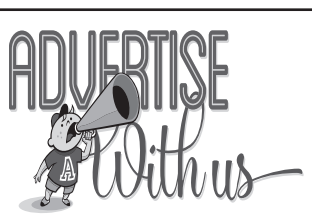
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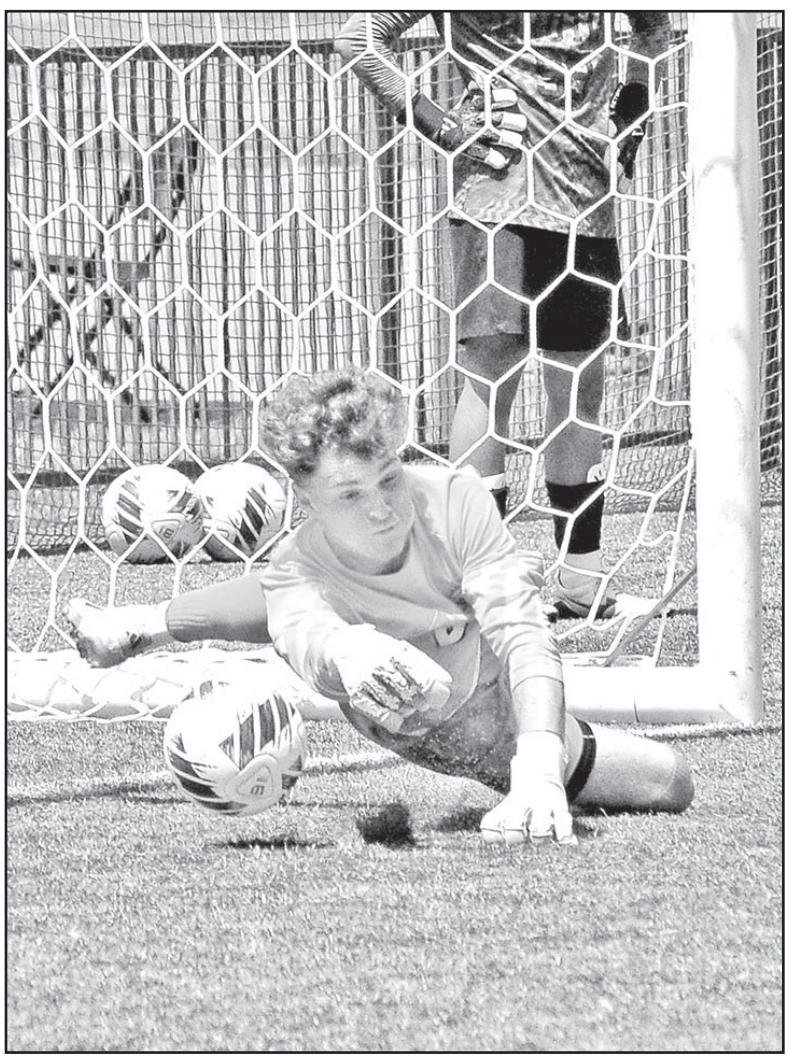
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Left, Glenvar keeper Tyler Shannon makes the final save of the game that gave the Highlanders a win over Bruton and a spot in Saturday's state championship game. Middle, Tyler gets a big hug from Glenvar assistant coach, and dad, Trevor Shannon. Right, Tyler goes to his knees as the final horn sounds on Saturday's state win.

Shannon comes up big when needed most

Glenvar soccer fans weren't sure what kind of goalie Tyler Shannon was until last weekend's state final four. After all, he only had to make a couple tough saves all season.

"Probably one or two," said Shannon, as Glenvar usually held the opposition to fewer than a half dozen shots during the regular season. In their first 21 games Glenvar's celebrated defense had allowed just four goals total, with backup goalie Drew Butler manning the net in the second half of mostly lop-sided wins.

That all changed last weekend in the state Class 2 Final Four. On Friday at Roanoke College's Kerr Stadium Glenvar fell behind for the first time all season and were outshot for the first time, 10-9, by Bruton High. The Highlanders tied the game late in regulation but two five minutes overtimes and two sudden victory overtime periods couldn't produce a winner. So, the game would be decided by penalty kicks, where anything could happen.

"We were practicing penalty kicks a lot in the past couple weeks," said Shannon. "I was expecting I'd have to come up big in the post-season."

In the tie-breaking procedure each team gets five penalty kicks, with the team most successful winning the game. However, after five rounds it was still tied at four makes each. That meant the kicks would continue in a "sudden victory" scenario.

Glenvar went first, and sophomore Henry Schruth connected for the second time. That meant Bruton had to get one by Tyler to continue to the next round. The Panthers had beaten Shannon to his right on a couple attempts, as Tyler dove to the left in anticipation. It's somewhat of a guessing game with little time to react.

"I look at the way they line up, and trust our coaches," said Shannon.

This time Tyler dove to the right and saved the ball, setting off a wild celebration on the field for the apparent win. However, the official was waving his arms by the goal as it was determined Tyler moved before he should have and a re-kick would be needed.

"One foot has to be on the line until the kick and I didn't realize I was off," said Shannon.

So, another kick was awarded to Bruton. Was Tyler nervous for this one?

"Not at all," he said. "I kept saying in my head, 'I'm going to save it'."

The second kick went to virtually the same spot, and again Tyler made the diving save. His teammates spilled onto the field a second time, this time with a victory for certain.

