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Council bids farewell to Saunders whose heart was Salem

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Contributing writer

At Monday night’s Council meeting, members paid tribute to Councilman John Saunders, a man whose heart was Salem, its people and especially the Salem Civic Center. Saunders’ empty seat was marked by his framed portrait and a single white rose with black ribbon. The councilmember died Saturday at age 66. At the Aug. 10 meeting and during the summer Saunders continued to participate in Council meetings remotely while sidelined due to a temporary medical condition, coming from a foot injury he said he sustained while campaigning two years ago. “We on Council feel

John’s loss deeply. He was rooted in activities in Salem and was known by a lot of people,” said Mayor Renee Turk, her voice wavering. “He was sincere, genuine and built friendships all over this city. He had an intense work ethic. Many times he worked for 24 hours to make sure events at the Salem Civic Center happened,” she said. “We talked frequently. He was always calm, and laid it right there I told him I just needed to hear the voice of reason,” Turk added, before calling for a moment of silence in Saunders’ memory. As a teenager, Saunders began working working part-time for the Civic Center and continued as a full-time employee for 30 years, first as assistant director, then director after his good friend

Carey Harveycutter retired to become Salem’s Tourism Director. “Without John’s input, his connections and his willingness to work with all groups, many of these events would never have gotten off the ground. He will be sorely missed,” Harveycutter said. On Saturday, City Manager Chris Dorsey noted “The impact John had on the City of Salem is immeasurable. I am humbled by his lifelong dedication and service to the community.” At the close on Monday night’s meeting, Councilman Hunter Holliday pointed out Saunders had been a personal friend since childhood. “He will be greatly missed.” Vice Mayor AnneMarie Green recalled Saunders was

one of the first people she met when she moved here. “His heart was all about the City of Salem.” The Salem Times-Register Sports Editor called Saunders, “A great guy who I’ve known for 50 years. He was playing sports for Andrew Lewis and then Salem High School when I was working for the paper. He truly loved Salem and I knew he often had to make tough decisions but always had the best for Salem in his heart. He will be truly missed.” During Council’s work session preceding the regular meeting, Legal Counsel Jim Guynn briefed Council on how to fill Saunders’ term that runs to December 2028. Applications for a one-year appointment to that seat will be accepted beginning immediately.



PHOTOS BY MEG HIBBERT
A framed photo him and a single white rose mark the seat of late Councilman John Saunders who died Aug. 22.
“It should preferably be someone not interested in running for Council,” Mayor Turk said. People interested in serving should send letters and resumes to Assistant City Manager
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Roanoke College freshmen begin 21st Habitat for Humanity R-House in Salem

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Roanoke College freshmen began construction Friday on the college’s 21st R-House for Habitat for Humanity, marking the latest chapter in a longstanding community service partnership. This year’s home is being built on Chapman Street, southwest of the Roanoke College campus, on property the City of Salem purchased and donated to Habitat for Humanity-Roanoke Valley. Salem Vice Mayor Anne Marie Green accepted a plaque and thank-you from representatives of Habitat-Roanoke during a ceremony Friday morning recognizing the city’s support of the project. For 21 years, every incoming Roanoke College freshman has participated in the R-House project 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



Construction started on Friday.

were transported to a permanent site elsewhere in the Roanoke Valley for assembly and completion. This year, students will walk from campus to the Chapman Street site and help construct the home from the ground up. The City of Salem provided the lot, removed the previous house on the property and helped prepare the site. The foundation is now in

place, allowing students to begin construction. The project also marks Habitat-Roanoke’s first new home construction in Salem since 2014. The organization is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and has built 300 homes across the Roanoke Valley since 1986. The R-House project provides Roanoke College students with an early opportunity to work

alongside classmates on a tangible community service project while becoming acquainted with the community surrounding the college. The partnership between Roanoke College and Habitat-Roanoke has made the R-House project a longstanding tradition for incoming students while helping provide affordable housing for families in the region.



Civic Center Assistant Director John Saunders, left, with Director Carey Harveycutter in 2009.

Applications being accepted until Sept. 8 for Saunders’ seat

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Contributing writer

Applications are now being accepted for a one-year appointment to Salem City Council to fill John Saunders’ seat, after he died Aug. 22. Council will review, interview and then vote

on a replacement to serve until December 2027. Under state law, there must be 81 days before an election to be added to a ballot, so the election cannot be on this November’s ballot. Salem Legal Counsel
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Salem police arrest Roanoke County man on multiple charges in assault case

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Salem police arrested a Roanoke County man Thursday, Aug. 20 and charged him with multiple crimes stemming from an alleged assault that occurred early Wednesday and extended from Salem to Roanoke. Salem detectives charged Marc Fly, 59, of Roanoke County, with malicious wounding, abusive language, preventing a 911 call, forcible sodomy, strangulation and abduction. According to police, the incident began shortly after 2 a.m. Wednesday in the 1200 block of West Main Street in Salem. A female victim went to the Salem Public Safety Building



COURTESY PHOTO
Fly on Clay Street and told officers she had been assaulted and abducted by a man she knew. Police said the alleged assault occurred in Salem
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Volunteers needed at Salem’s community Giving Garden

Fresh produce grown at Salem’s Giving Garden is helping provide healthy, locally sourced food to individuals and families throughout the Roanoke Valley, and volunteers are needed as the busiest part of the harvest season approaches. Nearly 600 pounds of fresh fruits, vegetables, berries and herbs have already been harvested and donated this year. All of the produce is provided free of charge. The Giving Garden, founded 12 years ago, has relied on volunteers to grow and donate thousands of pounds of produce to the Salem/

Roanoke County Food Pantry at 829 Indiana St. in Salem. Depending on the size of the harvest, additional produce also has been donated to Meals on Wheels, Friendship House and the Presbyterian Community Center. No gardening experience is necessary to volunteer. Tools and instruction are provided, and adults, families and groups are welcome. The garden is located between the Salem Farmers Market parking lot and the Salem Presbyterian Church parking lot off East Clay Street. Work sessions are

held on the first and third Saturdays beginning around 8:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesdays beginning around 6 p.m. Those interested in volunteering can drop in during any work session. For more information, email thegivinggardensalem@gmail.com or visit salemgivinggarden.org. The garden is supported by a network of volunteers and community partners. Regular volunteers include Julie and Buster Mowles, Mike Wenzel, Dorothy Cleary, Lindsay Carroll, Kelly and Adam Shores, and



COURTESY PHOTO
Teagan Coulston and her brother Lawrence, two of the Giving Garden’s youngest volunteers, found a big zucchini.
Teresa Auldrige. Other
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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

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.

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.

Sweet sorrow firm leaving cooperate home

Maxyne Trompeter, special writer
From the February 28, 1985, edition of The Salem Times-Register

The day Kip Connelly’s father died, Kip was about to embark on another vagabond adventure. It was in his nature, he said, to be a wanderer, a rogue and irresponsible.

With Bill Connelly’s sudden death, however, the 22-year-old son did a sobering personal turn-around and at his mother’s prompting, took over the family business.

“I prevailed upon Kip,” said his other, Elizabeth Connelly Hobbie. “Give me one year and let’s see what we can do.”

“That was 12 years ago,” said Connelly, now 34 and president of W.S. Connelly and Co., Inc., a Salem based business that uprooted its Ohio Street office last month and replanted it in Roanoke’s Gainsboro Industrial Park.

Under the guidance of Hobbie and three of her six children, the former feed and seed business has grown into the parent corporation for: Erosion Control, involved in highway work; Hydro Lawn Spray, with over 3,000 lawn care customers; Landscape Supply; a wholesale distributorship, and Southern Lawn, still in the formative stages.

The Connelly connection with Salem goes back to 1958 when the family purchased the old Starkey House at 715 West Main Street, adjacent to the duck pond.

“I always resented the fact that people thought we were rich,” Connelly

remembered, “just because our house had 19 rooms. And everybody thought we owned the duck pond. We didn’t.”

This spaciousness, however, not only housed the family of eight, but led the older Connelly to move his Roanoke business into their living quarters in 1970.

Bill Connelly had been in the “feed and seed business” since the mid-1940’s, according to hobbie. He had been with the J.M. Harrison Co., then in business with Frank Agnew on Roanoke’s city market, and eventually he concentrated on his own gardern supply and landscape retail store at the former Virginia Railway Station on Roanoke’s Jefferson street.

From there, he went into hydroseeding, a process in which seed and mulch are applied in a one-step operation.

Beginning with the Blue Ridge Parkway, Connelly progressed to state and federal highway contract work in the early 1970’s, according to his son.

Things looked promising, Hobbie recalled, but when her husband died in 1973, “it became a question of selling what we had or trying to do it ourselves.”

Just after the Connelly’s decided to stick it out, “highway work took a different turn because of the oil embargo and we were really struggling,” Hobbie explained.

It got to the point where we would either have to give in or diversify. Being fighters, we diversified,” she said.

After a move from the Main Street house to the Ohio Street office and

two years of research, their lawn maintenance subsidiary, Hydro Lawn Spray, was put on the market in 1976.

“We were the pioneers in selling the lawn care concept to the valley,” Hobbie pointed out. This concept involves complete lawn renovation, and can include seeding, thatching, core aeration, and weed, insect and disease control, according to one of their advertisements.

