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Gresham retires from Board of Zoning Appeals after 50 years

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

When he was first appointed to the Salem Board of Zoning Appeals, Van Gresham had no idea how long he would be serving the people of Salem.

He retired Sept. 24 after serving on the board for 50 years.

That board meets the fourth Wednesday on an as-needed basis to

review cases citizens are appealing.

“I can’t remember any controversial situation that wasn’t resolved,” Gresham said. “It all just boils down to common sense.”

As far as advice he would give future BZA members, he added, “Just put yourself in that person’s shoes. As long as it’s reasonable it’s good to make those decisions.”

He said to the citizens

of Salem, “If I were standing in front of all the citizens, I would encourage them to consider what is best for all the city.”

Other members of the Board of Zoning Appeals are Chair Thomas Copenhaver, Vice Chair Steven Belanger and members Gary Eanes and Zoller. Tony Rippee is the alternate member.



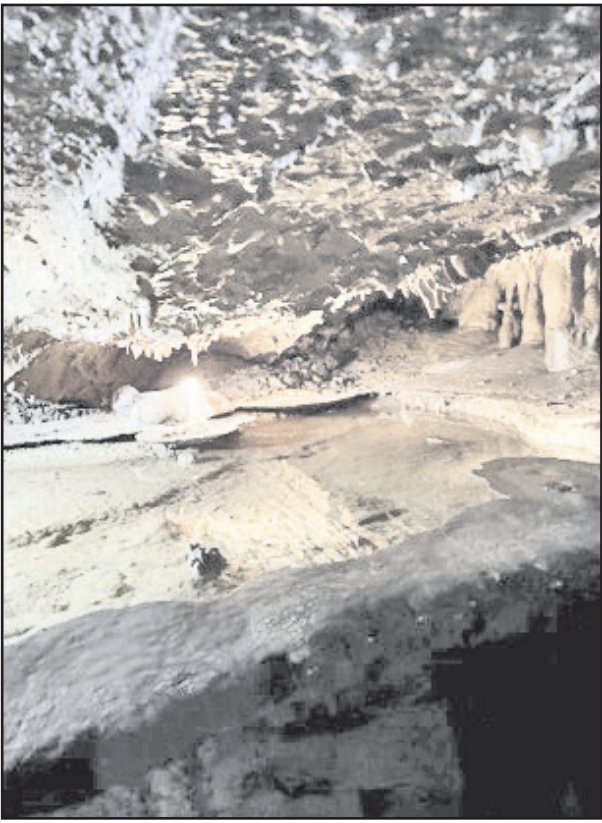
Van and Barbara Gresham have been married for 57 years.



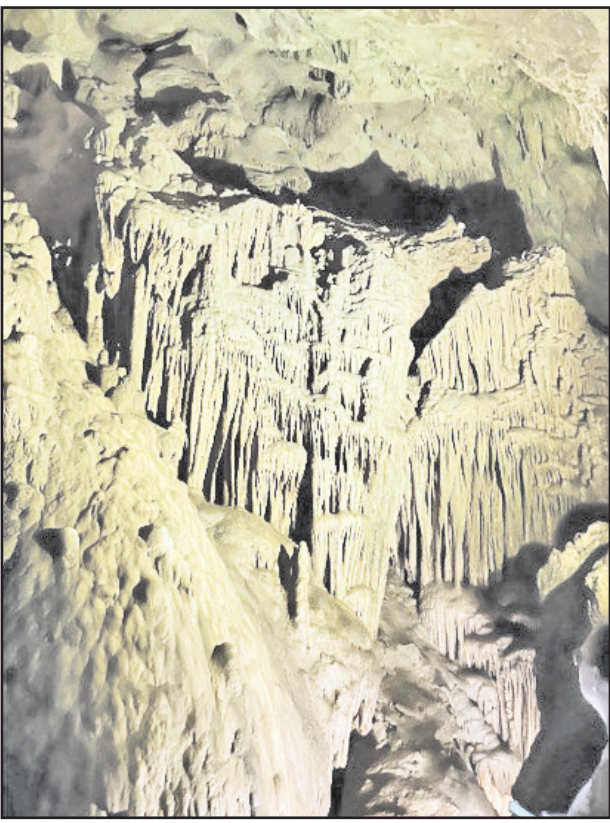
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Dixie Caverns offers underground look at Virginia's unique geology



The reflecting pool has unusually still water.



Cascading flowstone.

PHOTOS BY LINGJIE GU

Lingjie Gu
Contributing writer

Beneath the hills of Salem lies a cool, quiet world of stalactites, stalagmites, flowstone and other mineral formations at Dixie Caverns.

The caverns provide visitors with an opportunity to explore an underground environment where the temperature remains about 55 degrees Fahrenheit year-round.

The tour begins near the cave's entrance, where visitors descend a series of stairs into chambers filled

with calcite formations. Stalactites hang from the ceilings, while stalagmites rise from the cavern floor. Flowstone covers portions of the walls and creates formations in a variety of shapes.

One of the largest chambers is known as "The Cathedral." The cavern features large flowstone formations that resemble the pipes of a musical organ. Other formations throughout the chamber and surrounding areas have taken on shapes that resemble people and animals.

Among the other landmarks

along the tour is a reflecting pool, known for its unusually still water and mirror-like surface.

Another formation, known as the "wedding bell," resembles a bell formed from cascading flowstone. The area has been used for wedding ceremonies.

