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Olde Salem Days returns for 46th year

The city of Salem will host the 46th annual Olde Salem Days on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in downtown Salem.

Admission is free. Parking and shuttle service will be available from the Salem Civic Center to downtown.

The annual festival will feature more than 300 arts and crafts exhibitors from across the United States. Food trucks and live music will be set up at the Salem Farmers Market, with activities available for the entire family. An auto show also will be held for car enthusiasts.

Held annually on the second Saturday in September, Olde Salem Days transforms downtown Salem into an outdoor bazaar featuring artisans and crafters.

Rotary Club of Salem President James Jordan said the event reflects the organization's commitment to community service and engagement.

"The spirit of Olde Salem Days aligns closely with Rotary's values of service, fellowship and community engagement," Jordan said. "By bringing people together in a festive and welcoming atmosphere, this event helps strengthen civic pride and support local causes."

The event provides an opportunity for families and friends to spend the day together while showcasing the talents of artisans from Salem and surrounding communities.

Members of the Rotary Club of Salem volunteer their time to organize and produce Olde Salem Days. All proceeds from the event are distributed to charities by the Rotary Club of Salem.

-The Salem Times-Register



Wawa officials, local leaders, community members and first responders gathered Thursday for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the company's first Salem location on West Main Street.

Wawa opens first Salem store as expansion continues in I-81 region

Wawa celebrated the opening of its first Salem store Sept. 3, welcoming hundreds of customers, local officials, first responders and community partners to mark the convenience store chain's continued expansion into the Interstate 81 region.

The store, located at 1941 W. Main St., opened its doors at 8 a.m. The first 250 customers received limited-edition Wawa Grand Opening Tour T-shirts, and the company offered free, any-size hot coffee through Sept. 6.

The grand-opening celebration began at 8:30 a.m. with an introduction of the store team and Wawa's "Parade of the Ages," which highlighted milestones from the company's 200-year history. The event concluded with a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially marking Wawa's entrance into Salem.

"After serving the Virginia community for more than 25 years, we're thrilled to fly west toward I-81 and bring our unique combination of fresh food and beverage, convenience, and service to new friends and neighbors," said Brian Schaller, president of Wawa. "We're overjoyed at the warm welcome we continue to receive from so many communities we're now proud to count as part of the Wawa flock."

The Wawa Foundation also announced a $5,000 Fly Beyond Fund grant to Feeding Southwest Virginia. The grant was intended to support programs aimed at reducing food insecurity among youth in underserved communities.



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Wawa presented $1,000 checks to charities selected by the Salem Police Department and Salem Fire-EMS Department following the "Hoagies for Heroes" competition during the store's grand opening Thursday.

Wawa also launched its "Lending a Helping Hoagie" campaign at the Salem store. A portion of the first week's hoagie sales, up to $2,500, was designated to benefit Feeding Southwest Virginia.

The celebration included Salem's first "Hoagies for Heroes" hoagie-building competition, which

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Salem Chamber to host inaugural State of the City breakfast



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Salem business and community leaders will have an opportunity to hear directly from city leadership about Salem's future during the inaugural State of the City of Salem networking breakfast Sept. 22 at the Salem Civic Center.

The event, hosted with assistance from the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, will begin with a networking breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a presentation from Mayor Renee Turk from 9 to 10 a.m.

Amanda Livingston, president of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, said the event was created to bring business and community leaders together for a conversation about the city's direction.

"As a Chamber, one of our primary roles is to connect people, businesses and community leaders," Livingston said. "We wanted to create an event that brings those groups together in one room for a conversation about Salem's future."

Livingston said the Chamber hopes the event will become an annual gathering where attendees can learn about Salem's successes, understand opportunities ahead, ask questions and make connections.

Turk is expected to discuss issues and opportunities affecting Salem and its future, including economic development, growth, infrastructure, quality of life, workforce and the city's continued vitality as a place to live, work and do business.

The presentation comes as Salem has seen significant private-sector investment and development. Recent projects and announcements

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Roanoke College awarded national grant for comprehensive character education program

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

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

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

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

The dialogue resulted in a framework for character education tailored to the Roanoke community. The comprehensive blueprint, called "Maroons on a Mission," will be implemented through the 2028-29 academic year and will touch on various aspects of campus life.

Planned initiatives include a new first-year student program combining service-learning, common readings and discussions, along with mentorship from Student Success advisers trained in character education frameworks.

The college also plans to organize student leadership workshops focused on character and belonging, expand professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, and establish a character-focused leadership academy.

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Additional initiatives will include workshops and team-based projects with Athletics and Campus Recreation, as well as training for alumni mentors. The mentor training will help alumni engage students in conversations that extend beyond career advice to include ethical decision-making, character and the pursuit of purpose.

Together, the initiatives are intended to create a model for embedding character development throughout the student experience and campus community. The work aligns with the college's strategic plan and its goals for student success, academic innovation and community collaboration.

The strategic plan emphasizes ensuring that exploration of purpose and pursuit of character remain defining elements of a Roanoke education.

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

Roanoke College also will study the results of its initiatives and partner with other colleges as part of a broader national

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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.

A Hiker's History of the Appalachian Trail — Sept. 10, 7 p.m., online via Zoom. The Salem Museum Speaker Series will feature Professor Mills Kelly discussing his latest book, A Hiker's History of the Appalachian Trail. Kelly will explore the Trail's history from a "boots-up" perspective, drawing on hiker accounts, shelter registers, club records and newspaper and magazine stories. The presentation will examine what it was like to hike the Appalachian Trail from the late 1920s through the early 2020s, including changes in food, equipment and hikers' experiences. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Salem Museum. The Zoom link will be available at SalemMuseum.org.

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.

RoCo Food Truck Week: Food Truck Week continues Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Green Hill Park, 2500 Green Hill Park Road. Food trucks will include Empanada Nirvana, Grandpa Ike's Mini Donuts and The Chaotic Kitchen Food Truck. Seating will be available, or attendees may bring a picnic blanket and enjoy lunch in the park.

Constitution Day Tree Planting at East Hill Cemetery — Sept. 17, 10-10:30 a.m., 200 Cedar St., Salem. The Salem Museum invites the public to East Hill Cemetery for a Constitution Day tree planting near the grave of Gen. Andrew Lewis, Salem's Revolutionary War champion. The City of Salem will plant the tree and hold a brief ceremony honoring the nation's 250th birthday and Constitution Day. Following the ceremony, visitors are encouraged to visit the Salem Museum's featured exhibit, Andrew Lewis: Salem's Revolutionary Champion, which explores Lewis' Revolutionary War history through hands-on items and interactive exhibits. For more information, contact Ben Nolen at bhnolen@salemva.gov.

Acting Workshop at the Salem Museum — Sept. 19, 1 p.m., Salem Museum. Actor, director and Salem Museum Ghost Walk alum Steve Aaron will lead a free acting workshop open to amateur and veteran performers. The workshop will focus primarily on auditions and first impressions while also incorporating lessons in stagecraft, performance methods and other elements of theater. Aaron has worked on more than 400 productions as an actor, dancer, stage worker and musician and has experience in film production and living history interpretation.

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.

Salem Museum 28th Annual Ghost Walk — Oct. 1-3, 6-8 p.m., East Hill Cemetery, Salem. The Salem Museum's 28th annual Ghost Walk returns Oct. 1-3, with tours departing from the museum every 15 minutes from 6 to 8 p.m. "Ghosts" will share stories about notable people and places from Salem's more than 200-year history during family-friendly tours that are informative and fun, but not scary. Advance tickets are $12 for adults, $8 for students of any age and free for children 3 and younger. Advance registration is recommended. The tour covers just over a half-mile, so comfortable walking shoes and a flashlight are recommended. In case of rain, the event will move indoors to the Salem Museum. Proceeds benefit the Salem Museum and its educational programs. Tickets are available at the Salem Museum or online.

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.

Relocated Andy Layne Trailhead opens along A.T. Virginia Triple Crown

CATAWBA VALLEY — A newly relocated parking area for the Andy Layne Trail opened late last month, providing hikers with improved access to one of the Appalachian Trail's most popular viewpoints in Virginia.

The 3-mile Andy Layne Trail serves as a connector to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail near Tinker Cliffs, one of the three destinations that make up Virginia's Triple Crown along with McAfee Knob and Dragon's Tooth. The sites are among the most visited locations on the Appalachian Trail, which stretches more than 2,100 miles across 14 states from Georgia to Maine.

The new parking area is less than a mile south of the former trailhead and includes expanded parking, a rerouted section of trail and a new footbridge over Catawba Creek.

"These changes are also evidence of broader trail improvements along the A.T. as it passes Roanoke due to the region's popularity as a hiking destination," said Kathryn Herndon-Powell, Virginia regional director for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

The former Andy Layne Trail parking area frequently overflowed during busy spring and fall weekends, while the trail's bridge over Catawba Creek was nearing the end of its lifespan, Herndon-Powell said.

"Across the Virginia Triple Crown, we are many years into a focused effort with a broad partnership in finding ways to accommodate more visitors while protecting the natural beauty that makes this area so popular," she said.

The Andy Layne Trail has been marked by blue blazes on property owned by Roanoke Cement Co. since 1991 through a partnership involving the company, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club. As Roanoke Cement expands its operations, the company coordinated with the two organizations to maintain public access to the trail.

"For 35 years, Roanoke Cement has partnered with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy because being a responsible operator and community partner means caring for the natural resources and recreational opportunities that surround our operations and that make our region special," said Kevin Baird, president of Titan America's Mid-Atlantic Business Unit.

"Together, we've maintained trail access, repaired storm damage, and designed a new route with a safer crossing, expanded trailhead, and additional parking to better serve the thousands of hikers who visit each year," Baird said.

The new trailhead has parking for 50 vehicles. Roanoke Cement Co. fully funded the project.

"We're grateful to the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and the dedicated volunteers who help preserve this remarkable resource," Baird said. "We are proud to support their important work and the lasting benefits they provide to our community."

Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club President Linda Mulheren said the Andy Layne Trail provides an important access point for hikers seeking to reach Tinker Cliffs.

"Without Andy Layne Trail, the awesome sights from atop Tinker Cliffs would be far more difficult for hikers to reach," Mulheren said. "People come from around the world to hike Virginia's Triple Crown."

"The Andy Layne Trail is an important entryway to the A.T., and especially Tinker Cliffs, because the location of Tinker Cliffs is rather remote," she added. "The Andy Layne Trail provides a fantastic way to get there."

The improvements to the Andy Layne Trail follow the completion of a dedicated pedestrian bridge for the Appalachian Trail over Virginia Route 311 in spring 2025. That project improved access to nearby McAfee Knob, another Virginia Triple Crown destination and the most-photographed location on the Appalachian Trail.

The Andy Layne Trail is named posthumously in honor of a World War II veteran, outdoor enthusiast and dedicated Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club member.

If you go: As of August 2026, the new trailhead does not have a street address. Hikers preparing for the 7-mile round trip can locate the new trailhead by entering 37°26'52.9"N 80°00'54.0"W into a map application.