Today, there are nearly one dozen lawn maintenance specialists listed in the Roanoke-Salem-Vinton phone book, “but we’re the leader,” Connelly said.

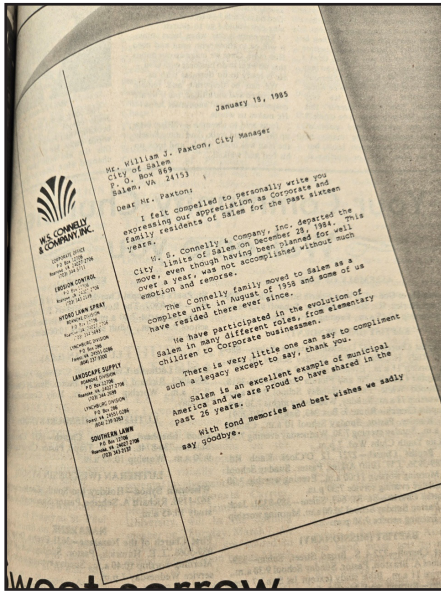
He credits a large part of the company’s success to the 12 years spent on Ohio Street, “because that’s where we became the prominent name in what we do.”

And that’s one of the reasons that just after the company’s move to Roanoke, Connelly wrote a letter to Salem’s city manager, William J. Paxton, “expressing our appreciation as corporate and family residents of Salem for the past 16 years.”

“I’m also a Virgo and a romantic fool,” laughed Connelly, explaining “nostalgia” as another reason for the letter.

“Salem is a great place to grow up... and retire,” said Connelly, who along with his sister and brothers, attended Salem public schools from elementary through high school graduation.

“It’s small town America, the most efficient system in the world,” he said. “I consider Salem home and feel strange



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driving through it now.”

If Salem is so “efficient,” why the move to Roanoke?

After a loud laugh over the anticipated question, connelly answered, “visibility and access. We had no visibility where we were and now we have access to a major intersection (Routes 460 and 581).”

But by Connelly’s own admission, this family of eight was almost always visible in Salem, “whether we wanted to be or not.”

And while doing business in Salem, Connelly had access “to the people who run the city at any time. These people made themselves available and I could fuss at them whenever I wanted.”

“I don’t think it will be like that in Roanoke,” he added.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of August 11, 2026 – August 17, 2026

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
8/17/2026	1900 BLK Electric Rd	Obtain Money By False Pretense
8/17/2026	2100 BLK Apperson Dr	Grand Larceny

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of August 11, 2026 – August 17, 2026

8/11/2026	Renee J. Dunn	54	Domestic Assault & Battery
8/14/2026	Ealy Ogden, Jr.	60	Petit Larceny
8/14/2026	Justin M. McGhee	43	Discharge Firearm, Reckless Handling of Firearm
8/15/2026	Ellis C. Blake Shortridge	28	Domestic Assault & Battery
8/15/2026	Heidy V. Matias	33	Public Intoxication
8/15/2026	Michael L. Ferguson	37	Threatening Language over Airway
8/15/2026	Ronald E. Hamlin	63	Public Intoxication
8/16/2026	Brad M. Rea	48	Peeping Tom, Public Intoxication
8/16/2026	Ismael N. Perez	25	Public Intoxication, Obstruct Justice
8/17/2026	Elijah D. Hodges	23	Public Intoxication

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Interested applicants must be a registered voter in the City of Salem and submit both a resume and letter of interest either hand-delivered or by email no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2026, to be considered.

Resumes and letters of interest must be hand-delivered to the City Manager’s Office, Attention: Rob Light, Clerk of Council, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, VA 24153 or may be emailed to hrlight@salemva.gov.

Per the Code of Virginia, all application documents received are required to be made available for public inspection.

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H. Robert Light
Clerk of Salem City Council

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

Last week my coworker Lynn gave me 3 dozen eggs. She has chickens and gets too many eggs for her family to eat. Because I like eggs and didn’t want to waste them, I had to find a way to use them.

I grew up with the 1977 slogan,” It’s the incredible, edible egg.” After dietary guidelines warned against cholesterol, egg consumption had declined for thirty years. The newly formed American Egg Board started a campaign to increase the sale of eggs. The campaign used a catchy jingle and upbeat TV ads to promote eggs as a versatile, low-cost, high-protein food. The ads are on YouTube if you want to relive them. “Just heat and eat” is one memorable line.

Humans have been consuming eggs for as long as we’ve been walking the earth. Relatively easy to come by, a great source of protein, and versatile in cooking, eggs have played an important role in human diets since the very beginning of history.

According to History.com, the first jungle fowl eggs were in the forests of Southeast Asia. Around 1500 BC they became domesticated and slowly spread to Europe around 900 BC along trade routes. At first chickens weren’t eaten, they were considered a status symbol. In Italy around 500 BC there is evidence that they started eating eggs.

Egg eating spread with the Roman invasion of Europe. Eggs were a common ingredient in the Roman diet and Roman markets had specialized egg sellers called oviarii. Ancient Romans didn’t really eat breakfast, just leftovers from the night before. Roman cooks used eggs in a variety of dishes both sweet and savory. Roman writer Apicius wrote about 500 recipes including egg custards, quiches and omelets in his 5th century book, *De re coquinaria* (On the Subject of Cooking). As human nutritional reliance on eggs grew over time, so did the number of ways they were utilized in everyday life. Ancient Egyptian bakers used eggs to make breads, early African cultures mixed egg whites into recipes as a thickening agent, and the Romans were fond of turning eggs into tasty cakes and desserts.

Eggs are one of the world’s most perfect foods. Full of protein, 12 grams per serving (2 eggs), and vitamins A, D, E, and B. Eggs help boost bone health, liver function, and our immune system.

Why are eggs sold by the dozen? That has always bugged me. According to FoodTimeline.org, American’s embrace of the dozen as standard measure descends from English roots. Food history sources confirm retail eggs were sold by the dozen during Elizabethan times. They do not tell us why this standard was chosen, nor do they credit a specific person or place for making this decision. Colonial-19th century wholesale exchanges were conducted in boxes or bushel barrels; no count provided. In the

days of industrial food packaging, it makes sense for eggs to be sold in even increments from a practical standpoint. No “baker’s dozen” in the egg carton. It is interesting to note some grocers through time argued eggs should be sold by weight, not count. Why? Because the actual size of the eggs is different. Today’s egg sellers take this into account. Products are graded by size and grouped, packed, and priced accordingly. While the dozen remains the standard for statistical purposes, eggs are now sold to retail consumers in packs ranging from 6 to 18.

Before commercialization of eggs, chickens would lay eggs like crazy in Springtime. You would end up with many more than you could possibly eat at that moment, so you found ways to preserve them. Now, eggs are available year-round due to keeping chickens in a controlled environment, so they don’t know about day length. This keeps them laying regularly.

The average American eats 286 eggs per year. Overall, the United States produces 75 billion eggs annually. Want to guess which state contributes the most? It’s Iowa! They produce approximately 16.5 billion eggs.

The next time you balk at the price of a dozen eggs, be grateful that you didn’t have to outrun an angry ostrich or personally domesticate a wild bird to enjoy a delicious omelet. Egg eating has never been so easy.

There are many recipes online for egg dishes and use. Here are some I made with that 3 dozen eggs.



Oven Scrambled Egg Bake

Ingredients

12 large eggs

3 cups mixed cheese (I used Mexican mix cheese)

1 cup whole milk (I used skim and it was fine)

4 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon black pepper

Optional add-ins: sautéed onions, bell peppers, spinach, crumbled bacon

Instructions

Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, salt, and pepper until fully combined. Grease a 9×13-inch baking dish with room temperature butter. Stir 2 cups of cheese into the egg mixture, reserving 1 cup for topping. Pour the mixture into the prepared dish and top with remaining cheese. Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until eggs are set and the top is golden brown. Allow to cool for a few minutes, then cut into squares and serve warm. Store leftovers in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3 days or freeze for up to a month. You can assemble the dish the night before for convenience.



Spinach and Cottage Cheese Quiche

Ingredients

1 cup cottage cheese

1 cup fresh spinach, chopped

4 large eggs

1/2 cup mozzarella cheese

1/2 cup milk

1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

1/2 tsp garlic powder

Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375°F. Whisk eggs, milk, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Stir in cottage cheese, spinach, mozzarella, and Parmesan. Pour into greased 9-inch pie dish. Bake 30-35 minutes or until set and golden brown.

How to Freeze Raw Eggs for Later Use

Place 1-4 eggs at a time in a large glass measuring cup. Use your wire whisk to gently combine the yolk with the white. You don’t want to whip it until frothy, just until it’s combined. Pour into your zip-close freezer bag. Set aside and continue until all your eggs are processed.

Label bags. Place them flat on a baking sheet in your freezer for 3-4 hours. Remove bags from the sheet. You can now freeze & store them in your freezer for up to 3 months. Thawing: Remove bag(s) from freezer and thaw overnight in your refrigerator. Thawed eggs should be used within 24 hours.

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volunteers also participate when their schedules allow.

Isaac Campbell, Salem Farmers Market manager, has helped promote and support the garden. Salem Presbyterian Church provides the land and ongoing funding, while the City of Salem provides water.

