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Roanoke College welcomes more than 480 new Maroons

Roanoke College welcomed more than 480 freshmen and transfer students to campus as classes began Aug. 26, marking the start of a new academic year and a new chapter for the incoming Maroons.

The incoming class represents 28 states, from California to Maine, as well as 16 countries. About 11% of freshmen are enrolled in the college's honors program.

Students were welcomed during move-in weekend and introduced to a campus community focused on belonging, building connections and opportunities to learn and grow.

"You're in for the adventure of a lifetime," President Frank Shushok Jr. said in his welcome to students. "At Roanoke College, every Maroon is on a journey of discovering our purpose, learning to lead and serve, and forming our character."

"We're always becoming our next best selves and trying to live as fully and bravely as we possibly can," Shushok said.

The new academic year also brings several campus milestones, including the opening of the McConnon Discovery Center. The $60 million, 32,000-square-foot STEM facility features new classrooms and laboratories and will house several of Roanoke's most popular majors and more than half of all student research projects.

Because all students take some level of science coursework as part of Roanoke's comprehensive education, the college said every student will benefit from the new facilities. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the McConnon Discovery Center is scheduled for Oct. 22.

Other new developments and programs include:

- Crawford Hall has reopened following an extensive, yearlong renovation. The residence hall houses 130 students and features new interiors, expanded community space and updated HVAC systems.
- Roanoke unveiled a two-story mural depicting the region's Blue Ridge Mountains on the side of Ayres Hall, visible from Clay Street. The mural was created by local artist Nicole Gray in collaboration with the city and strengthens the visual connection between campus and the downtown historical district.
- The college expanded its Explore@RC dual enrollment program, providing local high school students with a pathway to earn an associate degree at no cost. The grant-funded program is open to students in grades 10-12, with 52 students enrolled this fall.
- Roanoke launched three-year, online bachelor's degree programs in public administration and cannabis studies. The programs are designed for working professionals seeking flexible paths to career-advancing credentials.
- The college introduced a multi-part character education initiative backed by a national grant. The program provides resources for students, faculty, staff and alumni mentors and is designed to help students develop leadership skills grounded in integrity, compassion and resourcefulness.
- Through a partnership with Google, Roanoke is offering students, faculty and staff free training in areas including artificial intelligence fundamentals, data analytics and project management.

The initiatives are part of the college's strategic plan, which focuses on serving learners, supporting the exploration of character and purpose, and creating an inspiring and innovative campus experience.

"Roanoke College is a place that offers you the chance to grow intellectually, socially, emotionally and spiritually," Mark Campbell, interim vice president for enrollment strategy and student success, said during a welcome to students. "There will be moments of accomplishment and growth, and of course, there will also be challenges. When those challenges come, remember that you are not alone. You are now part of a community that makes your success its mission."

-The Salem Times-Register



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Classes start on Wednesday, Aug. 26.

Preston Place begins inviting visitors into Salem's oldest home

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

The foundation that manages Preston Place has begun inviting visitors into Salem's oldest home.

Scheduled tours were held Aug. 14 and 15 for invited guests and potential donors, said Dave Robbins, president of Preston Place Preservation Foundation Inc. He and John Long, former director of the Salem Museum gave a tour to visitors of artifacts from the home's early days.

On Aug. 29 the home was the location for a Mahjong beginners' class

The two-story brick home that dates back to 1812 is at 1936 W. Main Street. Until recent years it was the home of Dr. Esther Brown and her family. Brown was one of the first female physicians in the Roanoke Valley.

She was also a direct descendant of Charles Isaac Preston who bought the property in 1879.

Dr. Brown's heirs donated her home to the Salem Museum and Historical Society in 2014. The White Oak Tea Tavern used it until the COVID-19 pandemic. The foundation was formed last year.

"At our open house in August we showed off the main floor, upstairs and outdoor areas," Robbins explained, "and talked about what the foundation hopes to do in the future."

"We have room for up to 47 people on the ground floor at one time," he added. At its Aug. 24 meeting Salem City Council gave approval for the foundation to hold events such as weddings and outdoor parties for up to 500 people.

"Our next move is to put in an expanded parking lot. There are 14 spaces now, and room to park 17 vehicles on the

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PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MUNLEY

Preston Place Preservation Foundation Inc. is beginning to invite visitors into Salem's oldest home home. At an open house for invited guests Aug. 15 Victoria Brown, granddaughter of Dr. Esther Brown, talks with Paul Kuhnel and foundation president Dave Robbins, right.

Salem VA VetFest serves more than 250 veterans

More than 250 veterans attended the Salem VA Medical Center's VetFest Veteran Enrollment and Benefits Fair on Saturday, Aug. 29, where more than 50 veterans enrolled in VA health care and more than 70 received assistance filing new benefits claims.

The event connected veterans with VA programs, care teams and other resources.

The local Roanoke Regional Veterans Benefits Administration team helped more than 70 veterans file new benefits claims, according to the Salem VA Health Care System.

Hundreds of additional veterans connected with VA programs, care teams and resources during the event.

Veterans who were unable to attend the fair can still enroll in VA health care through the Enrollment and Eligibility Office inside the main entrance of the Salem VA Medical Center at 1970 Roanoke Blvd.

Veterans seeking to enroll should bring their DD-214, a valid photo ID and any insurance information.

The Salem VA Health Care System thanked the Daughters of the American Revolution's Fort Lewis Chapter in Salem for donating a hot dog lunch for veteran attendees and Roanoke Elks Lodge No. 197 for donating cookies to visitors.

-The Salem Times-Register



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The event was held on Saturday, Aug. 29.

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Salem Lions Club launches Wheels of Hope initiative for elementary students

Salem Area Ministries announced the launch of the Salem Lions Club Wheels of Hope, a new community initiative designed to provide bicycles, safety equipment and bicycle safety education to elementary-age students in Salem City Schools who may not otherwise have access to a bicycle.

Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, the initiative plans to

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Allsports Cafe to host wing-eating contest to kick off NFL season

Allsports Cafe will host its 2026 Wing Eating Contest at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at its Salem location, 152 E. Main St. Sign-up begins at 6 p.m., and contestant spots are limited.

The event will officially open the restaurant's recently completed events hall and will include local dignitaries, partnering businesses and fans as the NFL regular season gets underway.

Contestants will compete to see who can finish 10 hot wings the fastest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers, with first place receiving a 70-inch Samsung 4K television. Second place will receive a $100 gift card, while third place will receive a $50 gift card.

Allsports Cafe owner Julie Atkins said the event is also intended to honor her late husband, Kenneth Atkins, who founded the restaurant more than 25 years ago.

"I wanted to do something to continue paying tribute to Kenneth, so this year at our Salem location we remodeled and converted his back bar room into a party, event, and meeting space," Atkins said. "With

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

FOSL Fall Book Sale: Sept. 11-13 — Salem Public Library. The Friends of the Salem Library's annual fall book sale returns during Olde Salem Days weekend, offering books, movies and CDs. The sale is open to the public Friday from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday features a $5-per-bag sale. FOSL members receive early access Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Olde Salem Days: Sept. 12 — Downtown Salem. The annual Olde Salem Days festival returns with artisans, food vendors and entertainment throughout the day. The event, organized by the Rotary Club of Salem, offers shopping, food and an opportunity to connect with the community. Proceeds support local youth groups, nonprofits and community service organizations.

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.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Arrest Report

Week of August 18, 2026 – August 24, 2026

8/18/2026	Charles C. Cook	39	DUI
8/18/2026	Tammy S. Slone	59	Petit Larceny-Not From Person
8/18/2026	Gary W. Bayne	48	Public Intoxication
8/19/2026	Marc E. Fry	59	Abduction, Malicious Wounding, Strangulation, Abusive Language, Prevent Someone from Summoning Law Enforcement,
8/19/2026	Patricia K. Kubo	32	Public Intoxication
8/21/2026	William T. Henahan	34	Breaking & Entering, Damage Property, Public Intoxication
8/21/2026	Eric R. Cartner	45	Public Intoxication
8/21/2026	David A. Rose	51	Public Intoxication
8/21/2026	Sandon H. Smith	35	Trespassing
8/22/2026	Agnes T. Contillo	70	Shoplifting
8/22/2026	Javen K. Factor	21	Public Intoxication
8/22/2026	James M. Jarrett	67	Trespassing
8/24/2026	Dale L. Canterbury Jr	21	Petit Larceny-Not From Person

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of August 18, 2026 – August 24, 2026

DATE REPORTED	*LOCATION*	*OFFENSE REPORTED*
8/18/2026	1200 BLK W Main St	Malicious Wounding, Abduction, Strangulation
8/19/2026	0 BLK S College Ave	Obtain Money By False Pretense
8/20/2026	1700 BLK Indiana St	Grand Larceny
8/21/2026	800 BLK Apperson Dr	Breaking & Entering
8/21/2026	700 BLK Roanoke St	Grand Larceny

Roanoke College joins Google AI for Education Accelerator

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Roanoke College students, faculty and staff now have free access to Google artificial intelligence training and Google Career Certificates through a new partnership between the college and the Google AI for Education Accelerator.

The accelerator is a no-cost program for accredited higher education institutions designed to support learning and workforce readiness. The program aligns with Roanoke College's goal of preparing students not only for their first jobs after graduation but also with skills they can use to adapt and thrive throughout their careers.

As technology advances and workforce needs change, the partnership provides students with AI and job-ready skills while supporting the college's mission of preparing learners for lifelong success.

"A Roanoke College liberal arts education already equips our learners with the skills to ask good questions and spot a bad answer when they see one," said Ryan King, chief of staff and innovation officer. "Pairing that with practical AI skills, at no cost, means our learners graduate knowing how to use these tools and when to question what they produce."

The collaboration is part of Google's commitment to provide every higher education institution in the United States with free access to its advanced AI training.

"Every student deserves access to the AI skills needed to succeed in today's job market," said Lisa Gevelber, founder of Grow with Google. "We are proud to partner with Roanoke College to provide students with our most advanced AI products and training, ensuring they know how to make the most of the technology in the classroom and beyond. This program builds on years of us working together with universities to help students prepare for exciting careers."

Google's AI training covers foundational AI skills, effective prompting techniques and responsible use of AI. Students who participate can also learn how to use AI tools for tasks such as building resumes and practicing job interviews.

Students, faculty and staff also have the option to earn Google Career Certificates at no cost. The certificates provide industry-recognized credentials in in-demand fields including cybersecurity, information technology support and data analytics.

According to Google, the certificate program has helped more than 1 million people receive training aimed at securing higher-paying jobs.

Salem students enroll at James Madison University for fall semester

James Madison University welcomed new students from Salem as part of its incoming transfer class and Class of 2030 for the fall 2026 semester.

The university said its incoming transfer students represent an accomplished and diverse group from 21 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and three countries.

Three Salem students enrolled as transfer students for the fall semester. They are:

- Grant Ingram, who plans to major in geography.
- Hannah Pennewell, who plans to major in marketing.
- Sarah Tennant, who plans to major in accounting.
- JMU also welcomed its Class of 2030, which includes students from 40 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 20 countries and territories outside the United States.
- Ten students from Salem enrolled in the incoming class. They are:
- Marjorie Lester, accounting.
- Caitlin Underwood, biology.
- Dylan Ludlow, biotechnology.
- Emma Jones, communication sciences and disorders.
- Addison Snead, health sciences.
- Zachary Bocock, kinesiology.
- Anna Hall, kinesiology.
- Anaya Brown, nursing.
- Nevaeh Reynolds, psychology.
- Aubrey Allebaugh, psychology.

-The Salem Times-Register

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Spartans hang with big boys

From the February 21, 1985 edition of The Salem Times-Register

The Salem Spartans may not be at the top of the Roanoke Valley District, but in the past week they proved they cam pay with the teams who are. Salem dealt Patrick Henry its third district loss of the season Friday night, 61-56, then took first place William Fleming to the wire Tuesday before falling.

The Spartans couldn't be hitting their stride at a better time. Friday's game at Cave Spring will end the regular season and the Roanoke Valley District tournament begins Tuesday. Salem will have a hoe game against a team to be determined.

The win over Patrick Henry was a real confidence-booster, especially in the Patriot's gym. It so frustrated PH senior center Martin Skelly that he stomped off the floor without bothering to shake hands with the victors as his teammates graciously did.

"I'm just glad we got the win," said SHS coach John Edwards, who has seen his team go own to tough defeats in similar situations. We outplayed them and we deserve it."

