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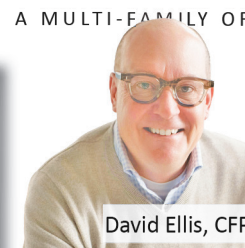
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Kendig Arts and Culture Awards nominations open for 2026

Nominations are being accepted for the 2026 Perry F. Kendig Arts and Culture Awards, which recognize individuals, businesses and organizations in the greater Roanoke region for exemplary leadership and support of the arts. The awards, co-sponsored by Hollins University and Roanoke College, will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 20, from

5:30 to 7 p.m. at Hollins University. More details about the event will be announced at a later date. One award will be presented in each of three categories: Individual Artist; Arts and/or Cultural Organization; and Individual or Business Arts Supporter. The Individual Artist category is open to artists from all disciplines, including

literature, music, media arts, visual arts and theater. Eligible nominees include individuals, businesses and organizations from Virginia's Blue Ridge, defined as the counties of Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke; the cities of Roanoke and Salem; and the town of Vinton. Past Kendig Award recipients from 1985 through



2012 also are eligible for consideration. Programs and full-time employees of Hollins University and Roanoke College may be nominated. Nominations must be submitted by 4

p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. All nomination forms and supporting documentation must be received by the deadline to be considered. At least two supporting letters or

documents are required with each nomination. Additional information, including samples or links to an artist's work, is encouraged. See Kendig, page 3



Church volunteers were greeted at the airport.



Church volunteers who traveled to Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Fellowship Community Church team returns from first Bolivia mission trip

A team of 16 volunteers from Fellowship Community Church recently returned from the church's first mission trip to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where members spent nine days serving children, local communities, schools and ministry leaders. The team traveled July 17-25 and partnered with Nuevo Corazón, a home for girls ages 8 to 18 who have experienced difficult circumstances. According

to the church, volunteers worked throughout the week to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the residents through baking and sewing classes, handyman projects, daily devotions, prayer and personal testimonies. The girls from Nuevo Corazón also joined the mission team in outreach efforts in impoverished neighborhoods. Together, they distributed food, clothing and first aid

kits while sharing their Christian faith with families. Each morning, volunteers hosted Vacation Bible School programs at local schools, offering Bible lessons, games, music and activities for children. The team also conducted evangelism training for leaders at Trinity School and Cristo Rey Church, providing practical instruction and encouragement on sharing

their faith. Church leaders described the mission trip as a life-changing experience for both the volunteers and those they served. They said the inaugural trip marks the beginning of an ongoing partnership with Nuevo Corazón, with plans to continue supporting the ministry and strengthening relationships in Bolivia through future mission trips.

COURTESY PHOTOS

21st R House comes home to Salem

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Roanoke College freshmen will build this year's Habitat for Humanity home just blocks from campus when the 21st R House launches Friday, Aug. 21, in Salem.

Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley and Roanoke College will hold the launch at 10 a.m. at 215 Chapman St. The project marks a return to Salem for Habitat-Roanoke and will give incoming Roanoke College students the opportunity to build a home in the same community where they are beginning their college experience. For 21 years, every incoming Roanoke College freshman has participated in R House as an introduction to the community and a hands-on service experience. Traditionally, students have built sections of a Habitat home on campus before the sections were transported to a permanent site elsewhere in the Roanoke Valley for assembly and completion. This year, students will walk from campus to the construction site

and help build the home from the ground up. The City of Salem provided the lot for the project, removed the previous house on the property and helped prepare the site. The foundation is now in place and ready for the students to begin construction. The project also marks Habitat-Roanoke's first new home build in Salem since 2014. The organization is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Since 1986, Habitat-Roanoke has built 300 homes across the Roanoke Valley. Salem's ZIP code is Habitat-Roanoke's second most supportive ZIP code for donors, adding significance to the organization's return to homebuilding in the city. R House is a longstanding partnership between Roanoke College and Habitat-Roanoke. For students, the project provides an early opportunity to work alongside their classmates on a tangible community service project while becoming acquainted with the community around their college.

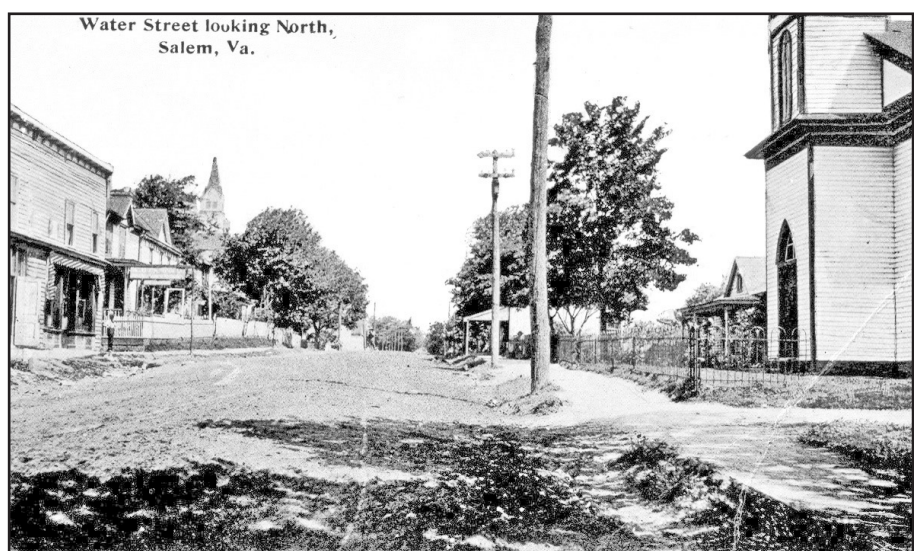
Two local Black history exhibits to debut at Salem Museum

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The Salem Museum will debut two permanent exhibits exploring the history of Black communities in Salem and the Roanoke Valley during "1619 to Water Street: A Weekend of Black History at the Salem Museum" on Saturday, Aug. 22. The event will feature the exhibits, two lectures and the 23/54 Community Quilt. All exhibits and events are free to the public. "Slavery in Salem and the Roanoke Valley" examines the role slavery played in the region from its introduction during the Colonial era through emancipation in 1865. Using dozens of local primary sources and secondary research, the exhibit explores what enslavement looked like in the Roanoke Valley. Visitors also will be able to preview Salem's newest Civil War Trails

marker, "We Will Prove Ourselves Men: The U.S. Colored Troops of East Hill North." The marker honors enslaved people from Salem who fought for their freedom with the Union Army. It is scheduled to officially premiere in November. The second exhibit, "Into the Sunlight of Freedom: Water Street and the Black Communities of Salem," explores the challenges and accomplishments of Salem's Black communities during the century following emancipation. It highlights businesses, houses of worship, schools and organizations that helped establish a thriving African American community in Salem. At 11 a.m., educator and local historian Dr. Marylen Harmon will present "Remembering Water Street," a lecture about Salem's first major post-emancipation Black community. Renamed South Broad

