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Foley appointed to Salem City Council

Dr. Joseph Foley was appointed to the Salem City Council on Sept. 21, filling the vacancy created by the death of Councilman John Saunders.

The council considered 13 applicants during a special meeting before unanimously selecting Foley during the meeting's closed session. Foley will serve until a special election in November 2027, when voters will choose someone to serve the remainder of Saunders' term, which expires Dec. 31, 2028.

Foley is a Salem resident and chiropractor who has operated his practice in the city since 1990. He attended East Carolina University and earned his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Life Chiropractic College. Since 2017, he also has served as Roanoke College's team chiropractor for athletics.

"I care deeply about Salem," Foley said. "Giving back and being engaged are very important to me. I am humbled

and honored to have been chosen for this position."

The appointment marks Foley's first service on an official governing body, although he has held organizational leadership positions for more than 35 years. He also has introduced legislation at the Virginia General Assembly and worked with legislators, lobbyists and political action groups.

"There has not been a single time in the past 30 years that I have not served in a leadership position of some sort, so I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve," Foley said. "I have tried to be engaged and attend as many council and planning commission meetings as I possibly could, and I think I have a good grasp of the policies and processes."

Mayor Renée Turk said Foley's attendance at council meetings gave him familiarity with the city's governing process.

"Honestly, I am not sure he has

missed a single council meeting in the past five years," Turk said.

Turk also reflected on Saunders' service to Salem.

"It was an honor to serve with John Saunders, and we all greatly appreciate his service to the city," Turk said. "We remain saddened that we had to go through this process, but I know John would be as proud as we are that this many citizens were willing to give of their time and talents to serve Salem. All of council is appreciative of those who applied."

Saunders died Aug. 22 at age 66. He first served on City Council from 2018 through 2022 and began his most recent term Jan. 1, 2025. His term was scheduled to expire Dec. 31, 2028.

Foley and his wife have two adult children who graduated from Salem High School.

Foley is expected to be sworn in at the council's next regularly scheduled



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Foley.

meeting on Sept. 28. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

-The Salem Times-Register

Shenandoah Industrial Rubber celebrates 50 years of service in Roanoke Valley



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Employees gather outside Shenandoah Industrial Rubber Company as the Roanoke Valley business prepares to celebrate 50 years of serving industrial customers.

Shenandoah Industrial Rubber Company is celebrating 50 years in business, marking five decades of serving industries throughout the Roanoke Valley and beyond.

The company was founded in September 1976 as a partnership of five men. Today, Harry Ray, 83, is the sole owner of the business, a position he has held since 2008.

Ray said the company has

remained rooted in the principles of hard work and customer-focused service throughout its history.

Shenandoah Industrial Rubber specializes in heavy-duty and lightweight industrial belts, including baler belts, as well as industrial hoses and gaskets. The company serves a variety of industries, including bakeries, lumber mills, rock quarries and concrete plants.

When equipment fails, speed is critical for those businesses.

"Our job is to get the companies' conveyors up and running quickly when they have a problem," the company said.

The business expanded its operations in the 1980s with the purchase of an additional building to

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Elected officials from across Southwest Virginia speak during Feeding Southwest Virginia's Hunger Action Month event Sept. 18 at the food bank's distribution center in Salem.

Feeding Southwest Virginia hosts elected officials during Hunger Action Month

Feeding Southwest Virginia hosted approximately 30 elected officials at its distribution center in Salem Sept. 18 as part of an effort to raise awareness of hunger and food insecurity during Hunger Action Month.

The annual event gives elected officials from across the region an opportunity to volunteer

at the food bank and learn more about hunger while supporting anti-hunger efforts.

Feeding Southwest Virginia relies on multiple federally funded programs to provide food to an average of 129,000 people each month. One example is the Senior Box

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New Roanoke College scholarship expands aid for Southwest Virginia students

Roanoke College has announced the Southwest Virginia Scholars Award, a guaranteed, four-year scholarship intended to expand access to higher education for students from across the region.

The scholarship will automatically provide \$5,000 per year to incoming first-year students from 24 counties and eight cities stretching from Botetourt County to Southwest Virginia. The award is available to eligible students beginning in fall 2027 and does not include income requirements or additional application paperwork.

When combined with other financial aid, including the Virginia Tuition

Assistance Grant, merit awards and need-based grants, the scholarship could result in free tuition for some of the region's highest-need students, according to the college.

"Education continues to be one of the most powerful engines for prosperity and

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Fort Lewis Elementary Principal Kim Hires Smith, right, accepts Constitution gift kits for fourth graders from Fort Lewis Chapter DAR members Seyward McKinney, left, service dog Knight, and Cynthia McKinney, the chapter's chair for Constitution week.



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Salem Public Library Director Ann Tripp, right, and Cynthia McKinney, Constitution Week chair for Fort Lewis Chapter DAR, stand with the bulletin board the chapter put up at the library for Constitution Week.

DAR presents Constitution gifts to Fort Lewis students

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Students at Fort Lewis Elementary School now know much more about America's founders and the American Constitution, thanks to efforts of members of the Fort Lewis Lewis Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The chapter made and presented gift bags containing treats and miniature copies of the US Constitution to 50 fourth graders in recognition of Constitution Week Sept. 17-24.

Cynthia McKinney, DAR District VII Vice Director and Recording Secretary, and member Seyward McKinney presented the bags to Fort Lewis Elementary Principal Kim Hires Smith.

Chapter members, led by

Cynthia McKinney, also prepared a bulletin board for Constitution Week at the Salem Public Library.

Last week Salem City Council proclaimed the week Constitution Week.

Nine DAR members received the proclamation from Salem Mayor Renee Turk.

For more information on the Fort Lewis DAR chapter's extensive work in the community, go to fortlewisdar.org.



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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.

Salem City Council Candidate Forum: The Kiwanis Club of Salem will host a forum featuring all Salem City Council candidates seeking election on the November ballot from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Community Room at the Salem Civic Center. Candidates will have a few minutes to present their visions, followed by a question-and-answer session. Candidates also will be available to meet with citizens following the forum.

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.

Star-B-Q: The 18th annual Star-B-Q will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Salem Farmers Market, 3 E. Main St., featuring Trey Pendley and live country music. Gates open at 5 p.m. Attendees can enjoy barbecue, beverages and music, and are encouraged to bring chairs. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the event; children 10 and younger are free. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Salem. There will be no re-entry. The event is presented by Salem Parks & Recreation, Star Country, Renewal by Andersen and Holiday Inn Express Salem.

Public meetings:
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.

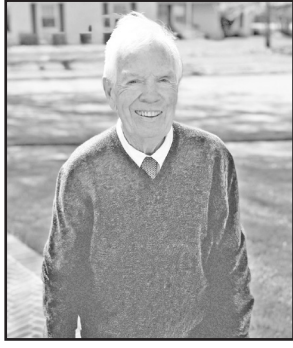
OBITUARIES

Thornhill, Jr., Glenn Oswald

Glenn Oswald Thornhill, Jr. of Salem, VA, passed away on September 10, 2026. Born on March 30, 1941, in Roanoke, VA, Glenn built a life defined by devotion to family, service to his community, and a deep well of kindness that touched everyone who knew him.

A proud native of the Roanoke Valley, Glenn became a highly respected and successful businessman whose integrity, work ethic, and generosity earned him admiration throughout the region. He approached every endeavor with sincerity and a genuine desire to help others, leaving a lasting impact on colleagues, customers, and the community he loved.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn O. Thornhill, Sr. and Mary Fogg Thornhill; his sister, Joyce Whiddon Bruns; his sons,



Wyatt Nelson Thornhill and Brian Hamilton Thornhill; and his daughter, Alyssa Chilton Thornhill.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Joanne Bailey Thornhill; his sisters Mary Alice Bodenhorst (Jeff), and Mona Armistead (Bob); his daughters Christine Hall Thornhill (Sean Hyde) and Kelly Thornhill Farber (Corley); and his sons G.O. Thornhill III (Kris) and David Thomas Thornhill (Astrid). Glenn also leaves behind his nieces, nephews, and cherished

grandchildren—Hunter, Olivia, Oliver, Ben, Lolly, John, and Lucas—each of whom brought him immense joy.

Glenn will be remembered most for his kindness, his unwavering thoughtfulness, and the profound love he carried for his family. His gentle spirit, steady guidance, and warm presence will remain with all who were fortunate enough to know him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Glenn’s memory be made to the Salem Rescue Squad or a charity of your choice.

A visitation was held at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salem, VA, on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

Verdu, Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Verdu passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2026, surrounded by family.

She was a loving wife and mother, thoughtful gift giver, and aspiring beekeeper, but more than anything else, she was a passionate and relentless advocate for children and families in need.

Mary Ellen grew up in Cranberry Township, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa., as the oldest of five children born to Rafael (Ralph) Jose Verdu and Audrey Evaline Farren. After graduating with a BA in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh, she moved to Virginia in 1977, with her husband Richard (Rich) Wokutch. They lived in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Roanoke County, Richmond, and Salem during their time in Virginia. Soon after moving, she would enroll at Virginia Commonwealth University seeking a master’s degree in social work. Upon graduation from VCU, she accepted a position with the Roanoke Valley’s Council of Community Services, working as the Director of the Information and Referral Center. In that role she would help people in Southwest Virginia connect with social service agencies and assist them in receiving much needed support. Subsequently, she was appointed Director of the Montgomery County Department of Social Services (i.e., the welfare department) overseeing the administration of a wide range of services throughout the county. She would look back fondly on this as one of the most impactful positions she held, allowing her to improve access and outcomes, increasing both the quantity and quality of services available to underserved families.