Salem kept its' cool down the stretch to keep this one in the basket. The Salemites were up two points when Richard Morgan made a key basket with just 45 seconds to go. The Patriots cut the lead to one before the Spartans nailed it down with some clutch foul shooting.

Randy Foley made four-or-four and Morgan was perfect on two attempts for the final six points. They were all pressure-packed, as the Patriots waited for their chance to disappoint Salem once again.

Morgan finished with 21 points n the night, including 16 in the second half. David Hagadorn continued to play well with 16 points and Foley and Kevin Phipps had 10 each. Foley had some big ones, including the four foul shots at the end of the game and a 30-foot buzzer-beater that gave Salem momentum before the intermission.

Still, Edwards credited the defense for the win. With Phipps and Foley on the perimeter and Ricky Manning willingly taking his usual pounding underneath, the Patriots didn't outshoot Salem.

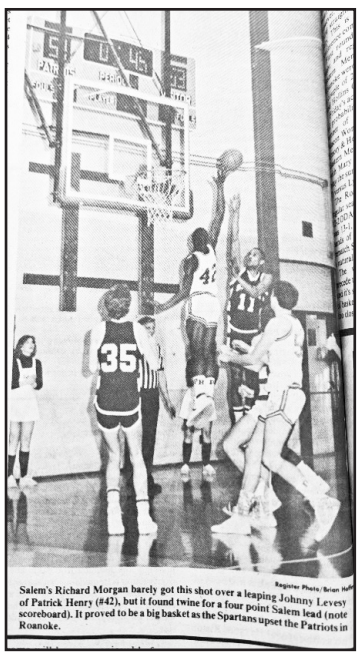
"We did a super job defensively," said Edwards. "That's where we had to beat them. They outrebounded us and the score, but we beat 'em on defense. We shot just 48 percent and won the game. Hagadorn did a super job of shooting."

Tuesday in Salem the Spartans gave a second -ranked Group AAA team in the state all they could handle before failing. William Fleming took a 56-49 win that was much closer than the score indicated.

Fleming led by just two points when Buddy Johnson's layup off the spread offense sealed the tomb. Several foul shots in the final seconds accounted for the final score.

Salem never backed down from the powerful Colonels, who will be the top seed in the district tournament. Fleming is 10-1 in the district and 17-2 overall.

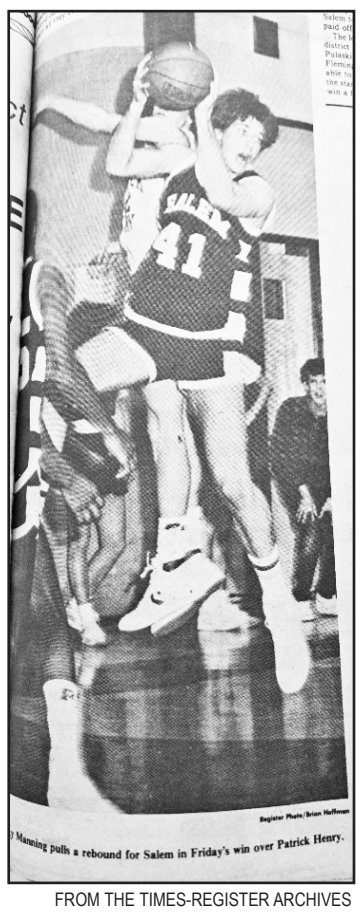
The Spartans trailed 17-11 after one period but Morgan's fine play brought the locals to



Salem's Richard Morgan barely got this shot over a leaping Johnny Levesy of Patrick Henry (#42), but it found twine for a four point Salem lead (note scoreboard). It proved to be a big basket as the Spartans upset the Patriots in Roanoke.

27-26 at the half. Richard had 16 points at the half on eight for 14 shooting while the rest of the club suffered through a three for 18 stint.

Fleming's Coco Johns effectively kept the ball out of Morgan's hands in the third period and Rich finished with just 20 points on the night, Still, the rest of the Salem crew started waking up as Hagadorn and Phipps picked up the slack Dave ended with 13 points and Phipps had 11.



Manning pulls a rebound for Salem in Friday's win over Patrick Henry.

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Salem led 37-36 when Lawrence Saunders hit a long shot to knot the score at 37-37

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Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon
Contributing Writer

It's finally September! From my backyard I can see the Friday night lights of Salem Stadium in the distance. With the glow of the stadium over the trees, the muffled announcer, and marching band drums carrying for a mile in the cold air, I know fall has arrived. Many local people go to local games even without kids in school. This is the best of High School football.

I didn't go to the football games when I was in high school. We had the game day pep rallies and all the hoopla at school, but I worked every game night. I got to see everyone after the game as they came through the local McDonalds drive thru to buy celebratory Big Macs or drown their sorrows in McNuggets.

However, as a good aunt does, I went to many Salem High School football games in the late 90's and 2000's. Either for the nephews on the team or the ones in the marching band. My coworkers' sons played football also, so we sat together and cheered them on. Our squad sat in the heat, humidity, wind, rain, and sometimes snow. Moving from 70-degree September sweat to bundling in heavy blankets by late October playoffs.

My God-daughter was a cheerleader so I needed to watch her too. She was at Northside High School while my nephews went to Salem High School. I always had to sneak back and forth in the stands when the teams played each other.

I loved watching them run plays under the lights and remembering them when they were just toddlers falling over in the backyard. Watching them grow from pee-wee or junior varsity squads all the way to senior night banners was emotional for me as it marked time passing.

While I ate many stadium hot dogs, I always enjoyed the times when we planned on tailgating before the game. Sometimes we brought a small charcoal grill and we would have burgers or hot dogs since those are easy to eat while standing up. At away games, we ate foods we didn't have to heat up or we could keep cold in a good cooler. Dips, sandwiches, and cookies were always a hit. There was at least one thermos with hot chocolate to help warm us up on cold game nights.

We always brought extra for after the games. The kids would join us after the game and I think the band members ate more than the football players.

The best tailgating recipes combine easy transport with crowd-pleasing comfort food. If I have to worry about the food and how to fix it, then I will miss the fun of gathering with friends.

When I said I was going to talk about football and tailgating a neighbor gave me a tailgating recipe to use.

"Shelly, this is a cherished recipe, passed down from my father: 1.) Hold the beer firmly in one hand, with the tab-side facing up. 2.) Carefully, using a level of dexterity developed over millions of years, crack that sucker open. 3) Enjoy!"

He's a bit of a jerk.

Here are some of my favorite tailgating foods (or homegating if you prefer!)

Beer Dip

Ingredients

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup beer or nonalcoholic beer
- 1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Pretzels of all shapes and sizes for dipping

Directions

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, beer and dressing mix until smooth. Stir in cheddar cheese. Serve with pretzels.

Layered Picnic Loaves

Ingredients

- 2 unsliced loaves (1 pound each) Italian bread
- 1/4 cup olive oil







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- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning, divided
- 1/2-pound deli roast beef
- 12 slices part-skim mozzarella cheese (1 ounce each)
- 16 fresh basil leaves
- 3 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1/4 pound thinly sliced salami
- 1 jar (6-1/2 ounces) marinated artichoke hearts, drained and sliced
- 1 package (10 ounces) ready-to-serve salad greens
- 8 ounces thinly sliced deli chicken
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Directions

Cut loaves in half horizontally; hollow out tops and bottoms, leaving 1/2-in. shells (discard removed bread or save for another use). Combine oil and garlic; brush inside bread shells. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning. Layer bottom of each loaf with a fourth of each: roast beef, mozzarella, basil, tomatoes, salami, artichokes, salad greens, chicken and onion. Repeat layers. Season with salt, pepper and remaining Italian seasoning. Drizzle with remaining oil mixture if desired. Replace bread tops; wrap tightly and refrigerate at least 1 hour before slicing.

Peanut Butter Cake Bars

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup butter, softened
- 2/3 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 package (11-1/2 ounces) milk chocolate chips

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream first 4 ingredients until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in chocolate chips. Spread onto a greased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 45-50 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Cut into bars.

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after three periods, and a race to the finish ensued. Fleming chose to be patient and, although it allowed Salem to hang with them, the strategy paid off with a win.

The loss dropped Salem to 6-5 in the district and 10-9 overall. Although Pulaski County stull has William Fleming to palay the Spartans won't be able to climb ahead of the Cougars in the standings. That means if Salem can win a first-round home game Tuesday they'll be matched up with William Flemingin the district semi-finals. The Colonels get an opening bye.

Salem should have one thing on its side that hasn't had in recent years and that's confidence. A win at Cave Spring tomorrow will assure the locals of their first winning season since 1983.

"This is the time of the year you don't want to be losing 'em." Said Edwards. "Anytime you win and you're ready to go into the tournament, it does a lot."

"Our confidence wasn't low anyway. We played the Martinsvilles and the Lees and we could have gone one of two ways. Playing those teams just makes you stronger at the end of the year."

As for Salem's first round opponent, three teams are still in the running. Salem will meet either Northside, Franklin, or Cave Spring.

"It doesn't make any difference to me," said Edwards. "We'll just play who shows up."

- Prepared by Shelly Koon

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our wings being his special focus when he began Allsports Cafe over 25 years ago, we thought a wing eating contest would be the perfect event to open this special room at the kickoff of the NFL season."

Atkins said the restaurant's continued popularity with families and sports fans helps keep her husband's vision alive.

"Every time I see the smiles on the faces of our patrons enjoying Kenneth's wings and a game on the big screen with their family and friends, we know keeping Kenneth's dream alive has been worth it," she said.

The contest follows Allsports Cafe's 25th anniversary year and is part of the restaurant's continued efforts to honor its founder.

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distribute 125 new bicycles and sets of bicycle safety equipment through Salem City elementary schools. Students will be identified in partnership with school personnel to help ensure the bicycles reach children and families who would benefit most from the program.

The Salem Lions Club is serving as a Legacy Sponsor of Wheels of Hope, with a significant contribution helping make the initiative possible.

"The Salem Lions Club has been serving our local community for over 90 years," said Tim Miller, club president. "The Wheels of Hope project fits well with our commitment to return profits from operating the concessions at Salem Football Stadium to worthwhile projects and nonprofit organizations such as Salem Area Ministries. We are pleased to be a Legacy sponsor."

In addition to providing bicycles and safety equipment, Wheels of Hope will emphasize bicycle safety, healthy physical activity and responsible riding.

Salem Area Ministries plans to partner with community organizations, including the Salem Police and Sheriff's Office, Salem Parks and Recreation and the Roanoke College Cycling Club, to provide bicycle and traffic safety education to participating students.

Once distributed, the bicycles will belong to the participating children, providing opportunities for recreation, transportation, exercise and greater independence. The initiative also aims to help young riders develop strong bicycle and traffic safety habits while encouraging lifelong physical activity.

"The Salem Lions Club Wheels of Hope is about much more than providing a child with a new bicycle and helmet — it's about creating opportunities for independence, confidence, physical activity, and the simple joy that comes with riding a bike," said Garry Lautenschlager, Salem Area Ministries administrator. "Through this initiative, we are bringing together our schools, businesses, civic organizations, congregations and community partners to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of local children. Every bicycle represents an investment in a child and a reminder that our community believes in them, supports them and wants to see them succeed."

Salem Area Ministries hopes Wheels of Hope will become an ongoing community initiative, serving additional students in future school years as funding and community support are available.

The organization is seeking support from businesses, civic organizations, congregations, foundations and individuals interested in helping expand and sustain the program.

Salem Area Ministries is a community-based nonprofit organization that brings together churches, organizations, businesses, volunteers and other partners to respond to the needs of individuals and families in Salem and surrounding communities. Through programs addressing hunger, clothing needs, youth wellness and other community priorities, SAM works to put faith and compassion into action.

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A night photo of Preston Place.

adjacent grassy area," Robbins said. "We hope to do that expansion before winter."

The grounds of Preston Place have landscaped areas with heritage plants reclaimed through the work of the late Esther Davis, and two massive, historic Osage orange trees.

"The biggest of those trees is the third-largest Osage tree in Virginia and listed in Virginia's big trees. It may even be the second-largest by now," Robbins added. The third-largest designation came after representatives for Virginia Tech's Virginia Big Tree program examined the largest tree in 2019.

The foundation is raising an estimated $7,000 to have Bartlett Tree Service trim the Osage oranges, Robbins said, to keep them healthy.

Not only is the Preston Place home historic, but it is basically the only green space left on West Main Street, Robbins said.