Farmers Market vendors have donated heirloom seeds and plants, while the Virginia Cooperative Extension has provided seeds, materials and advice. The garden also provides individuals working toward their Master Gardener certification with an opportunity to earn required volunteer hours.

As the seasons change, the Roanoke Valley Master Gardeners will present two free gardening workshops in partnership with the Giving Garden

and the Salem Farmers Market.

The workshops will be held in the Giving Garden, or inside Salem Presbyterian Church in case of inclement weather.

The first workshop, “Fall Gardening and Extending the Harvest,” will be held Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. Participants will learn how to transition a garden from summer to fall.

The second workshop, “Putting the Garden to Bed: Cleanup and Soil Care,” will be held Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. The workshop will focus on end-of-season cleanup and soil care to prepare the garden for the following year.

The workshops are free and open to anyone interested in learning more about gardening.

-The Salem Times-Register

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Rob Light before 5 pm on Sept. 8. See separate article in this week’s Salem Times-Register.

In other matters at the Aug. 24 meeting, Council:

- * Heard from Salem High School DECA Club representatives who asked Council to consider allowing the club to sell concessions at the annual Powder Puff girls football game at Salem Field. Proceeds are used to take children shopping to buy gifts for their families, the DECA president said;
- * Also during Citizen Comments, Council heard from 11-year-old Tessa Warner, who asked Council to consider providing a teen center for Salem’s downtown, a splash park in Longwood Park, a skate park near Salem’s downtown and a bike skills loop;
- In other actions, Council:
- * Passed on second reading a Stormwater Utility Fee;
- * Approved The Preston Place Preservation Foundation Inc. to hold



Tessa Warner, 11 asks Council to consider adding teen and children’s activities, including a teen center, splash pad and skate park. With her at the podium is Tessa’s sister Maya, 9.

outdoor gatherings of less than 500 people at the historic Preston Place, oldest house in Salem, at 1936 W. Main Street, across from Walmart. The vote was 3-1 with Councilman Randy Foley voting against it because he said he believes the number should be kept at 200 people or less.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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before the woman was taken against her will to her residence in Roanoke.

With assistance from the Roanoke City Police Department, the woman was safely secured. Police said Fly had barricaded himself inside the residence but was taken into custody without further incident.

Fly is being held without bond at the Roanoke City Adult Detention Center. The investigation remains ongoing.

Seat from page 1

Jim Guynn explained the process to fill a Council vacancy, during the Aug. 24 work session before the regular meeting.

Mayor Renee Turk, Vice Mayor AnneMarie Green and Councilmembers Randy Foley and Hunter Holliday decided to advertise the vacancy and deadline for submitting letters and resumes.

The deadline is 5 p.m. on Sept. 8. Letters should be emailed, mailed or handed to the office of Assistant City Manager Rob Light.

The week of Sept. 14 Councilmembers plan to review the applications and and interview interested candidates. They plan to make a decision and appointment at the Sept. 28 regular Council meeting.

In case the Council vote is a tie, Guynn said, the matter would have to go a circuit court judge who would decide. Applicants must be residents of Salem and registered voters.

Mayor Turk said she hopes candidates would be people not interested in running for Council.

Meanwhile, there one woman and four men are running for two seats in this November’s election. They are A.J. Harpold, Mark Henrickson, Jeffrey Nickels, and Republican candidates J.D. Taylor and Councilmember Hunter Holliday, who is running for re-election. Councilman Randy Foley is not running for re-election, after 20 years.



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OPINION

An initiative of the American Library Association, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September since 1987 to mark the beginning of the school year, combat illiteracy, and encourage communities everywhere to explore all the offerings that having a library card unlocks. Today, thousands of public libraries and schools nationwide participate in the month-long celebration each fall.

Programming for every age group is one important feature the Salem Public Library provides. The Youth Services department now has two full-time Librarians and two part-time Librarian Assistants, all who have had extensive training and experience working with children of all ages. Since the beginning of the summer, Youth programs at the Salem Public Library visibly ramped up. It is exciting for the staff to be able to offer this additional programming, and we hope the public is excited as well.

Programming for adults of all ages is also important to the staff of the Salem Public Library. Since the pandemic, staff at the library have created robust

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Benita VanCleave

free program offerings to provide entertainment, socialization, and educational information for the aging population. This includes popular game and humor programs, educational seminars about issues aging seniors face, art programs, and the new Solo Aging Book Club and Solo Aging Café programs. The mastermind behind the programming for the aging population, staff member Theresa Baga, also creates a monthly newsletter, “The Resilient Library Newsletter” with invaluable information for the

aging population. Four additional book clubs for adults meet monthly at the Salem Public Library.

September Children’s Events

Wednesdays (September 2, 16, 23, 30) 11am and Thursdays (September 3, 27, 24) 11 am: Story Explorers: Create lifelong readers! Join us for stories, songs, and boisterous fun as we share our love of books with your child. Open to children ages 0-5 and their families. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Thursdays, (September 3, 27, 24) 10:15am: Book Babies: Did you know? Literacy development begins at birth! Create lifelong readers with us at this special story time designed especially for infants and crawlers.

Wednesdays, (September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30). Barks & Books. Grades 1-5; must be 6 years old to attend. Read with a therapy dog! These mellow dogs love books and can’t wait to listen to you read. Everyone who signs up gets at least 10 minutes to read with a dog. You can bring your own book or pick one out when you arrive! Register at salemva.libcal.com

SIXTH DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE

Advocated to the FDA to Stop Relying on Unethical CCP Medical Data

This week I wrote to Acting FDA Commissioner Kyle Diamantas and demanded that the agency stop taking Chinese clinical trial data on faith. American drug companies now build their FDA submissions on trials run inside China, a country that censors its press to protect the Chinese Communist Party’s image rather than inform the public. Its research system is no exception. The FDA sets the world’s standard for drug safety and informed consent, and that standard is slipping.

Two children died in experimental gene-editing trials in China. One sponsor went quiet for more than a year and admitted the death only after reporters pressed. Another research team hid a child’s death and published its findings anyway. Grieving families risked retaliation to tell those stories, and independent journalists chased them down. Nobody knows how many other deaths and serious adverse events never surfaced. Yet the money keeps flowing to China for the same reason manufacturing did: weak rules, low costs, fast timelines.

My letter asks the FDA to do three things: reject China-generated data for Investigational New Drug applications, New Drug Applications, and Biologics License Applications unless inspectors audited the site in person within the past 12 months; force sponsors to



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disclose manufacturing conditions, oversight bodies, trial design, and every serious adverse event in any foreign trial supporting a United States application; and measure how deep this dependence already runs, starting with gene editing. American families deserve treatments backed by data we can verify. We cannot outsource that to a system that does not share our values.

Celebrated the Historic Drop in Violent Crime

This week I celebrated new numbers showing a historic reduction in violent crime across the Nation. According to the FBI, violent crime overall fell 10.6 percent in the first half of 2026 compared to the same period last year. Murder dropped 23.0 percent, robbery 19.6 percent, rape 18.6 percent, and aggravated assault 7.2 percent. Every major category moved in the right direction at once.

For years, Americans suffered under weak-on-

crime policies that put families and communities in danger. They locked their doors, avoided certain streets, and watched their local police departments lose officers faster than they could replace them. Under the Trump Administration, police officers got support, criminals got consequences, and crime fell. That progress holds only if we keep at it. I will keep fighting to fund the men and women who wear the badge, to secure the border that traffickers exploit, and to make sure violent offenders serve the sentences juries hand down. Safe streets are not a partisan achievement. They are the baseline every American deserves.

Cosponsored Legislation to Create a Better Immigration System

Last week I cosponsored the *Americans First Immigration Act*, legislation that rebuilds our legal immigration system around merit instead of luck. The bill ends the visa lottery and replaces it with a points-based model that scores applicants on skills, education, and what they bring to the American economy. This bill helps fix our immigration system by ending random selection. No more chain migration pulling in extended family with no connection to our workforce. Spouses and minor children still join families lawfully here, but the endless extension of that chain stops.

The bill ties immigration levels to what our Nation

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Salem-RoCo Chamber keeps the community connected as summer winds down

August may be winding down, but things at the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce are just heating up!

We kicked off the end of summer and the start of a new school year with dynamic professional development programming featuring Holly Kobia of Kobia Consulting. Her program, “The Power of the Ask,” challenged local professionals to become more confident and effective when asking the tough questions.

Whether you are asking for a donation, making a sales pitch, building a partnership or simply trying to persuade someone to see your vision, knowing how to tell your story—and knowing when and how to make the ask—can make all the difference. Holly gave attendees practical techniques to become better fundraisers, stronger communicators and more compelling storytellers.

Of course, professional development is only part of what makes our Chamber community so special.

We were thrilled to celebrate several Salem businesses this month. Business is booming at the TheCabinetSavers so much so that they had to expand into a bigger location! Their new space is just doors down from their previous spot on Colorado St. We also cut the ribbon at the Salem Animal Hospital veterinary practice celebrating their gorgeous new and



Amanda Livignston

President, Salem-RoCo Chamber

much larger space in West Salem.

Another highlight of the month was our New Member Orientation “Coffee at the Chamber”, where we welcomed new and seasoned members and shared information about what Chamber membership offers. We want every member to understand the opportunities available to them and, more importantly, feel connected to the business community around them.