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy, founded in 1925, works to manage and protect the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and its surrounding landscape. The organization works with supporters, partners and volunteers to preserve the trail and its natural and scenic resources.

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Weekly Arrest Report

Week of August 25, 2026 – August 31, 2026

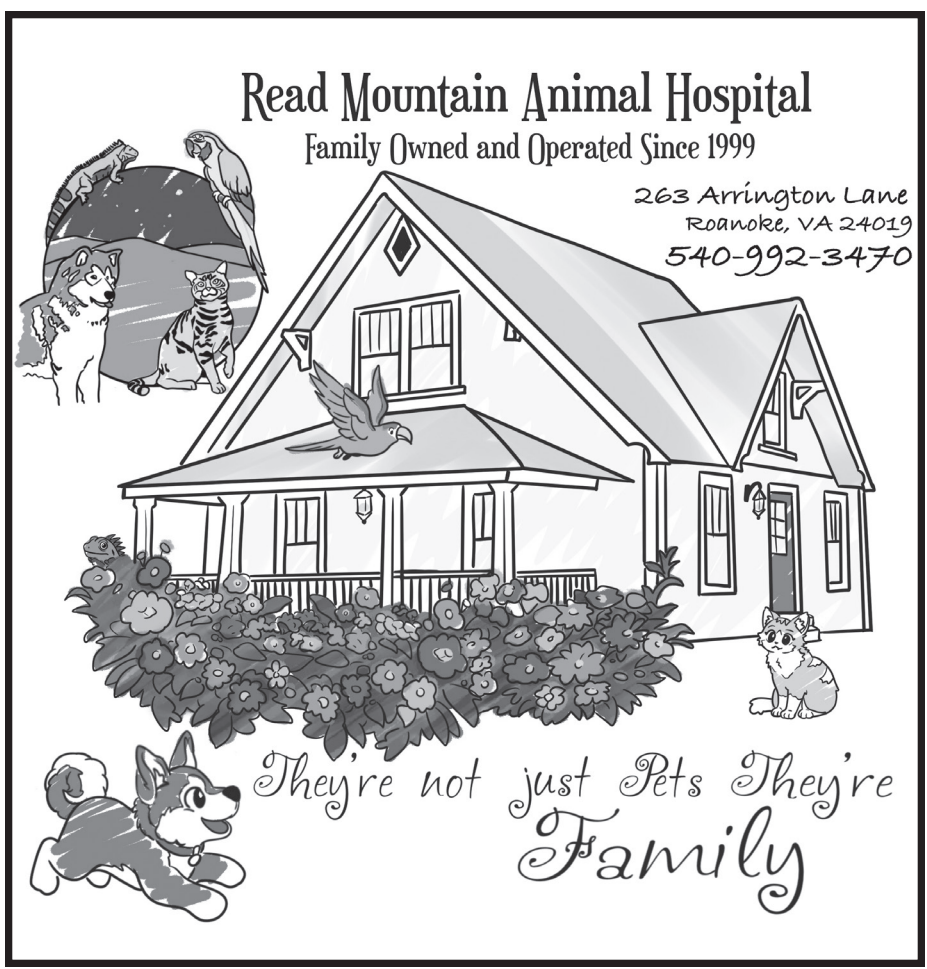
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Week of August 25, 2026 – August 31, 2026

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OPINION



Ben Cline

Congressman

Spoke Directly With Small Business Owners

Last week, I had the privilege of attending a Small Business Roundtable in Roanoke, where I heard directly from local business owners about the challenges they face and the opportunities ahead. Small businesses are a vital part of what makes Virginia's Sixth District such a great place to live and work, and they are truly the backbone of our Commonwealth's economy. I am grateful for conversations such as these that allow me to hear directly from our Main Street businesses and ensure they have the resources, opportunities, and support they need to succeed.

Supporting small businesses has remained a top priority of mine throughout the 119th Congress. I supported the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, which made critical small-business provisions permanent, including the 20% Section 199A deduction and 100% bonus depreciation. These provisions give small-business owners greater certainty and allow them to keep more of what they earn and reinvest in their businesses, equipment, technology, and employees.

I also introduced the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act, a commonsense proposal that would strengthen how federal agencies weigh the impact of regulations on small businesses. By reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens, we can give entrepreneurs more freedom to focus on growing their businesses and creating good-paying jobs.

Thank you to Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Bill Briggs, for joining me in Roanoke to listen to the Valley's small business owners. The Administration's commitment to Main Street America has allowed for growth and success across the Sixth District. Small businesses are engines of opportunity, innovation, and economic growth. Republicans will continue to fight to ensure entrepreneurs across the Sixth District have the support they need to grow, create jobs, and keep our communities strong.

Toured a Local Manufacturing Small Business

Last week, I had the pleasure to tour Butler Parachute Systems with SBA Deputy Administrator Bill Briggs, a small manufacturing business in Roanoke, Virginia. From recreational pilots to military commands, Butler Parachute Systems' cutting-edge facilities provide safe and comfortable emergency parachutes.

Small businesses are the heartbeat of our Nation. Virginia's economy relies on Main Street, and our defenses rely on innovative technology like Butler Parachute Systems.

I have worked closely with the Administration to support small businesses and advance policies that deliver real certainty for Main Street businesses. When entrepreneurs have the confidence and flexibility to invest and grow, our entire economy and country benefit.

Fought to Protect First Amendment Rights and Expose Fraud

Last week, I joined my colleagues on the Republican Study Committee in a letter commending investigative journalist Nick Shirley, whose reporting helped bring to light alleged fraud in Minnesota and California, including taxpayer-funded daycare centers he found sitting empty. His work should be celebrated, not silenced. In our letter, we urged the Justice Department to review a new California law intended to silence people like Nick Shirley and asked the DOJ to investigate this new law as a possible violation of the First Amendment.

Rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse remains one of my top priorities and I will continue working with my colleagues to promote responsible oversight, protect taxpayer dollars, and uphold the rule of law.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

It's hard to believe that four years have passed since HopeTree's plan to sell a large portion of their property was first made public. We remain cognizant of the high stakes for this unique and historic property. Living in our home for the last 44 years (directly facing HopeTree) we 're terribly relieved that aggressive development has been barely restrained by all the influence that concerned neighbors could muster. We believe this pause gives our city leadership a chance to finally set a definitive plan in motion that'll be best for us all. Density should not be our destiny!

Whatever's done should respect the contours and beauty of HopeTree's land and enhance the neighborhood. While the late John Saunders played a key role in Salem's past 20-30 years, the fate of HopeTree became important to him. But his was a minority voice. I hope that the destiny of the HopeTree property will honor John's memory -and be something he'd have been proud of.

And that can be influenced in no small measure by his City Council replacement. Whoever it will be should share John's basic values- regardless of personalities or politics. Jim Wallace, perhaps? In any case, please let your ideas and opinions be clearly heard by Salem's leadership!

Sincerely,
-Samuel Williams, II

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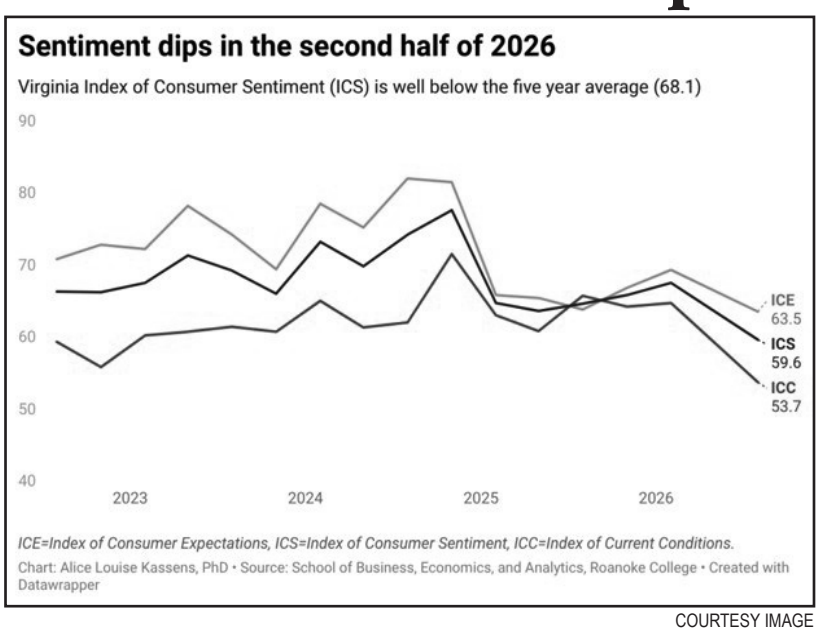
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Virginia Consumer Sentiment Report

Roanoke College Poll

Virginia consumer sentiment fell sharply in August 2026, erasing the modest gains recorded at the start of the year. The Virginia Index of Consumer Sentiment (ICS) fell to 59.6, down 7.8 points since February and 4.9 points below where it stood a year ago. All three components (current conditions, expectations, and overall sentiment) now sit below their five-year average of 68.1.

The decline was led by how Virginians see their present circumstances. The Index of Current Conditions (ICC) fell 11.0 points to 53.7, its lowest level since the 2022 inflation spike. The Index of Consumer Expectations (ICE) fell a smaller 5.8 points to 63.5, essentially matching its lowest level in the 15-year history of this survey, last seen in May 2022. Virginians, in other words, feel considerably worse about their present circumstances than they did in February, but have held onto more of their optimism about the future. Compared with a year ago, that split is even clearer: Current conditions are down 12.0 points, while expectations are essentially unchanged.



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The Virginia Consumer Sentiment Report is the only regular poll measuring consumer sentiment in the commonwealth. The report is now a project of Roanoke College's School of Business, Economics, and Analytics. Its last poll was released in February 2026.