The Preston Place Foundation's next goal is to get a sign on Main Street, he explained.

Robbins and the Preston Place board are encouraging donations to the mansion which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Donations may be made online at http://prestonplace.org/donations or by mailing a check to Preston Place Preservation Foundation Inc. at PO Box 235, Salem, VA 24153.

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Salem City Council Member Interim Appointment

Salem City Council is seeking applicants for a vacant City Council member interim appointment. This interim appointment will be in effect until the voters of the City of Salem elect a replacement at a special election on November 2, 2027, and then the elected person would be certified and duly sworn for the remainder of the vacant Council member term ending December 31, 2028.

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

OPINION

Salem Library will close at noon on Saturday, September 5th, for library staff to honor the memory of Heather Sirrine, a much beloved 15-year employee of the Salem Public Library who passed away August 25.

FOSL Fall Book Sale: Sept 11-13

Come one all, come all. Stock up on your favorite reads, movies or CDs, at the Friends of the Salem Library (FOSL) fall book sale during the weekend of Olde Salem Days. While Olde Salem Days is a one-day event held on the second Saturday of September (September 12th this year), the book sale is an all-weekend event beginning on Friday, September 11th. The book sale kicks off with FOSL Members Only time from 9am to12pm on Friday morning. Join the FOSLs at the door for entry into the sale. Individual membership is $10, Family membership is $15, Sustaining membership is $25, Life membership is $75.

The book sale will be open to the public on Friday, noon to 5pm. Downtown Parking will be much easier on Friday. The library parking lot will be closed for Olde Salem Days on Saturday.

Saturday, September 12: 9am to 4pm

Sunday, September 13: 1-4pm: Help us clear out the books with the bag sale. $5 per bag.

The book sale chairman, Ken Sosnowski, reports that they have an overabundance of donated books this year. All storage areas are overflowing.

The Salem Friends trace their roots to a casual conversation in September 1988, to a conversation between Joyce M. Foster and Earnestine Woodliff Lewis, former children's librarian of the Salem Public Library. Acting on their ideas, Mrs. Foster became the Friends organizer, mentor, and long-time Treasurer of the organization until handing over the task a few years ago.

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Benita VanCleave

Far from being FOSSILS, an acronym they sometimes whimsically use to refer to the organization, they have their sights set on helping the Salem Public Library reach its full potential as a learning center full of vitality, vim, and vigor.

Over the years, The Salem Friends have enrolled numerous families as members and boosters. Early on, Friends were active in the campaign that resulted in the 1990-91 expansion and renovation of the library on Salem's Library Square.

Without the direct sponsorship of the FOSLs, many library activities including community-building events, storytelling programs, circulating materials for library patrons, would go unfunded. The FOSLs have provided furniture for the public, including the children's and teens area, and display fixtures; children Storytime supplies (books, a new, large, colorful rug); sponsorship of library programs for all ages; sponsorship of the annual Salem Elementary Schools Art Show; a new projector and screen for the meeting room; annual sponsorship of the Salem Public Library Summer Reading Program for all ages including prizes, performers, and craft supplies, and much more!



COURTESY IMAGE

SIXTH DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE



Ben Cline

Congressman

Holding Data Centers Accountable for Energy Costs:

Data center growth is driving Virginia's electricity costs higher and forcing hardworking taxpayers to sacrifice more. I'm proud to cosponsor the bipartisan Ratepayer Protection Act, which would help ensure large data center operators, rather than everyday ratepayers, cover the cost of the grid upgrades their facilities require.

H.R. 9340 would require state utility regulators to consider adopting a standard requiring data centers and other customers drawing 100 megawatts or more to pay the full cost of grid upgrades built to serve them, while also providing financial assurances up front. This bill establishes fairness and transparency and, ultimately, puts money back into your pocket.

I'm proud to continue advocating for legislation that protects Virginia families, holds large corporations accountable, and ensures hardworking Americans aren't left footing the bill for the rapid expansion of data centers. Virginia ratepayers deserve a fair energy system where those who drive increased costs are responsible for paying their fair share.

Standing Up for Veterans' Earned Benefits:

Our Veterans have made tremendous sacrifices to protect the freedoms we cherish, and now it's our turn to repay the favor. That's why I am proud to be a cosponsor of the Time of Service Act, which adjusts the time limitation on the use of a Veteran's educational assistance entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. This bill supports Veterans by adjusting the 15-year clock for those who were discharged or released from active duty on or after January 1, 2001. This bill continues to signify respect, honor, and admiration for those who have served our Nation.

Specifically, this bill modifies eligibility rules within an existing VA program (the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program) administered by an existing agency. By ensuring Veterans have the time and flexibility to use the benefits they earned through their service, we can better uphold our commitment to those who have sacrificed to protect our Nation.

I will always stand with our Veterans and work to ensure they receive the respect, gratitude, and support they have earned.

Advancing Education with Secretary McMahon:

Last week, I was honored to visit the Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center in Winchester in support of the Returning Education to the States Tour, joined by U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon. I'm especially grateful for constructive visits like this that impact the education of our youth in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Secretary McMahon and I enjoyed greeting students as they arrived for the new school year before touring the center for a firsthand look at the Professional Skills Academy and Health Science Academy. I realize that education is one of the greatest forms of investment in our Nation, and because of that I have continued to advocate for increased funding in the House.

These innovative programs create opportunities, possibilities, and avenues for growth for our future generations. We must continue strengthening these pathways, so every student has the opportunity to gain the tools they need to build a successful future. When we continue to strengthen education in the Commonwealth of Virginia, we open doors for the next generation and ensure every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you, Secretary McMahon, for coming to Virginia's 6th District to visit one of our fantastic career and technical education centers, the Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center, and for promoting policies that help our students and build our workforce.

Supporting Virginia's Farmers:

It was especially meaningful to participate in the Virginia Farm Bureau's Frost and Freeze Roundtable last week in support of the farmers who help feed and sustain communities across the Commonwealth. The American Farm Bureau Federation, being the voice of Agriculture, works together with producers to ensure farmers can continue to feed our Nation and the world. Our cattle producers are a vital part of Virginia's agriculture industry and the backbone of our rural communities. We know the Administration has been working to combat high prices, and we must also focus on strengthening our domestic cattle industry to ensure that American producers have the support they need to meet demand. I will continue working in the House to support our cattle producers while working to lower costs for American families and farmers.

I had the privilege of meeting with growers and Virginia agriculture leaders to learn more about the devastating effects of the freeze experienced across the Commonwealth in April and discuss ways in which I can continue to support producers up in Washington. Conversations like these allow me to

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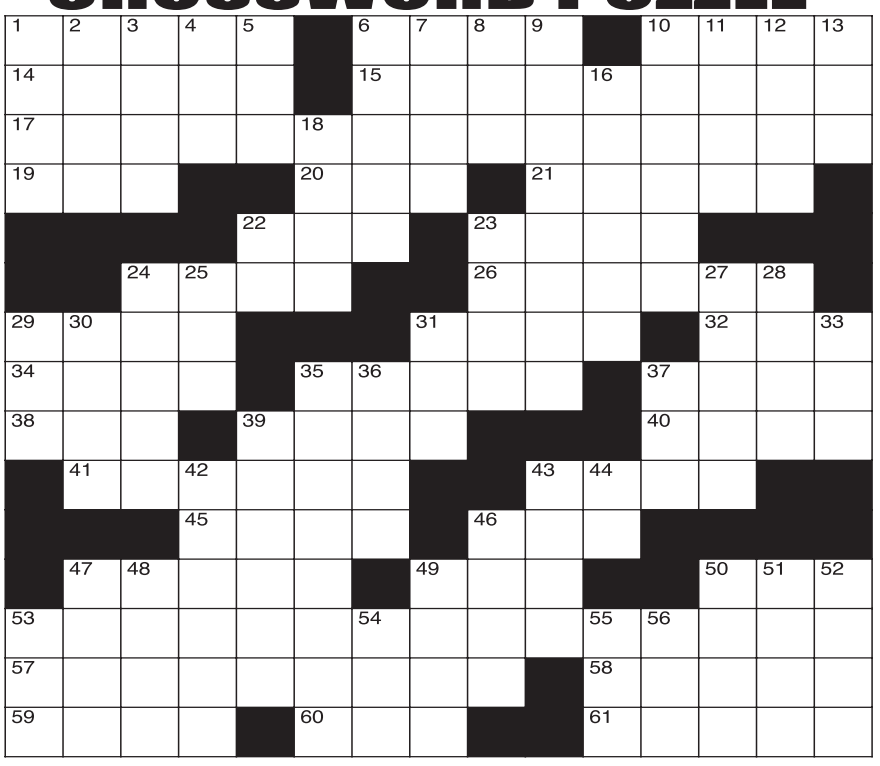
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CLUES ACROSS
1. Manila hemp plant
6. Turkish river
10. Something to read
14. In a way, initiated
15. Popular Apple TV series
17. King Charles is part of it
19. Earlier
20. Foot (Latin)
21. Zodiac sign
22. A browning of the skin
23. Remain as is
24. Turfs
26. ItÕs used to slaughter animals
29. Volcanic crater
31. The mother of Jesus
32. OneÕs life story
34. One-time Liverpool coach Slot
35. Counterparts
37. Jacob __, American journalist
38. Digital audiotape
39. River in South Africa
40. Kimono sashes
41. Rooting somewhere
43. American spy Aldrich
45. A way to call for
46. Taxi
47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Popular type of video game (abbr.)
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal from a union
58. Performs spoken improv
59. Greek war god
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Helps to evade capture

CLUES DOWN
1. Swedish rock group
2. ÒFriday Night LightsÓ director Peter
3. Currency exchange fee
4. Feline
5. Folk singer DiFranco
6. Ghastly pale from distress
7. Rapid eye movements
8. Monetary unit of Macao
9. Lawmakers
10. Colorless mineral
11. At some prior time
12. American protest singer
13. Opener
16. Seldom
18. Relaxing places
22. Touchdown
23. From end to end
24. Kids love him
25. Metal-bearing solid
27. Skin care product manufacturer
28. Thirteen
29. Angry
30. Member of a Semitic people
31. One-thousandth of an inch
33. Former CIA
35. Most lemony
36. Engage in
37. Mass of fish eggs
39. Food supplies
42. Backbones
43. American real estate investment firm
44. Megabyte
46. ÒThree Coins in the FountainÓ songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Emergency prep expert Edwards
50. Flute
51. Dismissive sound
52. Slang term for marijuana
53. Young womenÕs association
54. Cosmopolitan city
55. Narrow isthmus in Thailand
56. Pointed end of a pen

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MARKS of MEMORY

September 11 through December 6, 2026
Opening Reception Friday, September 11, 6–8 p.m.

Olin Hall Galleries at Roanoke College

Marks of Memory examines time, data, ancestry, and personal experience through the work of three contemporary artists—Veronica Jackson, Annette Lawrence, and LaRissa Rogers—who question what stories get told, who gets remembered, and what data gets counted and recorded. Highlighting printmaking and patterning as physical processes and systems of communication, this exhibition explores how personal and collective histories are remembered, preserved, and disseminated.



Veronica Jackson creates symbolic remembrance work that honors and illuminates Black women who mark, claim, and take up space. She transforms complex stories into accessible visual messages using familiar objects in unexpected ways. Her work addresses a core internal query: What does it mean to be invisible and how does that designation shape her identity and sense of self?



LaRissa Rogers is a multidisciplinary artist whose work investigates how personal and shared memory and history impact the perpetual evolution of cultural identity formation and placemaking. Research and material become the entry point of broader social-political interrogations, often asking the question, who and what survives?



Annette Lawrence's recent work, *Ahkelo's Walk*, involves counting days by walking miles. It is a natural extension of her practice of recording everyday occurrences in drawings, paintings, and installations. Like her other works, this project reflects her commitment to finding meaning and beauty in what life brings.

Marks of Memory *is presented in collaboration with the Center for Studying Structures of Race.*
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Roanoke College unveils new mural



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Roanoke College recently unveiled a two-story mural on the side of Ayres Hall, visible from Clay Street. Created by local artist Nicole Gray in collaboration with the city, the mural draws inspiration from the Blue Ridge Mountains and strengthens the visual connection between the college campus and Salem's downtown historic district.

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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 will encounter flagging operations and delays between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Temporary parking sites will be in place on either side of the roadway. 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. Expected completion is fall 2027.