With the win Glenvar went on to Saturday's final, where the Highlanders defeated Clarke County, 4-1, to win the state championship. Once again they fell behind, 1-0, and once again Glenvar rallied for the win. The outstanding play of his keeper didn't surprise coach Josh Jones, who knew what he had all along.

"You don't see it in the (regular season) games, but we see it in practice every day," said Jones. "Tyler has to make a lot of tough saves against our kids in practice and Ryan Kennedy(Glenvar assistant) has been working with him a lot on saving PKs. We have a lot of confidence in Tyler."

And, adds Jones, just because Tyler doesn't get a lot of action in Glenvar's blow-out wins it doesn't mean he's not valuable to the team.

"He has a great leg and his kicks allow us to stay on the attack," said Jones. "There's more to being a good goalie than just making saves."

Glenvar football coach Kevin Clifford has noticed. He's tried to get Tyler to kick for the football team for the past several years, and Shannon is considering doing just that for his senior year. He can punt a soccer ball close to the length of the "pitch," and his set kicks off the turf are long and straight.

"I'm going to look into it," said Shannon, as Glenvar needs to replace all-state punter Brody Dawyot. "It will either be football or golf."

At one point in his life Shannon wasn't sure if he'd have a future in any sports. At four years of age he was diagnosed with Retina Blastona, a cancer behind his eye. He battled it for six years before being given a clean bill of health at 10 years old. During that time he made many medical trips to Charlottesville, where he became a favorite of the University of Virginia sports teams. The Wahoos have been very special to Tyler and his family.

"The day before the state Ronnie Wideman called me to wish me good luck," said Shannon of UVA's Senior Associate Athletic Director. "They've given me a ton of support over the years."

Tyler goes for an annual checkup, but everything has been fine. Those struggles seemed like a long time ago when his dad Trevor, an assistant coach on the Glenvar team, got a big hug on the field after the win over Bruton.

"That was the best hug I ever got from him," said a proud dad, even though it took two tries to make it happen.

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FOUR TIME CHAMPS

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Glenvar got successful kicks from Doolan, Henry Schruth, Francisco and Gavin Miller but Bruton was also successful on four of five, sending it to "sudden death" penalty kicks. Schruth went again and converted, but Glenvar keeper Tyler Shannon saved the Panthers' try for an apparent win. However, it was ruled Tyler had moved too early and Bruton was awarded a second try. Tyler saved it again and pandemonium erupted for a second time as the Highlanders officially sealed the win.

Clarke County defeated Appomattox in the other semifinal, 3-0, to set up a Glenvar-Clarke County final for the third time in the past five years. The last time Glenvar did not win the championship was 2022, when Clarke beat the Highlanders 3-2 in the final. Glenvar began the stretch of four straight titles the following year when the Highlanders avenged the loss with a 1-0 win over Clarke in the championship match at Roanoke College.

Saturday's game was at Salem High's Spartan Field, starting around 1 pm in the heat of the day. Clarke drew first blood with a goal just eight and a half minutes into the game. Keeper Shannon made the initial save but the rebound bounced off Tyler Curfiss' shoulder and into the goal. Glenvar was behind again, but it was no time to panic.

"The guys did a good job of playing the game through," said coach Josh Jones. "If you're not mentally tough you can fall apart. Our guys just kept plugging away."

Glenvar got the tying goal with 4:01 remaining in the half when Heath Russell scored off a cross from Doolan. That's how it stood at the half, but the momentum had swung to Glenvar's side.

"When Heath scored that goal you could sense a big switch of momentum," said Curfiss. "Then, hearing coach Jones' speech at halftime, we knew the other team was tired. It was hot out there and they were exhausted, they hardly had any chances in the second half."

Glenvar scored what proved to be the winning goal when Francisco scored off a Jackson Jones corner kick 12 minutes into the second half. Evan Harris was then credited with a goal just three minutes later when Shannon hit a free kick from midfield that bounced over the Clarke keeper's head into the cage. Tyler got an assist and Harris was credited with the goal as he distracted the keeper on the play and that was critical to the score.

The Highlanders got an insurance goal with 15:41 to go on a Levi King one-timer off a Francisco assist, and at that point the Clarke County bus driver turned the air conditioner on. There was no use warming up the bus on this day.

"It showed how important conditioning is," said Curfiss. "Since day one of tryouts we've been running. Coach Jones stresses how important it is to be in better shape than the team we're playing, and that really showed Saturday. We were still running on Wednesday and Thursday after the (state quarterfinal) Gate City game."

Jones played high school soccer for Jeff Highfill at William Byrd, and being in great shape was always a trait of Jeff's teams.

"That was a huge advantage for us," said Jones. "When you're used to those elements it will eventually show. We do a lot of conditioning and we also had more depth than Clarke County. We go 17 deep and that really paid off."

For three Glenvar senior captains, Curfiss, Saunders and Miller, and senior Heath Russell it was their fourth season on the varsity with all four ending in a state championship.

"All four are special, and this one was really exciting," said Curfiss. "Probably the most special one was when I was a sophomore because my brother (Zach) was on the team and I got to play with him."

Saunders missed much of his freshman year with a torn hip flexor but has been a big part of the past three seasons. He tried to keep things in perspective.

"It wouldn't have been the end of the world if we lost, but it's great to get four," he said. "We had a lot of seniors on last year's team I'd played with all those players for years, so this was like a whole new team to me. It turned out to be a lot of fun and I'm going to miss it. Soccer has been my whole life."