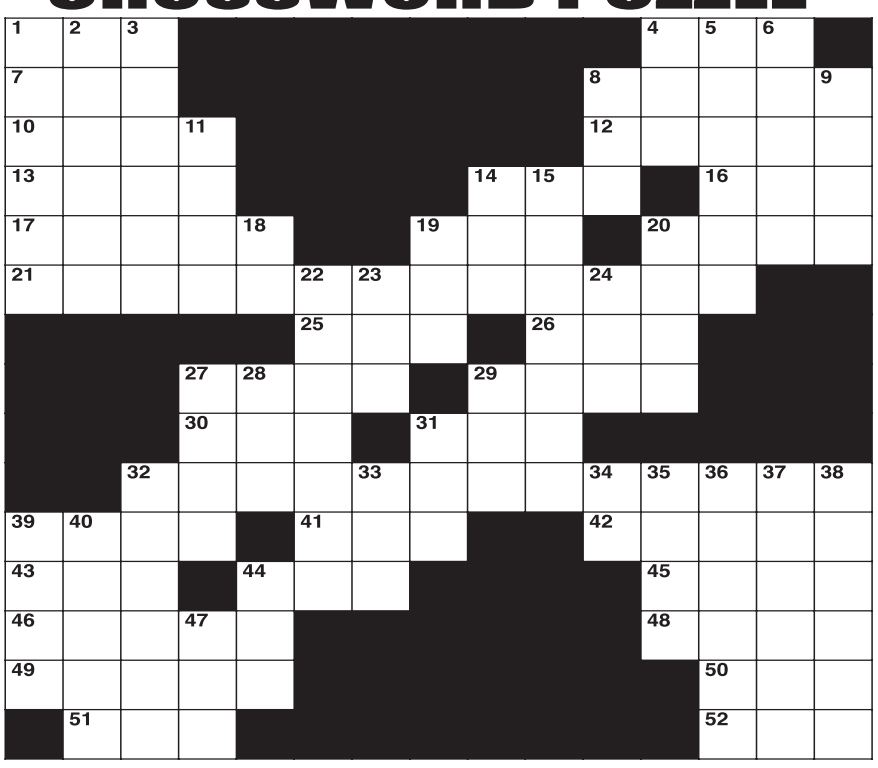
Economic backdrop

The national economy continued to send mixed signals through the summer. Real GDP grew at an estimated 1.5% annualized rate in the second quarter of 2026, down from 2.1% in the first quarter, even as real consumer spending accelerated over the same period (from 0.5% to 3.4% annualized), a sign that households kept spending even as broader growth cooled. Nationally, the labor market has softened further. The unemployment rate eased slightly to 4.1% in July, but payroll growth has gone essentially flat, with a net loss of 23,000 jobs in July after only 20,000 added in June. Openings-to-unemployed ratios have ticked up modestly (1.1 in July), suggesting labor demand hasn't collapsed, but hiring itself has stalled.

Wage growth has not kept pace with a resurgence in inflation. Average hourly wage growth slowed from 3.7% in February to 3.2% in July, while CPI inflation rose from 2.4% to 3.3% over the same

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS
1. Utilitarian fashion accessory
4. Engine additive
7. Macaws
8. Listens to
10. Self-righteously moralistic person
12. Made of wood
13. Chinese lute
14. Beginning military rank
16. Indicates near
17. Ties the score
19. Chum
20. Long ago
21. Localities
25. Midway between northeast and east
26. Make fun of
27. Tennis great Arthur
29. Construction location
30. Cow's noise
31. Blue
32. One of the Fab Four
39. Formula 1 team
41. Dash
42. Lifting device
43. Basics
44. Keyboard key
45. Old Irish alphabet
46. Shaking of the EarthÕs surface
48. Covered stadium
49. Sword handles
50. Longing or yearning
51. Creators' social network
52. Boxing's GOAT

CLUES DOWN
1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Ocean
5. Givers and ___
6. Gets ready
8. Ad __
9. Fit of irritation
11. Criminal organization
14. Exclamation that denotes disgust
15. American state
18. Sensor hub
19. Before
20. The boundary of a surface
22. Witnesses
23. Singular
24. Type of meal
27. Music awards show
28. Former French coin of low value
29. A bag-like structure in an animal
31. Schenectady County Airport
32. Calm down
33. Partner to cheese
34. Cola brand
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Shelly Koon
Contributing Writer

September signals the wind-down of summer, which officially ends on the 22nd. It's a transitional month, one where some summer produce is still in season (corn, tomatoes, mangoes) but where autumn bounty is also starting to pop up (apples, pears, squash).

It's like a reset month after a busy hot summer. We return to our regular routines and can use our ovens again. Something about the first cold morning flips a switch. The last few months of the year are the most special in my eyes. In September, we get back into routines. We have more sit-down dinners, we bake with apples and pumpkins, and some of us even start to plan for the upcoming holidays. As the weather cools down, I get into my cozy girl mode. I have absolutely no shame in saying that I love fall. Zero. It's the best time of year! Even if it feels like it lasts for approximately 5.4 seconds. According to surveys and polls, fall is the most popular and favorite season for a majority of Americans.

The scents and flavors of fall, like cinnamon, apple, and pumpkin spice, trigger our brain's reward centers, reminding us of good times and making us feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

The word September comes from the Latin word septem (seven) because it was the seventh month in the early Roman calendar before January and February were added.

The birthstone is the sapphire which stands for truth, trust, and clear thinking. The aster and the morning glory are the flowers of the month standing for love and care.

Why is September important to me this year? My dad's birthday was on the 22nd but my Goddaughter had a baby boy on September 3th. All are doing well! Welcome Noah!

What's September without a pumpkin spice recipe?

Pumpkin Spice breakfast casserole

Ingredients

- 1 loaf 160oz challah or brioche bread cubed
- 8 large eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree not pumpkin pie filling
- 2 cups whole milk
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ cup chopped pecans 3 tablespoons melted butter
- Cooking spray

Instructions

Spray 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray. Arrange bread cubes evenly in the dish. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, pumpkin puree, milk, heavy cream, brown sugar, vanilla, pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon, salt, and nutmeg until smooth. Pour pumpkin mixture evenly over bread cubes, pressing sown gently to ensure all bread is soaked. Let sit for 10 minutes. In a small bowl, toss pecans with melted butter and sprinkle over the top of the casserole. Cover tightly with foil and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight (or freeze at this point for up to 2 months).

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 350°F. Bake covered for 40 minutes, then uncover and bake for 10 more minutes until golden and puffed. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve warm with maple syrup, whipped cream, or a dusting of powdered sugar. If frozen, thaw overnight in refrigerator before baking.

Vegetarian Pumpkin Chili

Ingredients

- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion (1/2 of a large onion)
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 small jalapeño, minced (remove seeds and ribs)
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 and 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 3 (14 ounce) cans petite diced tomatoes, do not drain
- 1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree* (not pie filling!)
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and diced (about 1 heaping cup)
- optional: 1/2 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed

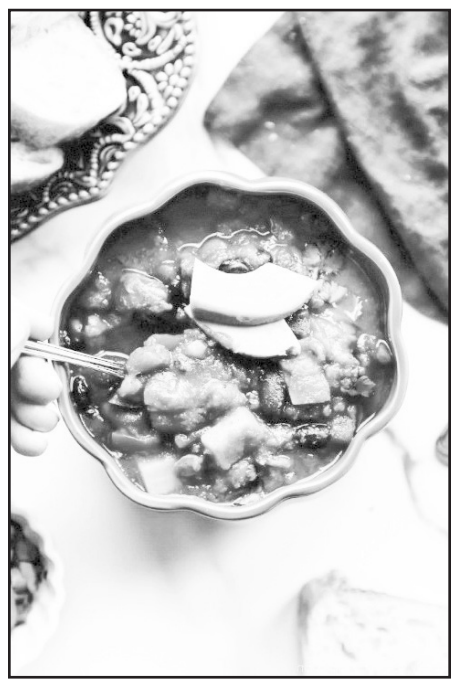
Optional For Serving:

chopped cilantro
chopped red onion
sliced avocado

Instructions

Heat the olive oil over medium heat in a 5-quart (or larger) pot or dutch oven. Add the onion, bell peppers, and jalapeño. Stir and cook for 5 minutes as the onion softens. Add garlic, salt, black pepper, cumin, chili powder, and onion powder. Stir and cook for 1 minute. Add the remaining ingredients including black beans, if using. Place the lid on top, reduce heat to medium-low, and cook for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve with any optional toppings. Slow Cooker Instructions: Place all of the ingredients in a 5 quart or larger slow cooker and cook on low for 6-8 hours.







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Pumpkin Beer Broccoli Cheddar Soup

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tbsp butter
- 1small sweet onion, diced
- 1carrot, diced
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cup whole milk
- 2 cup low sodium veggie or chicken broth
- 1 12-ounce pumpkin beer
- 3-4 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese, plus more for serving
- 2bay leaves
- ¼ tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- ¼ tsp cayenne, or more to taste
- 1 large pinch kosher salt and pepper
- 4 cup broccoli florets
- 2 tbsp fresh thyme leaves, plus more for serving

Instructions

Heat the olive oil and butter in a large pot over medium heat. When the oil shimmers, add the onion and carrot and cook until fragrant, about 10 minutes. Whisk in the flour and cook until golden, about 2 minutes, then gradually whisk in the milk until smooth. Add the broth, beer, broccoli, bay leaves, nutmeg, cayenne, and a large pinch each of salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer, reduce the heat to medium and cook, uncovered, until the broccoli is tender, about 20 minutes. Remove the soup from the stove. Remove the bay leaves and puree in batches in a blender or use an immersion blender. Return the soup to the stove and set over low heat. Stir in the cheese until melted and creamy. Add the thyme and cook another 2-3 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings as desired. Ladle into bowls and top with a little extra cheddar and fresh thyme. Enjoy!

From the Archives

Guinness record broken in Salem

Time will go in new book

From the February 20, 1986 edition of The Salem Times-Register

It's official. It's a new world's record!!!

The new record for a continuous softball game is now 96 hours, 10 minutes and 43 seconds, as certified by the Guinness Book of World Records. The new mark was set in Salem in August when the Marines and Navy laid siege to Oakey Field.

The participants recently received certificates to make the feat official. The record the locals were shooting for was 95 hours set by a college fraternity, a mark that has been eclipsed twice since the 1984 edition of the book. A Navy ship off Hawaii broke that record with a 96-hour game, and the Oakey game bettered that mark.

"The current (1985) edition of the book lists the Navy ship," said Chief Richard Johnson of the Navy, "If no one breaks that mark, we'll be in there this year. I think they put it out sometime in October or November. It's a new edition every year."

Although the game was played in August, it took several months before the record was declared authentic. A log of the game and scorebook had to be presented to the Guinness people with authorization from the umpires. A statement from two upstanding citizens were also required and the two chosen were Mrs. Peggy Davis, the district director for Congressman Jim Olin, and State Sen. Granger McFarlane, who threw out the first pitch.

Johnson was the chief organizer of the game, as well as a participant. He had no doubts the record could be broken.

"There were many hours of behind-the-scenes type of things like getting a field, the lights, the umpires, and just setting it up," said Johnson. "Once it got started, I think I was the most relaxed person out there. Playing the game was the easy part."

The game continued through rain and fog and dark of night as the Marines built up a sizeable lead. Even in the fog, a 50-run rally is a lot to ask.

" The fog was the worst part," said Johnson. "Actually, we didn't mind the rain. WE had fun playing in the mud."

The game was originally planned to go on as long as possible after the record was broken, but when the time came the possibilities were exhausted.

"We were going to go to 96 hours then go on," said Johnson. "When 96 came we all pretty much said that was it."

The game raised nearly $5,500 for the Special Olympics and Toys for Tots. Close to 700 runs were scored as the Marines took a convincing 60 or so run victory. The new record will be in the book if it isn't broken this summer.

"I'd like to see it in the book but it doesn't really matter, because we have the certificates," said Johnson. "There's been some light discussion about doing again this year, but I don't know. It might be harder to get started the second time around."

So, for now, the new record is 96 hours, 10 minutes and 43 seconds of amazingly continuous softball. And when the new book comes out you can look it up.

Note: On Tuesday April 5, 1986 Alpha Gamma Chi, a Greek service club from Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee set the Guinness World Record by playing for 100 hours breaking the old record of 96 hours.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

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conversation about evidence-based models for character education.