And then there was our August Business After Hours at Hunting Hills Country Club. We had record attendance, plenty of great conversations and something especially exciting—a lot of new, young faces! Seeing the next generation of Salem-RoCo area business leaders getting involved and building relationships is exactly what a thriving business community needs.

Looking ahead, We’ll close out August with another

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxis
5. Space Systems Command
8. Plant seed by scattering
11. Alliances
13. Fiddler crabs
14. Heroic tale
15. Yemen capital
16. Misleading gesture
17. Cain and ____
18. Simple shoe
20. Hundredweight
21. Children’s toy in the snow
22. Gets rid of
25. Free of deceit
30. Performed a dance
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Exaggerated
33. Refrain from inflicting

CLUES DOWN

1. Home of Ó60 Minutes
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. ____ fide; legitimate
4. Immune response
5. Assistance and support
6. Glared
7. Spanish saloon
8. Pitch black
9. S-shaped lines
10. Statistical test
12. ____ Paulo, city
14. Graduation garb
19. A way to record
23. Not good
24. Weather events
25. A pituitary hormone
26. Jamie Foxx film
27. Rocker’s accessory
28. One point east (clockwise) of due north

CLUES DOWN

29. One who obtains pleasure from another’s pain
34. Consume
35. Licensed for Wall Street
36. Sick
37. Israeli city ____ Aviv
39. Removed the husk
40. Mass of rocks and sediment
41. Two-year-old sheep
42. Area units
44. Prison overseer
45. Walked
46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
47. Tax
48. 50 percent
51. Swiss river
52. Tattle
53. Actor Idris
54. Resist authority (slang)
58. Egg of a louse

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can actually absorb. It subtracts one permanent visa for every illegal alien released into the interior, so enforcement failures no longer arrive as a reward. It also ends in-state tuition for illegal aliens, a benefit many states, including Virginia, hand out while charging American citizens from out of state the higher rate. Taxpayers should not have to subsidize people who broke the law to get here while their own children pay more. Legal immigration has always

strengthened this country when we controlled the pace and chose based on merit. Under the Biden Administration, we lost control of both. This bill restores fairness and efficiency to our immigration system and furthers my push for a system built around American workers, American taxpayers, and the rule of law. 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.

Salem VA Health Care System to host VetFest Veteran Enrollment Fair

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The Salem VA Health Care System will host a Summer VetFest Veteran Enrollment Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Salem VA Medical Center, 1970 Roanoke Blvd. The event is open to all veterans, their family members and caregivers and will provide access to VA health care, benefits and other resources, including same-day services. Veterans can enroll in VA health care at the event and, after enrolling, receive an initial primary care appointment with a VA doctor the same day. Veterans seeking to enroll should bring their DD-214, a valid photo ID and any insurance information. The event also will provide an opportunity for veterans to file a benefits claim or check the status of an existing claim. Local Veterans Benefits Administration representatives will be available for one-on-one claims counseling.

Other services will include toxic exposure screenings, private mental health support and information about a variety of VA programs. Featured programs include women's health, homeless care and housing, suicide prevention, caregiver support, social work, Whole Health, Roanoke Vet Center support and VA volunteer opportunities. "A key part of fulfilling our mission is ensuring that Veterans within our community receive the health care they have earned for serving our nation," said Tammy Snyder, executive director of the Salem VA Health Care System. "This engaging, accessible event allows Veterans to easily connect with our team to access the care and benefits they deserve. They served us, now it's our duty and honor to serve them." Veterans can complete an online VA health care enrollment form before the event to help expedite the enrollment process. Completing the form is not required. Complimentary summer picnic food, snacks and drinks will be available to attendees.

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timely professional development opportunity as fractional COO Wendi Pannell joins us to explore practical uses of artificial intelligence. AI is changing the way businesses work, and we're excited to learn how local businesses can put these tools to work in practical, productive ways. It has been an incredible August, and September is shaping up to be just as busy. We are gearing up for our first-ever State of the City of Salem Networking Breakfast, coming up September 22 at the Salem Civic Center. It promises to be a great opportunity to connect, hear from Mayor Turk, learn more about the future of our city and meet other local business and community leaders. Everyone is welcome—register on the Chamber website. www.srccchamber.org We're also putting our community spirit to work for local children through our "Snack Buddy" food collection. The program supports 38 elementary schools and preschools in Salem, Roanoke County and Vinton through the Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry. The pantry spends more than \$2,000 every month providing morning snacks for children in need throughout the school year. That is an incredible investment in our community—and one that the Chamber is proud to support. We're coming together to collect snack items and help keep the pantry shelves stocked for local students. We are accepting donations of individual snacks at the Chamber for the entire month of September. If you are a business professional or



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own a local business in the Salem and Roanoke County area, I encourage you to get involved with us. Attend an event. Bring a colleague. Meet someone new. Take advantage of professional development opportunities. Find a way to give back. I promise, engaging with the Salem-RoCo Chamber can make a difference in your business—and in the community we all call home. Here's to a productive August, an even more exciting September and another great season of growing together! To your growth!

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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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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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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

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

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Rev. Craig Newman, 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.

Frantz, Joy Dixon

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

Born in Charlotte, NC 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, NC. 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, 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).

Walz, Judith Ann



Judith Ann Walz, age 92, passed away peacefully in her own bed, surrounded by the love of her family, on August 3, 2026, in Jackson, Michigan.

Judy was born on August 24, 1933, in Battle Creek, Michigan. Her family later moved to Jackson, where she graduated from Jackson High School. She continued her education at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, beginning a career as a dental hygienist. She spent many years caring for children while working in a pediatric dental practice, combining her gentle nature with a genuine love of helping others.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond William and Julia Florine Westphal. Her sister and brother in law Geneva and George Petschulat; Cassell Clark Pursell, father to their children and the love of her life; and her husband, Thomas Walz, of Jackson, Michigan.

She is survived by her children, Kristine Pursell, Kathryn Walters (Spouse Timothy Walters), Cassell Pursell (Spouse Peg Alford), and Christopher Pursell; her grandchildren, Sarah Shirk, Rachel Lerberg, Jacob Shirk, Nicolaus Enzweiler, Magdalen

Walters, Stormy Halstead, Zachary and Saylor Pursell; and her great-grandchildren, Eleanor Hoff, Basil and Nala Lerberg, Anaya Walters, Sterling and Bodhi Shirk.

Judy found beauty in the simple things. She loved the outdoors and transformed her backyard into a sanctuary for birds, squirrels, and the many small creatures that found a safe haven there. Though she never thought of herself as an artist, those who knew her would disagree. She filled countless sketchbooks and pages with paintings and drawings inspired by nature, capturing the quiet beauty she saw every day.

She also possessed an adventurous spirit. Whether it was a road trip to Yellowstone or a journey across the Atlantic, Judy embraced new experiences with curiosity and enthusiasm. France held a special place

in her heart. She spent time learning French, loved traveling there, and even labeled items around her home in French, a daily reminder of a place that brought her joy.

More than anything, Judy loved people. She had an extraordinary gift for making friends wherever she went. Her home was always open, her table always had room for one more, and everyone who entered her life was made to feel welcome. Her kindness, generosity, and genuine interest in others left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

She also had a special love for animals, especially her Corgis. Over the years, four faithful companions shared her home, bringing her endless happiness and becoming treasured members of the family.

In her final days, Judy found herself at home, surrounded by the family she loved so deeply. She leaves behind a legacy of compassion, creativity, and unconditional love. Her family finds comfort in knowing that the warmth she shared with the world will continue to live on in the countless lives she touched.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking donations be made in her name to the Jackson Symphony Orchestra.

Spangler, Kendra Lea

Kendra Lea Spangler, born October 4, 1964, passed away unexpectedly on August 11, 2026.

Kendra lived her life with a charismatic personality, a wonderful sense of humor, and a caring heart. She built a career as an insurance underwriter and was deeply loved and respected by her coworkers, who appreciated not only her knowledge and dedication but also the

laughter and warmth she brought to those around her. Kendra had a way of making people feel comfortable and welcomed, and she was loved by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Family was at the heart of Kendra's life. She was a devoted grandmother who treasured her grandchildren and the time they shared. She also loved traveling and creating memories with family and friends. Some of her happiest times were

spent at Smith Mountain Lake, where she enjoyed the beauty of the lake and the company of the people she loved.

Kendra's vibrant personality, quick wit, generous spirit, and genuine care for others made her unforgettable. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, friendship, and countless memories that will be cherished by all who knew her. Though her passing was unexpected, the love she gave so

freely will remain with her family, friends, and coworkers forever.

She is survived by her loving husband, Michael Spangler; son Daniel Raines and his wife, Elsie; their sons, Samuel and Maxwell; and daughter Allison Raines; stepchildren, Alicia Spangler, David Spangler, and his wife Amanda, and their son, William; and Kendra's parents, Christina and Joseph "Joe" Ballard; sisters, Christina "Tina"

Ballard and Melissa Ballard; brother, Kurt Ballard and his wife, Chastity; along with her nieces and nephews, Courtney "Gigi" and Jeffrey Raines; Reagan, Chance and Jackson Ballard.

Kendra will be deeply missed and forever remembered by the many people whose lives she touched.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 11:30 am at



the Train Station, 1402 South Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Va.