Route 220 traffic pattern change at Sontag Road and Cassell Drive

Drivers are now using a new traffic pattern at the intersection of Sontag Road and Cassell Drive on Route 220 that was recently completed to improve safety and traffic flow. Motorists who used to drive straight across Route 220 at this intersection will instead turn right or left onto Route 220 and make a U-turn at the next available median crossover or signal. Newly constructed U-turns on Route 220 are open. Motorists are still able to access Sontag Road and Cassell Drive from Route 220 by using existing turn lanes. Additional residual work will continue as drainage and paving work remains. Lane closures and flagging operations are possible. Drivers should pay attention to signs and message boards in the area. Work is expected to be completed by end of 2026, weather permitting.

Apperson and Orchard Drive safety improvement

The installation of a new traffic signal and new turn lanes has been underway as part of safety improvements at the intersection of Apperson Drive and Orchard Drive in Salem. Paving and marking work has been completed. Lane closures are still possible. Electronic message boards and signs will alert drivers with updates. Estimated completion is late fall 2026.

Route 221 (Bent Mountain Road) utility work

Drivers should expect daytime flagging along Route 221 (Bent Mountain Road) between Poage Valley Road and Crystal Creek Drive for utility installation through September 2026. Delays are possible.

Route 220/Route 419 Diverging Diamond Interchange

The Route 220/Route 419 interchange project is underway. It will be reconfigured with a diverging diamond concept and multiple intersections on both Route 220 and Route 419 will be modified to enhance signal timing and reduce congestion. The intersections that include Route 220 are at Valley Avenue/ Southern Hills Drive, Crossbow Circle/Pheasant Ridge Road, Buck Mountain Road/Stable Road and Indian Grave Road/Clearbrook Village Lane. The intersections on Route 419 are at Ogden Road, Elm View Road and South Peak Boulevard. With multiple activities scheduled, completion at different locations will take place throughout the life of the project. Daytime, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and nighttime, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., work hours will occur depending on location. Drivers should expect alternating lane closures, turn lane closures and shoulder closures. Expected completion is fall 2028.

Route 220 at Crossbow Circle and Pheasant Ridge Road intersection improvements

Construction activities for this project are underway. A new traffic pattern will be put in place where drivers will turn left or right to make a U-turn instead of driving straight across Route 220. Signal pole installation and pedestrian improvements remain under construction during nighttime hours. Drivers should use caution in the area and watch for work zones and message boards providing updated information. Expected completion, weather permitting, by end of 2026.

Route 220 at Southern Hills and Valley Avenue intersection improvements

Drivers are now using a new traffic pattern at the intersection of Southern Hills and Valley Avenue on Route 220 that was recently completed to improve safety and traffic flow. Motorists who used to drive straight across Route 220 at this intersection will instead turn right or left onto Route 220 and make a U-turn at the next available median crossover or signal. Signal installation and pedestrian improvements remain under construction during nighttime hours. Drivers should watch message boards. Expected completion, weather permitting, by end of 2026.

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better support Virginia's agriculture community and I appreciate Virginia Farm Bureau, the Glaizes, and the Alson H. Smith AREC for hosting this event.

Visits with Miss Virginia:

Recently, I had the privilege of meeting with Miss Virginia, Maddie Marchant, and Miss Virginia's Teen, Caedyn Riddle. It was wonderful to hear from Maddie about her community service initiative, invisABILITY, and her efforts to raise awareness and understanding of celiac disease.

Celiac disease affects an estimated 2 million Americans. I am proud to support those living with celiac disease by advancing legislation to improve allergen and gluten labeling on medications and provide greater transparency for consumers. As a co-lead of the Allergen Disclosure in Non-Food Articles Act, I am working to expand the support and protections available to those affected by celiac disease.

It was also an honor to learn more about the Miss Virginia Opportunity and the many ways the organization serves communities across the Commonwealth. Each delegate dedicates countless hours to service and advocacy, demonstrating a true commitment to making a difference in their communities and across Virginia.

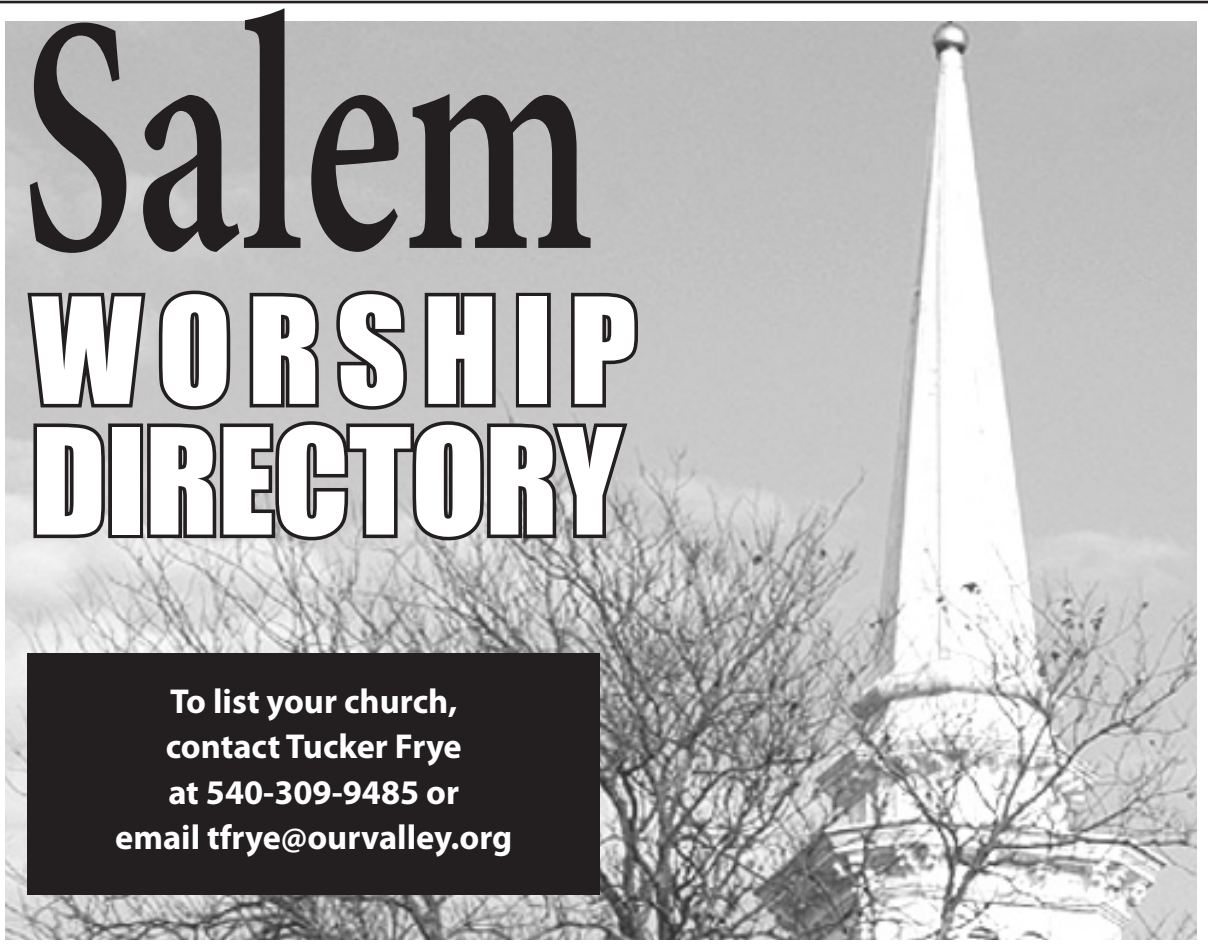
I am grateful for the opportunity to meet with these inspiring leaders and learn more about their service, advocacy, and dedication to making a meaningful impact throughout the Commonwealth.

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

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Legals - City of Salem

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

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on September 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North 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 approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1.Consider the request of Roanoke College Trustees, property owner, to rezone the property located at 102 North Market Street (Tax Map # 106-6-1) from RB Residential Business District to CUD College and University District with proffered conditions.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY: Christopher J. Dorsey
Executive Secretary

Legals - City of Salem

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

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 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.
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Legals - Botetourt County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES ELLIS ALFORD, DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Michael Deneka, Esq., executor of the estate of Charles Ellis Alford, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Charles Ellis Alford, and all persons in any way interested in his estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 30th day of September, 2026 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Charles Ellis Alford or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due.
All creditors of Charles Ellis Alford, deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest.
Given under my hand this the 31st day of August, 2026.
Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

SUNSHINE EATS LLC, trading as ADDY KATZ, 3165 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia, 24073-4025

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Ronald J. Frank Jr. Owner

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.

ABC NOTICE

VD RETAIL LLC., trading as GOOSE CREEK MARKET, 2370 Roanoke St, Montgomery County, Christiansburg, VA 24073

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store Wine and Beer OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Deep Patel, Owner

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Legals - Montgomery County

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 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. Conditional Use Permit request by The Economic Development Authority of Montgomery County, Virginia, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a structure greater than 70 feet in height, specifically a manufacturing area with a footprint of 8,500 square feet and a height of 105 feet, in the General Industrial (I-2) zoning district on property located at 2040 Parkway Drive SE, identified as Tax Parcel 558-((A))-24A (Parcel ID 300149), consisting of approximately 38.102 total acres. The property is designated as Mixed Use w/ Buffer (Industrial) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comments in person at the time of this Public Hearing. 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.

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,

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NAOMI W. SCOTT, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE SCOTT LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 16, 1999,

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and

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
I Ask For This:
N. Reid Broughton (VSB No. 38899)
Katie M. Decoster (VSB No. 82696)
Sands Anderson PC
P.O. Box 2009
Christiansburg, VA 24068-2009
(540)260-9011
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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104
Case No.**CL26001226-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073

LUZ MARIA LOPEZ
v.
ILIAK LOPEZ

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE
It is ORDERED that ILIAK LOPEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before October 23, 2026 @ 9:00 AM.
Entered August 24, 2026
Honorable Circuit Court
Clerk, Tiffany M. Couch

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.

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the proposed amendment and additional appropriation to the Town of Vinton's FY 2026-2027 budget.
The proposed budget amendment would appropriate $2,500,000 received from a General Obligation Bond and $1,150,000 from unappropriated fund balance in the Capital Fund for the funding of the Vinton War Memorial Renovation Project in the total amount of $3,650,000.
State law requires a public hearing to be held whenever a proposed budget amendment exceeds one percent (1%) of the total expenditures shown in the currently adopted budget. The Town Council intends to consider and may adopt the proposed budget amendment following the public hearing, in accordance with § 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia.
Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607.
Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.
Megan Lawless
Town Clerk