A cross-institutional team led by Associate Professor Laura Hartman and Assistant Professor Karin Carneal will oversee the work, monitor individual programs and assess their effectiveness in helping students, staff and faculty understand and apply the concepts.

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

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

The Educating Character Initiative supports colleges pursuing substantial and sustained approaches to creating communities of character.

This is the second grant Roanoke College has received from the initiative. A Capacity-Building Grant awarded last year supported the campus dialogue that led to the new character education framework.

-The Salem Times-Register

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
JUDICIAL SALE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Pursuant to the terms of the Decree entered the 19th day of August, 2026 by the Honorable Judge Swanson of the Circuit Court for the County of Roanoke, Virginia and pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 58.1-3965, *et seq*. (1950), the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction the following described properties for payment of delinquent taxes in the **Roanoke County Administrative Offices building**, located at **5204 Bernard Drive, SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24018**, on **September 25, 2026 at 9:00AM**

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6.	Daniel L. Oyler, *et al*,	Map No. 114.00-02-10.00-0000 Case No. CL5-752	Metes and Bounds, containing .568 acres
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8.	Vestal Poff, *et al*,	Map No. 055.04-02-17.00-0000 Case No. CL26-1068	S. 75 ft. Fields Prop. Roanoke River, containing 0.22 acres
9.	Sharon F. Peters	Map No. 044.02-01-41.00-0000 Case No. CL26-1076	TR A2 resubd & comb for Peters, Miller & Mehrotra off Zana Rd
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11.	Ruby C. Bonham, *et al*,	Map No. 064.01-03-17.00-0000 Case No. CL26-1177	Metes/Bounds Lot "A" 0.45AC
12.	Constance Cheyenne Anderson, *et al*,	Map No. 027.09-05-01.00-0000 Case No. CL26-1240	Lot 1 Northgate Plat 9/184 (erroneously on deed as 0/184)
13.	Ricky Wade, *et al*,	Map No. 040.02-01-01.00-0000 Case No. CL26-1239	Metes and Bounds, Less DB 222/444 (.32AC) to Commonwealth of Virginia to improve RT 460 and Less DB 276/219 (0.036AC) to Commonwealth of Virginia to improve RT 460

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Channell

Salem Museum director to discuss Andrew Lewis, William Fleming

HARDY – The Friends of Lucy Breckinridge at the Jubal Early Homeplace will welcome Garrett Channell, executive director of the Salem Museum, for a presentation on two influential figures in Virginia history on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. at the Jubal Early Homeplace, 455 Old Hollow Road, Hardy.

Channell will discuss Gen. Andrew Lewis and Col. William Fleming, pioneering figures in the history of the Commonwealth and the founding of the nation. The presentation will explore their roles in the French and Indian War, Lewis' actions during the Revolutionary War and Fleming's leadership in establishing several surprising places.

The program also will examine how Lewis and Fleming together helped secure Virginia's freedom on three occasions and their connection to a Founding Father.

Long before the cities of Salem and Roanoke were established, the Roanoke Valley was sparsely populated by farmers and pioneers. Lewis and Fleming owned two large estates in the area — Richfield and Belmont, respectively — that would eventually become Salem and Roanoke.

Channell is a graduate of Roanoke College, where he studied history with a focus on public history. He also studied history and literature at Oxford University and holds a master's degree in museum studies from Harvard University.

The event is free, although donations are welcome.

The Friends of Lucy Breckinridge formed in April 2024 with a mission of acquiring historical knowledge and using it to educate the public, help veterans, clean veterans' headstones, participate in memorial services for Civil War ancestors and support the Fincastle Rifles. The group is a member of the Franklin County VA250 Committee.

The Jubal Early Homeplace was the birthplace of future Confederate Gen. Jubal Anderson Early, who lived there until enrolling at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1833. The preserved early 19th-century home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a Virginia Historic Landmark.

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Members of the Salem Fire-EMS Department and Salem Police Department competed in Wawa's "Hoagies for Heroes" competition during the grand opening of the new Wawa on West Main Street Thursday. The police department won the competition, with lettuce flying as the teams raced to build hoagies.

members of the Salem Police Department against the Salem Fire-EMS Department.

Each team was challenged to build as many hoagies as possible in three minutes using Wawa's traditional preparation method. Following the competition, Wawa presented $1,000 checks on behalf of each team to charities selected by the departments.

Suzanne Underwood was named general manager of the Salem store and led a team of 35 associates. The new positions represented jobs brought to the area through the store's opening.

Wawa said its full- and part-time associates received competitive salaries and health benefits and participated in the company's employee stock ownership plan. According to the company, Wawa associates owned more than 39% of the company through the plan.

The Salem store was part of Wawa's broader expansion in Virginia. The company had served Virginia for more than 28 years and operated more than 135 locations in the state.

By the end of 2026, Wawa expected to open three additional stores in the I-81 region, with locations planned in Middletown, Daleville and Lynchburg.

Over the next 10 years, Wawa planned to reach a total of 60 stores in the I-81 market. The company estimated an investment of approximately $7.5 million to build each store and said each project would employ an average of 140 contractors and local partners.

Once open, each store was expected to employ an average of 35 associates. Wawa projected that its westward expansion in Virginia would create thousands of long-term jobs.

The Wawa Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established in 2014, supports organizations focused on health, hunger and everyday heroes through local, regional and national grants. Wawa and The Wawa Foundation had contributed more than $215 million to nonprofit community organizations since the foundation's inception.

Wawa, a family- and associate-owned company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey before expanding into dairy farming and later opening its first Wawa Food Market in Pennsylvania in 1964. The company had more than 1,200 locations across 16 states and Washington, D.C., offering fresh food, beverages, coffee, fuel services and surcharge-free ATMs.

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expansions at QualiChem, Novonesis and Integer; a new Wawa location; and the addition or expansion of national businesses including 7 Brew, Cook Out, Qdoba, Panda Express and First Watch.

The redevelopment of the former Valleydale site also is expected to have a significant impact on the city. The roughly $50 million project is planned to include more than 300 upscale apartments, amenities and improvements to surrounding streets and utilities.

Other recent developments include the opening of Roanoke College's $30 million McConnon Discovery Center and continued improvements to Salem's recreational infrastructure, including greenway projects.

The city also continues to draw major sporting events through its athletic facilities. According to Livingston, Salem hosted 65 sports events during fiscal year 2025, including NCAA and VHSL championships, USA Softball events and major pickleball tournaments.

The event is open to anyone with an interest in Salem's future, including residents, business owners, executives, nonprofit leaders, community organizations, elected officials and other professionals.

For local businesses, Livingston said the event will provide an opportunity to gain insight into the city's direction and issues that could affect businesses and their employees while also providing a networking opportunity.

"Most importantly, attendees should leave with a better understanding of where Salem is today, where we want to go and how the business and community sectors can work together to get there," she said.

Livingston said the timing is particularly important as Salem experiences continued growth and opportunity.

"Salem has a lot of momentum, and with growth and opportunity come important conversations about how we maintain the qualities that make Salem special while continuing to move forward," she said.

The State of the City breakfast will be held Sept. 22 at the Salem Civic Center. Networking and breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m., with Turk's presentation scheduled for 9 to 10 a.m. Registration is $35 and is available through the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce website.

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stretch, nearly erasing the real-wage cushion that had been supporting household spending earlier in the year. Much of the inflation resurgence traces to the conflict in the Middle East, which drove up gasoline and energy prices.

Current conditions erode sharply

Virginia's Index of Current Conditions fell to 53.7 in August, down 11.0 points since February and now barely above the national reading of 51.9. Forty-two percent of respondents report that their financial situation is worse today than it was a year ago, and 51% say it is a bad time to purchase large, durable goods.

Expectations hold up better, but still retreat

The Index of Consumer Expectations fell to 63.5, down 5.8 points since February, but still 12.0 points above the national reading (51.5). That 12-point gap was the widest of the three VA-US gaps and the main reason Virginia's overall sentiment still leads the nation's. Thirty-four percent of Virginians believe their household finances will improve over the coming year, while only 9% expect strong economic growth over the next five years. Persistent concern about gas and grocery prices, tied to the conflict in the Middle East, appears to be weighing most heavily on how Virginians assess today's economy rather than how they expect things to unfold over the longer run.

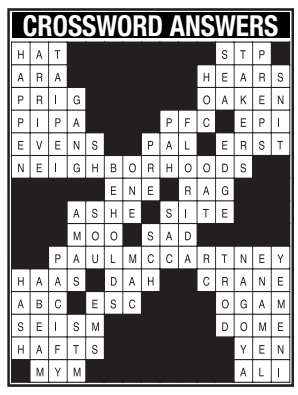
Analysis

"Virginia households are feeling the economy's ups and downs much more in their day-to-day finances than in their outlook for the future," said Alice Kassens, professor of economics and dean of Roanoke College's School of Business, Economics, and Analytics. "The drop in how households view current conditions reflects the toll that renewed inflation and a cooling labor market has taken on household budgets. Wage growth, which had been outpacing inflation for much of the past year, is nearly even, leaving consumers with little real income cushion."

"Even so, Virginians' expectations for the year ahead have held up comparatively well, and the commonwealth continues to outperform the nation on every measure of sentiment. That resilience suggests households see the current price pressures as tied to a specific, and potentially temporary, geopolitical shock rather than a fundamental shift in the economy's trajectory. Whether that optimism holds will depend heavily on how inflation and the labor market evolve over the next two quarters."

-Conducted by the School of Business, Economics, and Analytics at Roanoke College

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Legals - City of Salem

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.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317,20-104
Case No.CL26-485
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT
In re: Surplus Funds Derived from the Foreclosure Sale of Property Located at 4427 Lee Highway, Troutville, Virginia 24175
PETER M. PEARL, BRYSON J. HUNTER and TIMOTHY J. LOVETT, Trustees *Petitioners*, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JIMMY W. HUFFMAN and JIMMY WAYNE HUFFMAN, JR.
Respondents.