Miller was an outside back on the defense, and takes pride in the fact that Glenvar only allowed six goals all season. He credits good coaching for much of that success.

"We're always in the correct position," he said. "We were favored going in and, even though we went behind in both games, I wasn't worried."

Glenvar will return a good portion of this year's team as they attempt a "five-peat?" next spring. After losing 13 seniors from the 2025 team this group grew up a bunch this season.

"It's fun to see kids who were role type players to come back and develop into leaders," said Jones. "This was a totally different group of guys and I'm really proud of them."

After coaching the girls at Salem, including one state championship there, Jones has now been at Glenvar for six years with the Highlander boys and has never regretted his decision to make the move. He's been to the Final Four all six years, has a son on the team and another on the middle school team who might be on the varsity next year. It's a family affair in more ways than one.

"This is a really special place and it's a testament to the guys who bought into what we're doing," said Jones. "We've created quite a tradition here and this group didn't want to let the guys in the past down. It was an awesome thing to see."



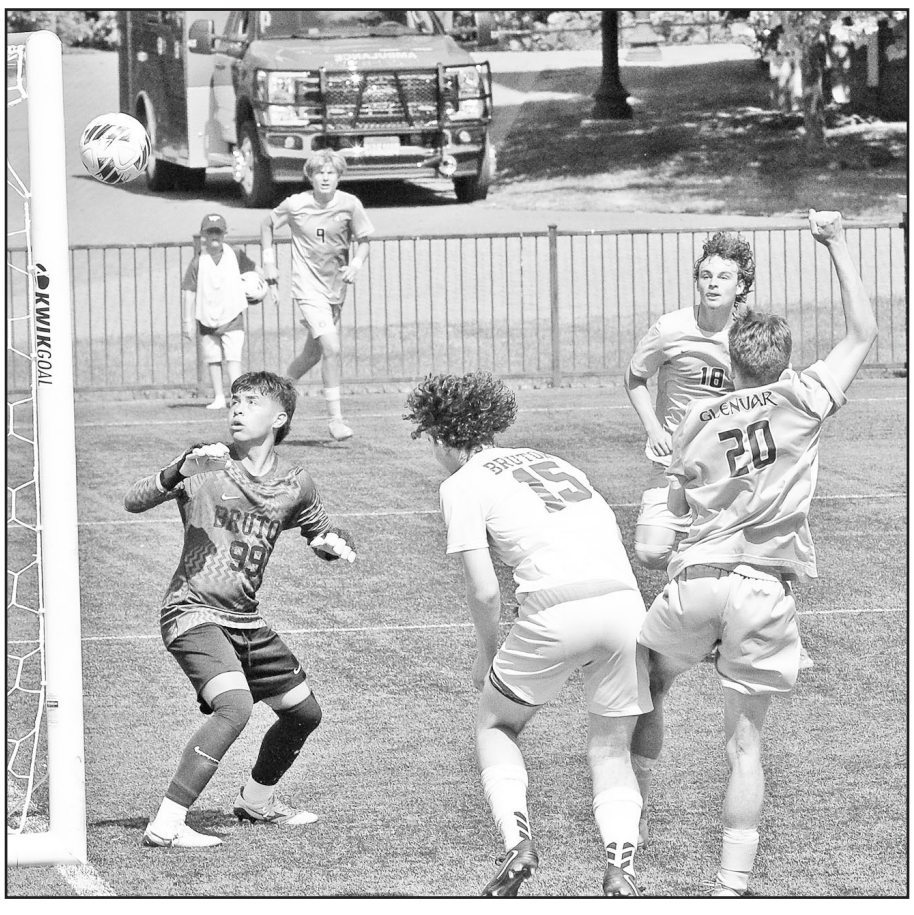






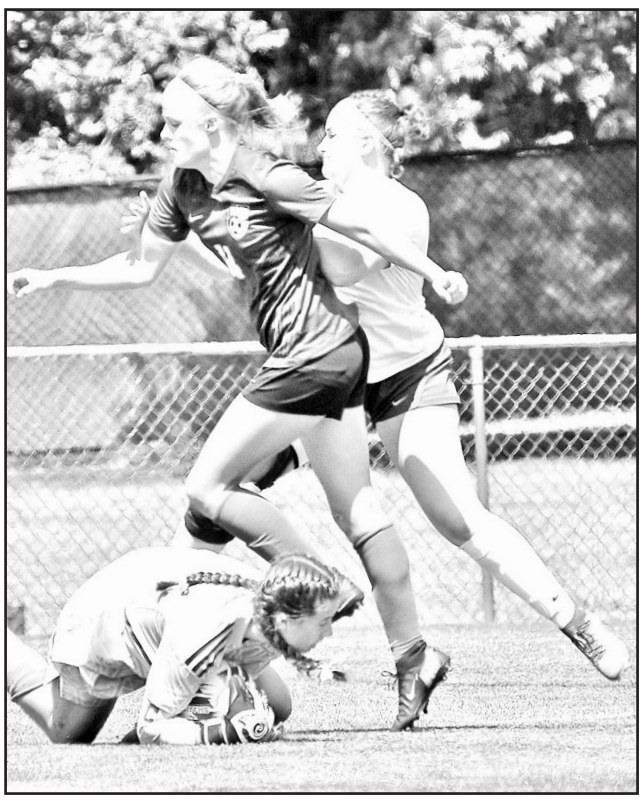
Top, Glenvar players celebrate as coach Josh Jones holds up the 2026 state championship trophy. Above, Jackson Jones' corner kicker sails above the outstretched arm of the Clarke County keeper as Ryder Francisco(right with striped shirt) is about to head it into the cage to give Glenvar a 2-1 lead. Below left, teammates hug Levi King after his goal gave Glenvar a 4-1 lead in the championship game. Below right, Heath Russell takes his turn in Friday's semifinal penalty kick shootout, and bottom Zach Williams(#20) scores the tying goal in the semifinal against Bruton to send the game into overtime.