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State law requires a public hearing to be held whenever a proposed budget amendment exceeds 1% of the locality's total budget.
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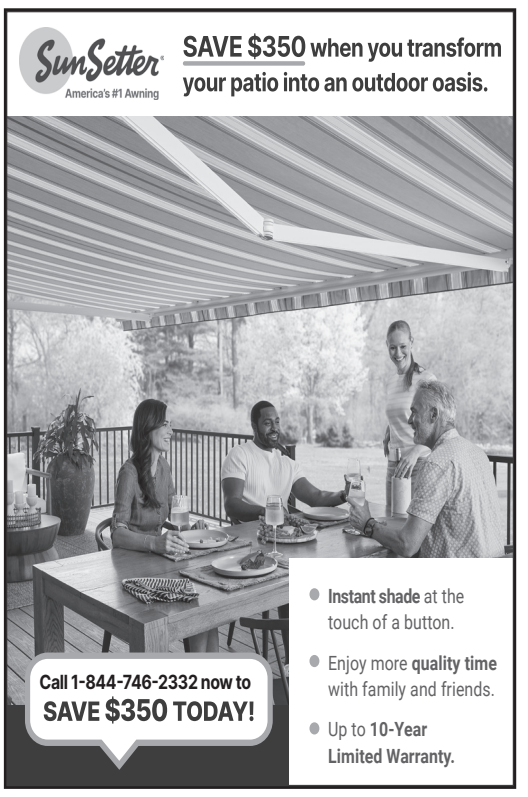
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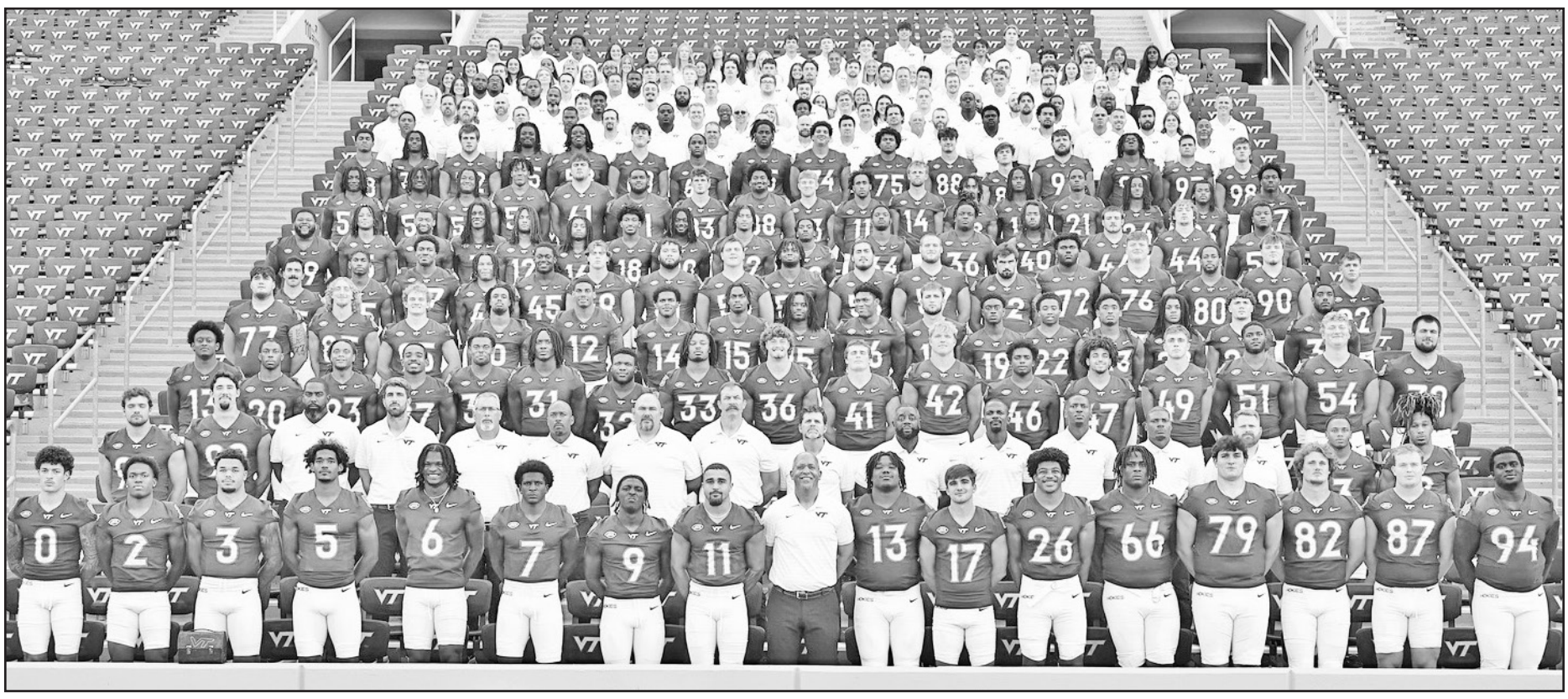
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Hokies open at home Sat.

The Virginia Tech football team opens their first season under new coach James Franklin(front row center with white shirt) this Saturday at Lane Stadium with a 7:30 pm game against VMI. PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

SALEM FOOTBALL

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McCadden's fourth TD, a six yard run, gave Salem a 28-17 lead and that's how it stood at the end of the third quarter.

That was pretty much the ballgame. The Spartans drove inside the 10 and were ready to put it out of reach before fumbling it away with 7:36 to go. The defense stoned Glass and took the ball right back on downs. McCadden then scored his fifth touchdown on an 11 yard run with 5:34 to go for some icing on the cake.

"They had the lead in the first half, but I knew if we stopped getting in our own way we'd have a good opportunity to win," said Holter. "We established the line of scrimmage and put a couple good drives together."

Glass never could stop Salem's running game. McCadden, who ran for close to 1,300 yards and 11 touchdowns last year, made a statement Friday with 416 yards on 29 carries and five scores. Jamalachi Law had 10 carries for 36 yards and quarterback Tanner Overstreet had 21 yards on three carries.

Overstreet was five for eight passing for 77 yards. Jaidyn Rudisell had three catches for 61 yards and McCadden and DaVon Jones had one reception each.

On defense Robert Herndon led Salem with seven solo tackles. Jake James had a sack and three tackles for losses while Jones and Gabe Johnson had four solos and an assist each. Jayden Wood had an interception.

Salem is back on the road this week with a trip to Franklin County. The Spartans are looking for revenge again after losing a close one to the Eagles last year, 31-21 in Salem. Franklin opened the season with a 25-21 loss to Bassett last week. They're coached by former Salem assistant JR Edwards.

"They'll be well coached up front, offensively and defensively," said Holter. "Cy Dillon Stadium is a tough place to play and they'll be up to play Salem."

The Salem jayvees will host Franklin County Thursday night at Salem Stadium. Last week the jayvees lost to Glass, 8-7.

Undefeated Wolverines shut out Fleming

The Andrew Lewis Middle School eighth grade football ran their record to 4-0 on the season with a victory over the previously undefeated William Fleming Middle School. Lewis shut out the Colonels, 20-0, at Salem Stadium last Thursday.

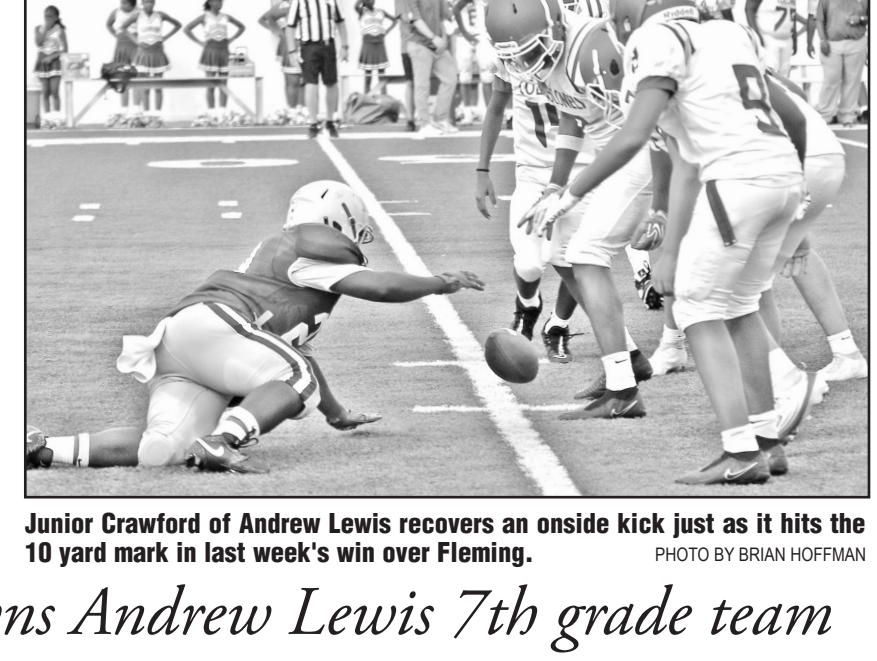
The scoring started when punter Maclin Hale boomed a 42-yard punt, pinning William Fleming deep in their own territory. The defense did their job, forcing a Fleming punt which was returned by Aaron Brower for the first Lewis touchdown and a 6-0 lead when the extra point failed.

That's the way the score stayed until late in the third quarter when Mayson Henderson ran behind tackle Kaden Hughes from seven yards out to put the Wolverines up 12-0. Then, midway through the fourth quarter, Hale ran for the final score, and after a successful conversion Lewis had a 20-0 lead.

"The defense performed extremely well against a talented Colonel squad," said Lewis coach Brian Hooker. Lewis is still unscored upon after four games.

Performing well on defense was Tyrstan Gaines, who sacked the quarterback four times. Landynn Booth got his second interception of the season and the whole defensive unit played well against the Colonels.

Lewis was scheduled to return to action on Wednesday of this week with a game against Hidden Valley.



Junior Crawford of Andrew Lewis recovers an onside kick just as it hits the 10 yard mark in last week's win over Fleming. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

GMS football downs Andrew Lewis 7th grade team

The Glenvar Middle School football team defeated the Andrew Lewis seventh grade team last Wednesday. The Highlanders took a 12-0 win at Salem Stadium.

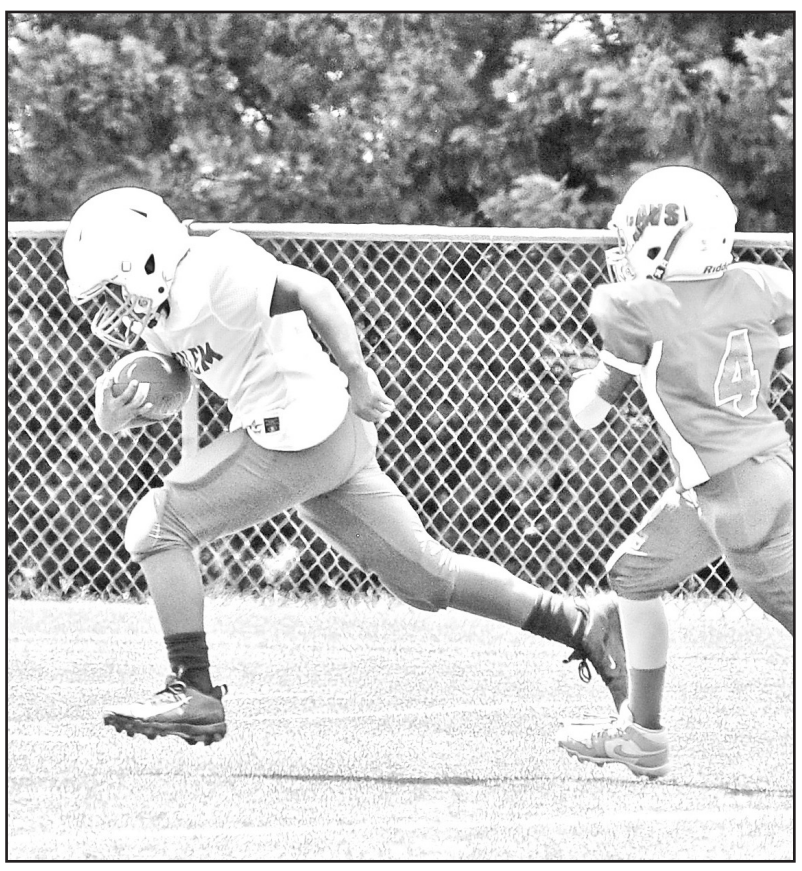
Kayden Williams scored both touchdowns for Glenvar. On defense, Jackson Perkins had two interceptions and Max Millette also had a pick.

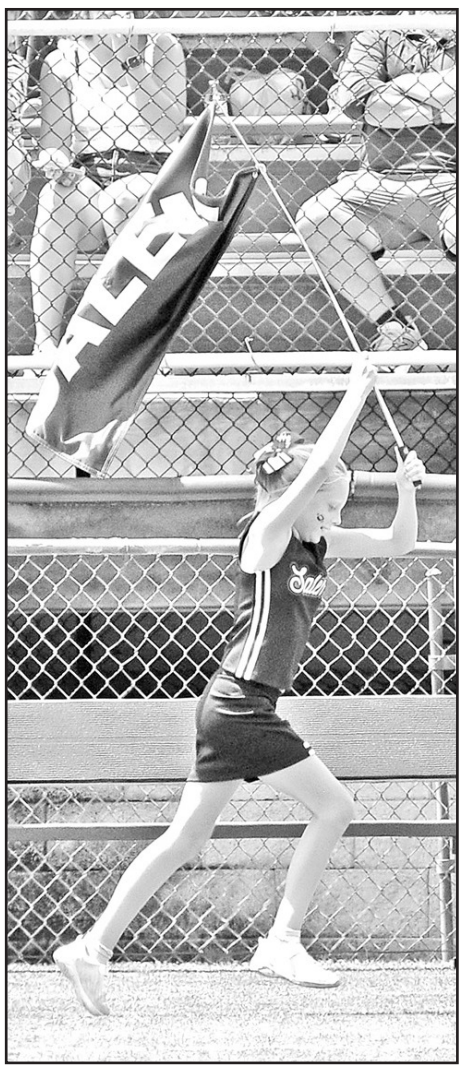
"It was a great defensive effort and an even better team win," said Glenvar coach Raysean Priest.