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

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Salem City School Division students returned to classrooms Tuesday, Aug. 18, marking the official start of the 2026-27 school year. At East Salem Elementary School, students and teachers kicked off the new year with smiles, excitement and the energy that comes with returning to the classroom. The first day marked the beginning of a new school year for students across Salem’s six schools, as teachers, administrators and support staff welcomed students back and prepared for another year of learning and growth.

VDOT Roadwatch

Interstate 81 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 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 any updates or 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 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 nearing completion. 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.

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 below and on social media. 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)

For the week of August 24, blasting will occur on Wednesday, August 26 and Thursday, August 27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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.

Flagging operations: Flagging operations are possible on various secondary roads impacted by bridge work. Watch for message boards and signage.

Daytime flagging operation on Reservoir Road until Tuesday, September 1.

Daytime flagging operation on Belle Haven Road until Tuesday, September 1.

Ramps: Ramps on I-81, northbound and southbound, may experience periodic closures or be narrowed at exit 150, 146 and 143.

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

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

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

I-81 widening from mile marker 133.8 to 137

The I-81 widening project from mile marker 133.8 to 137 will begin with work to collect survey and geotechnical data that may require periodic northbound and southbound right and left lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours. This is the northern portion of a larger project that extends to mile marker 127 at Ironto. It is being performed in three sections with this being the first section and is expected to start in early 2027.

I-81 northbound at exit 105 New River Bridge replacement in Montgomery County

Work on this project continues with the initial work beginning behind the barrier wall. Then, beginning in May and through September, the barrier wall will be moved, and the existing lanes will be narrowed. In the fall of 2026, I-81 traffic will be shifted into a new pattern at the bridge. Two lanes of traffic will continue to be open in the work zone, but motorists will be traveling on a different portion of roadway on the right side of the bridge.

Throughout construction, two lanes of northbound I-81 will remain open

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during daytime hours with nighttime closures possible during the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. The project is expected to be complete and the bridge in its final configuration with two lanes of Interstate 81 and the right deceleration lane/exit ramp by the end of 2026.

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

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

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

I-81 bridge deck repairs

Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81 between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and work zone areas. Delays are possible.

Interstate 581 Interstate 581 exit 2N at Peters Creek Road

Work is underway on this \$4 million project to re-align and signalize the exit 2N ramp from northbound I-581 to northbound Peters Creek Road, eliminating the current merge ramp and making it easier for drivers to access Valleypointe Parkway. One lane each direction will remain open during work. During spring and summer 2026, the current exit ramp will be narrowed as construction begins on the new exit ramp. Construction is expected to be completed in late fall 2026.

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

I-581 patching operations

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

I-581 bridge deck repairs

Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581, right and left lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and work zone areas. Delays are possible.

Roanoke County Dry Hollow Road safety improvements

A safety improvement project on Dry Hollow Road that will reinforce the retaining wall and install a roadside barrier is ongoing. Drivers may encounter flagging operations and delays between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction of temporary parking sites on either side are set to begin. Drivers should pay attention to message boards that are already in place. A new signal has already been installed as the first part of this project.



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Sale will be conducted at B&B Storage, At 1015 Radford St., Christiansburg VA on Friday, August 28, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.
All sales are final & CASH only

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Terry Properties of VA Inc., property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 432 Chestnut Street, (Tax Map # 161-3-1).
2. Consider amending Chapter 66, Signs, Article I In General, Section 66-11.1 Minor signs during voting, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, pertaining to minor signs during voting.

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



ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetotourt and Craig during the winter of 2026-2027. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies

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and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubbertire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season. Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>). Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 18, 2026 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements. Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov
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Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316; -317, 20-104
Case No. CL26-1624
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
ALISON JUSTUS, Plaintiff, v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MELVIN E. SCOTT, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE SCOTT LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 16, 1999,

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UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE SCOTT LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 16, 1999, Defendant(s).

The object of this suit is to reform the Deed dated August 21, 2003, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 2003014538, and confirm title in Alison Justus. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile with ion the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendant(s) by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that he named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before October 14, 2026, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
Entered 8/17/26
Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:
A. An ordinance of the Town of Christiansburg amending the 2013 Comprehensive Plan by adopting a revised Comprehensive Plan consisting of the following elements:
Government, Environment, Economic Development, Recreation and Destination, Infrastructure, Transportation, Public Safety, Housing, and Future Land Use, including the Future Land Use Map. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comments in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the proposed revised Comprehensive Plan may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Code Amendment request by Town of Christiansburg, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, Sec. 42-397 – Permitted uses. Data centers are currently allowed by right in the General Industrial (I-2) Zoning District, and the request is to require a conditional use permit for data centers in the General Industrial (I-2) Zoning District.

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

Trustee's Sale

1990 Reesedale Road, Elliston, Virginia 24087 (Parcel ID: 022175; Tax Map No.: 057- 2 6)
Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 29, 2015, in the original principal amount of \$106,837.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia in Instrument No. 150009429, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on September 25, 2026, at 3:00 PM in front of the building housing the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, the property designated as Lot number six (6), as shown on plat entitled "Survey for [...] Kaulback" showing Subdivision of 45.86 acre tract, Mt. Tabor District, Montgomery County, Virginia, which plat is dated June 18, 1979, prepared by T.P. Parker and Son, C.L.S., designated no. 6256, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court in Montgomery County, Virginia, in Plat Book 9, page 197. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or M. Brennan Hutt d/b/a H&H Abstracting, and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 233457-02, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

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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.

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Salem's Cole is Dick Butkus award candidate

Salem High graduate Chris Cole has been named a preseason candidate for the Butkus Award, given to the best linebacker in college football. The following is a story by John Frierson of The Frierson Files that appeared on the University of Georgia football website.

Earnest Greene, III said he and his fellow Georgia offensive linemen have a unique nickname for Bulldog linebacker Chris Cole. They call him "Tarantula."

"We call him that because of the way he covers ground and uses his limbs, how he's built and stuff like that," Greene said. "As a football player, he's a freak athlete."

Cole has heard the nickname, and he's fine with it. "I'll take it, for sure," he said with a smile.

Cole, a 6-foot-3 and 235-pound junior from Salem, Va., has also been called "a freak athlete" more than a few times. And for good reason. He moves like a much smaller player.

"It's crazy how fast he can run at his size," Georgia cornerback Ellis Robinson IV said.

Georgia head coach Kirby Smart said Cole, one of the Bulldogs' most productive defensive players last season despite starting just one game, brings a lot to the team beyond his excellent athleticism and play-making abilities.

"There is not a player of higher character on our team than him," Smart said. "He is the hardest worker, has the highest speeds, and has the most enthusiasm. He always lays everything on the line and embodies what we want in terms of effort and toughness. He has had an amazing off-season, and I am excited for him to go out and see how he plays for our team."



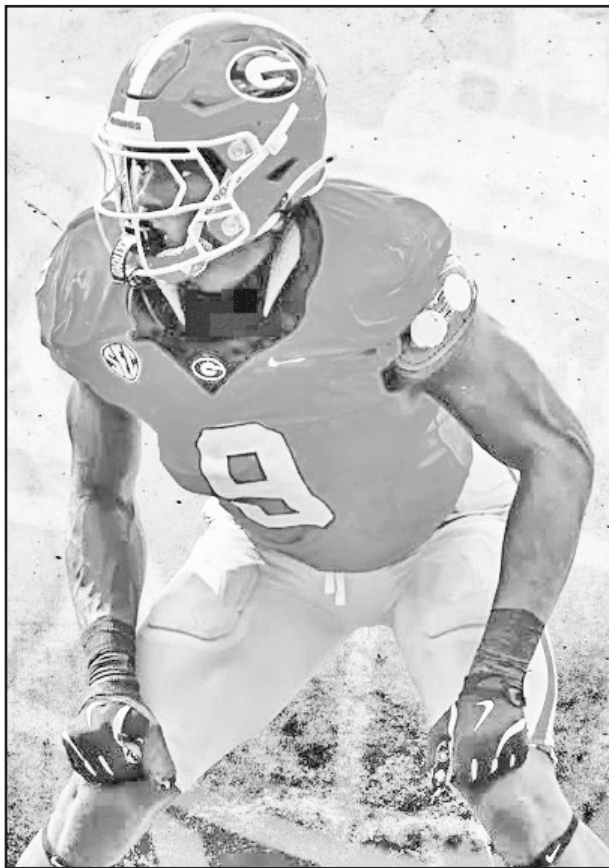
CHRIS COLE

16 tackles, including two for loss, off the bench. In 14 games last season, with one start, he led Georgia with 4.5 sacks, was second on the team with 7.0 tackles for loss, and his 59 tackles ranked fourth. He was also third on the team with 21 quarterback pressures.

Cole should have an even larger role this season, one that includes more leadership as a veteran on the team.

"His leadership is what we need most," Smart said. "He's one of the few players that I think can sustain right now in the way he practices. He practices with such max effort that he conditions himself through practice so that the next day he can go further. He's just like a rubber band. He just keeps expanding and he gets more elasticity as he goes and can stretch himself longer."

"We're trying to be smart with him too because he's playing winning football and we want to keep him healthy. Number two, we want to keep him fresh, and we want to keep the weight on him. He's been a tremendous leader, and he works really hard. He's one of the hardest-working guys on the team."