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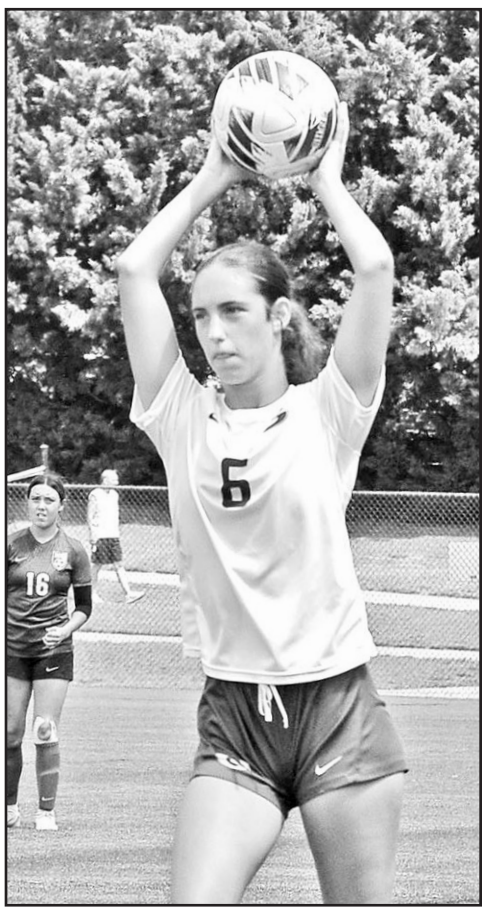




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Left, Glenvar keeper Maddie Frackelton makes a save in Saturday's state championship shootout with Nelson County. Above, Avery Steger (white shirt) battles for position as the Nelson County keeper cradles the ball in the state championship game. Below left, Highlander freshman Gabby Barba rushes the ball down the field in Friday's semifinal win over Central of Woodstock. Gabby scored three goals in the game. Below right, Glenvar senior Sophie Childers throws the ball in.





GLENVAR GIRLS SOCCER

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beat.

"I do not believe she should have gotten the red in that moment. Her passion for the game and her teammates may have gone a little far throughout the game, but she was beaten up all game and we were actually pretty proud of how she held her own."

With Glenvar playing shorthanded the game remained scoreless through regulation time. Two five minute overtimes and two sudden death overtimes still didn't produce a goal so it went to penalty kicks, with each team getting five.

Glenvar won the toss and elected to go second. The Governors' scored on their attempt and Wilson's try was saved as Nelson went up 1-0 after one round.

Nelson's next attempt was high, and Glenvar's Annie George found the twine to tie it at 1-1 after two rounds. Both teams scored in the third round, with Adalee Harvey scoring for Glenvar. Highland keeper Maddie Frackelton saved the next attempt but Scarlett McCall's try went high and it was still 2-2 with one round to go.

Nelson scored on the fifth try, as Frackelton got her finger tips on the ball but could not pull it in. Then the drama continued as Frackelton took her turn at a kick. Two years ago on this same field Maddie scored on the final penalty kick in a similar situation to win the state championship against Clarke County. This time, however, her attempt was saved by Nelson keeper Piper Kelly and the Governors' had their first state championship ever.

"Probably the best game I have seen our girls play all year," said Phillips. "They truly played for one another and that's the heartbreaking part. PKs did not justify their efforts in that game, in my opinion."

Nelson finished with a 23-0 record while state runner-up Glenvar finished at 20-3. Glenvar's only losses were to undefeated state champs, two losses to Nelson and a 1-0 loss to Cave Spring, who went on to win the Class 3 state championship with a 23-0-1 record.

"I knew we had a great group of girls and I knew we were going to work hard every day to make sure we held ourselves to the standard to get back to the state tournament," said Phillips. "We were blessed with a great freshman class and had several returning players really surprise us this year that throughout the season the goal became much more believable. I am incredibly proud of the season we had.

"We did hear several times before the season started that we would not be as good when losing some players and the girls really surprised a lot of people. We battled injuries and different adversities that the girls could have folded but they never stopped believing in each other and wanting this win. This year was truly a special year and watching their friendships on and off the field was really special."

Glenvar will graduate two seniors, Sophie Childers and Avery Steger.

"They were both huge assets to our program and worked hard day in and day out to be the best they could be for their teammates," said Phillips. "They will be tremendously missed. They were both the type of player every coach would want on their team."