The object of this suit is to Interplead surplus funds remaining following the foreclosure sale of certain real property commonly known as 4427 Lee Highway, Troutville, Virginia 24175. It appearing the Respondents' identity and present whereabouts are unknown, and that diligence has been used by or on behalf of the Petitioners without effect to ascertain the identity and location of any unknown heirs, it is ORDERED that any potential heirs appear on or before October 5, 2026, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the Botetourt County, Virginia and do what my be necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

IIT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the Courthouse, on the Court Website, AND a copy mailed to each party at their addresses below.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published once per week for four successive weeks in the Fincastle Herald.
The Clerk of this Court shall post this Order at the front door of the Courthouse and Shall mail a copy of this Order to the parties at their last known and provided addresses, if any, herein.
Entered 8/27/26
Joel R. Branscom, Circuit Court Judge
I ask for this:
Timothy J. Lovett
(VSB No. 97438)
Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC
P.O. Box 90
Roanoke, VA 24002-0090
540-512-1800
540-342-4480 (facsimile)
tlovett@spilmanlaw.com

Last Known addresses for Respondents
Unknown Heirs of Jimmy W. Huffman
4427 Lee Highway,
Troutville Va 24175

Jimmy Wayne Huffman, Jr.
172 Trading Ford Way
Lexington, NC 27292

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ABC NOTICE

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Deep Patel, Owner

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NOTICE
Arcola Towers proposes to build a 160-foot monopole communications tower at the approx. vicinity of Meadow Creek Road, Christiansburg, Montgomery County, VA 24073 (37.09310277,-80.50018333). In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Samantha, s.mertz@trileaf.com, 303 International Circle, Hunt Valley, MD 21030. 410.853.7128.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOTICE OF TAKING PROOF OF DEBTS AND DEMANDS
At the request of the agent for the Executor of the Estate of Michael Glenn Mantz, deceased, as provided by §64.1-171 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, I hereby designate 11:00 a.m. on October 6, 2026 as the time, and my office located at 207 Washington Street, S.W., Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, as the place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the estate.
Given my hand this 1st day of September, 2026.
Warren S. Neily, Jr.
Commissioner of Accounts

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 28, 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 Kevin T. Carter and Anne M. Carter, Property Owners, and Tow 360 LLC, Applicant, to allow a towing service on approximately 4.396 acres located at 492 Kiwanis Lane SE and further identified as Tax Parcel 528 - ((A)) - 73 (Parcel ID 014664), in the General Industrial (I-2) zoning district. The property is designated as Business/Commercial 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 application, 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.

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

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Comprehensive Plan.
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Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104
Case No.CL26-1624
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
ALISON JUSTUS, Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MELVIN E. SCOTT, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE SCOTT LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 16, 1999,

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

UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS IN TRUST UNDER THE SCOTT LIVING TUST DATED JUNE 16, 1999,
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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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.
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Honorable Circuit Court Clerk, Tiffany M. Couch
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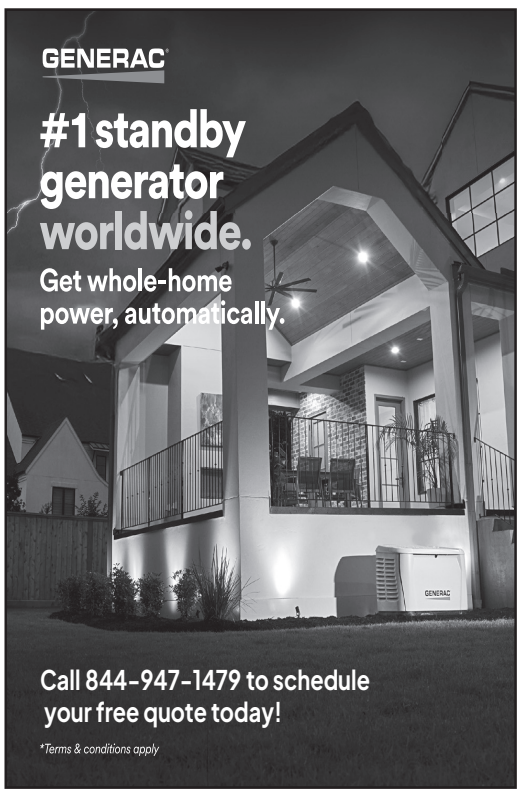
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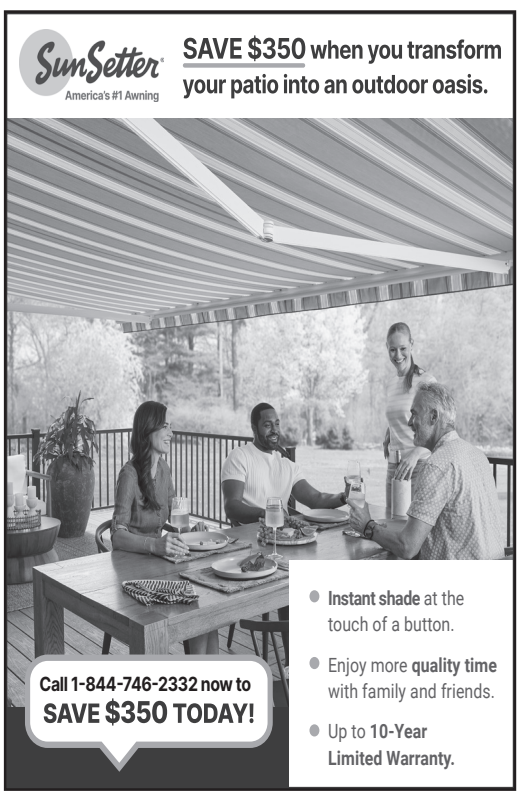
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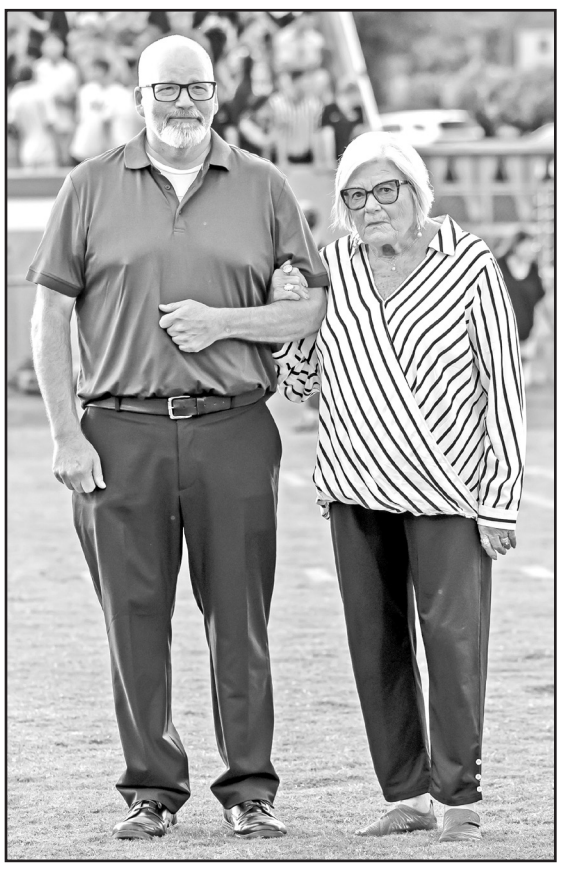
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Spartans, Eagles pay tribute to Miles

Franklin County High School paid tribute to the late Billy Miles prior to Salem's game in Rocky Mount last Friday night. Billy played for Andrew Lewis, coached in Salem for many years and also served as the head coach for the Franklin County High School football team. Left, Billy's wife Linda and eldest son Chad are recognized prior to the game. Right, Salem's Jamalachi breaks free for a Salem score. PHOTOS BY SCOTT GARDNER

SALEM FOOTBALL

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had to punt once but he nailed a 46 yarder. Liam Munoz was perfect on extra point kicks.

Defensively, Joe Henderson had nine solo tackles to lead Salem and DaVon Jones had eight. Law had seven solos and an assist, Parker Woolwine had four solos and three assists, Max Price had six solos and an assist and Wood had an interception.

Now 2-0, Salem will have their home opener this Friday at Salem Stadium against William Fleming. The 1977 Salem High Spartans will be introduced prior the game, celebrating the 50th year of Salem High football, and they hope to see a Spartan win against Fleming.

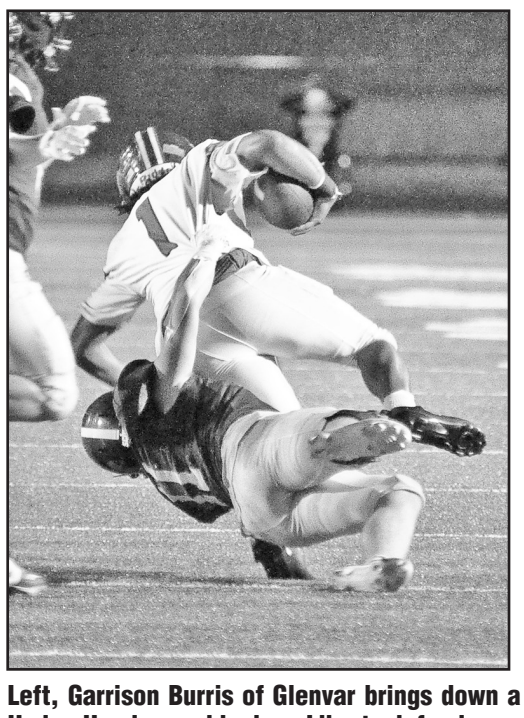
"They have a good football team," said Holter. "It's your usual Fleming team, good size with a bunch of athletes."

William Fleming has a new coach in Zach Leonard, who came from Blacksburg. He was a Glenvar assistant at one time and he replaced former Spartan quarterback Nick Leftwich, who went to Lord Botetourt in the off season.

The Colonels beat Salem in Roanoke last year, 34-13, in a game in which Spartan quarterback Overstreet broke his collarbone. The Spartans regrouped and won their last four games, and this Friday they'll be looking to make it seven in a row over the two seasons.

"We're going to have to be disciplined," said Holter. "Zach is going to do what he did in Blacksburg, and they'll be coached hard."

Salem's jayvees won last week at home against Franklin County, 22-21. The jayvees will play Fleming tonight but it will be at Merrill Gainer Stadium at Patrick Henry as Fleming's field is undergoing some renovations.





Left, Garrison Burris of Glenvar brings down a Liberty ballcarrier from behind. Right, Kiptyn Jones scores as Haden Henderson blocks a Liberty defender. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

GLENVAR FOOTBALL

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Glenvar upped the lead to 21-0 just 30 seconds into a second quarter. A 43 yard pass play from Jones to Ben Brown put Glenvar in the red zone before Jones swept the right side from six yards out for the score.

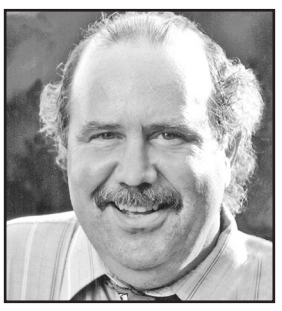
That was pretty much the ballgame. Shannon, who is the goalie for Glenvar's state championship soccer team, boomed two field goals to account for the final score. He also put a few kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks and did a good job punting.

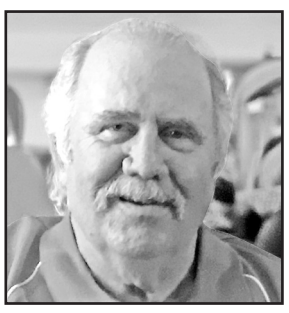
Swanson led Glenvar in rushing with 75 yards on 17 carries. Jones was nine for 17 passing for 154 yards and he a TD pass and run. Ferguson caught four balls for 45 yards, Haden Henderson had two receptions for 43 and Brown had the one catch for another 43.

On defense Garrison Burris led the team with 18 tackles. Swanson had 13 and Jake Franklin, playing his first game of the season, had 11 tackles and a sack.

Now 1-1, the Highlanders will head to Bogle Field behind Cave Spring Middle School this week to take on Cave Spring High. The Knights are 0-2 but have lost two close ones, 20-14 to William Byrd and 14-12 last week against Northside.