Street in 1973, Water Street was the center of a vibrant Black community during the 20th century. Harmon will discuss how residents challenged the limitations imposed by segregation and how institutions such as the Carver School helped establish a foundation for the community's future. Harmon is a retired educator with more than 30 years of experience. A member of the Carver School's graduating class of 1966, she is a longtime community historian and activist. Her parents, Chauncey D. Harmon Sr. and Lucy Harmon, were taught at the Tuskegee Institute by George Washington Carver and later became educators at the Salem-area school that bears his name. At 2 p.m., educator Dr. Michael "Mickey" Hickman will present "Slavery in Appalachia Virginia," examining the role of slavery in shaping the South and Appalachia. Drawing on extensive



A postcard of Water Street (today South Broad) as it looked in 1910.

research, Hickman will examine slavery as it existed in western Virginia and Appalachia, beyond the history of slavery more commonly associated with Virginia's Tidewater region. Hickman is a retired educator who spent 42 years with Pulaski County Public Schools as a classroom teacher, athletic coach and administrator. He also worked as a national

consultant presenting instructional strategies to teachers in 42 states. Hickman currently serves as board president for the Calfee Community and Cultural Center 501(c)(3) project. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the New River Carilion Hospital in Radford and was recently appointed to the Governor's African American Advisory Board.

The 23/54 Community Quilt also will be on See Exhibits, page 3



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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.

Virginia Vintage Comics and Collectibles Show: The show will return to the Salem Civic Center for the 29th year on Saturday, Aug. 22. Show hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for those 12 and under.

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 Aug. 24.
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Sept. 8.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 14.
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 16.
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 28.
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 13.
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Oct. 13.
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 14.
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 26.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 9.
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10.
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 12.
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 23.
The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8.
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 14.
The Salem City Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 16.

Interstate access construction delayed

*By Ron Miller Managing Editor
From the February 28, 1985 edition of The Salem Times-Register*

Construction of a cloverleaf at Route 311 and Interstate 81 in Salem, which was to have been completed this spring, will probably not be finished until the end of the year, highway officials say.

As of February, 53 percent of the dollar value of the \$3,695,000 project had been completed with only 20 days of a 400-day contract remaining, according to H.L. Howard, assistant engineer of the Salem District Department of Highways and Transportation.

The contractor, E.F. Blankenship Company of Salem, is now on a winter schedule but will have to return to a regular work schedule by April 1, by which time its contract days will probably have been used up, Howard said.

Blankenship must complete the southbound lane bridge, where crews are now working, tear down and rebuild the northbound land bridge, remove the detour bridge and complete the ramps and accesses before the project is finished, Howard said. Traffic will have to be rerouted two or three times as work progresses.

Blankenship blames a subcontractor for delays and has gone to court to protect the company's interests. A \$728,980.82 suit by Blankenship in Salem Circuit Court against a Maryland surety company holding payment and performance bonds for J & H Grading Co. Inc., of Dry Fork, alleges the subcontractor broke terms of its contract with Blankenship, in these particulars:

That J & H Grading, which Blankenship hired to do about \$708,000

of the \$3.7 million project, failed to perform work punctually, failed to repair defective work, and used insufficient materials, workmen and equipment to meet work schedules.

That J & H Grading performed its work in a "negligent and unskillful manner" and failed to pay for labor, materials and equipment as it had agreed to do in its contract with Blankenship.

Upon receipt of notice from the highway department that it might be removed from the job, Blankenship directed J & H Grading to remove its men and equipment from the site, papers in the suit say, adding: Because of the default by J & H Grading, Blankenship had to pay for labor, equipment and materials for the subcontractor and will be delayed "in excess of 11 months" in completing the project.

The delay has caused Blankenship to be barred from bidding on state contracts until this project is complete and will cost Blankenship a \$400 a day penalty for each day it exceeds its contract, according to the suit.

Walter Ohar, an assistant attorney general representing the highway department in the Salem District said the litigation should not affect the progress of the construction.

The action involves a conflict between the prime contractor and the subcontractor, Ohar said, and the highway department will not join in, "though we may be dragged in."

The highway department's position is that it has a contract with Blankenship, Ohar said, explaining that when



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the highways department's 400-day contract with Blankenship expires, the department will begin charging the contractor \$400 a day as stipulated in the contract. The daily charge is a standard contract remedy typical of such projects.

"The department's prime interest is to complete the project as expeditiously as possible," Ohar said.

Carl Coe, staff counsel for the Richmond branch of Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, reserved comment on the allegations against J & H Grading. The attorney said his office was served with the motion for judgement, which he forwarded Tuesday to the firm's home offices in Baltimore. The home office will decide "what is to be done" and the allegations will be answered within 21 days as required by law, Coe said.

John Jeffress of J & H Grading Co. could not be reached for comment on the allegations in the lawsuit.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of August 4, 2026 – August 10, 2026

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
8/5/2026	1700 BLK Apperson Dr	Breaking & Entering, Damage Property
8/6/2026	2100 BLK Roanoke Blvd	Grand Larceny

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of August 4, 2026 – August 10, 2026

8/5/2026	Joshua L. O'Connor	37	Domestic Assault & Battery
8/5/2026	Christopher A. Lindamood	64	Public Intoxication
8/5/2026	John J. Miller	45	Trespassing
8/5/2026	Armando D. Perez-Ramos Jr.	26	Create Unlawful Image of Another
8/7/2026	Christopher A. Lindamood	64	Public Intoxication
8/9/2026	Rene S. Jacobo	27	DUI
8/9/2026	Meda K. Kincaid	32	False ID to Police Officer
8/9/2026	Carson T. Merchant	18	Petit Larceny Not From Person
8/9/2026	Christopher A. Dean	33	Public Intoxication
8/9/2026	Christopher A. Lindamood	64	Trespassing

Roanoke College awarded \$300K grant for character education

Roanoke College has received a \$300,000 Institutional Impact Grant to expand character education initiatives designed to prepare students to lead with compassion, integrity and resourcefulness in their careers and communities.

The three-year grant was awarded through the Educating Character Initiative, a project of the Program for Leadership and Character at Wake Forest University. The funding will support new student programs, service-learning opportunities and mentoring resources for faculty, staff and alumni.

"This is work that goes to the very core of our mission," Roanoke College President Frank Shushok Jr. said. "Education's deepest purpose is to mentor and inspire future leaders who understand their unique contribution and genuinely desire to use it for the common good. It is work that we embrace wholeheartedly at Roanoke College."

The grant follows an in-depth campus dialogue focused on leadership and character, which have long been central to the Roanoke College experience. More than 700 students, faculty and staff participated in discussions examining what those concepts mean to a new generation and how campus programs could evolve to better serve students.