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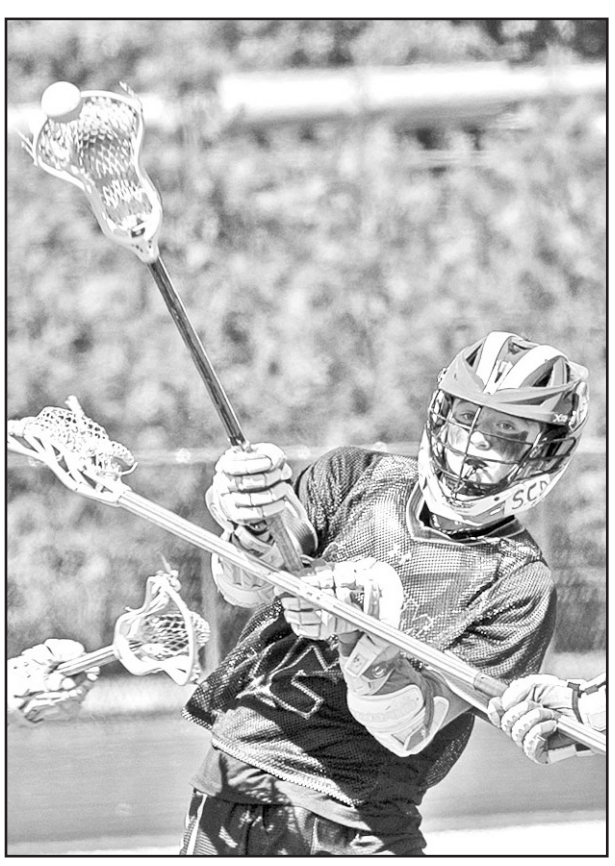
we've seen is in large part due to their hard work and togetherness."

The seniors leave with a State Championship, two Region Championships, a State Runner-Up trophy and a Region Runner-Up finish. The senior class never lost a regular season home game in their four-year run.

"We're really going to miss this group of guys," said Revercomb. "I hate to get so close to our goal of a state championship and to lose, but it was still an incredible year with the boys. We had three overtime wins and finished with a 16-3 record. The journey we took as a team was an unforgettable one and I wouldn't change it for anything."

The Salem program is now at a point where the Spartans are perennial state contenders. Revercomb is already looking forward to next season.

"The JV went undefeated and we have a lot of younger guys who I'm looking forward to see step up for us," he said. "This gives us more fuel and motivation to work harder in the offseason to get back to where we want to be and that starts with region championships and then state championships."





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Above right Salem's Wade Marble fires a shot on goal in last Saturday's championship game against E.C. Glass, and above right Parker Dallas cranks one. Below, left to right, Andrew Nevergold looks to pass, Carson Garland battles two Hilltoppers for the ball, and Holden Custer gets a hug from assistant coach, and dad, Chad Custer after a tough loss in Leesburg.







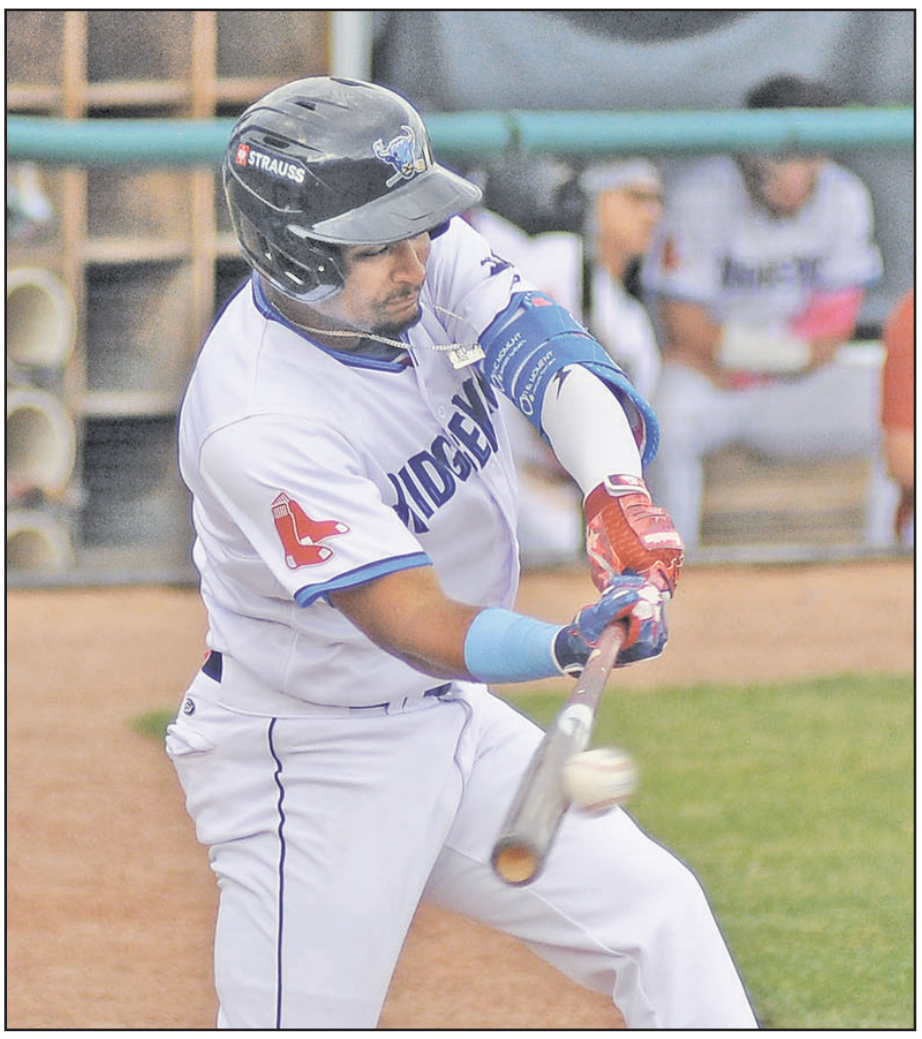


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Louis Andujar squares one up in Sunday's game with Fayetteville.