"They could easily be 2-0," said Clifford. "They're run heavy and their defense moves well. We're going to have to play well to beat them."





Rhonda wins contest but time marches on

It looks like this football contest is going to be tough to win this season. After Kevin Floyd had a perfect score the first week we had four people miss just one the second week.

As you know by the rules, when more than one person tie for best of the week it goes to the high point total. It was no problem figuring out who that was, as Virginia Tech rung up 73 points on VMI in coach James Franklin's Hokie debut. Of the four the closest to that total was Salem's Rhonda Kessler, who picked 58 for high points. The others had 55, 53 and 48.

For her efforts Rhonda will get the $50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's. She happens to be my neighbor but rest assured I didn't help make her picks. If you've followed the Roanoke Times panel of "experts" you know I wouldn't have been much help.

For last week's 19th Hole question I asked you to pick the score of the Tech-VMI game. As mentioned the Hokies had 73 and VMI was able to kick a field goal for a 73-3 final. Cissy Sowers, a UVA fan, had Tech winning 73-0 and that was one point closer than Joe Whelby, who picked Tech to win 74-6. So Cissy gets the free day of golf at the Salem Municipal Course, and she might want to take husband Wayne with her while the weather is nice.

As I alluded to earlier, I'm in that Roanoke Times panel this year. I got off to a horrible start in week one, going 18-11, but bounced back a little last week with a 22-4 record.

I got a little help from Brian Bishop, who takes sports photos in southwest Virginia and often does Pulaski County. He told me before the season the Cougars won't win a game this year. I took that to heart in the Times contest when I picked Tazewell and the other four panelists picked Pulaski, probably remembering the Joel Hicks years. Well, I picked up one game on the four as Tazewell pulled out a 30-27 win, and most of the folks in our contest also picked Pulaski in that game.

One more thing about the panel. Last Saturday at the Tech game one of the guys on the chain gang was teasing about, "how long ago was that picture of you in the paper?" It's the same one I've been using for my column, probably for at least 20 years. Dan Smith took it when I was a small contributor to one of his books and I liked it, and I don't have my picture taken very often so I continued to use it.

I sent in a more recent head shot last week that my wife found. It's a photo of me sitting next to a good friend's mother at Christmas, but we cut her out. I don't know if the Roanoke Times will use it or not but I'm running it at the top of this column this week in place of "Eddie, Jr." so you can see what I look like 20 years later.

Not pretty, is it? Eddie, Jr. will be back next week.

--BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar Middle School shuts out Carroll County

The Glenvar Middle School football team shut out Carroll County last week, 20-0, in Hillsville to run their record to 4-1 on the season.

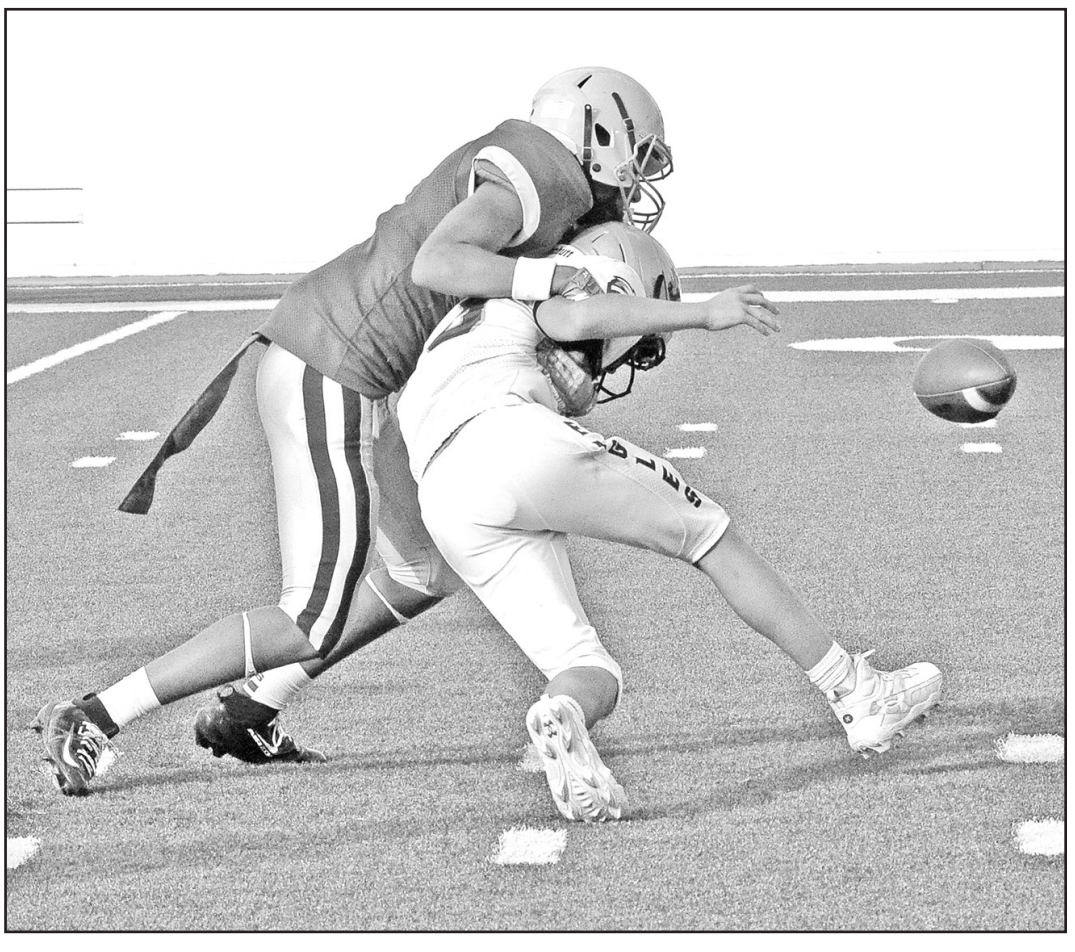
"The Highlanders put together an outstanding team performance from start to finish," said coach Raysean Priest. "Once again, the defense stepped up big."

Kayden Williams found the end zone twice for the Highlanders. Kendrix Thompson broke loose for a huge run and took it all the way to the house for another Highlander touchdown.

"It was a total team effort, and everyone played a great game," said Priest. "The Highlanders are playing tough, playing together and building momentum."

Glenvar is scheduled to play at Central Academy today. The next home game is September 17 against Radford.

Lewis and Read Mtn. meet in battle of unbeatens



Trystan Gaines of Andrew Lewis Middle School sacks the Hidden Valley quarterback and forces a fumble in last week's win at Salem Stadium.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Wolverine defense is unscored upon after five shutout wins

The Andrew Lewis Middle School football team remained undefeated and unscored upon with a 54-0 victory over the Eagles of Hidden Valley Middle School last Wednesday,

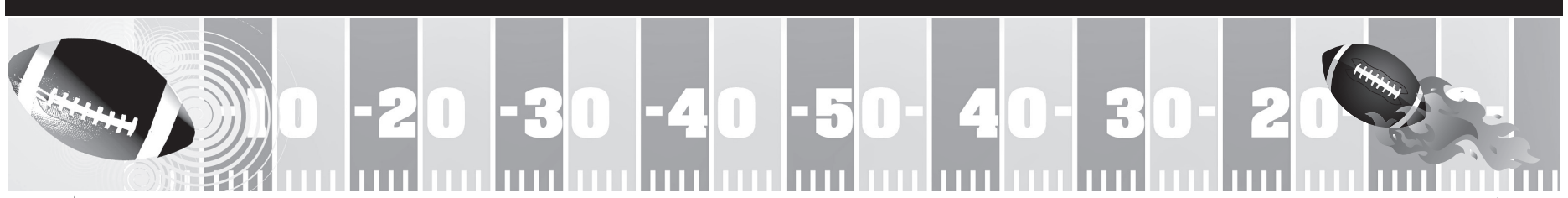
The offense was led by the future "Mules" of Kaden Hughes, Grayson Lavinder, Jaxson Cooner, Cam Martin, Sam Gillespie and Alden Sowers. The offensive line blocked well led to touchdowns by Aaron Brower, Mayson Henderson, Liam Park, Junior Crawford and Graham Pollard. Josh Elliott and Brycen Wright ran the ball well and quarterback Maclin Hale had a good game throwing the football.

The defense was outstanding once again, allowing just two first downs. The defensive players performing well were Landynn Booth, Tyrstan Gaines, C.J. Goins, Adrian Simmons, Eli King, Michael Lewis, Luca Smith and Mark Salinas.

The Wolverines will put their unbeaten record on the line today when they play Read Mountain, who is also undefeated, at Salem Stadium at 5 pm.

The Lewis seventh grade team was in action last Thursday, losing to Radford Middle, 34-22, in a high scoring game.

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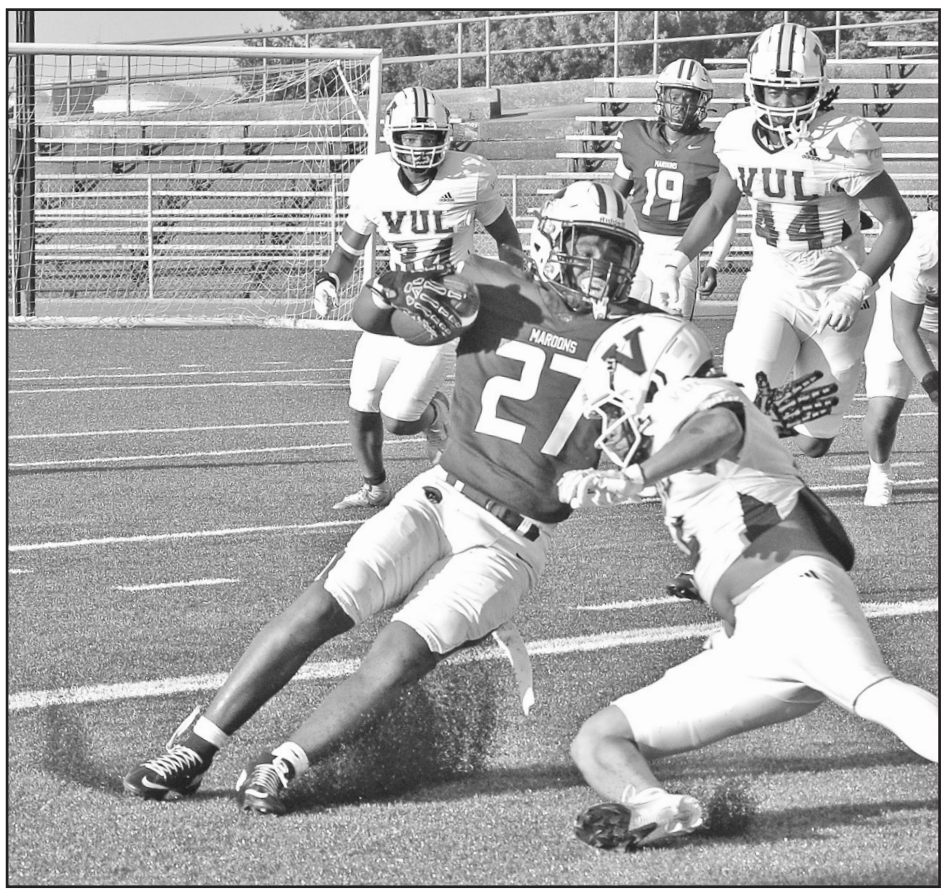
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Maroons win opener

Left, Glenvar High grad Jackson Swanson returns a punt for Roanoke College in last week's 37-7 win over Virginia University of Lynchburg at Lynchburg City Stadium. Right, Polo Hill kicks up some artificial turf as he makes a sharp cut in the win over the Dragons.