"Although the Wolverines struggled to find their rhythm offensively and had difficulty moving the football, they never stopped competing," said Lewis coach Corbitt Hairston. "The defense kept us within striking distance throughout the game, playing tough and physical against the Glenvar offense. The experience will provide valuable lessons."

On Monday Glenvar earned an impressive 28-0 win over Read Mountain. Kendrix Thompson got the scoring started, while Williams added two touchdowns and Millette found the end zone as well. Kurt Eskridge led a strong defensive effort to secure the shutout.

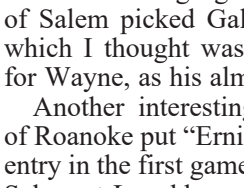
Now 3-1, Glenvar Middle School is back in action today with a game at Carroll County. The Lewis seventh graders are also on the road today with a game at Radford.





RECREATION LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Above, Miles Barber of the Salem Junior recreation league football team breaks free for a long touchdown, and that calls for breaking out the Salem flag by a Spartan cheerleader(right). PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



PERFECT START TO THE SEASON

We had quite an interesting week in our first football contest, and I had quite an interesting week competing on the panel in the Roanoke Times. Let's get to our paper first.

There was no question who the winner was this week. Only one candidate missed fewer than two games and that was Kevin Floyd of Indian Rock Road in Roanoke. He rocked the contest with a perfect score, picking all 15 games correctly. In addition, in case there was a tie he hit the high point total right on the nose, which was 56 by Norfolk State against Winston-Salem State. Kevin absolutely deserves the $50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's that goes to our weekly winner.

For our 19th Hole question I asked you to pick the score of the game between Glenvar and LCA. The final score was 48-0 in LCA's favor and the closest to that total was Pam "The Little General" Cassell, who picked the Bulldogs to win 42-0. She gets a free round of golf at the Salem Municipal course on Academy Street.

For this week's 19th hole give me your prediction for the Virginia Tech game with VMI. It's the first game under the "James Franklin Era" and it should be interesting. If the Hokies don't win they might fire their defensive coordinator if they can pry him loose.

A couple other items of note. Craig County has a really good team this year and they were on the contest against Galax. New Castle High graduate Wayne Sowers of Salem picked Galax to win that game, which I thought was amusing. Tough one for Wayne, as his alma mater won 48-0.

Another interesting note. Danny Webb of Roanoke put "Ernie Carter Glass" for his entry in the first game of the contest against Salem at Lynchburg City Stadium. I never knew what the "E.C." in E.C. Glass stood for but I assumed Danny knew by his entry. I looked it up anyway and discovered that he didn't.

The school was named after Edward Christian Glass, a prominent Virginia educator who served as superintendent of Lynchburg Public Schools for 54 years. He died in 1931, which I assume is before Danny Webb was born.

HOWEVER, I did come across a Carter Glass. Virginia Senator Carter Glass (1858-1946) filled not one but two congressional seats because of deaths of sitting members. In 1902, Glass was elected to fill a vacancy in the House of Representatives and was reelected eight times. He then spent two years as President Woodrow Wilson's secretary of the treasury (1918-1920) before being asked to fill another vacant Senate seat.

I don't know where Danny got the Ernie from. Maybe he was thinking of Tennessee Ernie Ford and got a little confused. You know, you can learn some stuff by reading this football contest column each week. Can anyone tell me what the J.T. in JT Realmuto stands for and what school he's from?

Now let's get to my participating in the Roanoke Times football panel. I was flat out terrible last week, a real embarrassment to the Salem Times-Register. I call it like I see it.

Matt Case of the Times called me the "contrarian" in his column because I was the only one of the five who picked a different team in five different games. AND, I lost all five.

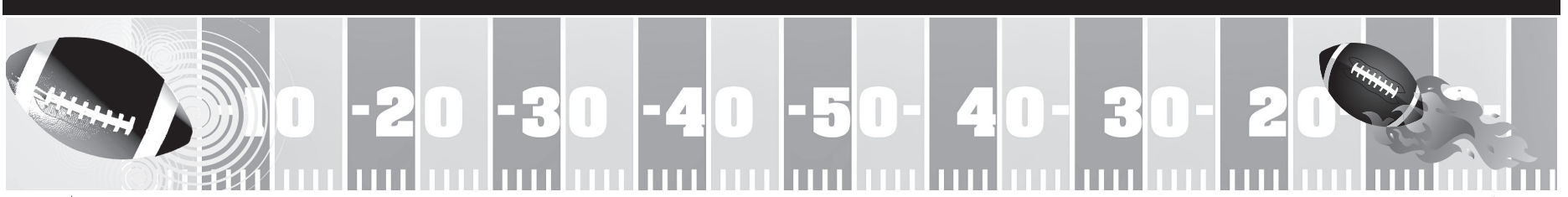
Forgive me for not knowing that Rural Retreat was much better than Fort Chiswell. And I was the only one to pick Giles over Blacksburg, but only because I've watched Blacksburg play against Salem for the past six years. They're either much better or Giles is much worse. And I missed the Chilhowie game. Heck, I don't even know where Chilhowie is!

I'm planning on making a comeback this week. I studied some of these teams I don't usually cover and am hoping to make up some ground. And, as former Redskins coach George Allen(not the governor) used to say, "If you have to get behind, get behind early."

Please be assured they were "Redskins" when he was the coach.

--BR HOFFMAN

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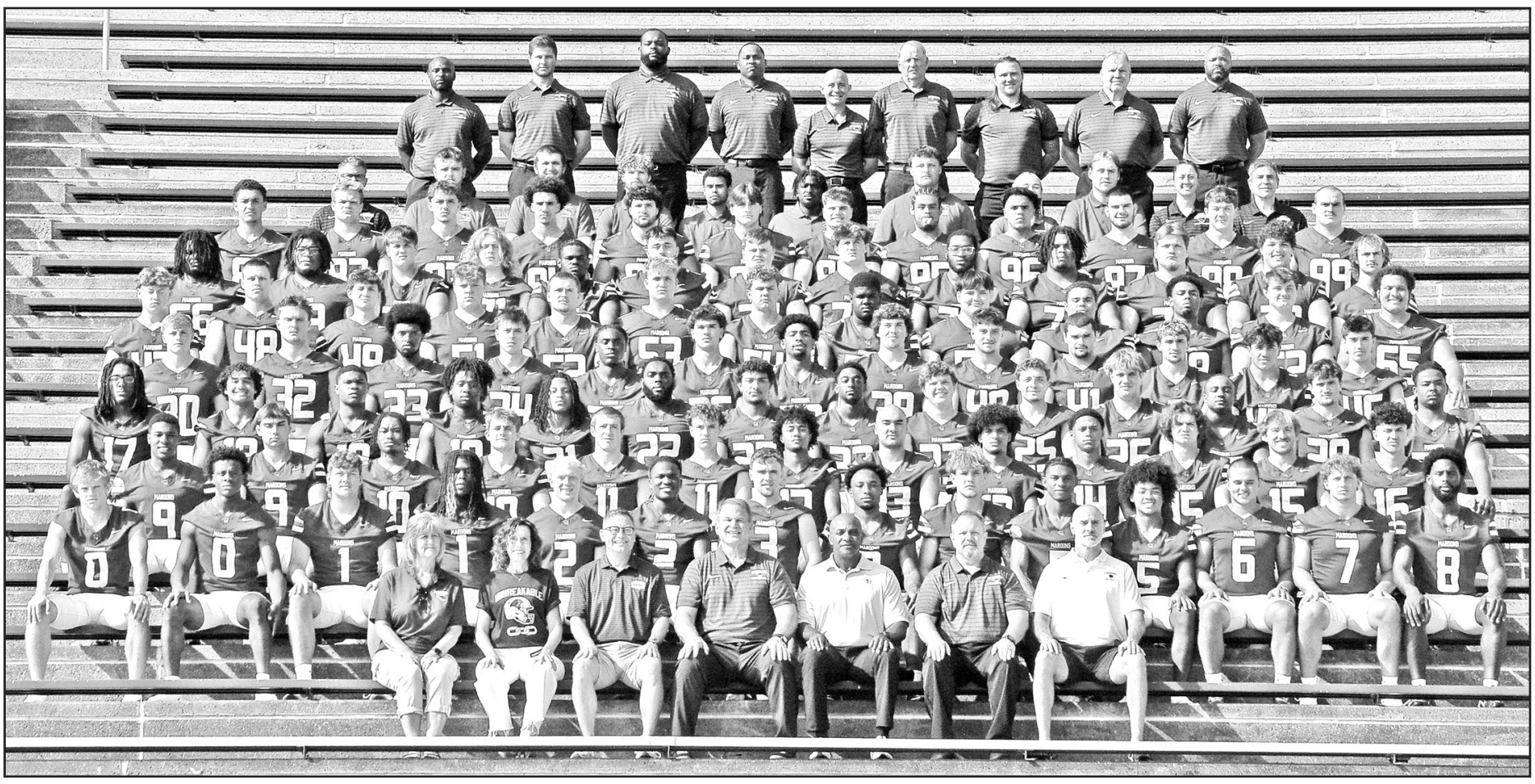
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The 19th Hole
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The 2026 Roanoke College football team.

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Maroons open football season tonight under the lights in Lynchburg

The Roanoke College football team will open their second varsity season since World War II under the lights at Lynchburg's City Stadium tonight. Roanoke will take on Virginia University of Lynchburg with a kickoff time of 6 pm.

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference preseason poll was recently announced and the Maroons were picked fifth in a vote by the league's coaches. Defending conference champion Randolph-Macon College takes the top spot with seven of the eight first-place votes. Hampden-Sydney College earned the other first-place votes and came in second, followed by Washington & Lee and Shenandoah Universities. RC and Bridgewater College tied for fifth, and Guilford College and Averett University round out the poll.

The Maroons finished 5-4 last year in their first varsity season since 1942, including a 4-4 mark in conference games, under the guidance of head coach Bryan Stinespring. Roanoke's home opener is Saturday, September 12, at 2 pm against Greensboro College. Once again the Maroons will be playing their home games at Salem Stadium.

Roanoke soccer, volleyball and field hockey open this week

The fall sports season will be in full swing this weekend for Roanoke College teams, including home games for the women's soccer team. The Maroons will host a four team invitational this weekend.

On Friday Roanoke will open the women's soccer season with a 5 pm game with Maryville College at Kerr Stadium. Lynchburg will take on Hope in the second game at 7:30 pm. Then, on Saturday, the Maroons will play Hope at 3 pm with Lynchburg taking on Maryville at 5:30 pm.

The Roanoke College women were picked to finish sixth in the 2026 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) pre-season poll. Washington & Lee University ranked first in the poll with 12 of the 13 first-place votes, with second-place Batten University (formerly Virginia Wesleyan) receiving the other first-place vote. The poll is voted on by the league's coaches.

The RC men's soccer team was scheduled to open with a home game Tuesday against Covenant College of Georgia. Roanoke is home again next Monday for a noon Labor Day game with Berry College of Georgia at Kerr Stadium.

The Maroon men were predicted to finish seventh in the ODAC preseason poll. Roanoke received 57 points in the ballot, putting the Maroons just four points behind sixth-placed Randolph-Macon and ranked one point ahead of Shenandoah. Lynchburg tops the poll with 121 points and 11 of the 12 first-place votes. Washington and Lee is picked second with 111 points and the remaining first-place vote.

The RC volleyball team is in Danville this weekend for their first action of the season. Roanoke will take on Salem College at 4 pm and Greensboro College at 6 pm on Friday at Averett University. Then, on Saturday, Roanoke will meet Bob Jones University at 1 pm in Danville. The Maroons home debut will be Friday, September 11, when they host an invitational. Roanoke will play twice on Friday and twice on Saturday.

The Maroons are picked to finish seventh in the ODAC pre-season volleyball poll, voted on by the league's coaches. Washington & Lee University, the conference champion the last three years, was picked first, followed by the University of Lynchburg. Batten University came in third, followed by Bridgewater College, Randolph-Macon College and Shenandoah University.

The field hockey team had their opener Tuesday in Raleigh, NC at Meredith College. This weekend RC is in Sewanee, TN to meet Rhodes College at 2 pm Saturday and host Sewanee at 11 am Sunday. The Maroons won't have a home game until September 20 against Goucher College.

The Roanoke field hockey team was picked to finish sixth in the conference. The Maroons received 29 points, putting them six points ahead of seventh-place Batten University and just seven points behind Bridgewater in fifth. Lynchburg tops the poll with 63 points and seven of the nine first-place votes while Washington and Lee received 56 points and the remaining two votes.