Yaks hope for better results with second half due to begin today

The Salem RidgeYaks will get a fresh start today when the second half of the Carolina League split season begins. The Yaks will open the second half at Fredricksburg before returning home for a six game series with Myrtle Beach next Tuesday, June 23.

Fredricksburg, a Washington Nationals farm team, has been the best team in the Carolina League in the first half, hands down. The Fred-Nats are 44-19 coming into the week, a full 10 games ahead of second place Wilson in the CL's North Division. Charleston is leading the South Division at 36-27, and that would be eight games behind Fredricksburg in the North.

While Fredricksburg has wrapped up the North Division first half, and a spot in the Mills Cup playoffs, the South was still up for grabs with three games to go. Hickory was just two games behind Charleston after taking four of six from the RiverDogs in Charleston last week, and Augusta was only three out and still in the hunt. This week the first half wraps up with Charleston at Wilson, Hickory at home against Columbia and Augusta hosting the Hill City Howlers from Lynchburg.

Salem was 24-38 coming into the week, 19 and a half games behind Fredricksburg. The Yaks were swept in five games, with one rainout, in their home series with Fayetteville last week. The five losses ran their losing streak to eight straight games.

On Sunday infielder Stanley Tucker was assigned to the Portland Sea Dogs, the second time Tucker has been promoted this season. Tucker was hitting .304 in his 102 at bats over two stints with Salem this season.

The Sox are hoping for a good start to the second half. They actually won six of their first seven to open the season but were 19 games under .500 from that point through last week's home series. Several of Salem's better players were promoted in the first half, which is not unusual for minor league baseball.

Next week's promotions include at 12:05 pm start for "Camp Day" on Tuesday, Bark in the Park on Thursday and "Hellbenders Night," celebrating Southwest Virginia Wildlife, on Friday, June 26, with fireworks to follow. The popular Zooperstars are back on Saturday, June 27.

Salem girls come from losers' bracket to win RAYSA tournament

The Salem 13U girls came out of the losers' bracket to win the Roanoke Area Youth Softball Association(RAYSA) tournament last week. The Glenvar 10U team made the championship game but lost to Botetourt in the final.

Salem's 13U team opened with two wins at the Moyer Complex, defeating Vinton, 13-0, and Clifton Forge, 11-9. Salem then lost to South County in the winners' bracket final, 6-4, but bounced back to beat North Roanoke at Moyer, 15-6, to stay alive.

The 13U championship was held at Darrell Shell Park in Roanoke County and Salem needed to beat undefeated South County twice in the double-elimination tournament. Salem won the first game, 7-4, to force an "if game," and the Salem girls edged South County in that one, 7-6, to win the championship.

Glenvar's 10U team lost their first game of the tournament, 7-3 to Vinton. Relegated to the losers' bracket, the Glenvar girls ripped off four straight wins over two South County teams, Vinton, and Salem, downing the Salem girls 10-9 in the losers' bracket final to eliminate the Salemites. Undefeated Botetourt then beat Glenvar in the final at Darrell Shell Park, 12-2.

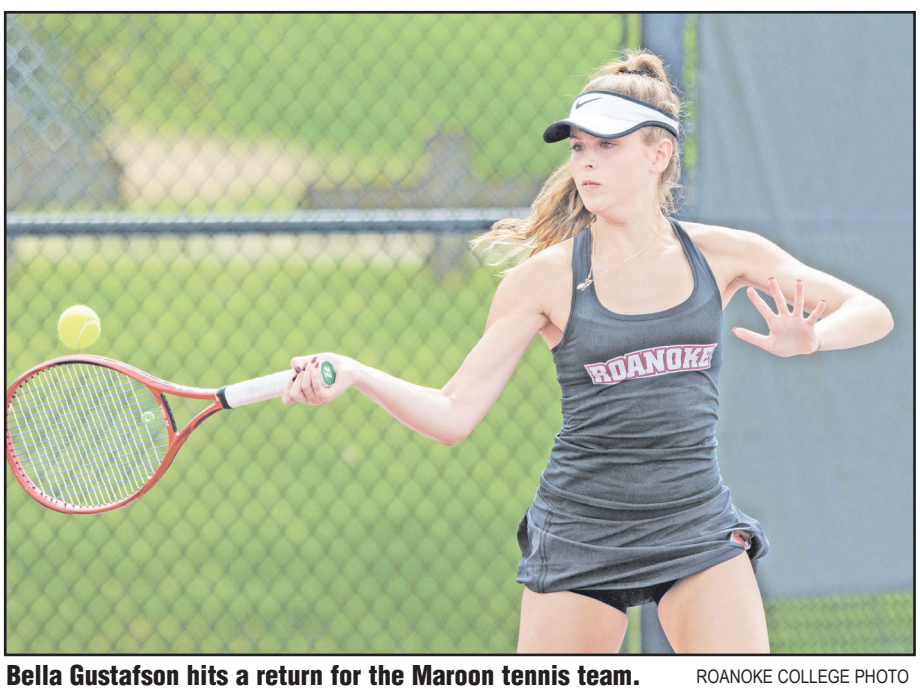
This week the boys take center stage with the Roanoke Area Youth Baseball Association(RAYBA) tournament at the Botetourt Sports Complex. Action began Monday for 10U and 12U teams. In the 10U tournament Salem lost their opener to Vinton, 6-4, but bounced back to beat North Roanoke at 8 pm, 10-5. Glenvar opened with a 17-2 win over North Roanoke. In the 12U tournament Salem lost to North Roanoke and Glenvar lost to Franklin County.