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You wouldn't know it to look at him, but Cole was around 5-9 as a freshman in high school. He said his growth spurt happened as a sophomore, which changed both where and how he played on the football field.

"I was playing safety, and then they moved me to linebacker. I had never really done that my whole life, so being about to transition to that and to play in the box was definitely different," he said.

A five-star recruit coming out of high school, Cole's athletic excellence wasn't limited to football. He finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles at the 2023 Nike Indoor Nationals track meet, setting a school-record time of 8.44 seconds. He's bigger and stronger now, but the speed is still there.

"He's a strainer; like, he strains for everything," Robinson said. "Every play, he's running to the ball as fast as he can no matter if he's tired or not."

Cole said his focus in the offseason was simple: be a better linebacker. A big part of that was improving his pass rush. He had those 21 quarterback pressures that led to 4.0 sacks, but he wants to get to the quarterback more often this season, and make the play when he's there.

"I feel like last year I left a lot on the table, and this year, I want to come for it all," he said. "There were a lot of times where I had a lot of opportunities, and I basically just, like, missed the layup. I missed some tackles. This year, I'm very focused on that, and now I have experience and film I can watch to see what I could have done better."

"I just want to come for it all this year."

Cole and the Bulldogs open their season on September 5 against Tennessee State at Sanford Stadium.

Lewis eighth graders win two shutouts

The Andrew Lewis Middle School eighth grade football team ran their record to 3-0 with two shut-out wins in the past week. The Wolverines beat Cave Spring last Thursday and Christiansburg on Monday of this week, both on the road.

Lewis took a 28-0 shutout victory over Cave Spring Middle in south Roanoke County last week. The defense dominated the game, limiting the Squires to just two first downs and forcing an interception by safety Maclin Hale. The Wolverines forced three punts and on special teams the kickoff team recovered an onside kick. Junior Crawford, Josh Elliott, Alden Sowers, CJ Goens, Graham Pollard, Landynn Booth, Tyrstan Gaines, Kaden Hughes and Mayson Henderson all performed well on the defensive side.

The offense was led by the passing of Hale and the receiving of Brower, as they led to the team to 22 first half points. Elliott, Henderson, Pollard and Crawford led the rushing attack.

On Monday night Lewis shut out the middle school Blue Demons in Christiansburg, 42-0. Hale and Brower proved to be a formidable combination once again and Lewis also had a good ground game with Booth, Henderson, Elliott, Pollard, Crawford, Brycen Wright and Liam Park.

The Lewis defense had another big game, allowing the Demons just one first down. Hale had a "pick six" and Goens also had an interception. Crawford was tough on the defensive line and Booth played well in the secondary.

The Lewis seventh grade team lost a close game to Shawsville Middle School, 8-6, last week to run

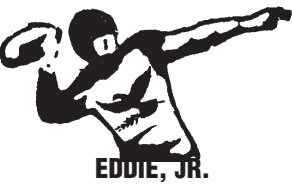


Liam Park of Andrew Lewis runs through a big hole.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

their record to 1-1. Their next game was scheduled to be played on Wednesday of this week against Glenvar Middle.

The eighth grade team is at home today, Thursday, for a 5 pm game with William Fleming.



FOOTBALL CONTEST IS BACK

The weekly ST-R football contest has returned this week with a full slate of high school and college games. This is opening week for most, although Lord Botetourt did play a "Zero Week" game last Saturday as former Salem High quarterback Nick Leftwich made his debut as Cavalier coach.

The rules are simple and the same as last year. Just go to each block in the facing page and find a game, then put the team you expect to win in the corresponding advertiser's blank below. All the rules are listed on the contest page, and remember you must turn your picks in on an official ballot of the current week. I suspect in the past some folks have been digging through our dumpster to retrieve past issues and turn in multiple entries. You can enter as many times as you like, but it must be on a current entry blank. The only exception is folks who subscribe on line, and I know who you are.

The prizes are the same as in the past. The one who picks the most games gets a \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's, and that's a great prize. We also have a "19th Hole" question each week, and the best answer will get a free round of golf at the Salem Municipal Golf Course. For this week, I want you to predict the score of the game between Glenvar and Liberty Christian Academy. Put your answer in the space provided and the closest to the actual score gets a free round of golf. You want to win early in the season when the weather is still nice, but please note the certificate will not expire.

Along those lines, Roanoke College has a field goal kicking contest at halftime with certificates to Bojangles as the prize. Last year a boy from Craig County nailed a deep kick and won something like 30 Bojangles certificates. Thing is, he could only use one at a time and they expired at the end of the month. I love their chicken but I don't know I'd want to eat it twice a day for two weeks.

You might notice that this year I'm included in the Roanoke Times weekly panel of folks picking the high school games. Matt Case of the Times asked me to be involved and I agreed, although I've had second thoughts since that time. I'm going to have to pick the outcome of teams I cover on a weekly basis, and that could get hairy.

For example, on week four Salem will host Dinwiddie. Salem lost to Dinwiddie 42-0 last year and the Generals always have a state contending team. Not to get too far ahead, but after three weeks of the season what if I think Dinwiddie would present a particularly difficult challenge for our Spartans. What do I do?

If I pick Dinwiddie, I'm picking against our hometown boys. That's not appealing to me as I'm a Salemite too and I hope Salem wins, although that's not really what a journalist should admit.

If I pick Dinwiddie, people are going to call me a homer. And there's going to be Roanoke Times readers outside of Salem who are going to think what kind of dumb\$\$\$ is picking Salem to beat Dinwiddie.

See my predicament? I'm a very competitive person and I want to beat Case and Robert Anderson and Jimmy from Crunch and the big guy from Channel 7. However, I don't want our faithful Salem readers to see me as a turncoat. Please understand I'll do my best to back our local teams but I'd still like to win the contest.

With that said, I picked LCA to beat Glenvar in the Roanoke paper this week. I hope I lose that one.

-BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar Middle downs Floyd County in football

The Glenvar Middle School football team picked up their first win of the season when the Highlanders defeated Floyd County, 12-8, at Highlander Stadium last week.

Glenvar struck first to take a 6-0 lead on a touchdown by Ryland Franklin. The Highlanders made it 12-0 on a touchdown by Kendrix Thompson to go up 12-0 at the half.

Floyd battled back in the second half, scoring a touchdown and successful two-point conversion to cut Glenvar's lead to 12-8. However, the Glenvar defense held strong

down the stretch, preventing Floyd County from completing the comeback as Glenvar held on for the win. Everett Creasey had an interception for the Highlanders.

"The win was a total team effort," said coach Raysean Priest. "They showed toughness and determination against a strong Floyd County squad."

The Highlanders were scheduled to play the Andrew Lewis seventh grade team on Wednesday at Salem Stadium. Next Monday Glenvar is back home to take on the Read Mountain B team.



Maximus Milette drops back to pass for the Glenvar Middle School team.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

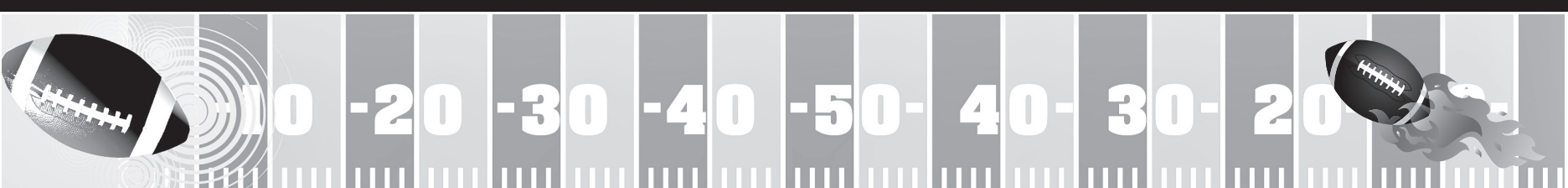


Rec. Football Opens

Abram Sowers (#21) makes the tackle as the two Salem Recreation League 8 year old teams go head to head in the season opener last Saturday at Spartan Stadium. No score was kept for the eight year old game.

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

# Three Maroon greats named to second class of ODAC Hall of Fame

For the second time in as many years, the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) and its member schools kick off a new academic year with the announcement of the 2026 class of the ODAC Hall of Fame. Roanoke College will honor its three inductees, Scott Allison, Susan Dunagan and Ed Green, at the annual RC Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony over Alumni Weekend April 9-11.

Allison was a standout student at Roanoke College for the soccer and lacrosse teams, and went to coach both. He was also a long time athletic director at RC. Dunagan and Green both earned their Hall of Fame status coaching basketball, Susan with the women's team and Ed with the men's team.

This year's second-ever class of conference stars features 36 of the best student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and contributors towards the league's rich history of excellence. The ODAC Hall of Fame now showcases 86 standouts following the inau-

gural class of 50 honorees in 2025-26 as the linchpin of the conference's 50th year anniversary celebration.