RC women's soccer ties two

The Roanoke College women will host the four team Hyatt Place Showcase soccer event this weekend at Kerr Stadium in Salem. The Maroons will play Greensboro College on Saturday and Gettysburg College on Sunday.

Saturday's doubleheader opens with Gettysburg against Farmingdale State at 2:30 pm, followed by Roanoke and Greensboro at 5 pm. On Sunday Farmingdale takes on Greensboro at 1:30 pm followed by the Maroons and Gettysburg at 4 pm.

The Maroons didn't win a game last weekend when they hosted the Roanoke Invitational at Kerr Stadium. However, they didn't lose one either as the RC women played to two draws in their matches against Maryville College and Hope College. Both games ended level at 1-1.

On Friday against Maryville Madelyn Miller gave the Scots a 1-0 lead 29 minutes into the match and that held up until late in the contest. Senior Lauren Fisher of Roanoke scored off an assist by Brynn Alvarez with just under six minutes left in regulation as the Maroons pulled out a draw.

On Saturday against Hope College the Maroon women fell behind 1-0 in the first half again, but again it was Fisher to the rescue. Lauren scored with 14:26 left on the clock for her second goal of the weekend. This one was unassisted as the Maroons pulled out their second straight tie.

Roanoke outshot Hope, 11-8, including a 6-4 edge in shots on goal. RC also had a 5-4 edge in corner kicks. Roanoke keeper Grace Suchy made three stops on the day.

The Maroons are scheduled to travel to Southern Virginia University for a non-conference game Wednesday followed by a 5 pm home game against Greensboro on Saturday.



Irene Orndorff of the Roanoke College women's soccer team(right) battles for the ball in last week's game with Maryville. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Berry spoils men's home debut

Berry College of Georgia spoiled the Roanoke College men's soccer home opener on Monday with a win over the Maroons. The Vikings converted a penalty kick for the only goal scored in a 1-0 Berry win.

In the 23rd minute, Roanoke committed a foul in the 18-yard box that led to a penalty given to Berry, converted by Sam Carlson. Ed Law prevented Berry from doubling the lead by clearing a ball off the goal line in the second half.

The Maroons ramped up their offense in the second half with eight shots but could not find the net. Eleven different players recorded a shot for the Maroons, who outshot the Vikings 12-9.

With the loss Roanoke dropped to 1-1 on the season. The Maroons travel to Tennessee this Saturday to face Sewanee in a non-conference match with kickoff set for 1 pm.

Roanoke College basketball tickets now on sale

Roanoke College men's and women's basketball tickets for the 2026-27 season are now on sale. Single game tickets are $10 online or in person, while children five or under are free. Roanoke College students with a valid student ID can enter free and there will be season passes available.

On days with multiple basketball games (doubleheaders, tournaments, etc.), one ticket is good for the day's admission.

The RC women's team opens the home portion of the schedule Sat., Nov. 7 against William Peace. The men's team hosts the four-team Frankie Allen Classic Nov. 13-14 while the women host the four-team Jean Beamer Tip-Off Classic Nov. 14-15, both in the Cregger Center.

RC field hockey shut out twice

After winning their season opener the Roanoke College field hockey team dropped two games in Sewanee, Tennessee last weekend.

Roanoke opened with a 7-3 win over Meredith College in Raleigh on September 1. Gisele Harris scored three goals in only 25 minutes of game time in her first career game for a hat trick. Merrin Vespucci-Paxson scored her first career goal in the first half and Kaitlyn Robertson, Ashley Mountcastle, and Corinne Orlando scored one goal each.

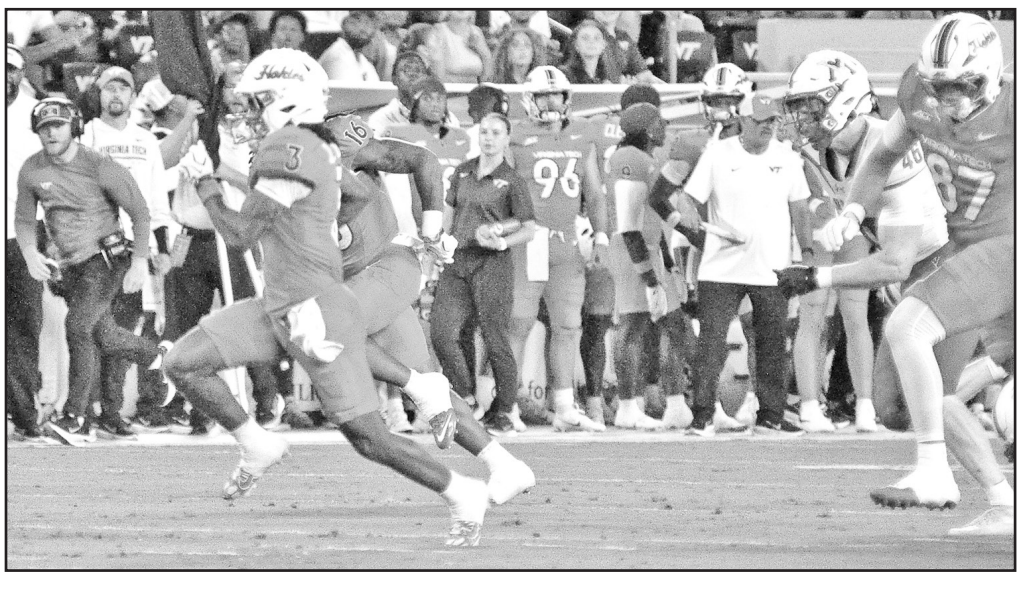
The Maroons might have saved some of those goals if could, as they were shutout twice in Sewanee, 1-0 by Rhodes College and 2-0 by host Sewanee.

This weekend the RC women head to Granville, Ohio for two games. They play Denison University on Saturday at 11 am and Kenyon College on Sunday, also at 11 am.

The next home game is Sunday, September 20, at noon against Goucher College at Kerr Stadium in Salem.







VMI no match for Hokies in football opener

Virginia Tech opened the "James Franklin Era" with a dominating 73-3 football win over VMI at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg last Saturday night. Above right, Tech brings back memories of "Beamer Ball" with a first quarter blocked punt, one of two on the night. Right, Que'Sean Brown is on his way to a touchdown after catching a pass from Penn State transfer quarterback Ethan Grunkemeyer. Above, Salem High grad Jackson Bryie suited up for the Keydets. This week the Hokies are back home to host Old Dominion at noon. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

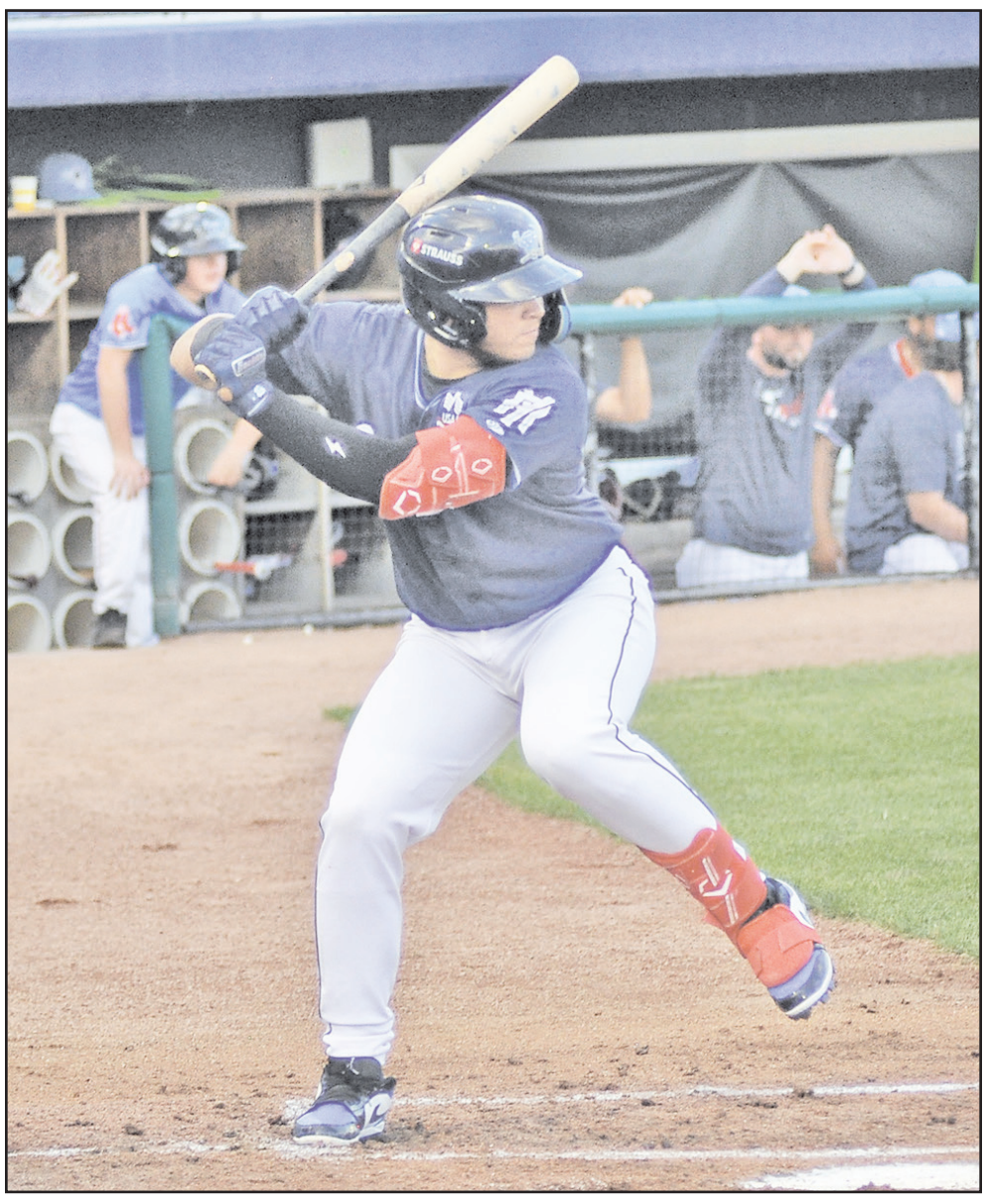


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Franklin Primera, batting here in Sunday's season finale, led Salem with a .329 average.