Both tournaments are double elimination. The 10U championship is scheduled for Wednesday at the Botetourt Sports Complex and the 12U final is Thursday. Look for results in next week's Salem Times-Register sports section.





Left, Nora Frankie bats for the champion Salem 13U girls softball team in last week's RAYSA tournament. Right, Glenvar's Emma Moore pitches in the 10U tournament. Glenvar rallied to finish second. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Bella Gustafson hits a return for the Maroon tennis team. ROANOKE COLLEGE PHOTO

Gustafson is Academic All-District

Six members of the Roanoke College tennis teams were recently selected to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District Team, including Glenvar High graduate Bella Gustafson.

Senior Federico Maccari and sophomore Emiliano Ramirez represent the Maroons on the men's side. Meanwhile, senior Victoria Rios, juniors Camryn Breedlove and Gustafson and sophomore Raygan Wade earned the honor on the women's side.

Rios and Breedlove are both repeat honorees for this accolade, earning the award after the 2024-25 season as well. To qualify, student-athletes must have at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA, have sophomore standing, and be in the lineup for at least 70% of the team's contests.

GHS doubles team plays in state tourney

Glenvar High School's Christian Hill and Chaitanya Gohil represented Region 2C in the Class 2 state doubles tennis tournament last week. The tournament was held Friday and Saturday at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

The Glenvar boys drew the top ranked doubles team from Bruton High in Friday's semifinal match and held their own before falling 6-4, 6-3. The Highland due fell behind 3-0 in the first set but battled back to make it close, then took the first two games of the second set before the momentum shifted back to the Bruton pair. Bruton then lost to the team from Marion in the finals in a tie-breaker on Saturday.

"I am very proud of the match Christian and Chaitanya played," said Glenvar coach Jeff Hill. "They were competitive with the number one ranked team in our division. The match could have easily ended differently with multiple games going to deuce."



Glenvar's Christian Hill plays the net during a match this season. Christian and doubles partner Chaitanya Gohil gave the top seeded Class 2 team in the state a tough match in last week's state tournament in Lynchburg. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



TENNIS CAMP **The courts at the Salem Civic Center were the site for the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation tennis camp last week. Salem High boys' coach Steve Lily conducted the camp for boys and girls who hope to be Spartan tennis players some day.** PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

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Glenvar boys make it four straight on the Class 2 pitch

You've heard of sports teams repeating, and even the occasional "three-peat," but what do you call it when you win four times in a row? You call it the Glenvar High boys' soccer team.

The Highlanders defeated Bruton and Clarke County High Schools for their fourth straight Class 2 soccer championship last weekend, battling the heat and two worthy foes. The wins concluded a 22-0-1 season with only a 1-1 tie against Magna Vista in their season opener not resulting in victory. Glenvar has now gone 84 straight games without a loss.

Last weekend was not without some nervous moments. The Highlanders fell behind for the first time all year in Friday's game with Bruton. The game was moved from Friday afternoon at Salem High's Spartan Field to a 10 am kickoff at Kerr Stadium on the campus of Roanoke College with hot and humid weather anticipated. And, when the Panthers scored with 2:45 to go in the first half, the heat was on the Highlanders.

That's how the score stood well into the second half as the team from Williamsburg could smell the upset. However, with just over 13 minutes to go in regulation freshman Zach Williams scored off a corner kick. Jackson Jones took the kick and Ryder Fancisco got a head on the ball in front of the goal, allowing Williams to poke it in.

Glenvar had a golden opportunity to win the game in regulation when Parker Doolan was fouled in the box and the Highlanders were awarded a penalty kick with 6:09 remaining. Senior captain Adam Saunders took the kick, but it hit high off the side pipe and the game remained tied.

Nothing was settled through the remainder of regulation, two five minutes overtimes and two five minute "sudden victory" overtimes. So, it went to penalty kicks with five rounds of kicks. Bruton won the toss and elected to go second.

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Highlanders lose on PKs in state girls' soccer final

The Glenvar girls' soccer season came down to five penalty kicks last Saturday, and the Highlanders made one fewer than Nelson County. That was the only difference in the game that saw Nelson win the state Class 2 championship and Glenvar take home the second place trophy.

"Saturday was a hard fought battle," said Glenvar coach Kyleigh Phillips. "Our girls played their hearts out and left all they had in them out on that field. While we came up short I could not be more proud of the way our girls fought."

The Highlanders came into the final four with a 19-2 record and looked sharp in their semifinal win over Central High of Woodstock on Friday morning. Glenvar took a 4-2 win at Salem High's Spartan Field, highlighted by a three-goal hat trick from freshman sensation Gabby Barba that put her at 51 goals for the season. Junior Sawyer Wilson had the other goal and an assist.

"After going up 3-1 we got comfortable and gave up a quick one right before the half," said Phillips. "But the girls played hard."

That set up a championship game on Saturday morning at Spartan Field against Nelson County, who beat Clarke County 3-0 in the other semifinal. Nelson was undefeated on the season, including a 3-0 win over Glenvar just nine days prior in the Region 2C championship game.