The discussions resulted in a framework for character education tailored to the Roanoke community. Called "Maroons on a Mission," the comprehensive plan will be implemented between now and the 2028-29 academic year and will reach across campus life.

Initiatives will include:

Launching a first-year student program that integrates service-learning, common readings and discussions, and mentorship from Student Success advisers trained in character education frameworks.

Organizing student leadership workshops focused on character and belonging.

Expanding professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, including establishing a character-focused leadership academy.

Introducing new workshops and team-based projects through Athletics and Campus Recreation.

Providing training for alumni mentors to help them engage students in discussions that extend beyond career advice to include ethical decision-making, character and the pursuit of purpose.

Together, the initiatives are intended to create a model for embedding character development throughout the student experience and campus community.

The effort aligns with Roanoke

College's strategic plan, connecting its goals related to student success, academic innovation and community collaboration. A central component of the plan is a commitment to ensuring that exploration of purpose and development of character remain defining elements of a Roanoke education.

"Our commitment is clear," said Kathy Wolfe, dean of the college and senior vice president for academic life and learning. "We are designing thoughtful, cohesive programs to ensure that leadership and character development are woven into everything we do. It is an investment in our students and in the future they help create, giving them the essential skills to make conscientious decisions, build strong relationships and use their knowledge to make a positive difference."

Roanoke College also will study the results of the initiatives and share its findings with other colleges as part of a national conversation about evidence-based approaches to character education.

A cross-institutional team led by Associate Professor Laura Hartman and Assistant Professor Karin Carneal will oversee the work. The team will monitor each program and assess its effectiveness in helping students, faculty and staff understand and apply the concepts being taught.

"Character is developed through practice, reflection, and meaningful engagement with others," Hartman said. "This support allows us to create more opportunities for students to put these principles into action and to connect what they're learning with how they want to lead, serve, and live."

Carneal said the initiative will allow Roanoke to explore questions involving student belonging, well-being and perseverance while emphasizing skills that can serve graduates throughout their lives.

"Roanoke College will be on the cutting edge of character education, asking meaningful questions about student belonging, well-being and perseverance in a fast-changing world," Carneal said. "Together as a community, we will help strengthen the vital, human-centered skills that serve our graduates well in life. We're grateful to the Educating Character Initiative for supporting this work."

The Educating Character Initiative supports colleges pursuing sustained efforts to create communities centered on character. The \$300,000 Institutional Impact Grant is Roanoke College's second grant from the program.

A Capacity-Building Grant awarded last year supported the campus dialogue that led to the framework now being implemented.

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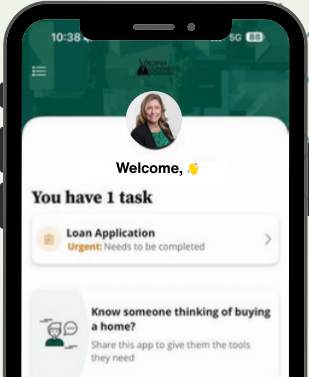
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Read and Join the Fun at After School Book Clubs!

Friday, September 4, 3:30pm, Grades 4-5. **Book Chats** This month we’re reading *Mr. Muffins: Defender of the Stars* by Ben Kahn! Come ready to chat about the book and complete an activity. Snacks will be provided! Open to grades 4-5. Sign up at saalemva.libcal.com and we’ll notify you when you can pick up your copy of the book.

Friday, September 18, 3:30pm. Grades 6-8. **Middle School Book Club.** Join us for our Middle School Book Club as we chat about *Ember and the Island of Lost Creatures* by Jason Pamment. We will have snacks, crafts, and great discussion - we look forward to seeing you! Sign up at saalemva.libcal.com and we’ll notify you when you can pick up your copy of the book.

Tuesday, September 22, 4pm; grades 9-12. **Manga**

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Club. Join us for our inaugural meeting of the Manga Club! We are chatting about *Delicious in Dungeon*, volume 1 by Ryoko Kui. We will have snacks, crafts, and great discussion - we hope to see you there! Sign up at saalemva.libcal.com and we’ll notify you when

you can pick up your copy of the book.

Tuesday, September 29, 3:30: Grades 2-3: **Book Buzz.** Calling all 2nd and 3rd graders! It’s time for Book Buzz, our book group just for 2nd and 3rd graders. We’ll chat about our September book, *Ratnip: Lost and Found in the City* by Cam Higgins, eat snacks, and enjoy an activity. Sign up at saalemva.libcal.com and we’ll notify you when you can pick up your copy of the book.

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Reintroduced Legislation to Expand Opportunities for Veterans

The brave men and women who sacrificed to serve and protect our freedoms have earned every opportunity to succeed. That’s why supporting our Nation’s veterans has remained one of my top priorities in Congress. Last week, I reintroduced the *Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2026*, which would allow veterans the opportunity to pursue their small business and entrepreneurial aspirations by giving them access to resources through their federal government benefits. The bill would establish a three-year pilot program overseen by the Small Business Administration that would enable up to 250 GI Bill benefit-eligible veterans to pursue an educational entrepreneurial training program. The pilot program includes a thorough application process. It requires participation in an approved entrepreneurial training program where veterans develop a business plan to be approved by their training program advisor and the SBA’s Associate Administrator for Veterans Business Development.

After answering the call to serve our Nation, many veterans face an uphill battle as they transition back to civilian life. The *Veterans Entrepreneurship Act* would expand pathways to small business ownership, helping



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Congressman

veterans achieve the American Dream while creating jobs and strengthening our economy. Providing those who defended our freedom with the tools to build successful businesses is one of the best ways we can repay their service and sacrifice.

Cosponsored Legislation to Protect Financial Privacy

Americans should never have to worry that the federal government is watching or controlling how they spend their money. A Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) would give the Federal Reserve an alarming surge of unchecked power to violate the Fourth Amendment rights guaranteed in our Constitution. Under federal control, CBDCs become a dangerous tool for unelected bureaucrats to spy on and potentially restrict how Americans spend their hard-earned dollars.

I am proud to cosponsor the *Permanent CBDC Ban Act*, legislation that would build upon action taken by House Republicans to protect Americans

from the federal government spying on our finances by permanently prohibiting the Federal Reserve from issuing or creating a CBDC.

Joined a Letter to Strengthen Our Trade Agreement for Virginia’s Farmers

Last week, I signed a letter sent to U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer voicing support for the Trump Administration’s approach to an outcomes-based extension of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). In July 2026, the United States declined to sign a clean extension and instead held out for a strengthened agreement. This letter backs the administration’s decision to prioritize a stronger renegotiated agreement that presses for improved market access, acts against harmful measures, and tightens rules against third-country trade practices.