SHS golfers win match at Waterfront



Salem's Michael Bateman chips onto the green.

PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

The Salem High golf team posted an even par round at the challenging Waterfront Country Club Monday in an event hosted by Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy. Patrick Henry was also on the links for the non-district invitational.

The Spartans closed out the month of August with a rare nine hole match. Salem saw the top six dominate the event with all players shooting 36 or better on the day.

"Our group brought it today," said coach Blaine Hancock. "Everyone played relaxed and played smart on a tricky layout. We kept the ball in play on the tight course and took advantage of many quality shots."

Salem's top six players racked up 10 birdies and 1 eagle in the nine hole match, led by senior Ashnoor Kaur who shot one under for medalist honors. Finishing even par and tied for second were juniors Mike Bateman and Croix Bowen. Rounding the top six today were 3 players finishing one over to tie for fourth, sophomores JD Williamson and McKenzie Eversole and freshman Chloe Collins.

"I'm proud of this team and the direction we are heading as a group," said Hancock. "We keep improving each week."

The Spartans will be back in action next Tuesday, September 8, with a River Ridge District match in Blacksburg.

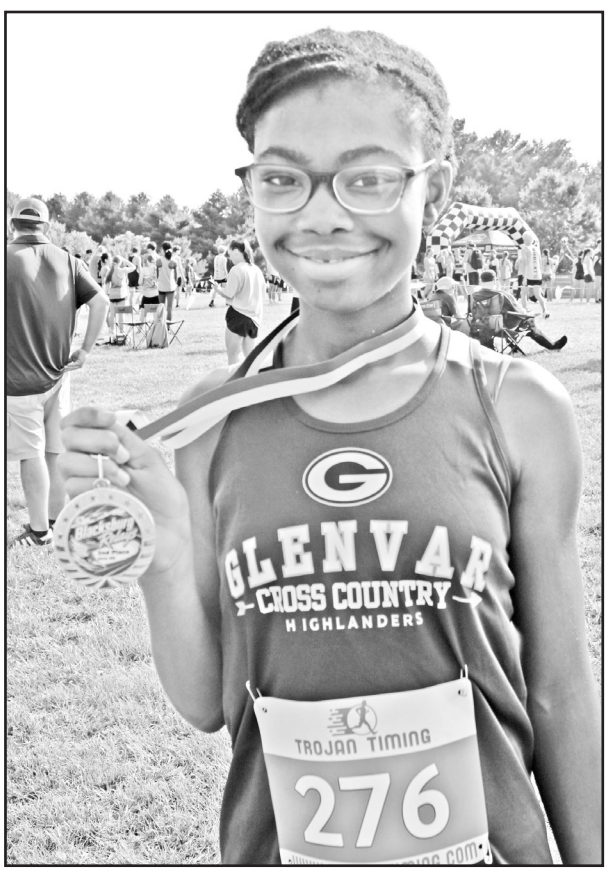
Glenvar Middle School CC team competes in Blacksburg Relays

The Glenvar Middle School Cross Country team opened its 2026 season Saturday with a strong showing at the Blacksburg Relays, held at Blacksburg High School. The early-season meet featured athletes from 16 different teams, giving the Highlanders an opportunity to test themselves against a large and competitive field.

Leading the way for the Lady Highlanders was Maya Poindexter, who earned a second-place medal in the girls 2,000-meter race. Poindexter's time was the second fastest time in meet history and Blacksburg has been hosting this meet since 2014.

The Highlander boys also made their presence felt in a field of 121 runners. Cade Compton led the Glenvar boys with an impressive 11th-place finish overall and was the top sixth-grade finisher in the race with a time of 7:10.

The Highlanders will be back in action at the Knights Crossing at Salem's Greenhill Park on Saturday, September 12th. That will also be the first meet for the Andrew Lewis Middle School cross country team.



Maya Poindexter finished second in the 2,000 meter race in the Blacksburg Relays. PHOTO COURTESY GMS CC

Salem, Glenvar CC teams run at Smith River Complex

The Salem and Glenvar cross country teams will be at the Smith River Complex in Axton today to run in the Bengal Clash. It will be the first meet for Salem and the second for the Highlanders, ran in Blacksburg last Saturday.

"Nothing really exciting happened, and the times were off in the relays for the boys due to a timing error," said Glenvar coach James Osborne.

After today the next big meet of the season will be on Saturday, September 12, when Cave Spring hosts the annual Knights Crossing meet at Green Hill Park. The event is one of the top meets of the entire season and draws teams from all over the east coast.

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RidgeYaks wrap up season with six game series against Howlers

The Salem RidgeYaks will finish up their Carolina League schedule this week when the Yaks host the Hill City Howlers from Lynchburg. It will be the last series for both teams as neither has qualified for the Carolina League playoffs.

Salem still had a punchers' chance of winning the second half of the CL North Division before heading to Fayetteville for a seven game series. Unfortunately for Salem fans the Yaks lost all seven games and fell 12 and a half games behind the Woodpeckers in the standings. With the seven game sweep Fayetteville, a Houston Astros farm team, clinched the second half and will play first half North winner Fredricksburg when the Mills Cup playoffs begin next week.

Meanwhile, the Hickory Crawdads, a Texas Rangers farm team, clinched the second half in the South division. They'll open the playoffs against the Charleston RiverDogs, who won the first half in the South. The RiverDogs are a Tampa Bay Rays farm team.

With a week to go the RidgeYaks have a 27-33 second half record and a 52-73 record for the season. With six games to go they're assured of a losing record for the summer. They're 10th overall among the 12 teams in the Carolina League, with Hickory boasting the best overall record at 77-47. The Fredricksburg Nationals still has the best overall record in the North at 74-51, two and a half games ahead of Fayetteville.

On Tuesday righthanded pitcher Leighton Finley was promoted to the High A Greenville Drive and righthander Jose Bello is coming from Greenville to Salem for the final week. Jedixson Paez, who pitched for Salem in 2024, was called up to the big league Boston Red Sox on the same day. The Sox also called up Wyatt Olds, a righthanded pitcher who was in Salem in 2021, and Eduardo Rivera, who had a stop in Salem in 2024, to the big league club.

Ethan Walker, who pitched for Salem High through his junior year in high school, is currently 2-4 on the season with a 3.19 earned run average. Ethan has appeared in 15 games, all but four in relief, and has two saves. The lefty has struck out 65 batters in 48 innings and opponents have hit just .184 when he's on the mound.

You can still catch some fun at the ballpark this week with games Tuesday through Sunday. Games through Saturday begin at 6:35 pm and note the Sunday game is a 2:05 pm start, two hours earlier than the normal Sunday games.

Friday night is Fan Appreciation Night with the last fireworks show of the season following the game. Saturday is First Responders Appreciation Night.

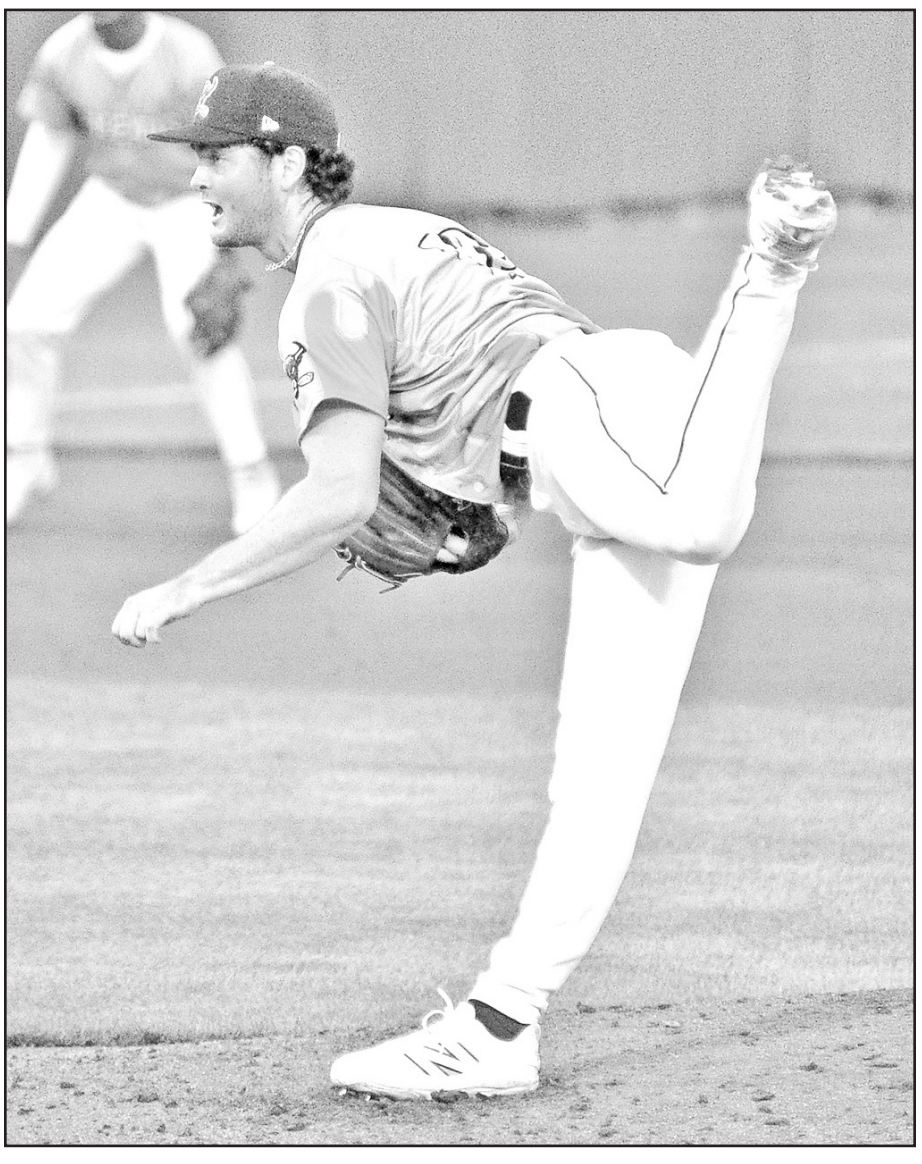


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Opposing batters are hitting just .184 against former Spartan Ethan Walker.



Salem's MarKiya Webb goes high for a spike in last week's win at Roanoke Catholic.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

SHS volleyball hosts round robin Saturday

The Salem High volleyball team improved to 2-0 with a win over Roanoke Catholic last week and the Spartans will try to keep it going tonight when they host Northside.

Salem played the Celtics in Roanoke last week and won in three sets, 25-19, 25-16 and 25-19. Kourtney Goens led the Spartans with 14 kills while Jenna Wilkes dished out 14 assists. MarKiya Webb had seven kills and Kate Gibson had five.

Salem has a third non-district match against Northside tonight followed by two home matches on Saturday with non-district Alleghany and Magna Vista. The round robin will start at 10 am when Alleghany plays Magna Vista. Salem will play Alleghany at 11:45 am, and then the Spartans will play Magna Vista at 1:30 pm. The varsity is playing at Salem High and all three teams will also have jayvee matches at the Andrew Lewis Middle School gym.

Glenvar girls bump Vikings

The Glenvar volleyball team improved to 2-1 on Tuesday with a close three set win over the host Vikings at Northside. The Highlanders also played Patrick Henry on Monday and dropped a four set match in Roanoke.

Tuesday at Northside Glenvar won 25-18, 27-25 and 27-25. Grace Fiedler had seven kills and three aces, Emily Rohrback had 16 assists, Rebecca Magruder had seven digs and Kherington Jewel served up six aces.