This one was a war. Physical play on both sides didn't result in a score as the game remained nil-nil at the half and into the second period. Glenvar got a tough break when Barba was issued a red card with 9:42 to go after aggressively going after the ball. From that point the Highlanders had to play with 10 girls on the pitch to 11 for the Governors.

"Gabby going out hurt as she is so fast and is a great player, but the rest of the team stepped up and said we can still do this," said Phillips. "She would have been a great asset out on the field for sure, but our girls did a good job not skipping a



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Spartans are state runners-up in Class 4 boys' lacrosse

Late rally comes up short against Glass

The Salem High boys came up two scores shy of their goal of winning a second straight lacrosse state championship Saturday. The Spartans dropped a 10-8 decision to arch-rival E.C. Glass at Heritage High School in Leesburg.

"Very tough loss," said Salem coach George Revercomb. "Credit to Glass, they are well coached and made a bunch of smart winning plays and capitalized on our mistakes. I thought we generated some pretty good looks, but their goalie made some great plays on the ball. We struggled on ground ball opportunities, and it just wasn't our day."

Salem started strong, taking a 3-1 lead after the first quarter. However, Glass put three unanswered goals in the cage in the second period to take a 4-3 lead at the half.

"We came out strong in the first quarter, but faltered in the middle two quarters," said Revercomb. "We closed strong but it wasn't enough."

Glass outscored Salem 4-2 in the third period to take an 8-5 lead into the fourth quarter, and went up 9-5 early in the fourth. However, Salem fired back with goals by Josiah King, Robert Marble and Holden Custer to pull to within one with six and a half minutes still remaining. That was as close as they would get, with Glass adding an insurance goal in the final minutes.

Custer finished with three goals to lead the Spartans while Parker Dallas had two goals and an assist. Marble, King and Oliver Farber also had goals while Logan Sparks had three assists.

Goalie Richard Hof had seven saves in the crease. Winston Wolfe had four ground balls and three takeaways. Tristan Tucker and Marble had three ground balls each while Carson Garland had five takeaways on defense.

With the loss Salem finished the season with a 16-3 record. Salem's only losses were to Patrick Henry and twice to E.C. Glass, including the Region 4D final and the state championship game. Salem also had wins over Glass and PH during the regular season.

The Spartans will lose a dozen seniors to graduation, including Region 4D Player of the Year Dallas and first team all-region selections Ronnie Frith, Oliver Farber, Garland and Hof. Senior Andrew Nevergold was second team all-region.

"I wish we could have sent this senior class out on top, but they've left an incredible legacy," said Revercomb. "They really helped build this program up to where it is today, and the sustained success

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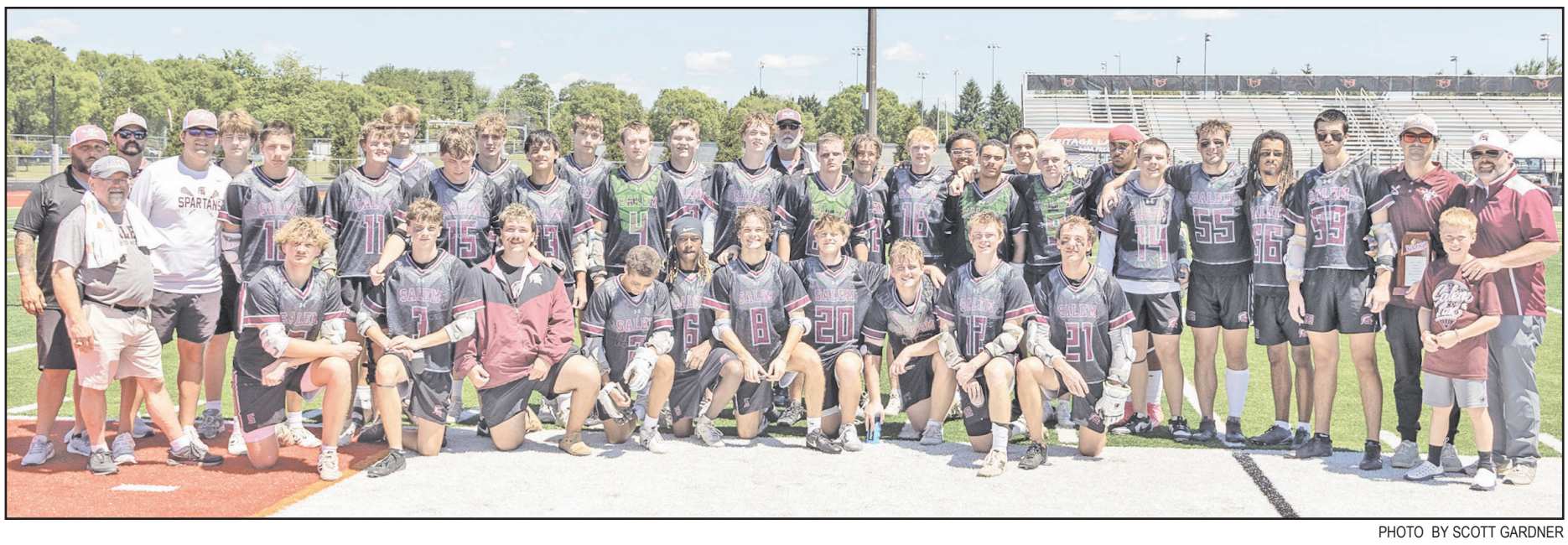


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