A strong trade agreement strengthens the U.S. economy, secures supply chains, bolsters our national security and, especially in Virginia’s Sixth District, helps our farmers and producers. With many Virginia jobs tied to trade with Canada, including in the Sixth District, this letter is important for stronger agricultural market access for soybean, pork, poultry, and cattle producers. I will always fight to ensure our farmers have the greatest chance of success.

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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Traffic alert: Blasting and slow rolls scheduled on Interstate 81

Drivers traveling Interstate 81 in Roanoke and Botetourt counties should expect noise, delays and congestion beginning the week of Aug. 24 as part of ongoing widening work between exits 143 and 150.

Blasting is scheduled for approximately eight weeks, through Oct. 22, between 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. Exact blasting days and times will be communicated weekly, and message boards will alert drivers when blasting is scheduled.

Slow rolls will be conducted in both directions of I-81 during blasting operations. Northbound traffic will be slowed beginning at the Exit 146 on-ramp at Plantation Road, while southbound traffic will be slowed beginning at the Exit 156 on-ramp at Troutville.

During a slow roll, law enforcement will slow or temporarily stop traffic to create a safe, traffic-free area within the construction zone while blasting is underway. Each slow roll is expected to last up to 15

minutes.

Drivers should expect loud noises and allow additional travel time. Heavy congestion and delays are possible, and drivers are encouraged to consider alternate routes. Updated information will be displayed on message boards in the area.

Construction entrances also will be completed in the coming days along the inside left lanes of I-81, adjacent to the median and existing barrier wall. Yellow lane markings and movement of the barrier walls will provide space for modified turn lanes that construction and delivery trucks will use to access work areas.

The entrances are for construction and delivery trucks entering the work zone only, and signs will be posted accordingly. Drivers should watch for trucks slowing to enter the work areas and allow them adequate space.

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CLUES ACROSS

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5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Covers in soft material
16. Walk around
17. Ancient region in Syria
18. French painter
19. Grandmother
20. Cow part
22. Rocky peak
23. Secret plan
24. Sings to one's lover
27. More (Spanish)
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Hat
35. In agreement
37. A person's brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Monetary units

40. Partner to cheese
41. About Sun
42. A place to dance
43. Performer ___ Lo Green
44. Beach accessory
45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
46. Partly digested food
47. Pooch
48. Honorific title added to family name
49. Salts
52. Lichens genus
55. Lowest point of a ridge
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Gold measurement
63. Italian seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Mid-month day
68. Omitted from printed

matter
69. Upper body part
CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Publicity outs
5. Steep-sided hollow
6. Spoke
7. General law or rule
8. Extravagantly theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. ___ fide: legitimate
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Top exec
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Extract money via taxation
28. Dyes
29. Cloying sweetness

32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Chemical compound
36. The bill in a restaurant
37. Car mechanics group
38. Late comedian Newhart
40. Health care for the aged
41. Wise individuals
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Trim
46. Former OSS
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Edible lily bulbs
50. Type of reef
51. Vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. A place to store lawn tools
54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
57. Hollywood pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Take a chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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Joy Dixon Frantz, 92, of Salem, Virginia, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, August 9, 2026.

Born in Charlotte, N.C., in 1934, Joy was the daughter of Estelle Nelson Dixon Foil and Robert Tompkins Dixon. She grew up in “the Queen City” and was educated at St. Catherine’s School in Richmond, Va., and Salem College in Winston-Salem, N.C. Through mutual friends, she met and fell in love with Spencer Frantz of Salem, Va., whom she married in 1954. After Spencer completed military service in the Army, he and Joy moved to Salem, where they built a home and raised their two sons. She loved living in the country and being able to look across the valley and see the mountains and early morning sunrises.

What most defined Joy’s life was her deep faith in God and her love of family. She was an active member of Salem Presbyterian Church, where she taught Bible Study, and was an Elder. She was a graduate of the Education for Ministry (EfM), a four-year theological program for lay people. Joy took great pride in working alongside her husband to help establish a Columbarium and Memorial Garden at Salem Presbyterian. In addition to maintaining the garden, she also enjoyed arranging flowers for the church.

A constant throughout Joy’s life was the devotion of her husband and the love she held for her family, a love which grew to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When she was not spending time with them, she enjoyed a full and active life filled with traveling, tennis, golf and bridge. She especially treasured time with friends and family. Joy also felt blessed to be able to spend time in Naples, Florida, and was grateful for the many friends who vacationed or lived there.

Joy also found fulfillment in giving back to her community. She was active in the community through organizations such as United Way, Junior League of Roanoke Valley, Council of Community Services, Foundation for Roanoke Valley and the Salem Branch of the Needlework Guild of America.

Joy will be remembered for her deep faith in Christ, her unwavering devotion to family, her kindness, her humor, her impeccable sense

of style and her generous spirit.

Joy is survived by her husband of 72 years, J. Spencer Frantz; children, James S. Frantz, Jr. (Janet) and Robert R. Frantz (Sherry); grandchildren, J. Spencer Frantz, III (Claire), Mary Frantz Roberts (Andy), and Austin Dixon Frantz; great-grandchildren, Lillian Frantz, Blaine Roberts, and Elizabeth Frantz. In addition to her parents, Joy is predeceased by her sister, Carol Dixon Davies, and Carol’s husband, Charles W. Davies.

She is also survived by her brothers-in-law, Lanier Frantz (Thecla) and Bouldin Frantz (Clarice), and by several nieces and nephews, whom she adored.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2026, at Salem Presbyterian Church, followed by a reception to gather with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Salem Presbyterian Church (www.salempres.org) (P.O. Box 536, Salem, VA 24153) or to Good Samaritan Hospice (www.goodsam.care) (4751 Cove Road NW, Roanoke, VA 24017).

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

VDOT Roadwatch

Interstate 81 bridge rehabilitation over Route 670 in Botetourt County

A bridge rehabilitation project is underway on I-81 at the bridge over Route 670 (Trinity Road). Drivers can expect periodic nighttime lane closures on northbound and southbound I-81. Work will also be performed under the bridge on Trinity Road which may also require lane and road closures with flagging operations. Expected completion is summer 2027.

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 should 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: Slow roll operations are possible 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

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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 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:

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

Ramp closures: Drivers may see ramp closures for the 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.

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 are possible. Paving and marking operations will follow. Expect delays and plan ahead.

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. Northbound and southbound lane closures possible during nighttime hours. Various tasks are being performed

throughout the project. The expected completion for this project is summer 2031.

Blasting: Starting the week of August 24, blasting will occur for about eight weeks between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday. Exact days and times will be communicated weekly. Drivers should expect loud noises and are encouraged to allow for extra travel time. Expect delays, heavy congestion and use alternate routes. Message boards will provide updated information. Slow rolls will be used in both directions:

Northbound lanes beginning at the 146 on-ramp (Plantation Road)

Southbound lanes beginning at the 156 on-ramp (Troutville)

Ramp closures: Various closures and narrowing of ramps will be in place over the next few weeks. Drivers can use alternate exits at 150 during any of the ramp closures or use exit 146 for access to Route 11 to return to the area at exit 150. Message boards will alert drivers of the closures and should watch for any changes or updates as these closures are weather dependent.