The inaugural class included representation from 13 schools plus three individuals from the conference at-large. The second class includes inductees from Shenandoah University for the first time and features 36 honorees from 14 schools. That includes three each from the ODAC's eight charter members – Bridgewater College, Eastern Mennonite University, Emory & Henry University (then College during its ODAC era), Hampden-Sydney College, University of Lynchburg, Randolph-Macon College, Roanoke College, and Washington and Lee University – and two apiece from Batten University(formerly Virginia Wesleyan), Guilford College, Hollins University, Randolph College, Shenandoah, and Sweet Briar College, each of which joined the conference at various points throughout the league's 50-year history.

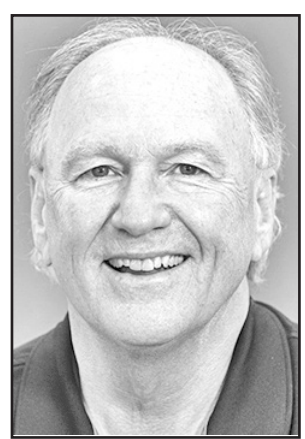
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ED GREEN



SCOTT ALLISON

Hall of Fame class is another chance to celebrate the people who have helped make the ODAC what it is today," explained ODAC Commissioner Brad Bankston. "Each honoree has their own story, but they all made a lasting impact on our conference and helped set the standard for those who came after them. We're proud to recognize what they accomplished and excited

to celebrate the lasting mark they've made on the ODAC."

The first two classes of the ODAC Hall of Fame have been directly selected by the administrations of each represented institution. Method on the selection of the third edition and those that follow will be determined by the conference's administration at a later date early this season.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

This is the combined group of Glenvar High varsity, junior varsity and middle school volleyball players. The varsity and JVs open at home tonight against William Byrd.

## GHS volleyball opens at home tonight with high hopes

The Glenvar volleyball team will open the season tonight with high hopes. The traditionally strong Highlanders will host Class 3 William Byrd at the GHS gym at approximately 7 pm.

The Highlanders are coming off an 18-4 season with three of the losses coming to state champion Radford in very competitive matches. The other loss was to perennial Class 1 contender Auburn, and the Highlanders split with them.

Glenvar has a solid group of girls returning from

last year's team, including junior outside hitter Zella Hayes and both middle hitters, juniors Grace Fiedler and Olivia Collins. Sophomore Emily Rohrback is a talented setter and right side and senior Macy McMahon is solid at right side hitter and defensive specialist. Also returning are senior rightside Rebecca Magruder and senior defensive specialist Peyton Jones. Freshman Kherington Jewell will jump right into the lineup as a setter and right side hitter.

"I'm super excited for this season and to coach

these student athletes," said coach Mark Rohrback. "They're an amazing group."

Rohrback, who also coaches the Roanoke College men's volleyball team, will be assisted by his wife, Jen, and she'll also coach the jayvee team. Kirby Hamilton is new to the staff.

"These girls are working extremely hard and having a blast," said Rohrback. "Our goals are to play at a high level, consistent volleyball and have fun."

## Spartans win volleyball opener

The Salem High volleyball team opened the 2026 season with a three set win at Northside High School Tuesday evening. Salem won 25-22, 25-15 and 27-25 as Kourtney Goens had 15 kills and Jenna Wilkes had 17 assists.

The Spartans have a new coach as Basil Conner moves over one spot on the bench after assisting Doug Eller last year. Basil is a familiar face to area volleyball enthusiasts. He's been the head coach at Glenvar and he's coached travel teams for years in the area.

Basil will be assisted by his daughter Bailey, who was a stand-out player at Glenvar, Eller, who moves to an assistant's position, former Spartan Moriah Moore and

Sarah Beth Walton. Former Salem head coaches David Turk and Russ Danstrum are also helping with the team.

The Spartans return senior six position player Goens, a talented outside hitter. Senior Wilkes is returning after missing two seasons with an injury and Karis Guy is a back row leader at Libero. Seniors MarKiya Webb, Macy and Kate Gibson, Gracie Atkinson and Parker Price should make solid contributions as well. Senior Emory Coe will miss the season with an ACL team and junior Olivia Crosswhite will play the back row.

Newcomers expected to help include junior Evelyn Van Liew, a

middle hitter. Other juniors on the varsity are setter Emma Elder, outside hitter Hailey Crofts and back row players McKenzie Holland, Olivia Smith and Elizabeth Keffer. Sophomore Leela Hamden is a right side hitter and freshman Ava Price is a setter.

Salem was 12-8 last year and advanced to the Region 4D play-offs. Conner is hoping to compete for the title in the very tough River Ridge District.

"Our district is tops in the state," he said. "We hope to win it and make a strong run in regional play."

The Spartans are back in action tonight with a 5 pm varsity only match at Roanoke Catholic.

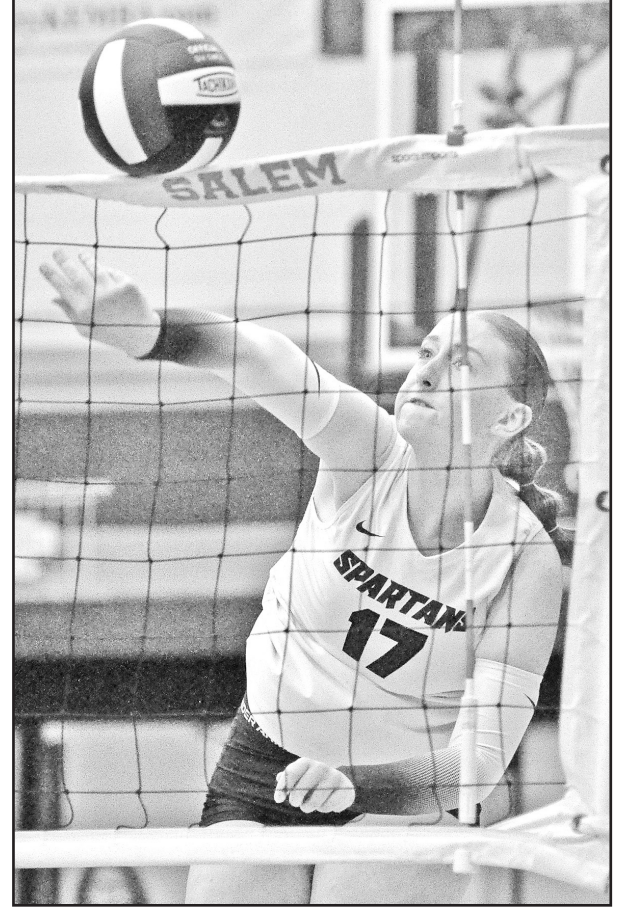


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Kourtney Goens will be a force at the net for Salem.

Middle School volleyball teams pick up wins

The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar middle school volleyball teams will both be on the road for matches today. The Wolverines are at William Byrd and the Highlanders head to Floyd County.

Last Thursday Lewis defeated Franklin County in two sets, 25-19 and 25-14. Lewis also beat Blacksburg last

week, 25-12 and 25-14. The Wolverines were scheduled to play Read Mountain early this week and next Monday they host Hidden Valley

Glenvar beat Northside Middle last week in two sets. The Highlanders were scheduled to play at Christiansburg Tuesday and next Monday Blacksburg comes to GMS.

## Roanoke College men open basketball season on November 7

The Roanoke College men's basketball team has released the 2026-27 schedule, with the regular season starting Nov. 7 at Allegheny University.

The Maroons posted a 23-7 record last season, capturing their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title since 1999-20 and advancing to the

## Maroon women tip-off at home

Roanoke College's head women's basketball first-year coach, Tessa Hampton, has released the team's 2026-27 schedule.

"I am excited about what this upcoming season has in store for Roanoke College Women's Basketball. Each game will be an opportunity for us to compete, learn, and grow," said Hampton. "As a first-time Head Coach, I can't wait to embark on this journey with such a special group of young women. They are eager to work hard and compete within the ODAC and our non-conference matchups. We look forward to representing Roanoke College and all those supporting our program."

The Maroons begin the regular season at home Nov. 7 against William Peace, and travel to play at Johnson

& Wales Nov. 10. They then host the Jean Beamer Tip-Off Classic Nov. 14-15 at the Cregger Center, which features St. Mary's College of Maryland, Bridgewater, and Marymount.

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) play begins in December as Roanoke travels to Guilford on the 2nd and hosts Batten on the 5th. RC then travels to Nashville to compete in the Music City Classic on Dec. 18-19 before wrapping up the calendar year hosting the Susan Dunagan Holiday Classic Dec. 29-30.

After the New Year, the Maroons will play the core of their ODAC schedule through Feb. 21. The ODAC tournament is set to begin Feb. 23 with the semifinals and championship to be hosted at the Salem Civic Center Feb. 26-27.

NCAA Tournament for the second-straight year. The Maroons were ranked No. 17 in the final D3hoops.com final poll of the year.

Roanoke begins the home portion of the season Nov. 13-14 with the Frankie Allen Tip-Off Classic in the Cregger Center, featuring the University of Pitt-Greensburg, Salisbury and Greensboro. RC next competes in the Governor's Challenge Nov. 20-21 in Salisbury, Md. before opening the ODAC slate Dec. 2 at Washington & Lee University. The first home conference game isn't until Jan. 6 when RC hosts Eastern Mennonite University. The ODAC Tournament is set for the week of Feb. 24 with the semifinals and finals scheduled for Feb. 27-28 at the Salem Civic Center.