With time, Mary Ellen’s work with the Montgomery County Social Service Agency received attention and acclaim, leading to her appointment as Director of the Virginia Council on Child Day Care and Early Childhood Programs for Governor Wilder’s administration in Richmond. Through that role she was able to accomplish a great deal to promote childcare and early childhood programs. However, this important agency, along with her position, were eliminated when Governor Allen was elected. Mary Ellen would often state that this move was indicative of Allen’s back-



wards beliefs - that childcare programs were unnecessary and harmful, and that women should stay home and take care of their children rather than work. Ever the feminist, this viewpoint was antithetical to the reality Mary Ellen herself lived, demonstrating that working mothers not only benefitted women and society, but also created great outcomes for the children they raised. In 1996, the Roanoke Times published her sharp rebuke to the dismantling of the Council and the resulting harm Allen did to working families and their young children: <https://scholar.lib.vt.edu/VA-news/ROA-mes/issues/1996/r9607/960714/07160006.htm>.

Mary Ellen’s passion and concern for families and children are evident in this editorial, but equally noteworthy is that time has vindicated her views as more parents than ever vie for a tight supply of high-quality and affordable childcare options.

Transitioning away from administrative work, Mary Ellen would find a fulfilling second career as an instructor teaching several generations of students in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at Virginia Tech. She brought practical, real-world experience to her role and organized thousands of field study placements, ensuring that every graduate left with meaningful community-based experiences that prepared them for a career in social services. Through her leadership, HDFS became known for its exemplary field study program, a legacy that remains a point of great pride for the department.

In every role Mary Ellen took on, both professionally and through her numerous volunteer efforts, including her decades-long work with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), she was a staunch advocate for children and families. She was no less of a champion for her own family - instilling in her children a strong desire to find work with

an overriding social purpose and to be, more than anything else, empathetic, thoughtful, and kind. This legacy is seen in her grandchildren who already understand the importance of community, and who will remember her as their loving and doting grandmother who always picked the perfect, developmentally appropriate gift on birthdays and Mary Ellen’s favorite holiday, Christmas. She left the world a better place than she found it, and she will forever be missed.

Mary Ellen is survived by her husband, Rich Wokutch; her parents, Ralph and Audrey Verdu; her son, Andreas Wokutch and his wife, Seema Sheth; her daughter, Caitlin Verdu and her husband, Paul Judge; and six perfect grandchildren, Safia Sheth, Rumi Wokutch, Akeem Wokutch, Asha Sheth, Cassandra Verdu, and Arthur Judge. Mary Ellen is also survived by four siblings, Ralph Verdu, James Verdu, Suzanne Verdu, and Eric Verdu; and by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A memorial service for Mary Ellen will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church (<https://stmarysblacksburg.org/>) in Blacksburg, Va. Please RSVP by October 2nd to Caitlin Verdu (cewverdu@gmail.com) for yourself and any significant others who will be attending with you. The service will also be live streamed on St. Mary’s Facebook page for those unable to attend in person: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysblacksburg>.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes contributions to either of the following: The Children’s Trust which supports CASA. Donations can be made here: <https://www.roact.org/takeaction>; or The Mary Ellen Verdu Fund at Virginia Tech. This fund will be used to support an annual student award for excellence in the human services field study course that Mary Ellen taught for many years in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at VT. Donations can be made here: <http://www.give.vt.edu>. Both of these organizations accept checks, credit cards and online donations. Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey.com.

Shenandoah

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accommodate its growing hose operation. Today, Shenandoah Industrial Rubber has a dedicated hose shop and belt shop.

The company also has invested in new equipment, including vulcanizers and wind-up machines, to keep pace with industry trends and streamline the manufacturing of its belts.

Ray has put in many 80-hour workweeks over the years while growing and managing the business. After five decades, he said the business has been good to him and that he wants to keep it in the family.

That family connection already is part of the company. Ray’s daughter, Laura Lancaster, works for Shenandoah Industrial Rubber, as does her husband, Kip. Their son, Ryan Lancaster, works in the company’s hose division.

The company also has focused on building a strong workforce, continuing to hire talented employees while offering good pay, benefits and retirement options. Several employees have been with the company for more than 20 years.

As Shenandoah Industrial Rubber enters its 50th year, the company plans to continue building strong relationships with its customers and employees.

"We are blessed to have several loyal



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Shenandoah Industrial Rubber Company owner Harry Ray, left, stands with his grandson, Ryan Lancaster, who works in the company’s hose division. The Roanoke Valley business is celebrating its 50th year in operation.

employees with us for more than 20 years," the company said. "As we enter into the 50-year mark, we will continue to provide strong relationships with our customers and employees."

To celebrate the milestone, Shenandoah Industrial Rubber will hold a 50th anniversary celebration in October in the company’s parking lot. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served, and the event is open to everyone.

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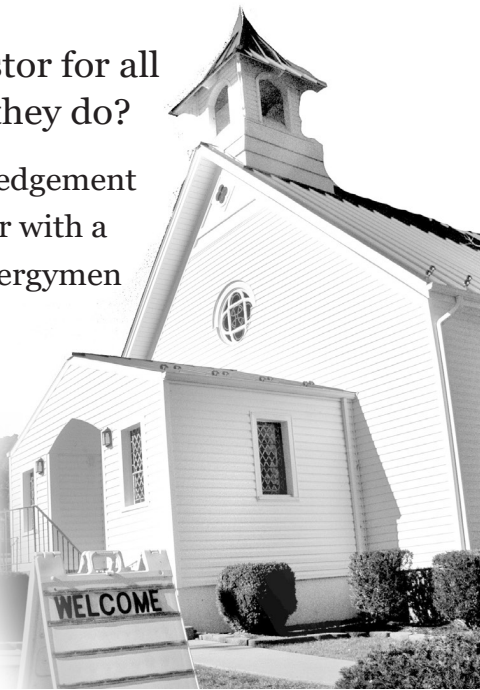
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

The best time of the year has officially begun and I can't contain my excitement. Crisp, fall days are ahead as it has felt like fall lately. Time has flown by and now we're celebrating the most magical season. The ber months are my favorite. I am ready for colorful leaves, festive drinks, pumpkin and apple scented everything, rainy weather, and getting cozy while watching classic, nostalgia movies. Nostalgia means I am rewatching my favorites from the 80's and 90's.

The Romans originally had only ten months: the year began in March, and before then was just... some days when winter happened, so there was no farming to be done and so no need to have months. The "-ber" months come from Latin: septem= 7, okto=8, novem=9, decem=10. They were the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th months of the year. Basically, they stopped using names of Gods and Cesars to name the months. Later the Romans added January and February to the beginning of the year which pushed September to the 9th month. They just decided to keep the names. And those are our modern "-ber" months.

I don't mind Summer with its long days, the heat, and the outdoor activities. But like a cool down after an intense workout, fall is a welcome change.

One of the best reasons is that it is the start of soup season. Nothing beats a bowl of warm soup on a cool night. So, put on your sweater and haul out that big soup pot or slow cooker. Soup is one of the easiest meals to prepare in a slow cooker. With just a little prep, simple ingredients slowly cook into rich, comforting bowls of soup perfect for cooler days.

According to Allrecipes.com there are three things that make a great soup. One, a rich, developed taste that makes you think someone has been stirring the pot all day, not just hot ham water with floaty bits. Two, a good varied texture, because nobody wants soup that's either all broth or chunky enough to eat with a fork. Three, easy to make. Soups are meant to be comfort food, not a culinary obstacle course. The best recipes deliver maximum coziness with minimal stress.

As you know I like to use my slow cooker for recipes if I can. So here are a few of my favorite slow cooker soups. All these soups freeze and reheat well. Also, what's a comfort food meal without dessert? Here is a recipe for a slow cooker cake too!

- Slow Cooker Beef vegetable soup**
Ingredients
 - 2 pounds ground beef (browned and drained)
 - ½ medium onion (diced)
 - 3 potatoes (peeled and diced into 1 inch pieces)
 - 16 oz frozen mixed vegetables
 - 3 cans diced tomatoes (14.5 oz cans)
 - 4 cups beef broth



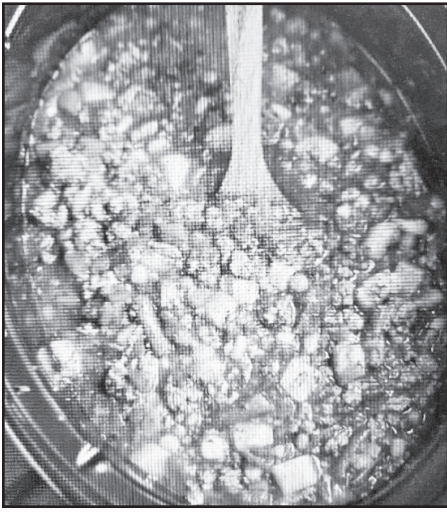
Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

- 2 tsp Italian Seasoning
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- **Directions**
Add the browned and drained ground beef to a 6-quart crock pot. Add the onion, potatoes, frozen mixed vegetables, diced tomatoes with their juices, beef broth, Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine. Cover and cook on Low for 4–6 hours or High for 2–3 hours, until the potatoes are fork-tender and the vegetables are cooked through. Stir well before serving. Serve warm and enjoy. This soup can also be made on the stovetop. Add all the ingredients to a large stock pot and simmer for 30-40 minutes until the soup is cooked through.