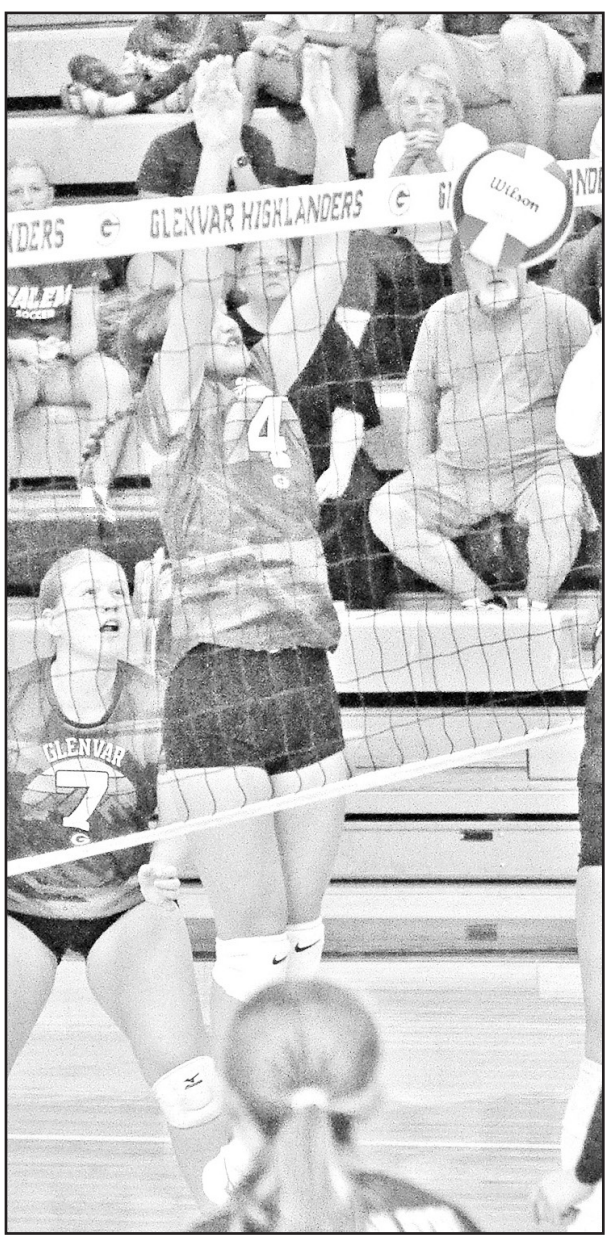
Glenvar opened the season last week with a home match against Roanoke County rival William Byrd. The Highlanders won in three sets, 25-23, 25-16 and 25-23. Rohrback had seven kills, a dozen assists and half a dozen digs to lead the Highlanders. Fiedler had six kills and five aces and Macy McMahon had six assists and 12 digs.

On Monday in Roanoke the Highlanders fell to PH in four sets. The Patriots won the first one, 25-15, but Glenvar evened the match with a 25-22 win in the second. Patrick Henry then closed it out, winning 25-12 and 25-18.

"They played very well and it was a good match," said Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback. "We look forward to getting to play them again at home as it was high level volleyball."

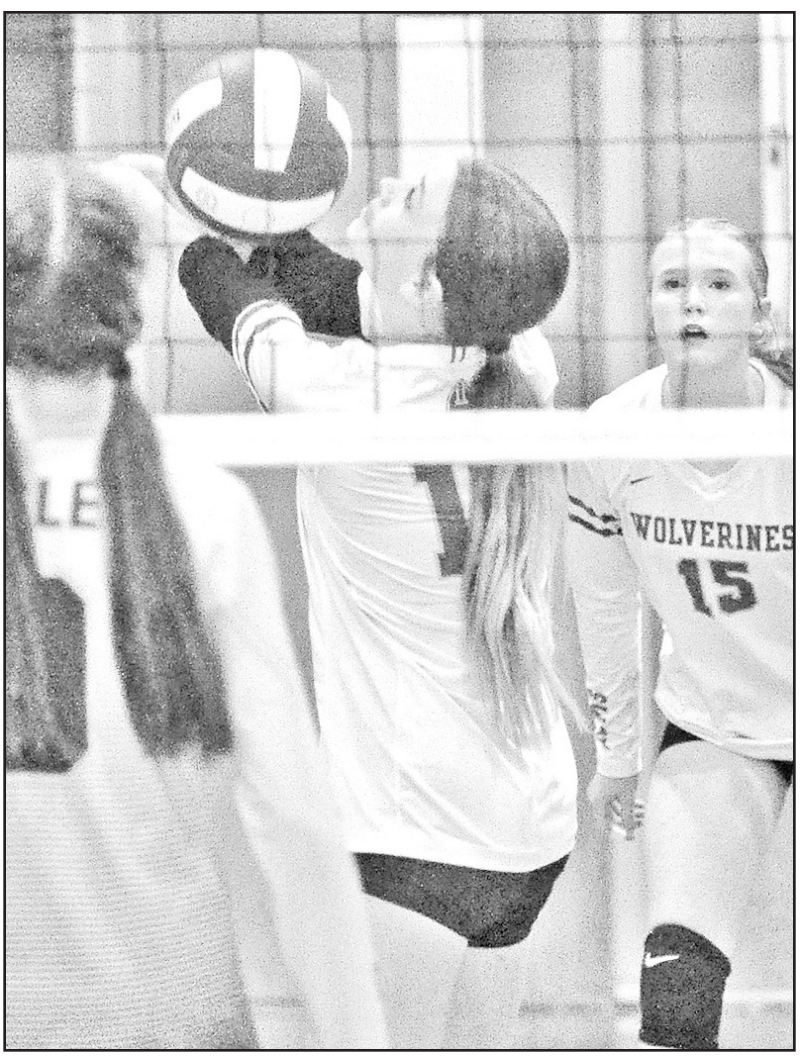
Zella Hayes had 15 kills to lead Glenvar and Olivia Collins had five kills on 11 swings.

Glenvar will return to the court with three matches in as many days next week. They host Martinsville in their Three Rivers District opener on Tuesday, host Northside on Wednesday then have another district match a week from tonight at Carroll County.



Glenvar's Grace Fiedler blocks one at the net against William Byrd.

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Camden McBride of Andrew Lewis controls the ball in Monday's win over Hidden Valley.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Lewis, GMS volleyball teams are on the road

The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School volleyball teams are both in action today. Lewis will play at Northside while Glenvar goes to Christiansburg.

Lewis hosted Hidden Valley on Monday and took a two set win, 25-17 and 25-16. Lewis also played William Byrd in Vinton last week and won in three after losing the first set, 25-23. The girls bounced back to win 25-19 and 15-12 for the win.

"It was a great game by both teams," said coach Kim Crist.

Glenvar played Blacksburg Monday and lost in three sets. The Highlanders were scheduled to go to Floyd last Thursday but the match was postponed due to lack of a bus driver.



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Spartans use big second half to shatter Glass in opener

McCadden scores five TDs

Is Salem back? After a 5-5 2025 season that didn't meet up to Salem standards, the Spartan football team made a statement last Friday in Lynchburg. Salem pitched a shutout in the second half and went on to beat E.C. Glass, 35-17, in the season opener for both teams.

"I was happy with our physicality and our effort," said Salem coach Don Holter. "With a little more discipline we have a chance to be a really good football team."

The 2026 season certainly didn't start off on a high note. Glass deep man Damaries Harris returned the opening kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown and Salem trailed 7-0 just 14 seconds into the season.

"We spotted them seven points, but the big thing is we answered," said Holter.

The Spartans tied the score on the ensuing drive with Jordan McCadden scoring what would be the first of five touchdowns on the night. Salem held the Hilltoppers and scored again on a 54 yard run by McCadden with 4:50 still remaining in the first quarter.

A swing pass that resulted in a 75 yard gain put the Hilltoppers at the one in the second quarter, and Glass tied the game at 14-14 with 5:20 to go until the half. The Spartans were stopped on downs at the Glass 45 just inside the two minute mark and a 36 yard field goal with 30 seconds on the clock gave the Hilltoppers a 17-14 halftime lead.







Above, Salem's Kafur Gulfan(#70) and Sam Henderson(#55) seal the corner to spring Jordan McCadden loose for a big gain. Below left, Robert Herndon(#75) stones the Hilltoppers' ballcarrier at the line of scrimmage and, below right, Jake James sacks the Glass quarterback. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem got the ball first in the second half and set the tone for the rest of the game. Riding the offensive line "Mules," the Spartans marched 80 yards in just under four minutes to take a 21-17 lead. The big play was a 60 yard scamper by McCadden and he scored the touchdown on a 15 yard run. Sophomore Liam Munoz kicked the extra point with senior kicker Ethan Millard on the sidelines with an injured foot.

The Spartan defense was up to the task again on Glass' next possession, and Salem got a break when a bad snap on a punt attempt gave the Spartans excellent field position on the Hilltoppers' 23.

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Highlanders host Liberty in home opener

The Glenvar football team will host Liberty High of Bedford for their home opener this Friday and it's a tough one to predict. The Highlanders beat the Minutemen in Bedford last season, 56-0, but Liberty opened this season by hanging 61 points on the board against William Campbell last Friday.

Liberty has a new coach as Scott Jennings takes over the reins. He inherits a team that was 3-7 last year but the Minutemen are off to a good start with the 61-8 win in Naruna.

"They have a much better team this year," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "They have a new coach and some good athletes."

Clifford will be happy to see anyone after last week's beat down in Lynchburg. The Highlanders played Liberty Christian Academy, one of the favorites to win the state in Class 3, and lost 48-0.

"That was probably the best team we've played at Glenvar," said Clifford. "They did things most high school teams aren't able to do. They get good players and they must have plenty of time to work on things. It's the best line I've ever seen in high school and they have a great line coach in former Tech player Jake Grove."

Glenvar kicked off to start the game and tricked the Bulldogs with an onsides kick as Remi Gordon pounced on the pig. They didn't move the ball, but on the ensuing possession LCA moved to the red zone and were stuffed by the Highlanders on a successful goal line stand.

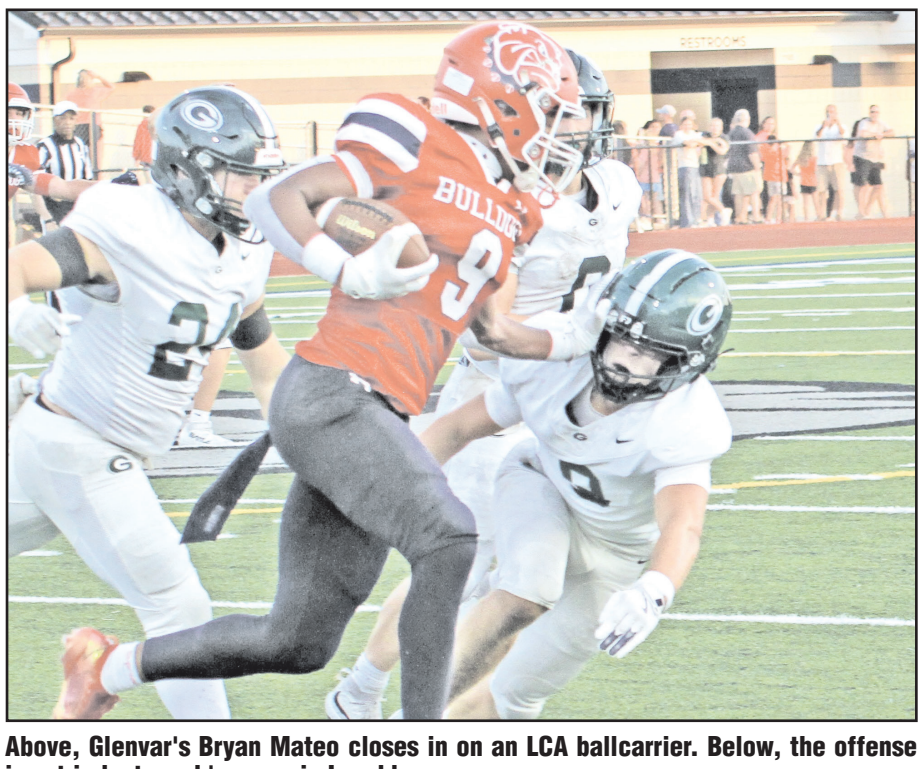
"We played pretty good defense in the first quarter," said Clifford. "After a while they just wore us down. Our kids didn't lay down and they didn't quit, and we'll be better off having played this game. Now our kids know what a really good team looks like."

There wasn't much offense on the Glenvar side but first year punter Tyler Shannon continually gave the Bulldogs poor starting position. He had eight punts for an average of 39 yards each.

On defense Ranger Swanson led Glenvar with nine tackles, including two for losses. Haden Henderson and Bryan Mateo had eight tackles each and Ryan Harris had six with one for a loss and a forced fumble.

This was a one time deal for Glenvar to play against LCA as they add Lord Botetourt next year. The real season starts tomorrow.

"It's a new week and a new start," said Clifford. "It's about winning today."



Above, Glenvar's Bryan Mateo closes in on an LCA ballcarrier. Below, the offense is set in last week's game in Lynchburg. PHOTOS BY KENNY FORD