Truck entrances on I-81: Openings for trucks to enter into the work zone for deliveries are possible where barrier walls are present. Watch for trucks that may slow down on the interstate to enter these areas.

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.

Preston Place open house showcases Salem history



Photos from the Preston Place open house Saturday, Aug. 15, show community members gathering to celebrate the historic property. From left, Bob Hunt and John Long; Victoria Brown, granddaughter of Esther Brown, Paul Kuhnle, who is involved in economic development, and David Robbins; AJ Harpold, owner of the historic former creamery home on Calhoun Street, speaking with Brian Boggs as her daughter, Mavis, stands nearby; and Harpold with Mavis during the open house. Robbins organized the event, which brought community members together to learn more about Preston Place and its history.

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Please take notice that on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 6:00PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, the Vinton Town Council will hold conduct a public hearing on the following: RESOLUTION NO. ____ PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 15.2-202 REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF VINTON TO REMOVE AND/OR RESOLVE INCONSISTENT, OUTDATED, AND/OR UNNECESSARY LANGUAGE, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE REGARDING THE TOWN MANAGER'S AUTHORITY, AND TO INCORPORATE OTHER LANGUAGE REQUESTED BY TOWN COUNCIL. If adopted, the proposed Resolution will permit the Vinton Town Council to request that the Virginia General Assembly approve the requested edits to the Town's Charter. A copy of the proposed Resolution may be examined either (i) at the Office of the Town Manager at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and by appointment on Friday, or (ii) on the Town's website (www.vintonva.gov). Citizens are encouraged to review the proposed Resolution, attend the public hearing, and present their views on the proposed Resolution. Citizens also may submit public comments in writing to the following email address: mklawless@vintonva.gov, by U.S. Mail to the Town Manager's Office, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA, 24179, or by hand-delivering comments to the Town Manager's Office. Comments will be distributed to members of Town Council and entered into the minutes as public records. Individuals requiring assistance to attend and participate in public hearings, or requiring additional information on the proposed Resolution, should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607 prior to the meeting. Megan Lawless Town Clerk

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Salem, GHS volleyball teams have home scrimmages

The high school volleyball season is a week away. The Salem and Glenvar High teams will open VHSL play next week against Blue Ridge District opponents.

Salem, under new coach Basil Conner, will open on Tuesday of next week at Northside High. The Spartans will tune up for the season with a 7:15 pm scrimmage tonight against Jefferson Forest.

Glenvar won't open until a week from today, on Thursday August 27th at home against William Byrd.

The Highlanders also have a scrimmage tonight, at 7 pm at home against Eastern Montgomery.

Look for previews of both teams in next week's edition of the Salem Times-Register in the sports section.

Meanwhile, the middle school teams are already bumping. Andrew Lewis has their first home match today against Franklin County at 5 pm after defeating Cave Spring and Blacksburg on the road to start the season. Glenvar Middle School is at Northside today.

RIGHT HERE NEXT WEEK

The high school season is almost here and you won't want to miss the first football contest in next week's ST-R

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the Bill Russell Celtics. My dad asked me what I wanted for my birthday that year and that was my request. My dad hated driving in the city and wasn't at all a basketball fan, but he took me to that game for my birthday and it was a great thrill.

For most of the years since, I've attended at least one 76ers game and often several. They've had some really bad teams and some really good ones, but I always managed to buy tickets to a game or two, and as I grew older I took my kids, and now my grandsons, to Sixers games. It's been a passion of mine and I've never grow tired of it.

This season, however, that tradition might come to an end. Sixers' tickets officially went on sale last Saturday and I was sad to see what the asking price was. And it's all because of the newest 76er, LeBron James.

Last year my wife and I took my step-son and his wife and two grandsons to a game when the Sixers played in Charlotte. The Sixers won, Joel Embiid actually played and we had a great time.

The total cost of six tickets, in the lower bowl in the corner about two-thirds of the way up, was \$1,004 dollars. Of course, that's not counting food, souvenirs, parking, a hotel room and gas. Still, it was a once in a season deal and well worth it.

When the Sixers traded for Jaylen Brown, then signed LeBron, I knew the price would go up. However, I didn't know HOW MUCH it would go up.

Last Saturday my wife and I got right on the website at 10 in the morning when single game tickets officially went on sale. We targeted a game in Charlotte at the end of October. It was a perfect time, I wouldn't have to miss a Friday night high school football game, the Hokies were on the road and the Eagles and Washington play the 8 o'clock Sunday night game, giving us plenty of time to get home from Charlotte. Only thing is, the game was somewhat cost prohibitive.

The tickets in the same area from last year, that cost about \$150 each plus service fees, are now going for \$450. Instead of the \$1,004 dollars I spent last year the new price would be over \$2,800 in the very same location. Being on a fixed income as I am, that's going to be out of my price range, and I blame LeBron.

It's ridiculous what tickets go for these days. The cheapest seats for that Sixers game in Charlotte are about \$100, and that's four rows from the very top in the upper deck. My grandsons agreed that we're better off watching the game on my wide screen high definition TV rather than sitting so high that you can't read the numbers on the uniforms.

Basketball has been, for most of my life, the most popular game of inner city folks. Now, it's gotten to the point where only the well-to-do can afford to attend a live NBA game. Even your middle class folks can't afford more than a game or two, with most of the seats being filled by wealthy fans or corporate giveaways. Sort of sad, isn't it?

I don't get a break because I bought tickets to the games when Freddie Carter was the best player on the Sixers team. We went every year through "the process" when the Sixers were tanking to get high draft picks. Robert Covington was their best player, and he's no LeBron.

I can remember calling the Sixers office for tickets(remember when you could do that?) and asking if there were still seats available, only to be met with a chuckle on the other end. One year when they were really bad you could buy an entire second in the upper deck for under \$100.

Oh well, such is life for the average guy. I told my grandsons if I win the lottery the first thing I'm going to buy is front row tickets to a Sixers game, maybe even next to Allen Iverson.

I'm not holding my breath. And can you imagine if you paid that price for a ticket and LeBron doesn't play?

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said. "I consider it such a privilege to be chosen to lead a school with such a strong tradition of success."

Underwood has a solid background in high school athletics. A 1994 graduate of Glenvar High School, she was a member of the volleyball, softball and cheer teams for the Highlanders. She then studied at Virginia Tech and graduated in 1998.