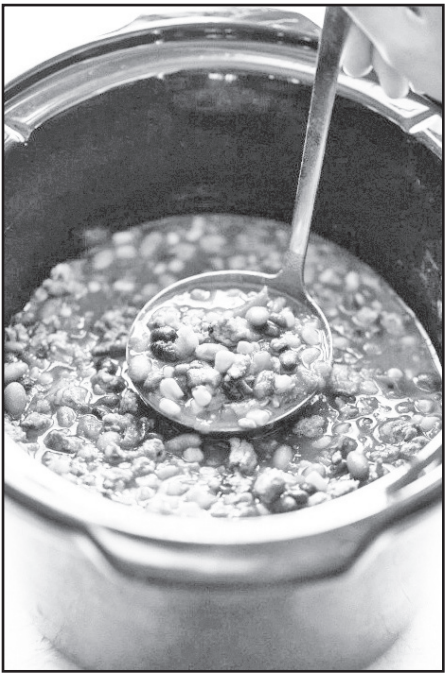
- Slow Cooker Taco Soup**
Ingredients
 - 1 pound ground beef
 - 1 onion, chopped
 - 1 (16 ounce) can chili beans, with liquid
 - 1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans with liquid
 - 1 (15 ounce) can whole kernel corn, with liquid
 - 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
 - 2 cups water
 - 2 (14.5 ounce) cans peeled and diced tomatoes
 - 1 (4 ounce) can diced green chile peppers
 - 1 (1.25 ounce) package taco seasoning mix**Directions**
Gather all ingredients. In a medium skillet, cook the ground beef until browned over medium heat. Drain, and set aside. Place the ground beef, onion, chili beans, kidney beans, corn, tomato sauce, water, diced tomatoes, green chile peppers and taco seasoning mix in a slow cooker. Mix to blend, and cook on Low setting for 8 hours.

- Slow Cooker Chicken Pot Pie Stew**
Ingredients
 - 10 medium red potatoes, quartered
 - 4 large skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into cubes
 - 2 (26 ounce) cans condensed cream of chicken soup
 - 1 (8 ounce) package baby carrots
 - 1 cup chopped celery
 - 1 cube chicken bouillon (Optional)
 - 1 ½ teaspoons ground black pepper, or to taste
 - 2 teaspoons garlic salt, or to taste
 - 1 teaspoon celery salt, or to taste
 - 1 (16 ounce) bag frozen mixed vegetables**Directions**
Combine potatoes, chicken, condensed soup, carrots, celery, bouillon, pepper, garlic salt, and celery



salt in a slow cooker; cover and cook on High for 5 hours. Stir in frozen mixed vegetables; continue to cook on High for 1 hour more. Serve hot with biscuits.

- Slow Cooker Applesauce Spice Cake**
Ingredients
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 tsp. baking soda
 - 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
 - 1 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
 - 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
 - 0.13 tsp. kosher salt
 - 1/2 cup unsalted butter
 - 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
 - 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
 - confectioners' sugar
 - Ice cream**Directions**
Place a 15-inch piece of parchment



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paper in the bowl of a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker, letting the excess come up the sides. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, and salt. Using an electric mixer, beat the butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in a large bowl until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then the applesauce and vanilla (the mixture will look curdled). Reduce the mixer speed to low and gradually add the flour mixture, mixing until just incorporated. Transfer the batter to the prepared slow cooker and cook, covered, until set and a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean, 2 to 2 1/2 hours on high. Holding the parchment, transfer the cake to a rack and let cool for at least 15 minutes. Dust with the confectioners' sugar and serve with ice cream, if desired.

Women veterans invited to fall whole health retreat

The Salem VA Health Care System will host a Women Veterans Fall Whole Health Retreat from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Salem VA Medical Center Auditorium in Building 5. All women veterans are welcome to attend, but registration is required. The retreat will include opportunities for fellowship and connection with fellow women veterans, an introduction to Salem VA women's health and whole health services, healthy teaching kitchen

demonstrations, an introduction to the VA MOVE program and mindfulness meditation. A complimentary lunch will be provided. To register, email Melissa.Miles2@va.gov or call 540-982-2463, extension 3782. More information is available at the Salem VA Health Care System event page.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I had to laugh when I read Congressman Ben Cline's lesson on the Constitution and the Founding Fathers in the September 17 issue of this paper. I appreciate that he didn't follow President Trump and call us Democrats and Independents "communists," which isn't true and even slanderous. Yet in his opinion piece, Rep. Cline bragged about his vote in the House (before it was abruptly shut down by Speaker Mike Johnson) to "Keep Socialism Out of America." He went on to write that Republicans "reaffirm our commitment to the constitutional principles that have guided our country for generations." Then he claimed that "our Founding Fathers established such principles to "make America exceptional" and that "socialism has no place in... our constitutional republic." But sadly, Mr. Cline demonstrates a pathetic lack of knowledge of our Constitution and the nation's history. First, Americans living in the 1770s-1790s would not likely have recognized the word "socialism" — it was not a familiar political term or an ideology back then . Socialism only became an established political term later, in the 1830s. But Mr. Cline seems benighted in his understanding of the Constitution itself. In fact, Article I, Section 8 gives Congress several powers that involve collective activity for the public. It authorizes

Congress: to tax and spend for the "general welfare," to regulate interstate commerce, to establish post offices and post roads, and to borrow money. The truth is that our Constitution neither condemns socialism nor establishes capitalism as our economic system. The Founders clearly intended that government would provide some essentials for social well-being. Hence, the Constitution explicitly authorizes the national government to provide the Post Office as a service to the public — and post offices require buildings and infrastructure like roads and rail tracks. And these things would be paid for by taxes. Mr. Cline should know that this is in the Constitution. Some other things the Founder's government included were establishing standards of weights and measures and creating patents laws to foster science and the arts. The Founders considered these to be essential public goods. And Mr. Cline should be aware that a country can simultaneously have private property, private businesses, markets, taxation, and numerous public services (like Medicare for All), and even government ownership of some enterprises. So, there are no words in the Constitution establishing "capitalism," "free markets," or exclusively private ownership. There is no Constitutional prohibition against government ownership of property, and of providing of goods

and services for the public. Representative Cline seems to be ignorant of the positive things that socialism has given us, in addition to postal services, such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, insurance to protect our money in banks (including our socialist credit unions), roads and bridges, sewer systems, street lighting, public schools, school lunches, school buses, national parks (and parks in cities and states), national monuments, national forests and wildlife agencies (and state forests and state and local wildlife management), national seashores and public beaches, national museums and zoos (and state and local ones), public gardens, fire and police services., federal courts (and local and state ones), student loans, trash collection, landfill management, vaccines, sheriffs, jails and prisons, the FBI, CDC, IRS,OSHA, NOAA, NASA, EPA, FEMA, the military, customs, boarder protection, business and industry subsidies, Veterans healthcare, public defenders, Amtrak, public utilities/services related to energy, health, sports and playgrounds, human services for the handicapped and mentally ill, the Census, government scholarships, the G.I.Bill, the Peace Corps., disability insurance, welfare and social services, unemployment benefits, and funding for various city, state, national construction projects. Socialism – in the form of social democracy and democratic socialism – does not reject markets or property or profit but proposes to regulate these for purposes of public benefit and social justice. Cline boasts in his column that he stands for "small government." Which government programs I named does he find expendable? Which would he eliminate? Does he agree with Trump that the federal government should only fund the military and end the government programs I listed? Can states and localities provide them? Would that be fair given large disparities between states and localities? On November 3rd, voters in the 6th Congressional District should take note of Rep. Cline's faulty knowledge of the Constitution and of the intentions of our Founding Fathers (and mothers) and cast their votes for Beth Macy, a more knowledgeable candidate who will do an outstanding job representing us in Congress. Early voting in Virginia is open now. Sincerely,

-(Dr.) Michael Bentley
Salem

What the Tech? Friday Mornings 10am-noon

Library Corner

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Benita VanCleave

Need a hand with your device or software? Need help with your new device? Do you want to learn how to get free online access to e-books and e-audiobooks, popular magazines, New York Times (news, recipes or puzzles), Roanoke Times, and other national and international newspapers? Need help with Microsoft Office? Bring your laptop or mobile device and enjoy friendly, one-on-one help every Friday morning between 10am-noon. No appointment is necessary. Just drop in.

Tween Event

Saturday, September 26, 2pm, Grades 6-12. **Vinyl Record Painting.** Transform vintage vinyl records into

one-of-a-kind wall art! Register at salemva.libcal.com

Silent Book Club for Adults at Salem Library this Friday!

Join us after the Salem Library closes this Friday, September 25, 6pm-8pm, for **Silent Book Club at the Salem Library!** Enjoy reading uninterrupted in a quiet, pressure-free environment. Refreshments provided. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Friday, September 25, 11am-4pm. **Red Cross Blood Drive at Salem Library.** Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org

Tuesday, September 29, 1pm **Afternoon Book Club.** Reader's Choice: Read a book published in the year you were born.