1st season of "Yaks" ends 56-75, CL championship starts Sunday

The Salem Carolina League baseball team wrapped up their first season as "RidgeYaks" by taking four of six games from the Hill City Howlers, who were also going by a new moniker this summer. Salem took four of five with a variety of recent callups before losing Sunday's finale, 10-7, at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

With that the Yaks finished 31-35 in the second half of the season and 56-75 overall. The Mills Cup playoffs begin this week with Fredricksburg(Washington) and Fayetteville(Houston) playing a series in the North and Hickory(Texas) and Charleston(Tampa Bay) playing for the South title. The two winners will meet for the 2026 Carolina League championship with a best-of-three series beginning this Sunday.

The Boston Red Sox made a bunch of moves involving Salem in the last few weeks of the season. Included was moving former Salem High pitcher Ethan Walker to the "Developmental List" last Thursday. Ethan was one of 25 pitchers to have taken the mound for at least one game in Salem this year. He finished with a 2-4 record and a 3.53 earned run average over 16 games, including five starts. He struck out 69 in 51 innings, a good number, but he walked 33. Opponents hit just .197 against Walker this year.

Nicolas De La Cruz led the team with seven wins, all in relief. Leighton Finley had six wins over 17 games started with a 4.69 ERA. The best ERA on the team for pitchers with at least 40 innings in Salem was Barrett Morgan at 2.74.

Finley also pitched the most innings in Salem with 96, and he led the team with 97 strikeouts. Wuilliams Rodriguez led the team with four saves.

At the plate, Franklin Primera hit .329 in 164 at bats in Salem for season's best. Also topping the .300 mark was Stanley Tucker at .304 over 102 at bats. Kleyver Salazar hit .293 over 338 at bats in Salem and tied Starlyn Nunez with a team high 12 home runs. Salazar also led the team with 69 runs batted in, followed by Andrews Opata with 65. Opata and Skylar King had 11 homers each playing half their games in a very tough park to hit one out.

Opata led Salem with 103 games played out of 131 possible. Avinson Pinto played in 98, Nunez played in 97, Salazar in 95 and King in 92. There were a total of 25 Red Sox farmhands who played at least one game in Salem. Alexander Mambel played one game here, batted once and walked to lead the team with a 1.000 on base percentage.

Maroon classic volleyball event is at Cregger Center this week

The Roanoke College Cregger Center will be jumping this weekend as the RC women will host the Maroon Classic volleyball event. Matches will be held Friday and Saturday with the Maroons playing four times.

On Friday Roanoke will take on North Carolina Wesleyan at 4 pm, then play Brevard College at 8 pm. On Saturday Roanoke and Methodist University will bump at 9 am followed by RC against Salem College at 11 am.

The Maroons were scheduled to host Meredith College on Wednesday of this week for their home opener, but results were too late for publication. Last weekend the RC women opened their season with two wins and one loss in the Averett University Tournament in Danville.

Roanoke opened with Salem College on Friday and won in three sets, 3-2. Kaci Morrison had a team-best 19 kills and Olivia Horneman had 13 kills and 12 blocks.

In their second Friday game the Maroons fell to Greensboro College, 3-2. After splitting the first two sets the Maroons lost in the fifth and deciding set, 15-13.

On Saturday Roanoke bounced back with a 3-0 win over Bob Jones University. Emma Catoe hit 10 kills with no errors in 18 attack attempts. Morrison had six kills and Raygan Wade had 15 assists and six digs.



Jayda King serves for Lewis. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Middle School Volleyball teams in action today

The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School volleyball teams will both be in action today, September 10. Lewis will be at Read Mountain while Glenvar goes to Blacksburg.

Last Thursday Lewis won at Northside, 25-14 and 25-13. Glenvar hosted Christiansburg and lost in three sets. Both teams played Tuesday but results were too late for publication.

Next Monday William Byrd is at Lewis and on Tuesday of next week Glenvar will host Northside.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem's Karis Guy hits a return in a recent match.

Salem VB hosts CS

The Salem High volleyball team lost their first two games of the season last week after opening the season with three wins. Salem lost to Magna Vista in four sets and Alleghany in three in a round robin event at Salem High School Saturday.

The Spartans were playing without Kourtney Goens, one of the top net players who is out with an injury. Her absence was apparent in Saturday's games.

"We were little out gunned without Kourtney but very proud of our girls performance," said Salem coach Basil Conner.

Salem lost to Magna Vista 25-23, 25-20, 20-25 and 25-20. Against Alleghany it was 27-25, 25-14 and 25-23 in favor of the Mountaineers. Alleghany defeated Magna Vista in four when they played each other.

The Spartans played Northside last Thursday and won to sweep the season series from the Vikings. Salem won 25-20, 25-17, 13-25 and 26-24 as twins Macy and Kate Gibson combined for 13 kills, seven by Macy and six for Kate. Emma Elder had 15 assists and a pair of aces and Markiya Webb had six kills.

The Spartans are back home tonight to host Cave Spring in their River Ridge District opener. Next Tuesday they're at Blacksburg.

Highlanders at Botetourt for match

The Glenvar golf team will be at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club today for a match against James River. The Highlanders last played at Olde Mill last week and finished with a 355 for fifth place in a Three Rivers District match.

Landon Bolling of James River shot six under par to win medalist honors at Olde Mill. Floyd County won the round with a score of 309 and James River was just five strokes behind. John Deel led Glenvar with an 80 and Easton Quesenberry had a solid round with an 83.

The district was scheduled to be back at Olde Mill on Tuesday of this week for a match hosted by Patrick County.



Mason Young putts for Glenvar. PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Green Hill Park is site for Knights Crossing meet

The Salem and Glenvar cross country teams will be among a plethora of schools attending Saturday's annual Knights Crossing event. Cave Spring is the host for the distance running extravaganza at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County.

This is the 22nd annual Knights Crossing event and it will be one of the largest cross country invitationals ever held in southwest Virginia. There will be a total of 11 different races beginning with the Joe LaRocco open 5K race at 8 a.m. for men and women, and ending with an unlimited girls and boys "Gold Race" 5K at 2:30 p.m.

"We are very excited about this year's invitational that currently has 105 high schools and 62 middle school teams attending," said Cave Spring's Tommy Maguire. "We already have well over 2,000 runners entered to race on September 12th. This will be one of our largest Knights Crossing Cross County Invitationals yet and one of the largest athletic events held in the Roanoke Valley this year."

"Red" races for Virginia public schools and out of state teams will begin with a girls' race at 10:45 a.m. and a boys' race at 11:30 a.m. "Black" races for Virginia public schools and all private schools will take off at noon for the girls and 12:45 p.m. for the boys.

"We have 22 teams traveling from North Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia," said Maguire. "We also have several teams making the trip from Richmond and Northern Virginia areas. Every local school will be represented on Saturday. This historic year also looks to be one of the fastest fields in our 22 years of hosting."

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Above, Parker Woolwine(left in photo) and Nick Baxley combine to tackle a Franklin County ballcarrier. Right, Jaidyn Rudisell makes a one-handed catch for a Salem touchdown.

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Spartans get revenge on Franklin, Fleming is next for home opener

The Salem Spartans are playing with a chip on their shoulder after a less than acceptable football season last fall. The Spartans will be looking to avenge a third straight 2025 loss this Friday when they host William Fleming at 7 pm at Salem Stadium.

Last Friday Salem hammered Franklin County in Rocky Mount, 65-17, to improve to 2-0 on the young season and get some sweet revenge from last year's loss. Spartan coach Don Holter feels his team is playing with that proverbial chip on their shoulder pads, or shoulder as the case may be.

"I believe they are, I know their coach is," said Holter. "For the second week in a row I was real pleased with the effort. When you go to the Eagles nest you have to strap it on good and we did."

Salem senior Jordan McCadden had another big day running the ball behind the Spartan "Mules." McCadden ran for 239 yards on just 11 attempts with two touchdowns, and he also caught a pass for a 44 yard TD scamper. He now has 655 yards rushing in the first two games with seven touchdowns on the ground and one in the air. Jordan is averaging over 16 yards per carry over 40 attempts.

Jamalachi Law, Gabe Johnson, Tanner Overstreet, Jayden Wood and Kyshaun Baxter combined for 127 more yards on 18 attempts with Law, Johnson and Wood all scoring touchdowns.

Overstreet completed six of 12 passes for 134 yards and three of them went for touchdowns. Jaidyn Rudisell caught two balls for 20 yards, including a one-handed grab for a score. Johnson and McCadden also touchdown receptions.

On special teams Nick Baxley returned a kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown and McCadden had one return for 55. Overstreet only

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Highlanders bounce back to shut out Minutemen



Glenvar's Allen Snare(#3) and Anthony Cline(#51) close in on the Liberty quarterback. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Glenvar Highlanders bounced back from a season opening loss to win their home opener last Friday. Glenvar shut out Liberty of Bedford, 27-0, a week after being shut out by a powerful Liberty Christian Academy team.

"I was proud of our kids," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "They played with great effort and focus and did what they needed to do."

No doubt Liberty High was a far cry from LCA, but the Minutemen were coming off a 61-8 drubbing of William Campbell a week prior. To shut them out was an accomplishment and a much needed boost of confidence for Glenvar after falling to one of the top teams in the state of any classification in LCA.

The game started about a half hour late due to lightning in the area, and once the skies cleared Glenvar had some electricity on the field. They opened the scoring three and a half minutes into the game on a six yard touchdown run by Ranger Swanson and Tyler Shannon kicked his first career extra point.

The Highlanders made it 14-0 with a minute to go in the first period. An apparent touchdown pass from Kiptyn Jones to Ricky Ferguson was negated by a penalty, but Glenvar ran the very same play on the next snap and Jones found Ferguson again for a 19 yard score, and this time there were no flags.

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Maroons win opener, host Greensboro Sat.

The Roanoke College football team will host Greensboro College Saturday for their 2026 season home opener. Kickoff time is 2 pm at Salem Stadium.

Roanoke defeated Greensboro, 32-22, last year in Roanoke's first varsity season since 1942. The Pride opened this season with a 48-7 win over Guilford in Greensboro last Saturday.

The Maroons opened their season on Thursday, September 3rd, with a 37-7 win over Virginia University of Lynchburg at Lynchburg City Stadium. After a sluggish first half on an extremely hot night the Maroons put 27 points on the scoreboard after intermission.

Roanoke opened the scoring with a 23 yard field goal by Ethan Cyr. Then, quarterback Linwood Johnson connected with Cole Chizuk for a three yard touchdown pass on fourth and goal and it was 10-0. That's how the score stood at the half.

The Dragons cut the lead to 10-7 early in the second half but from that point it was all Roanoke. William Byrd grad Jerrett Shepherd scored on a 39 yard pass play and a one yard run around a one yard TD run by Johnson to give the Maroons a big edge at 30-7. DeAngelo Walker put some icing on the cake with a 34-yard interception return to the end zone with 4:34 left in the contest.

Johnson connected on 13-of-23 passes for 143 yards and two touchdowns, and also gained 32 yards on the ground. Polo Hill gained 132 yards on just 16 carries and Shepherd added 48 on seven carries.

Ethan Mapstone led the defense with six stops and one pass breakup. Tandom Smith had five stops and one sack.



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Former Spartan Khamari Garner picks up big yards for the Maroons. More RC photos on page 12