Candace came to Lord Botetourt High School in 2001. She coached JV volleyball for the first three years then moved into the varsity head coaching job until 2008 when she stepped away to spend more time with her young children. In more recent years she has been serving the past two seasons as the assistant coach on the Unified Track team. As AD she will no longer be a teacher.

"It was bittersweet for me, after having spent the past 26 years teaching to leave the classroom," she said. "But I'm excited to begin a new chapter working with student athletes in a new capacity."



Candace Underwood



New LB basketball coach Robert Hudson played on Salem's 2013 state championship team.

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Another Cavalier also has local roots, a new Lord Botetourt head boys' basketball coach Robert Hudson is a 2014 graduate of Salem High School.

Robert was a member of the 2013 Spartan team that won the Class 4 state championship, playing for coach Kevin Garst. "I still talk with coach Garst all the time," he said.

Hudson has been a jayvee and varsity assistant coach at LB under Andrew Hart and Josh Aliveto. Before arriving at Lord Botetourt he spent two seasons as an assistant coach with the Hidden Valley High School boys' basketball program. Throughout his coaching career, he has earned a reputation for building strong relationships with student-athletes while emphasizing teamwork, discipline and character.

Robert inherits a team that went 7-16 and lost in the first round of the Region 3D tournament.

Salem High grad is new AD at Craig County

Salem High graduate Haley Patterson-Highberger was recently named to head the Craig County High School athletic department.

"I'm really excited for this opportunity and can't wait to see how this year goes," said Patterson-Highberger, who also serves as an assistant principal at the high school.



Haley Patterson-Highberger

After graduating from Salem High Haley did her undergraduate work at Ferrum College and received her master's degree from Averett University. Patterson-Highberger had been involved in public education for 11 years, five years in Henry County and six in Roanoke City. Sports-wise, she served as an assistant softball coach for a parks and recreation 10U team. She's anxious to become a member of the Craig County community.

"Craig County is a great place, and I'm glad I get to be a part of it," she said.

Roanoke College is adding women's flag football

The Roanoke College athletic department has announced the addition of women's flag football, starting as a varsity sport in the spring of 2028. The new program brings the college's varsity sport offerings to 29 teams.

Women's flag football is an NCAA Emerging Sport and is positioned to pursue NCAA championship status, with the potential to host its inaugural championship as early as spring 2028. The sport is also set to make its Olympic debut at the 2028 Summer Games in Los Angeles, further highlighting

its rapid growth and increasing global recognition.

The Maroon flag football team will be a member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, which could be the league's next full varsity sport with hopes of an automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament.

"With women's flag football growing in popularity, we felt that this was the next logical varsity sport to add to our athletics program," said RC Director of Athletics Curtis Campbell. "Roanoke has a proud tradition of success in women's athletics, and we are excited to be able to offer additional opportunities for

student-athletes."

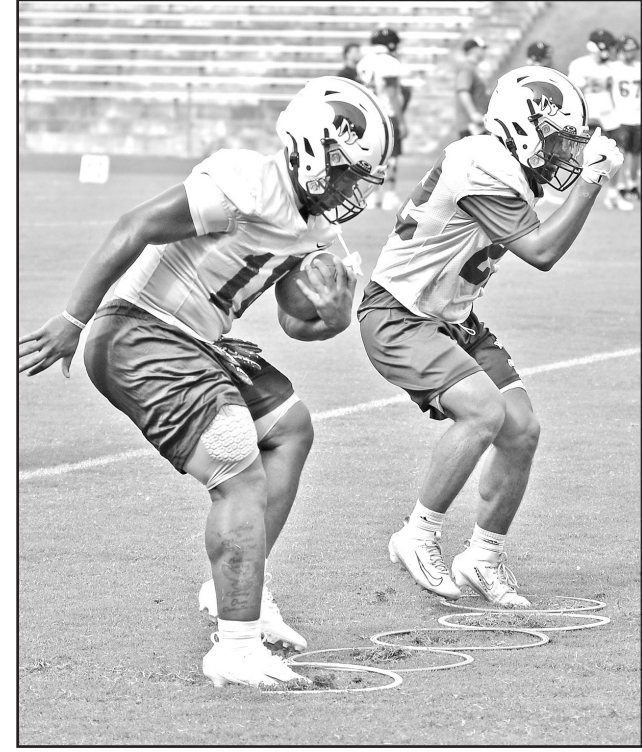
Women's collegiate flag football, which spans from February to May, is a 7-on-7 competition played in four 12-minute quarters on a football field 40 yards wide by 80 yards long. Each team moves offensively by running or passing a football, while the defense tries to "tackle" by pulling flags on the ball carrier's belt. Teams play around 8-9 games with a total roster size of 20-25 athletes.

A nationwide search for a head coach to lead the Maroon program is now underway.



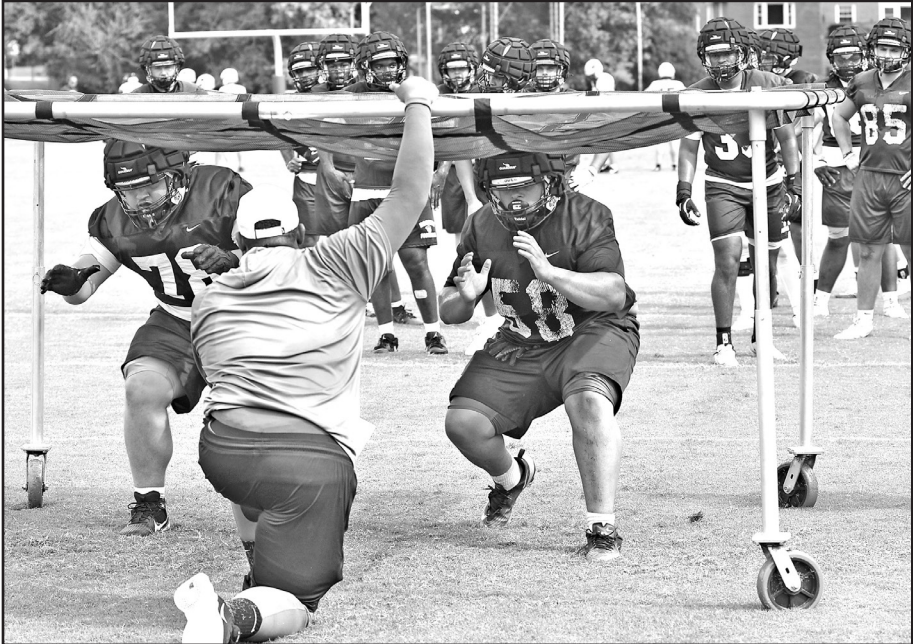
Maroons open football practice

The Roanoke College football team opened summer practice in preparation for their second varsity season last week on the practice field encircled by the Homer Bast track. Above, head coach Bryan Stinespring instructs the offensive line. Below left,



tailbacks go through agility drills and, above right, defensive linemen stay low. Right, quarterbacks look to hit their mark in passing drills. Unfortunately, Salem High grad Eli Taylor(#11) was not among them as Eli injured his left knee and can be seen on crutches in the picture. The Maroons are scheduled to open the season on Thursday, September 3rd, with a night game against the Virginia University of Lynchburg. The home opener is Saturday, September 12, against Greensboro College at Salem Stadium, with a 2 pm kickoff.