Wednesday, September 30, 2pm. **Salem Public Library Solo Aging Café.** A growing number of adults are aging without a spouse, partner, children, or nearby family. Register at salemva.libcal.com

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of September 8, 2026 – September 14, 2026

9/11/2026	Sharon L. Maxey	61	Public Intoxication, Inhaling Drugs
9/11/2026	Cristian J. Paz Chavez	18	Petit Larceny
9/13/2026	Jason L. Smith	42	Domestic Assault & Battery
9/13/2026	Jacob R. Whiting	30	DUI
9/14/2026	Cristian J. Pax Chavez	18	Petit Larceny
9/14/2026	Rebecca L. Hoback	56	Grand Larceny; Receiving Stolen Goods
9/14/2026	Teresa L. Ransome	54	Grand Larceny
9/14/2026	Luis A. Jaime Blas	47	Public Intoxication
9/14/2026	Monica L. Begley	49	Petit Larceny- Not From Person; Public Intoxication

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of September 8, 2026 – September 14, 2026

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
9/14/2026	1400 BLK E Main St	Grand Larceny

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A place for worship
7. Referee declaration
10. Torsos
12. Used to introduce something
13. Healing method
14. Takes to the sea
15. Make law
16. French coastal city
17. Hawaiian dish
18. Young of domestic cattle
19. Women's undergarments
21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
22. One after another
27. It's a hot topic these days
28. Folk band frontman

CLUES DOWN

33. They precede C
34. Heavenly
36. Fiddler crabs
37. Major Hindu deity
38. Hebrew given name
39. Cost per mile
40. ___ Romeo, car
41. Rural municipality in Manitoba
44. Narratives
45. "A tragedy had ___ him"
48. Iranian city
49. Praises publicly
50. Founding Father
51. Herbal tea

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass
2. "Tears in Heaven" singer Clapton
3. Part of a sailing vessel
4. Part of (abbr.)
5. Polynesian garland of flowers
6. Keyboard key
7. One who steals
8. Large oven
9. Former CIA
10. Idea
11. Solomon Islands capital
12. Afrikaans
14. Remove thatch
17. Television network
18. Jalen Brunson is one
20. Title of respect
23. Flowering trees

CLUES DOWN

24. Occurring in a tube
25. Exists
26. Woman (French)
29. Expression of doubt
30. NHL legend Bobby
31. Accomplished
32. Makes slightly wet
35. National Assn. of Manufacturers
36. Not sated
38. Poe's middle name
40. Swiss river
41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music
42. "Shane" actor Ladd
43. Popular whodunit board game
44. Bar bill
45. Ballplayer's tool
46. Indicates near
47. Feet per second

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Feeding

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Kitting program, which sources food from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. More than half of the food bank's approximately 275 agency partners also depend on its inventory of USDA food to serve people in their communities. The food bank also uses federal support for its Summer Food Service Program, which provides hundreds of thousands of meals to children each summer. "Feeding people truly is a passion," said Pamela Irvine, president and CEO of Feeding Southwest Virginia. "It requires engagement across every city and county we serve."

"Whether you serve on city council, as a sheriff, on the General Assembly, or on the Senate, we are grateful to you for partnering alongside us," Irvine said. "You've helped us stay open for 45 years and continue to feed over 129,000 neighbors

every month."

Among the elected officials attending were Congressman Ben Cline and Delegates Sam Rasoul and Lily Franklin. Elected officials from Salem, Roanoke, Roanoke County, Montgomery County and Henry County also attended.

The officials worked together to sort, inspect and bag potatoes for distribution to people across Southwest Virginia.

Feeding Southwest Virginia is a partner food bank of Feeding America.

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Scholarship

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opportunity that a community can provide," Roanoke College President Frank Shushok Jr. said. "Through the Southwest Virginia Scholars Award, we're making an enduring investment in the students of Southwest Virginia and in the future of this vibrant region we're proud to call home. This is part of our core commitment to ensuring that talent and ambition are able to flourish here."

The award will be automatically applied to admitted students from eligible localities. Students will not need to request the scholarship or complete additional forms to receive it.

"We recognize how

financially challenging a college education can be for families. This initiative reinforces our longstanding commitment to ensuring that cost should not be a barrier for students who wish to attend Roanoke College," said Mark Campbell, vice president for enrollment strategy and student success. "We are particularly proud to signal this idea in the strongest possible way to our own region."

Southwest Virginia students also may qualify for additional assistance through Roanoke College's financial aid program. The college said merit-based and need-based grants are awarded to 95% of students. The scholarship is part of



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the college's broader efforts to expand educational access and develop pathways for students at various stages of life. Recent initiatives include a free associate degree program for local high school students and online courses for working

professionals.

More information about the Southwest Virginia Scholars Award is available at roanoke.edu/SWVAScholars.

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BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)

THE BEACON BAPTIST CHURCH OF SALEM, 307 N. Bruffey Street, Salem, VA, and **THE BEACON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY K-12**, 307 N. Bruffey Street, Salem, VA, Phone: (276) 340-2445, Sunday Services: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Thursday Evening Services: 7 p.m. Find us on Facebook at: The Beacon Baptist Church or on the Web@bbcsalem.org, Pastor Jeremy Raby and the Congregation Welcome You! Independent, Fundamental, Bible Believing, KJV Bible Church **CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 7th and Florida Streets, Salem VA. Pastor: Roger D. Counts, 540-389-3818. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - 447 Dalewood Avenue, Salem, 986-0062, Pastor Carl Goodman. Coffee Bar 9:00 a.m., Connect Groups 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Children & Student Ministry 5:00-6:30 p.m.; Thursday 7:00 pm Young Single Adults, Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 10:30, Lifegroups meeting throughout the week. www.lbcva.com.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH - 4339 Daugherty Road, Salem, Greg Irby, Pastor, Church: 380-3567; Home: 389-7240, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship Services 11:00AM & 6:00PM, Mid-week Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00PM, www.templebaptch.com.

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

BETHEL BAPTIST - 1601 S. Colorado St., Salem, Pastor Hilton Jeffreys, 389-2376, Sunday: Connect Groups meet at 9:30am; Worship Service starts at 10:30am. You can stream live with us at 10:30am on Facebook, YouTube, our App & Website (www.bethelbaptistva.com). Tuesday mornings we have Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.; Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm we have TeamKid for kids 3 years old through 5th grade, Amplify Youth (6-12th grade), Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study and then our College & Young Adult Bible Study at 8:00pm. www.bethelbaptistva.com

MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev. Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. with nursery available and children's ministry, Ladies Mission Group.

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and Sunday 10:30 am (nursery available). Visit our website: olphsalem.org for our full schedule.

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

WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Ministers Luke Tatum and Jerry Anderson, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 PM.

CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH - 955 Bird Lane, Salem, Va 24153, 389-5639. Pastor: Scott Hudson. Sunday School 10:00AM, Worship 11:00AM; Bible Study 6:00PM.

CHURCH OF GOD/CLEVELAND

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

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831. www.firstchristiansalemva.com. Adult and Children Sunday School - 9:30 am, Worship - 10:30 am. Nursery Provided for both. Everyone welcome

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 2931 West Main Street, Salem - Pastor Matthew Cox - 380-4636 - website: www.flccsalem.org. Sunday: 9:30am Adult Study Group, 10:30am Worship, Youth & Children's Church. All are welcome!

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PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

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

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

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**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, October 6, 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 amendments, transfers, and additional appropriations to the Town of Vinton's FY 2026-2027 budget to appropriate funding for projects and activities that were budgeted and appropriated in the previous fiscal year in the total amount of \$1,429,915 in the General Fund and the Capital Fund. These previously funded projects include equipment purchases and repairs, contractual services, and capital projects for the Vinton History Museum, water infrastructure, and stormwater infrastructure. State law requires a public hearing to be held whenever a proposed budget amendment exceeds 1% of the locality's total budget. Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building. 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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Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 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.

**Legals -
Town of Vinton**

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. 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

**Legals -
Montgomery County**

**NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN,**

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2 nd Floor Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, to hear citizen comments on the proposed ordinance entitled "Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Division 5, Section 2-107 of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia Entitled Tax Exemption and Deferrals for Elderly and Disabled by Increasing the Net Combined Financial Worth and the Income Limits to be Eligible for Tax Relief". A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Administrator and is available for public inspection or copying.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

**Order of
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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
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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
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**Public Notice –
Environmental
Permit**

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on the proposed modification of a permit that allows the land application of potable water treatment plant residuals in Pulaski County.
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 23, 2026 – October 23, 2026.
PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Virginia Pollution Abatement VPA02069 – Radford City Water Treatment Plant issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.
APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Radford; 20 Forest Avenue; Radford, VA 24141.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Radford has applied for the modification of a permit that would authorize land application of water treatment plant residuals as a fertilizer on a total of 220.61 acres of agricultural land in Pulaski County. Additional land totaling 129.02 acres are proposed to be added to the

**Legals -
Montgomery County**

permit, with some minor modification to existing fields. The permit will limit the application of nutrients and metals contained in these materials to amounts that protect water quality and human health. For site-specific information about these applications and additional information about the DEQ permitting program for industrial residuals visit the following website:
<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/VPANotices>

TENTATIVE AND FINAL PERMIT DECISION PROCEDURES: DEQ's tentative decision is to issue the permit. Based on comments received on the draft permit, DEQ may make a final decision on the permit, or hold a public hearing on the draft permit before making a final permit decision.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 4, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$175,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000421. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on November 2, 2026, at 2:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING LYING AND BEING THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEING LOT 17, BLOCK 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF, BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C.B. MALCOLM AND SON, S.C.E.'S, DATED AUGUST 15, 1960 OF RECORD IN TILE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 102. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 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 -
Botetourt County**

**Order of
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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 may 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.
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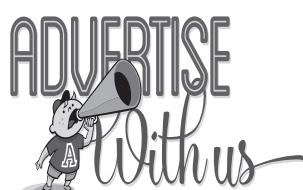


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Above, Salem's Ji'Ziaha Johnson(#4) breaks a tackle and heads to the end zone for a first half touchdown in last Friday's win over Dinwiddie. Below, Nick Baxley keeps his balance to return a kick deep into General territory.