"We are excited for the upcoming season and know there will be many challenges in front of us," said Maroon head coach Clay Nunley. "I'm confident our guys will be ready to put the work in to prepare to meet those challenges."

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Above left, Avinson Pinto of the Salem RidgeYaks jumps over a sliding Wilson baserunner in a game at Salem Memorial Ballpark. Right, Andrews Opata's bat splinters. Below right, Adonys Guzman and Willis Maginnis race home with two runs for Salem.

PHOTOS BY JOHN WACHER

## RidgeYaks need wins in Fayetteville to stay in CL North Division race

If the Salem RidgeYaks are going to make the Carolina League playoffs they're going to have to make a move this week. The Yaks come into the week five and a half games behind the Fayetteville Woodpeckers in the second half North Division standings with seven games to be played in Fayetteville.

The Yaks opened the series Tuesday night, and on Wednesday they're scheduled to play a doubleheader, making up a rained out game in Salem. Single games follow Thursday through Sunday and Salem has to realistically win at least five of the seven to have a punchers' chance of catching the Woodpeckers.

Wilson is also in the mix, four and a half games behind the 'Peckers after splitting a six game series in Salem last week. The Yaks dominated in the first two games, winning 21-4 and 8-0, but then lost the next two, 11-10 and

7-5. They split the weekend, winning 15-9 on Saturday but falling 17-8 on Sunday.

If you like runs, this was the series for you. Salem scored 67 runs in the six games, averaging over 11 runs a game but still only managing a split.

After this week's series in Fayetteville the Yaks will be home for the last time beginning next Tuesday, September 1. They'll host the Hill City Howlers for six games to finish the regular season, and this week's series in Fayetteville will determine how important those games will be.

The parent Red Sox made some moves last week as outfielder Skylar King and pitcher Barrett Morgan were promoted from the Yaks to the Greenville Drive. Three players were promoted from the Florida Coast League Sox to Salem, outfielder Martin Shelar and pitchers Carson Revay and Alex Kranzler.



Above, Salem's Chloe Collins tees off. Below, Croix Bowen lines up a putt.

PHOTOS BY SCOTT GARDNER



## Three River Ridge District teams shoot under 300 at Auburn Hills

Auburn Hills was a challenge but the River Ridge District golfers went low on a beautiful afternoon in Riner Monday.

The Spartans were without senior Ashnoor Kaur, who is in Pennsylvania for an AJGA event this week, and finished sixth on the day with a team score of 313. Three teams went sub-300 for the round and five players shot even par or better.

Blacksburg won the round with a 290. Hidden Valley shot 293, Cave Spring 299, Christiansburg 308 and Pulaski was one shot better than Salem at 312. Patrick Henry brought up the rear with a 320, which would be competitive in most districts.

"There were some diabolical pin locations, but that didn't stop the field from going low," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "You have to bring it each week in our district. We put three scores in the 70s but we have to break 300 if we want to have a chance to finish near the top. It wasn't what we wanted, but we still had a lot of positives."

Salem was led by freshman Chloe Collins who finished tied for 11th with a four over par 76.

"She just keeps impressing us each week," said Hancock. "We knew Chloe was going to be a great player, but she is rapidly taking her game to another level."

Mike Bateman finished tied for 15th with a 77 and sophomore JD Williamson put together a solid performance, finishing tied for 21st with a 79. Sophomore McKenzie Eversole and junior Croix Bowen both posted 81 while junior Eli Wells rounded out the lineup with an 85.

The tournament marked the halfway point of the district season and Salem is fifth with average score of 308.3. Blacksburg leads at 886, an average of 295.3, followed by Hidden Valley at 907, Cave Spring at 911 and Pulaski is one spot ahead of the Spartans in fourth at 920.

"We had some solid scores but we know we are capable of going lower," said Hancock.

Last Thursday the Spartans cracked the 300 mark to earn their first team win at the Copper Cove course near Smith Mountain Lake. It was a three team invitational with Salem carding 298, Cave Spring 303 and host Franklin County at 325.

Kaur and Williamson led the way for the Spartans, both carding a one over par 73. Collins posted a season best 75 and the final counting score came from Eversole with a 77.

"It's the first time we've cracked 300 this season, but I don't think we've peaked yet," said Hancock. "We played great, but we hope to continue on this trajectory getting a little better each round."

Next up for the Spartans is a non-district match on Monday, August 31, at the Waterfront Country Club hosted by Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy.

## Highlanders have home match at Hanging Rock today

The Glenvar golfers will be back on the links today as they host a Three Rivers District match at the Hanging Rock Golf Club. The first tee offs are set for 1 pm with a shotgun start.

This will be the first match for the Highlanders in over two weeks. They last played at the Hidden Valley Country Club in the Roanoke County Invitational on August 11.

Next Monday, August 31, Glenvar is at The River Course in a match hosted by Radford.



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Above left, Parker Woolwine(#10) pulls down an Amherst player from behind as Joe Henderson(#28), Robert Herndon(#75) and Phoenix Brown(#79) close in. Above right, Michael Crawley hauls in a second quarter touchdown, and below Jaidyn Rudisell high points the ball to set up a first quarter score in Salem's benefit game against Amherst last Friday night at Salem Stadium.

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## Spartans dominate Amherst in tuneup for opener with Glass

The Salem High football team is ready to put 2025 behind them and return to being one of the area powers when the high school football season opens Friday. Salem is in Lynchburg to take on E.C. Glass in what promises to be an exciting opening game.

The Spartans were 5-5 last year and won five or their last six games, but that's not the standard coach Don Holter is looking for. Salem did not make the playoffs for the first time since the 2003 season, and they were 8-2 that year when not as many teams got to go.

If last Friday night's scrimmage is any indication, Salem is back. With both starting teams on the field the Spartans had a 42-0 lead at the half against Amherst County. Salem dominated the benefit game on both sides of the ball.

"We started to do things right," said Holter. "The defense was flying around and we played with focus and intensity. When you give it that kind of effort good things will happen."

Holter realizes this was just a glorified scrimmage against a team that was 4-6 last year, but it was indeed a step in the right direction.

"It was a scrimmage and it was what it was, but other hand we grew immensely," he said. "Now we have to build on that."

E.C. Glass defeated Salem in last year's opener at Salem Stadium, 27-21. The Spartans are just 3-7-1 against Glass since Salem High opened in 1977 but three of those losses came before Willis White arrived in 1983 to turn the program around.

"Same old Glass," said Holter. "They have athletic skill people and they'll get after you. Their quarterback is back and he's a good player. We'll have to do the little things right on defense because this one counts."

Kickoff is Friday at 7 pm at City Stadium in Lynchburg. The Salem jayvees are home tonight in the second game of a doubleheader with Andrew Lewis Middle School hosting William Fleming at 5 pm.

## LCA is challenging opener for Glenvar

The Glenvar football team may have their toughest opener ever when the Highlanders take on Liberty Christian Academy in Lynchburg Friday. The Bulldogs are a perennial state contender in Class 3 and a private school, bringing annual complaints of unfair competition from some fellow Class 3 members.

LCA has been quite successful in the VHSL, posting a 62-5 record in the past five years with back-to-back undefeated states championships in 2023 and '24. In 2021, while playing in Class 4, they made the final with a 13-0 record before losing to Phoebus in the championship game.

So why is Class 2 Glenvar even playing this team? Well, the Highlanders played Galax in the opener every year since 2011, except for the COVID year, and Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford figured everything was set with the Maroon Tide on the second year of the two-year scheduling cycle. The Highlanders held a 9-5 edge in the rivalry but most of the games were competitive up until the last two seasons, when Glenvar won 34-0 in 2024 and 70-0 last year.

Then, without Clifford's knowledge, Galax representatives called the school and cancelled the opener with Glenvar to play Class 1 Craig County instead. That left Glenvar looking for a game, and with it being the second year of the two year cycle they weren't easy to come by. LCA had opened with a road game in Ohio against Ironton High last year and lost 42-3, opting not to play that team again. With both LCA and Glenvar needing a week one opponent they hooked up for what surely will be a one year deal.

"The bottom line is we both needed a game," said Clifford. "It will be a huge challenge for us but it is what it is. When I coached in Florida we played plenty of private schools and we competed against them."

The Highlanders finished their preseason schedule with a benefit game at Blacksburg last Friday. Glenvar jumped off to a 17-0 lead before Blacksburg scored twice in the first half to make it 17-14 at the half. Both schools subbed in the second half and there were no more scores.

"I don't like to say anyone won or lost, it was a scrimmage," said Clifford. "We played some kids in the first half and we're still a long way off from where we want to be. We're just looking for continued improvement. No one wins a state championship in week one, two, three or four."

While LCA will be a big favorite Friday night, Clifford isn't conceding anything.

"It will be a huge challenge for us but I'd rather play them than Galax," he said. "We want to find out who we are. You don't get better when you play someone weak and Friday night will not determine where we'll be at the end of the season."

"I love being the underdog and I'm looking for great attitudes this week. I told the kids after the scrimmage if you don't think you can win next week then don't even show up for practice Monday."



Above, Glenvar's Kiptyn Jones dives into the end zone for a touchdown in last Friday's benefit game in Blacksburg. Below, Bryan Mateo follows Garris Burris(#11) to pick up a first down on fourth down.

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