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Skylar King(#3) and D'Angelo Ortiz sign autographs for young fans at a recent RidgeYaks game at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

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Spartans tied for 3rd in RRD golf

The Salem High golfers were in Draper Monday for a River Ridge District match at the Draper Valley Golf Club, hosted by Pulaski County. The Spartans finished third on the day in a very tight match, with just four strokes between the first and third teams.

Blacksburg emerged victorious by a narrow margin with a team score of 299, three strokes better than Hidden Valley. Salem was just one shot behind the Titans at 303. Salem saw five of their six players post a round of 78 or better.

“The leaderboard was stacked tight with over 20 players posting rounds in the 70s,” said Salem coach Blaine Hancock.

Four players were vying for the medalist honor on the day, but Pulaski's Will Rackaway emerged on top, posting a one under par 71 to finish just one shot ahead of the second place finishers, Salem sophomore JD Williamson, Cave Spring's Andrew McAfe, and Hidden Valley's Harris Camp.

“JD was phenomenal for us. posting an even par season best performance,” said Hancock. “He was steady from the start with only one hiccup on the 13th hole.”

After JD came senior Ashnoor Kaur with a 75 to tie for ninth, followed by sophomore McKenzie Eversole, freshman Chloe Collins and junior Mike Bateman who all posted 78s. Finishing out the lineup for the Spartans was junior Eli Wells at 87.

“This was a strong showing from our top five players,” said Hancock.

“We had some opportunities that we capitalized on and we let a few other shots get away. I'm proud that we keep improving each week. Each week in our district is going to be tight.”

Through the first two district matches Blacksburg leads with a 36 hole total of 596. Pulaski County is second at 608 followed by Salem and Cave Spring who tied for third at 612. Hidden Valley is close behind at 614, Patrick Henry is at 623 and Christiansburg brings up the rear at 660.

Monday was the second time in less than a week that the Spartans played at Draper Valley. Last week they competed in the “Battle on the New” over two days at the Pete Dye River Course in Radford and Draper Valley. Salem, Blacksburg, Pulaski, and Abingdon were the four schools competing in match play.

“We all brought eight players and played in pairs of two,” said Hancock. “Each pairing consisted of six holes of best ball match play, six holes of alternate shot match play and six holes of individual match play.”

In part 1 of the matches at The River Course Salem played against Pulaski County and tied 8-8 while Abingdon won big over Blacksburg. Salem's top pair of Ashnoor Kaur and JD Williamson lost their best ball match, but won alternate shot and both individual matches, going 3-1. Salem's other two-somes were Bateman and Will Creger, Eversole and Collins, and Croix Bowen and Kemper Thomas.

In part 2 of the matches at Draper

Yaks look to jump back into first

The Salem RidgeYaks are back home this week hoping to move back into first place in the second half standings of the Carolina League's North Division. Salem will play the Wilson Warbirds, a Milwaukee Brewers farm team, for six games beginning Tuesday at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

The Sox were in first place prior to last week's series in Salisbury, MD against the Delmarva Shorebirds. Salem dropped four of six games to the Shorebirds including the last two of the series, 7-3 on Saturday and 8-5 on Sunday. Meanwhile, the Fayetteville Woodpeckers took five of six from Fredricksburg in North Carolina to move past the Yaks into first place. Coming into Tuesday's games the Woodpeckers led the division with a 26-20 second half record, Wilson is now in second place at 24-21 and Salem has dropped to third, two and half games behind Fayetteville at 24-23.

This week the Woodpeckers are at Myrtle Beach, followed by a big seven game series with Salem in Fayetteville beginning next Tuesday, August 25. That will include a makeup game from an August 9 rainout when the 'peckers

were in Salem. The RidgeYaks will serve as the home team in the second game of a doubleheader in Fayetteville next Wednesday, August 26.

This week's promotions include hockey night tonight and Racing Night on Friday with a diecast car giveaway to the first 1,000 fans. It's also fireworks night on Friday.

Saturday is Military Appreciation Night and it's another giveaway. The first 750 fans will receive a special commemorative bobblehead honoring Yaks' General Manager Allen Lawrence. The limited-edition bobblehead celebrates Lawrence's recent induction into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame on February 1, 2026, recognizing his longtime impact on professional baseball in the Roanoke Valley and Southwest Virginia.

“We are incredibly proud to celebrate Allen and all he has meant to baseball in Salem and the Roanoke Valley,” said Assistant General Manager Blair Hoke. “This bobblehead is a fun and meaningful way for our fans and community to recognize his lasting contributions to our organization and the game of baseball.”



Salem's Mike Bateman studies a putt.

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Valley, Hancock changed up the pairings slightly. The Spartans went head to head against Blacksburg, falling just short, 7.5-8.5, while Abingdon beat Pulaski.

Salem's first group in this match was Williamson and Bateman. After winning the best ball portion, they lost the alternate shot, making it come down to the individual matches. JD forced a tie by making a birdie on the last hole while Mike won his match, going 2.5-1.5. Next out was McKenzie Eversole and Chloe Collins. “While they both played well,

Blacksburg's team went extremely low in this match,” said Hancock. “Chloe was able to save a point by winning her individual match by a narrow margin with this group going 1-3.”

Wells and Bowen played the third two-some and Creger played with Thomas. Over the two rounds Salem went 15.5-16.5. Overall, Abingdon won the most points followed by Salem, then Pulaski and Blacksburg.

“This was a great experience for our team and it was a good mix up from our usual stroke play events,” said Hancock.

Lewis football opens with sweep of PH

The Andrew Lewis Middle School football teams opened the season last week and both the eighth graders and seventh graders scored impressive wins over Patrick Henry. The eighth grade team won 30-0 and the seventh graders won 38-8 in a doubleheader at Salem Stadium.

The Wolverine eighth grade defense was outstanding against a talented Patrick Henry squad filled with team speed. Performing well for the Lewis defense was Graham Pollard, Landynn Booth, Junior Crawford, Mayson Henderson, C.J.Goens and Tyrstan Gaines.

The Andrew Lewis offense was also clicking, putting up 22 points in the first half. The first touchdown was a 60 yard pass from quarterback

Maclin Hale to Aaron Brower and the two point pass from Hale to Mayson Henderson made it 8-0 Wolverines.

Hale and Brower would connect on another long touchdown pass for a touchdown while full-backs Pollard and Crawford pushed in two other scores to make the final score 30-0. The offensive line of Michael Lewis, Ian Crouch, Cam Martin, Grayson Lavinder and Kaden Hughes blocked well against a physical Patriot defense.