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SALEM FOOTBALL

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on 14 carries. Oliver filled in admirably for Overstreet behind center. When he wasn't handing off to McCadden he completed three of six passes for 87 yards and two TDs, and had another pass dropped that would have been a score. Oliver didn't know he was going to start until the middle of last week. Overstreet banged up his knee in the second half of the William Fleming game a week prior and it was decided to sit him out against Dinwiddie.

"We were preparing Pearce for the possibility and on Wednesday we elevated him to starter," said Holter.

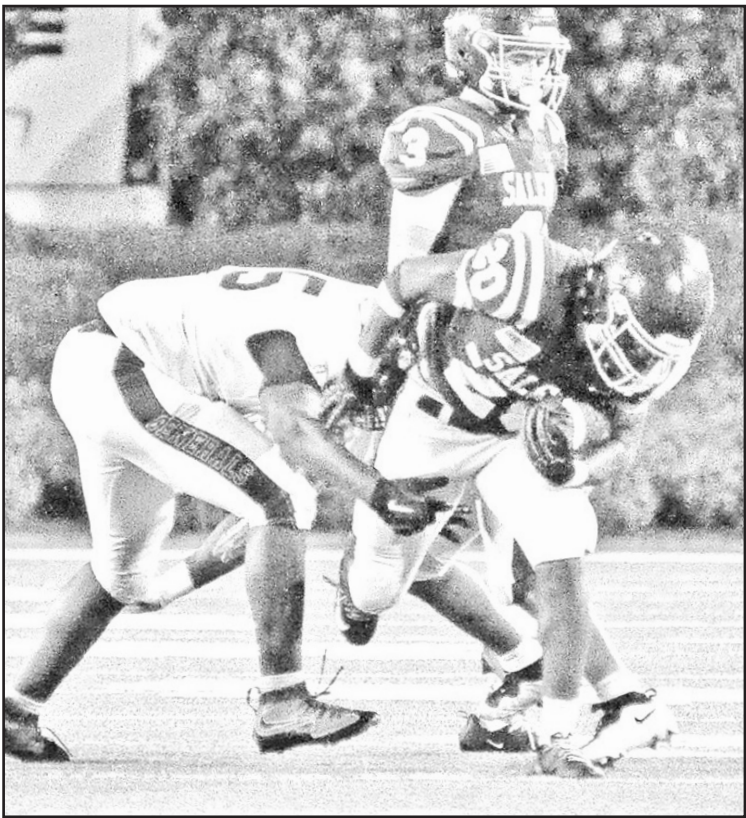
In the days before the game Overstreet helped prepare Oliver for his first varsity start. Even though he knew he wasn't going to play, Tanner dressed out in his maroon and silver uniform on Friday night.

"He didn't want to stand on the sideline in street clothes, he's a true Spartan," said Holter. "Tanner wanted to play but we're always going to do what's best for the athlete physically."

Holter was pleased with what he saw from Oliver, who earned the backup quarterback position during preseason practice.

"He welcomed Tanner's input," said Holter. "Pearce has maturity beyond his years and the offensive line rallied around him. He has some ability, he threw some good balls and stood in there and took some shots."

Defensively McCadden led Salem with nine total tackles, including eight solos. Joe Henderson also had eight solos, Jamalachi Law had six solos and two assists, Michael Crawley had six



solos and an assist and Baxley and Rudisell had six solos each. Crawley had a caused fumble that Grayson MacBrien recovered and five different Spartans recorded a sack.

This week the Spartans are back on the road with a trip to Blacksburg. Many years ago this was a great rivalry but Salem has won the last five meetings and 28 of the last 31.

The Bruins have a new coach in Phillip Reese, who was on Zack Leonard's staff last year and took over when Zack took the William Fleming job in the off-season. Blacksburg is 2-2 with wins over Giles and James River and losses to Floyd County and Altavista. Salem won't be taking the Bruins lightly after pulling out last year's game late, 18-16.

"Their offense is very similar to last year," said Holter. "They have some good players and some good size, and Blacksburg is always a tough place to play."

The Salem jayvees were off last week. The jayvees will host Blacksburg at Salem Stadium at 6pm Thursday night.

Glenvar middle is 6-1 after beating Radford

The Glenvar Middle School football team is 6-1 after defeating Radford Middle at Highlander Stadium last week. Glenvar took a 17-8 win in a hard fought game.

Kendrix Thompson scored both touchdowns for the Highlanders, while the Glenvar defense delivered a strong performance to help secure the victory.

"The Highlanders battled hard from start to finish, making it an exciting and well-earned win," said coach Raysean Priest.

Glenvar was scheduled to host Northside's B team on Monday of this week but that was cancelled due to a thunderstorm. The Highlanders will be back in action next Monday, September 28, at Shawsville.



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Zander Smith (#75) of Glenvar Middle School runs down a Radford ballcarrier.



Roanoke College defensive coordinator Mike Giancola talks to the defense during RC's win over Greensboro College on September 12.

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Does anyone remember the "The Unknown Comic?" His real name was Murray Langston and he used to perform with a paper bag over his head and went by that moniker. It was an unusual act but he was funny. I'm sure Howie Mandell really liked him.

Well, we almost had "The Unknown Winner" this week for our football contest. As I was correcting the contest Monday night while watching the Rams beat the Giants I had an entry with just three misses on a very tough week. As I kept correcting this entry remained in the lead and it looked like it might win. Only thing is, there was no name on the entry blank.

Fortunately we had a real winner. Near the end of the stack I corrected Tyler Coe's entry and he also missed three. Tyler then won on the tie-breaker because our unknown contestant also failed to put a tie-breaking high point total on his entry. Coe guessed 48, and that was pretty close to the actual high by Florida against Auburn so he probably would have won anyway.

So, Tyler gets the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and he earned it. Tyler's a freshman lineman on the Salem jayvee football team and he picked the Spartans to beat Dinwiddie last Friday.

Our Unknown Contestant also picked Salem to win but the closest to the actual score was Bill Thorne, who was six total points away. The actual score was 38-14 and Bill was off by three on each score, guessing 41-17. He beat out Don Fant for the round of golf at the Salem Municipal Course by one point, as Don guessed 42-17 for the final in favor of the Spartans.

For this week's "19th Hole" question tell me how many yards Jordan McCadden will rush for against Blacksburg this week. In four games he's rushed for 1,135 yards. If you're closest to his total Friday night it's good for a free day of golf at Academy Street.

---BRIAN HOFFMAN



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Sandlot Ayden Collins of the Salem 10U football team runs the ball in a recent game.

RC CC men run 3rd

The Roanoke men were third and the women were seventh among 16 schools competing at the NCAA D3 South Regional Preview hosted by the University of Lynchburg last Saturday. The meet was held at the Panorama Farm in Earlysville, VA.

The RC men tied Berry for third place with 108 points but won the tiebreaker with three of five runners finishing higher than Berry. Nathaniel Orban was the top finisher, placing second with a time of 25:44.0 behind only Lynchburg's Ty Blair by one second. The remaining Maroons finished as follows: Parker Blosser in 15th, 26:42.8; Gabe Ramirez Hannon in 20th, 26:51.1; Elias Ammon in 40th, 27:50.4; and Aaron Massey in 45th, 28:01.4.

The women had five of the top 50 runners to finish seventh with a score of 166 points. Maya Herndon led the way for the Maroons, finishing 16th with a 24:10.8 time. Riley Larimer, Sofia Conrey, Brooke Eichelberger, and Sadie Teer rounded out the scoring for Roanoke. Larimer placed 23rd at 24:52.2, Conrey placed 34th at 25:41.4, Eichelberger placed 48th at 26:34.0, and Teer finished 50th at 26:45.9.

The Maroons will next compete in Charlotte, N.C. to compete at the Royals Cross Country Challenge hosted by Queens on Oct. 9.

Maroons in D.C. Saturday

The Roanoke College football team will put their undefeated record on the line Saturday when they play Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 pm at Hotchkiss Field.

The Bison come into the game at 0-3 and have given up 44 points or more in all three losses. They opened in Reading, PA with a 44-7 loss to Albright College, then dropped a 49-28 decision to Anderson in Indiana. Last Saturday they played in Danville and lost to Averett University, 55-19.

This season the Bison begin their first year as an affiliate member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC). Gallaudet, which competed in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) last season, will participate in the SCAC Football Championship Weekend on Nov. 14 in Little Rock, Ark. The Maroons defeated Gallaudet last season, 38-14, for their first ever ODAC win when the Bison were competing in the conference.

The Maroons come into Saturday's game at 2-0 on the season with wins over Virginia University of Lynchburg and Greensboro College. Roanoke's ODAC opener is Saturday, October 3, at Guilford College and the next home game is Saturday, October 10, when Hampden-Sydney College comes to Salem Stadium for a 4 pm start.

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-First prize will be awarded to the person who picks the most games correctly.

-Be sure to include your name, address, and high point total for the week. High point total is decided by the most points scored by ANY ONE TEAM in the games listed for the week. High point total is used to break ties only, and all decisions will be final.

-Clip and mail THE ENTRY PART ONLY to Salem Times-Register, Football Contest, P.O. Box 1125, Salem, VA 24153. Entry must be postmarked by 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately following the date of the paper, or bring your entry by the Salem Times-Register office at 1633 West Main Street in Salem. Your entry must be in the box by 5 p.m. Friday.

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**The 19th  
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(see story)**

# Woodpeckers are Carolina League baseball champions

Fayetteville, NC - The Fayetteville Woodpeckers, a farm team of the Houston Astros, are Carolina League champions for the first time in franchise history.

On September 15 at Seagra Stadium the Woodpeckers completed a perfect 4-0 sweep of the postseason, taking down the Charleston RiverDogs, 7-4, in game two of the championship series to clinch the league title.

After sparking a massive 10-run inning with a solo homer in Charleston on Sunday, Fayetteville first baseman Ben Tryon was once against the driving force behind an early lead in game two. Kam Durnin led off the bottom of the first with a double, Kevin Alvarez reached on a single, and Owen Nowak drew a walk to load the bases for Tryon.

Tryon, the Astros 17th round pick from this year's draft, connected on an elevated pitch from Jacob Kuhn (L, 0-1) and sent it sailing into the right-field bar for a grand-slam and instant 4-0 lead. Tryon



FAYETTEVILLE WOODPECKERS PHOTO

went 4-for-16 at the plate during the postseason with three extra-base hits.

Juan Fraide (W, 1-0) cruised with run support behind him and did not allow a hit until the top of the fifth inning. The 20-year-old top-30 prospect from Mexico allowed just two baserunners across five innings and struck out six.

Charleston got on the board in the top of the sixth inning when Cooper Flemming, who was named Carolina League MVP prior to the game, hit a solo homer off Jesus Carrera out to right-center field and cut the game to 4-1.

Three more runs scored for the Woodpeckers in the bottom of the seventh after Charleston pitching loaded the bases on a hit by pitch and two walks. Alvarez delivered the critical swing that helped decide the game, grounding a ball past the shallow infield and into center field to plate two runs for a 6-1 advantage. Waner Luciano upped the score to 7-1 with an RBI groundout and Fayetteville moved within six outs of a title.

Carrera returned for the eighth and surrendered another run on a Slater de Brun double. Brandon Cassedy was called upon from the bullpen and inher-

ited the 7-2 lead with no outs and two runners in scoring position. The undrafted free agent from George Mason immediately flipped the momentum of the inning, striking out three straight hitters and holding the five-run lead.

Cassedy returned for the ninth, hunting three more outs. He surrendered a two-run homer to Dean Moss that cut the game to 7-4, but found a way to bounce back. He struck out two in a row, walked Alberth Palma, then struck out Slater de Brun with a pitch in the dirt that secured the Carolina League crown.

The Woodpeckers 2026 title marks the first minor league championship in the city of Fayetteville in 70 years, ending a drought that extended back to 1956 when the Fayetteville Hillanders won the eight-team Class-B Carolina League as an Indians affiliate.

Fayetteville finished the regular season with a 71-58 overall record and swept both Fredericksburg and Charleston enroute to the Carolina League championship.

The Woodpeckers will begin their title defense on April 2nd, 2027 for Opening Day on the road in Salem.

## SHS golfers finish third at wet HVCC

It was a rainy day on Monday but the River Ridge District golfers were able to get their final round in the books at the Hunting Hills Country Club. When everyone came in to dry off Blacksburg won the day and the RRD regular season championship.

"We had an hour and a half weather delay about half way into the tournament," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "Scores before versus after the delay were a big difference. The rain was an added challenge for the district that a lot of players weren't anticipating. Depsite that, the talented players went low."

The Spartans broke 300 but it was only good enough for third place in the talented RRD. Salem posted a 297 to finish behind Blacksburg's 287 and Cave Spring at 292. The Spartans were led by a pair of sophomores as McKenzie Eversole posted a 73 to finish tied for eighth while JD Williamson posted a 74 for 12th place.

"McKenzie played great throughout the tough conditions," said Hancock. "She battled all day and posted a great round for us, rolling in four birdies!"

"JD had it going before the weather break. He was under par at the time and had a small slip coming out after the break. He fin-

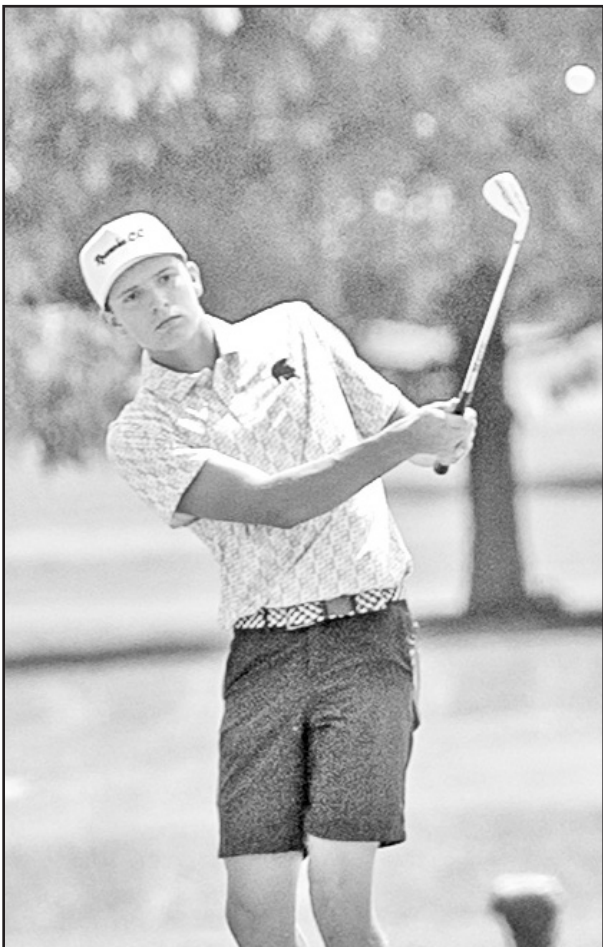


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**Salem's JD Williamson chips to the green.**

ished strong to post a 74."

Also counting scores for the Spartans were senior Ashnoor Kaur and freshman Chloe Collins, both posting a 75.

"Any time you can post four scores 75 or better, it's a great day," said Hancock. "You have to bring it in our district to compete against a strong field."

Isabella Geng, a sophomore from Blacksburg, was the medalist with an even par 70. Three other golfers shot 71.

For the season, Harris Camp of Hidden Valley won the regular season individual championship with 93 points. Salem's

top point earner was Ashnoor Kaur, who finished ninth despite playing in just four district matches.

Teamwise, Blacksburg won the season title with a six round total of 1,770. Hidden Valley was 22 strokes behind at 1,792 followed by Cave Spring at 1,805 and Salem was fourth at 1,828. Pulaski County, Patrick Henry and Christiansburg were fifth through seventh.

Next for the Spartans is the Region 4D sub-region tournament next Tuesday, September 29, at the Hidden Valley Country Club. The Spartans need to be in the top two to advance.

## Highlanders in sub-region Monday

The Three Rivers District golf match at Great Oaks was rained out on Monday and will not be made up. That was the final scheduled regular season match of the season and the teams will now advance to Sub-Region play next Monday, September 28, also at Great Oaks.

With the regular season now complete James River's Landon Bolling has been named the Three Rivers District Player of the Year. Glenvar sophomore John Deel is a second team selection.

The Three Rivers District tour made a stop at the Hanging Rock Golf Club last Thursday for what proved to be the final district match. As usual, Floyd County shot the low score with a 309. Radford edged James River for second on the day, 312 to 313, while host Glenvar was fourth at 325. Patrick County was next at 329 and Carroll County had 361.

River's top two players, Bolling and Mason Gilliland, tied for medalist with 71 each. Deel led Glenvar with a 76. Also scoring for the Highlanders were Easton Quesenberry with an 81, Jack Osburn at 83 and Mason Young and Maddox Burbage both had 85.



**Glenvar sophomore John Deel was named second team All-Three Rivers District in golf.**

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The Sub-Region at Great Oaks next Monday will begin at 11 a.m. The top three teams will qualify for the Region 2C tournament along with the top six scores from individuals not on those teams.

The region tourney is at Stoney Creek at the Wintergreen Resort on Monday, October 5, and the top two teams in the region will advance to the state tournament along with the three top scores from individuals not on those teams. The State Golf Championships will be held at the Hobbs Hole course in Tappahannock on Monday, October 12.

"We were excited with our efforts at home last Thursday," said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff. "The team score of 325 was a solid outing, our second best showing of the season. We hope to build on that for the upcoming sub-regional at Great Oaks on Monday."

The Highlanders will play in a non-district "fun" match at Hanging Rock Thursday of this week with James River and Northside.

## Locals Clash with Titans

The Glenvar and Salem cross country teams will run in the Alleghany Invitational at the Jackson River Complex course in Covington this Saturday. The Spartans were off in the past week but Glenvar ran in the "Clash with the Titans" meet at Hidden Valley last Saturday and the GHS boys won the team title.

The Highlanders put on a pack-running clinic at Hidden Valley, scoring 39 points to easily top the eight-team field while outpacing second-place William Byrd (75) and host Hidden Valley (76). Glenvar placed four runners inside the top 10 and all five scoring runners in the top 11, recording a tight top-five compression spread of just 33 seconds with an average team time of 18 minutes, 15 seconds.

Freshman Jaxson Kuzmich led the Highlanders, crossing the finish line in fourth place overall with a team-best 5,000-meter time of 17:56.92. Senior Asher Faught took seventh in 18:09.23 while senior Evan Harris (18:16.26) and sophomore Zachary Elijah Davis (18:22.82) finished back-to-back in eighth and ninth place. Junior Jackson Wimmer rounded out the scoring in 11th with a time of 18:30.74.