“A highlight for the offense was possessing the football the entire third quarter, rushing the football every snap and scoring,” said coach Brian Hooker.

The seventh graders opened the doubleheader

and set the tone for the evening. The defense played a solid, physical game, creating big plays and coming away with an interception that was returned for a touchdown. The defense's ability to limit Patrick Henry's scoring opportunities helped set the tone for the Wolverines throughout the game.

Special teams also made a major impact, with Andrew Lewis recovering two onside kicks and giving the offense additional opportunities to attack.

Offensively, the Wolverines controlled the game on the ground, scoring five rushing touchdowns. The consistent running attack, combined with strong play from the defense and special teams, allowed Andrew Lewis to pull away.

“The team showed toughness, discipline, and a willingness to make plays in every phase of the game,” said coach Corbitt Hairston. “A strong way to begin the season.”

Today the Lewis eighth graders will be at Bogle Field in south Roanoke County to take on Cave Spring Middle. The seventh graders will host Glenvar next Wednesday, August 26, at Salem Stadium at 5 pm.



Kayden Williams(#4) of Glenvar Middle School runs for a big gain to set up the Highlanders' first touchdown in last week's game with Cave Spring.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Squires down middle Highlanders

The Glenvar Middle School football team drew first blood but after that it was all Cave Spring in last week's season opener at Highlander Stadium. The visiting Squires took a 44-14 win over Glenvar in Highlander coach Raysean Priest's debut.

“We ran up against a very tough and well-coached Cave Spring team,” said Priest. “This wasn't the start we were looking for, but the game showed us where we need to improve,”

Offensively, Kayden Williams ran the ball very well and gave Glenvar some strong carries throughout the game. Defensively, Raylan Franklin led the team with multiple tackles and had a solid performance.

“We'll get back to work this week and focus on making those improvements as we prepare for our next opponent,” said Priest.

The Highlanders are scheduled to host Floyd County today at 6:30 pm.



Junior Crawford bulls his way for some tough yards in Andrew Lewis' win over Patrick Henry last week.

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It was picture day at Salem Stadium last Thursday as the 2026 edition of the Salem High team put on the maroon uniforms for the first time. This group of 22 are players who lettered last season. Front row, left to right, are Sam Henderson, Tristan Noel, Aaron Gordon, Max Price, Nick Baxley, Parker Woolwine, Jaidyn Rudisell, Gabe Johnson, Jayden Wood, Grayson MacBrien and Kafur Gulfan. Back row, left to right; Mike Tatoute, Robert Herndon, Jeremiah Dillard, Ethan Millard, DaVon Jones, Michael Crawley, Tanner Overstreet, Jake James, Jordan McCadden, Jamalachi Law and Alex Regan.

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Salem, Glenvar play benefit games Friday as season nears

The Salem and Glenvar High School football teams will have “benefit games” this Friday with the start of the regular season a week and a day away. Salem will host Amherst at Salem Stadium and Glenvar will be at Blacksburg High School.

The Salem jayvee team will scrimmage Amherst on Thursday at home at 6 pm, and on Friday the varsity Spartans will host the Lancers in a game like situation. Admission will be charged.

“The number ones will see a lot of time but we still want to evaluate some people,” said Salem coach Don Holter. “We’ll start subbing at the end of the third quarter.”

The Spartans first scrimmage was last Friday morning against Maury High School at Fork Union Military Academy. The Commodores, based in Norfolk, have won the Class 5 state championship

for the past three years and last Friday they showed the Spartans how they did it.

“They’re a very good team and they’ll expose your deficiencies real quick,” said Holter. “You’re always better off scrimmaging a good team. If you go against a lesser team you tend to have a false sense of where you are.”

Holter would have liked to see the Spartans be a little more physical and he hopes that changes this week against Amherst.

“Our standard is our standard and we weren’t as physical as we need to be,” he said. “We’ll get there.”

Glenvar will have a benefit game Friday in Blacksburg at 7 pm against the Bruins. The Highlanders took on William Byrd last Friday in a controlled scrimmage at Highlander Stadium fol-

lowing a scrimmage between Byrd and Jefferson Forest.

“It was the first time our players have hit this summer,” said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. “We don’t hit during our drills because we’re trying to minimize injuries. I was happy with how it went, the kids competed. We ran a very generic offense.”

The first VHSL regular season games for Salem and Glenvar will be on Friday, August 28, and both are on the road. In fact, both teams will be in Lynchburg as Salem will play E.C. Glass and Glenvar will take on Liberty Christian Academy.

Look for a preview of the Salem and Glenvar teams in TOUCHDOWN L, a special section in next week’s Salem Times-Register. Also, don’t miss the start of the ST-R football contest featuring a \$50 gift certificate to Mac & Bob’s for the weekly winner.



The renovated football locker room at Glenvar High School's Brian Hooker Fieldhouse was officially dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony following last Friday night's scrimmage between Glenvar and William Byrd at Highlander Stadium. Above left, new spacious lockers with player names are one facet of the facelift. The work was donated by G&H Contracting and proprietors Troy and Sheldon Henderson were on hand for the ceremony. Right photo, left to right, are Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford, Troy Henderson, Sheldon Henderson and past Glenvar coach Brian Hooker, who the fieldhouse is named for. Below left, Glenvar junior Haden Henderson(white uniform) breaks up a pass in the scrimmage with Byrd. Below right, Glenvar coach Max Crush has some words of encouragement for lineman Ryan Harris.

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*New digs for
GHS football*



Brian Hoffman

LeBron 86s my 76ers tradition

I never thought LeBron James would keep me from doing something I love, but that seems to be the case. I’ve been a Philadelphia 76ers fan all my life. In fact, I’m old enough to remember when Wilt

Chamberlain played for the Philadelphia Warriors. When I was a little kid I cut pictures and box scores out of the Philadelphia Bulletin sports section and made scrapbooks of the Warriors, who had Chamberlain, Guy Rogers, Al Attles and some other players you probably haven’t heard of unless you’re a big basketball fan and a “baby boomer” like myself.

When the Warriors left Philly for San Francisco the city of Philadelphia was left without a team for the 1962-63 season, but then the Syracuse Nationals moved in and were renamed “76ers.” They debuted

in Philadelphia in November of ’63 when I was turning 11 and I’ve been a big fan ever since.

To my delight, the Sixers traded for Wilt Chamberlain in January of 1965 and he returned to Philadelphia and helped them win a championship in 1967. However, most of the time those Sixers of the ‘60s finished second to the Celtics in the East, one of the reasons the Celtics are one of my least favorite teams to this day.

My first live NBA game was at Philadelphia’s old Convention Hall when the Chamberlain 76ers played

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