In the Junior Varsity Boys 5,000-meter event, Glenvar claimed second place in the team standings with 35 points, finishing three points behind

Cave Spring (32). Freshman Matthew Gard led the JV squad with a runner-up finish in 19:50.92.

In the Varsity Girls race, Glenvar finished fifth overall in the team standings with 115 points. Junior Genna Shanks led the Lady Highlanders, finishing 13th overall in 26:31.76, followed by junior Naomi Kidd in 23rd (29:25.84). Radford won the girls' varsity team championship.

The Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School cross country teams also competed at Hidden Valley. The Wolverine girls were third out of 10 teams with Madalyn Eversole finishing second in the race and Allison Rude placing 11th overall. Other point scorers were Annika Thomas, Hannah Nunley and Ashanae Morris-Dwight.

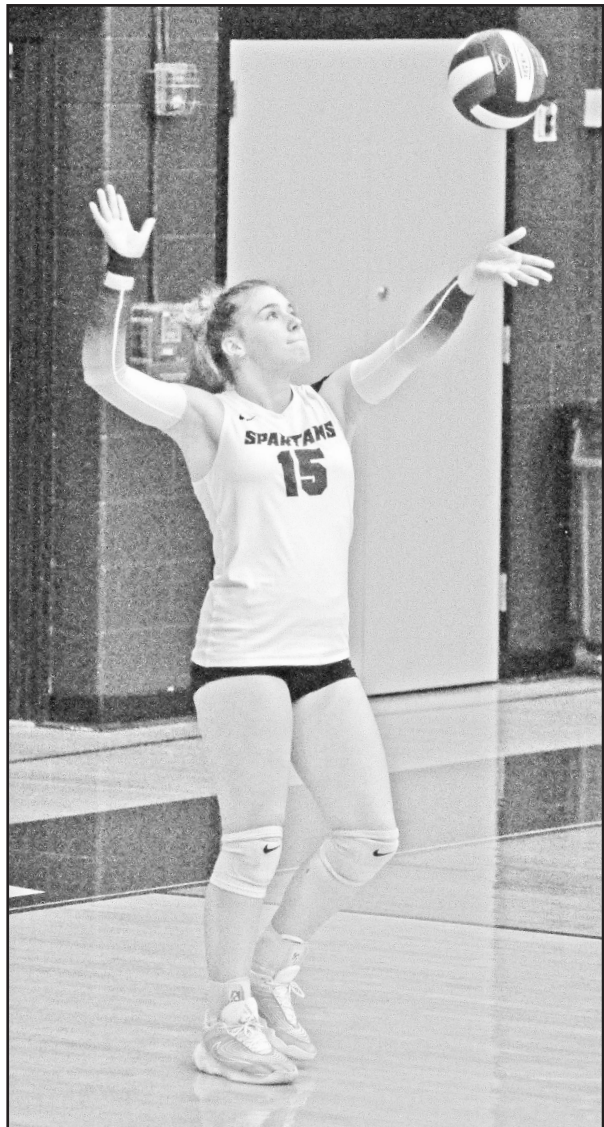
The Lewis boys were fifth out of 15 teams, with Felix Ruck placing 11th overall. Other point scorers were Parker Garst, Jake Palleria, Owen Whitlow and Blake Smith.

The Middle Highlanders turned in another outstanding performance on a very challenging course as Maya Poindexter continued her impressive season, earning another medal with a third-place finish in the 4K race. Cade Compton finished 10th overall and earned his first medal of the season with a top 15. Glenvar's Jude Hall was right behind with a 19th-place finish.



**Glenvar's Evan Harris(#797 left) and Zachary Davis(#796 right) compete in the Clash with the Titans at Hidden Valley High School.**

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Jenna Wilkes serves one up for SHS. PHOTO BY B. HOFFMAN

## Spartans play PH tonite

The Salem High volleyball team will play host to Patrick Henry in a big River Ridge District match tonight. Salem comes in at 6-5 on the season after a four set loss Tuesday at home against Christiansburg.

The Spartans have been up and down thus far. On Saturday they played in a tri-match in Lynchburg with host E.C. Glass and Mecklenburg County. Salem lost in five to Glass after having a one-set lead twice, falling 19-25, 25-15, 17-25, 25-20 and 15-8. Against Mecklenburg County they bounced back with a three set win.

Last Thursday the Spartans hosted Hidden Valley and won in four, 25-21, 28-26, 17-25 and 25-22. Kourtney Goens led the Salemites in that one with 18 kills. Evie Van Liew and MarKiya Webb had seven kills

each.

On Tuesday of this week Salem played host to Christiansburg, a district rival who was the Class 3 state runnerup last year. The Salem girls won the first set, 25-21, but the Demons rallied to take the next three, 25-21, 25-21 and 25-17.

“We played well and stayed right with them,” said Salem coach Basil Conner. “They didn’t make as many mistakes as we did and that was the difference.”

Van Liew had nine kills and four blocks against the Demons. Webb had four kills and six blocks.

Next week the Spartans have back-to-back matches on Tuesday and Wednesday, both at home. Pulaski County is here Tuesday for a River Ridge game and a night later the Spartans host Roanoke Catholic in a non-district match.

## MS VOLLEYBALL

The Andrew Lewis Middle School volleyball season is wrapping up this week while Glenvar’s team will continue playing until the middle of October.

The Lewis girls defeated Hidden Valley last week in two sets, 25-16 and 25-19. Lewis was scheduled to wrap up the season this week with games against Northside and Cave Spring.

Glenvar will host Shawsville tonight. The Highlanders defeated Radford last Thursday and Craig County Monday, both two sets to one.



PHOTO BY B. HOFFMAN

Keylee Crosswhite of Lewis plays at the net.

## Gophers shut out Field Hockey

The Roanoke College field hockey team hosted Goucher College for their home opener last Sunday and were shut out, 2-0, by the visiting Gophers. The loss dropped the Maroons to 2-4 on the season while Goucher improved to 3-4.

Ava Barnes scored both of Goucher's goals on penalty corners. Chloe Miller made five saves for RC. Corinne Orlando recorded seven

shots, Maddy Holmes recorded five, and Gisele Harris had four shots to lead Roanoke but none found the back of the cage. The Maroons led in both shots, 20-9, and penalty corners, 14-7.

Roanoke is back home this Saturday for a Family Weekend game against the University of Mary Washington. Game time is 3 pm at Kerr Stadium in Salem.

## RC women host Sweet Briar

It will be Family Weekend and Senior Day at Salem’s Kerr Stadium Saturday as the Roanoke College women’s soccer team plays host to Sweet Briar College. Kickoff is scheduled for noon.

The Maroons were 3-2-2 on the season after being shut out by Centre College last Saturday, 3-0, at Amend Field in Danville, Kentucky. Centre improved to 3-1-3 with the win.

The Colonels netted two goals in the first half hour of the match, and scored another at 59:17 to ice the game. Lauren Fisher fired off two shots, one on goal, for the Maroons but couldn’t connect. RC keepers Grace Suchy and Sadie Mayhew combined for six saves in the match.

Roanoke was scheduled to host Bridgewater College on Wednesday but results were too late for publication.

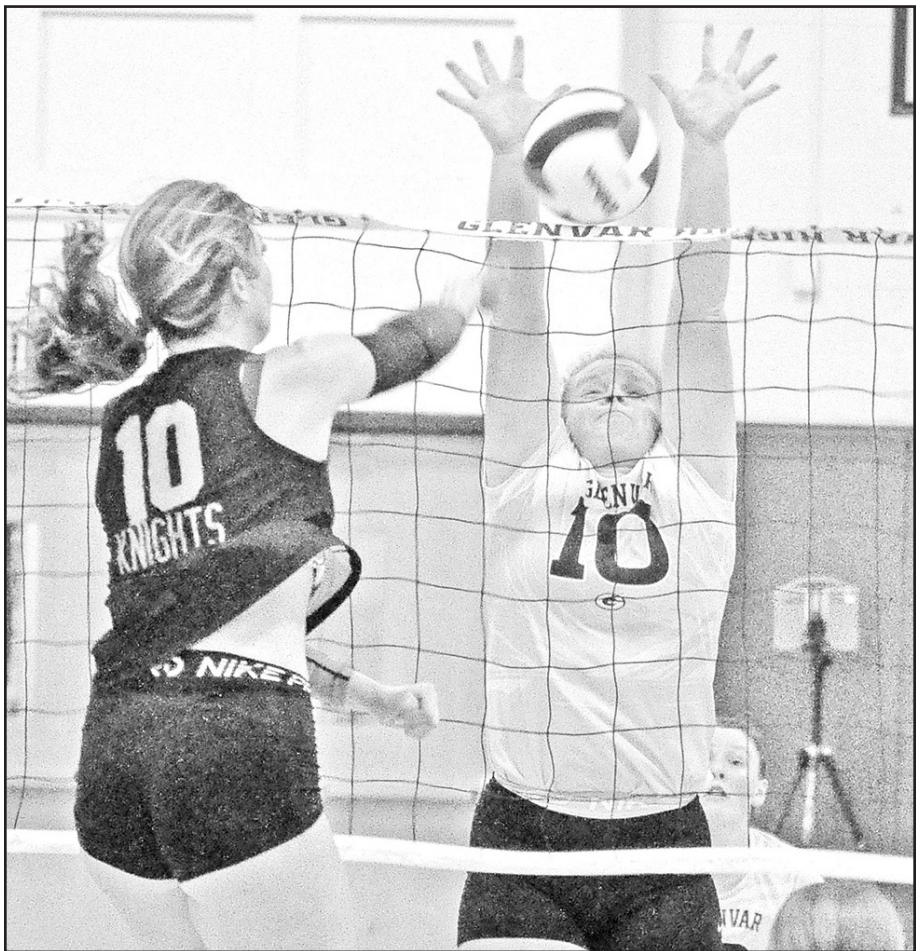
# Highlanders are 9-2 after downing Patrick

The Glenvar volleyball team had their seven game win streak snapped on Monday but the Highlanders are still undefeated in Three Rivers District games. The Highlanders are 9-2 after bouncing back to beat Patrick County on Tuesday in Stuart.

Glenvar’s win streak ended on Monday at home with a five set loss to visiting Blacksburg. The Bruins improved to 10-1 with the win and Glenvar gave them a battle to the end. Blacksburg won the first two sets, 25-17 and 25-14, but the Highlanders stormed back to take two close ones, 26-24 and 25-23. Glenvar went down early in the third set to 15 and lost it 15-9 as the Bruins escaped with the win. Emily Rohrback had 22 assists, Zella Hayes had 17 kills and Macy McMahon had 28 digs.

On Tuesday Glenvar rebounded with a three set win over Patrick County, 25-14, 25-21 and 25-23. Olivia Collins and Grace Fiedler had six kills each and Kherington Jewell had four aces and 19 digs.

Glenvar’s only losses thus far have been to Class 5 Patrick Henry and Class 4 Blacksburg. The Highlanders are unbeaten against Class 2



Glenvar's Kherington Jewell (#10) goes up for the block in last week's win over James River. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

and 3 teams and 4-0 in the Three Rivers District.

Last Thursday Glenvar was at Radford for a district match. The Bobcats are the defending Class 2 champions but Glenvar took the first meeting of this season in four sets. Radford won the first set, 25-19, but Glenvar took the next three by scores of 25-10, 25-17 and 25-15.

“We started off a bit slow, but turned

it on after the first set,” said coach Mark Rohrback.

Hayes had her best match of the season in this one with 14 kills, 12 digs and three aces. Emily Rohrback had 21 assists and five kills and McMahon had 28 digs.

The Highlanders are home next Monday to host Patrick Henry and Tuesday Floyd comes here for a Three Rivers District match.

## Roanoke College volleyball team is 8-3

The Roanoke College volleyball team improved to 8-3 on the season after sweeping two matches in Swannanoa, North Carolina last weekend. The Maroons defeated Regent University and Warren Wilson, both three sets to one.

Roanoke junior Teagan Hubble surpassed 1,000 career digs Saturday in the opening match with Regent. Hubble needed 28 digs heading into the day to reach 1,000 and left no doubt by registering a season-high 31 against Regent with nine assists. Hubble now has 1,015 career digs, good for 10th all time in program history.

Emma Catoe hit a team-best nine kills with no errors against Regent while Raygan Wade had eight kills, 12 assists and six digs. Catoe and Zarah Love each smacked 15 kills against Warren Wilson and Wade distributed 21 assists.

The Maroons were scheduled to play an ODAC match at Hollins University on Tuesday of this week. On Friday they’re at the University of Lynchburg for a 6 pm match and next Wednesday, September 30, they’ll host Averett at 6:30 pm at the Cregger Center in Salem.



Teagan Hubble has over 1,000 digs. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Roanoke soccer men host Bridgewater Saturday

The Roanoke College men’s soccer team will play host to Bridgewater College this Saturday for a Senior Night and Family Weekend game. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 pm at Kerr Stadium in Salem for RC’s first ODAC game of the season.

The Maroons are 2-4 after being shut out by Salisbury University

in Salem last Saturday, 1-0. The Seagulls remained undefeated at 6-0-1 win the win.

Sailsbury's Harry Vasilios scored on a header from a corner kick in the 77th minute for the lone goal of the game. RC’s Denzel Marufu tied his career-high nine saves in the match. Slate Danforth, Pacific Kabungulu, Ed

Law, Carlos Lomena, and Peyton Mancini all recorded multiple shots but none found the net.

Last Thursday at Kerr Stadium in Salem Roanoke fell behind 2-0 early and dropped a 4-1 decision to visiting Hope College. Will Demus scored for RC with assisted to Evan Burke and Sean O’Laughlin.



Pacific Kabungulu (#14) of Roanoke College battles the Hope College keeper and a defender in last week's soccer game at Kerr Stadium. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

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Left, Salem's Jaidyn Rudisell drags a Dinwiddie defender into the end zone after catching a pass from Pearce Oliver in last Friday's win. Right, Jordan McCadden has a host of Generals following him as he sprints 81 yards for a Salem score.

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## Spartans dominate Dinwiddie to stay undefeated

If you haven't noticed, Salem High football is officially back. After a ho-hum 5-5 season in 2025 the Spartans have the home fans buzzing again after last Friday's 38-14 win over Dinwiddie High.

"That was just an outstanding win," said Salem coach Don Holter. "They're all great, but when you beat a team like Dinwiddie, a well coached team that is always formidable, it's a big win."

Salem is now 4-0 and the 2025 season is far in the rear view mirror. The Spartans started out 0-4 last year but they've avenged all four losses and are now trying to go undefeated at the midway point of the regular season with a trip to Blacksburg this week.

Although this season started out well for Salem, last week's game was a big test. It got off to a good start for the home team when the Salem defense held the Generals on the first possession of the game. Dinwiddie tried to fool Salem with a fourth down "quick kick" but it wasn't quick enough to stop a charging Jake James from blocking the kick and giving Salem great field positive on the Dinwiddie 48. Then, on first down, Jordan McCadden busted

off the right side of the line for a 48 yard touchdown to put the Spartans up 7-0 just over three minutes into the game.

Dinwiddie answered on the next series, hitting a screen pass for big yardage to tie the game at 7-7 and the race was on with 7:05 still remaining in the first period.

Salem kept the ball for the rest of the period, but went for it on fourth and one on the first play of the second quarter and the Dinwiddie defense stuffed the attempt. Salem held but a fumbled punt set up the Generals in good position again. The Spartan defense held and with 8:18 until halftime Dinwiddie missed a 22 yard field goal attempt.

Salem regained the lead on an 81 yard run by McCadden with 6:56 on the clock. Dinwiddie then answered with a 74 yard TD run 15 seconds of clock time later and it was all tied up again at 14-14.

The Spartans finished the first half strong, and that was a big factor in the win. Nick Baxley returned the ensuing kickoff 63 yards to the Dinwiddie 35, breaking several tackles along the way. Then fresh-

man quarterback Pearce Oliver, who started the game with senior Tanner Overstreet nursing an injured knee, hit Jaidyn Rudisell down the seam and "Rudi" carried a defender into the end zone for a Salem score with 6:17 still remaining in the half.

The Spartans were able to tack on one more TD before intermission. After the defense held Dinwiddie again Oliver hooked up with Ji'Ziaha Johnson in front of the Salem bench and the sophomore receiver took it 47 yards for another score and a 28-14 lead as Liam Munoz converted his fourth extra point.

Salem's defense has been extra good in the second half this year and Friday night was no exception, as the Spartans shutout Dinwiddie the rest of the way. McCadden scored his third TD of the night on a 36 yard run early in the third period and Munoz kicked a 30 yard field goal for some icing on the cake with 4:58 to go in the game.

McCadden finished with 270 yards rushing on 26 carries and he now has 1,135 yards on the ground in just four games. Gabe Johnson rushed for 54 yards

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## Highlanders shut out Northside, host Bulldogs for Homecoming

The old saying goes if you keep the other team from scoring the worst you can do is tie. And, you can add, in that case all you need to do is score once to win.

That was the case at Highlander Stadium last Friday as the host Glenvar football team only managed one score, but managed to keep visiting Northside from scoring at all. Glenvar defeated the Vikings 7-0 to even their record at 2-2 and knock the Vikings from the ranks of the unbeaten at 3-1.

The only score of the game came in the first quarter on a 38 yard touchdown pass from Kiptyn Jones to Remi Gordon. As it turns out that was all the Highlanders needed.

"We did what we needed to do, we just couldn't get in the end zone," said Clifford. "We had a big play called back."

The Vikings never could find paydirt, although they threatened late in the game. The Vikings were inside the 10 yard line in the final minute but a penalty moved them back to the 13. They tried passes on third and fourth down but couldn't complete them as Glenvar held on for a huge win over a quality Class 3 team.

"We shut 'em down," said Clifford. "We've played good defense all year."

Garrison Burris had a dozen tackles and a sack to lead the defensive effort, Jake Franklin had 10 tackles and a pair of quarterback hurries. Ryan Harris and Bryan Mateo had nine tackles each and Mateo had a sack and a half. Anthony Cline had nine tackles and a sack and Haden Henderson had seven tackles and a big interception in the fourth quarter.

Offensively, Mateo rushed 11 times for 31 yards after Ranger Swanson went out. Jones was 10 for 20 passing for 120 yards with five going to Henderson for 44 stripes.

This Friday the Highlanders are back home to host Martinsville and its Homecoming. The Bulldogs have already won more games than they did all last season when they finished 1-9. This season they have wins over Patrick County and Dan River around a loss to a strong Class 3 Magna Vista team.

"They have some good looking kids," said Clifford. "They're big and they're very athletic. They have a new coach (Tommy Golding) and they're always a tough matchup."



Above, Glenvar defenders Ryan Harris (#70), Garris Burris (#11) and Levi Jones (#24) converge on a Viking ballcarrier. Below, Ben Brown picks up yards with a Northside defender in pursuit.

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