A formation known as the "turkey" takes its name from its resemblance to the bird.

The cave's dim lighting illuminates the formations while preserving the atmosphere of the

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COURTESY IMAGE

Three lanes are now open in both directions on Interstate 81 between exits 137 and 141 in Roanoke County and Salem following the completion of the primary widening work.

Three lanes now open on Interstate 81 between exits 137-141

Drivers now have three travel lanes in both directions on Interstate 81 between exits 137 and 141 in Roanoke County and Salem following the completion of the primary widening work.

The five-mile project expanded the interstate from two lanes to three lanes in each direction as part of a \$179 million design-build project. Construction began in early 2022, making it

the first widening project of the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program.

The project also includes several additional improvements, including new bridges over Route 112 (Wildwood Road), Route 635 (Goodwin Avenue) and Route 619 (Wildwood Road); wider bridges over Route 311 (Thompson Memorial

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VA awards \$2.1 million for suicide prevention efforts in Virginia

The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded more than \$2.1 million in grants to eight community organizations providing suicide prevention services to veterans in Virginia.

The funding is part of \$112 million in grants awarded to 191 organizations nationwide through the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program. The grants will become available at the start of fiscal year 2027.

The program provides funding to nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, federally recognized tribes and other community-based organizations that demonstrate the capacity to serve veterans.

Suicide prevention is the VA's top clinical priority, and all VA health care facilities provide veterans with same-day emergency mental health care when needed. However, reaching veterans who need assistance can be a challenge.

In 2023, the most

recent year for which data is available, 61% of veterans who died by suicide were not receiving VA health care during the last year of their lives.

The Fox grant program is intended to help bridge that gap by directing funding to community-based organizations.

“Community organizations play a vital role in strengthening the support network available to veterans across Southwest Virginia,” said Tammy Snyder, executive director of the Salem VA Health Care System. “These grants provide veterans with lifesaving support and ensure they have access to the care and resources they deserve right here in our

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Fellowship Community Church mobilizes congregation to help local food pantries

Hundreds of members of Fellowship Community Church spent Sunday, Sept. 27, helping replenish local food pantries as part of a churchwide community service effort.

Following worship services at the church's campuses, members were given a 15-minute message before being sent into the community to purchase food requested by the Salem/Roanoke Food Pantry and the Local Office on Aging.

Organizers estimated that the congregation collected between seven and 10 tons of food during the effort.

The initiative came as food pantries in the Roanoke Valley face challenges keeping their shelves stocked. Organizers cited an estimated 65% decline in monthly food deliveries to major area food pantries in recent months, with



COURTESY PHOTOS

Members of Fellowship Community Church shop for food items requested by local food pantries as part of a churchwide service effort Sept. 27.

some deliveries falling from about 8,000 pounds to 3,000 pounds.

Regional data cited by

the church also indicates that about 25.2% of children in the Roanoke city and Roanoke County

area experience food insecurity. About one in

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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, Virginia’s Cherokee Defense”: The Salem Museum will host Central Appalachian Cherokee Tribe CEO and Principal Chief Ren Herdman for “Salem, Virginia’s Cherokee Defense” at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10. Herdman will explore a little-known episode in the Colonial history of the Roanoke Valley involving then-Major Andrew Lewis, Cherokee Chief

Ostenaco and the 130 Cherokee who camped along the Roanoke River in 1756 during the French and Indian War. The lecture is free and open to the public. The Salem Museum is located at 801 E. Main St. For more information, call 540-389-6760 or visit SalemMuseum.org.

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

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

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of September 22, 2026 – September 28, 2026

DATE	NAME	AGE	CHARGE
9/22/2026	Christian D. Shepherd	21	Petit Larceny
9/24/2026	John M. Trevino	23	Public Intoxication, Trespassing, Interfere With Property Rights of Another
9/25/2026	Makayla D. Johnson	32	Petit Larceny
9/25/2026	Cynthia M. Rose	54	Domestic Assault & Battery
9/27/2026	Angelica R. Porter	26	Petit Larceny
9/28/2026	Candace N. Martin	42	Public Intoxication

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of September 22, 2026 – September 28, 2026

Date	Location	Offense
9/24/2026	600 BLK S Market St	Vehicle Theft
9/27/2026	300 BLK Electric Rd	Possess/Transport Ammunition by Felon

Virginia Western expands CDL training capacity with Ancora Training

ROANOKE — Virginia Western Community College is expanding its commercial driver's license training programs through a new partnership with Ancora Training, adding accelerated Class A and Class B options to its existing CDL offerings.

The expansion comes as demand for commercial drivers continues across the region and follows Virginia Western's partnership with Mountain Gateway Community College earlier this year.

The college now offers three CDL training pathways in the Roanoke-Salem area.

The new Class A program through Ancora Training is a 160-hour, in-person

course using automatic-transmission tractor-trailers. The daytime program can be completed in as little as four weeks, while evening and weekend options take about eight weeks.

The Class B program is a 120-hour, in-person course for drivers of heavy straight vehicles, including delivery trucks, dump trucks, box trucks and local utility vehicles. The program can be completed in three to four weeks, with day, evening and weekend scheduling available.

Both Ancora programs include Department of Transportation physicals and drug screenings through the program.

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Salem's Sean Slusser graduates from FBI National Academy

Salem Police Department Capt. Sean Slusser graduated last week from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, joining 11 current or former members of the department who also have completed the prestigious law enforcement training program.

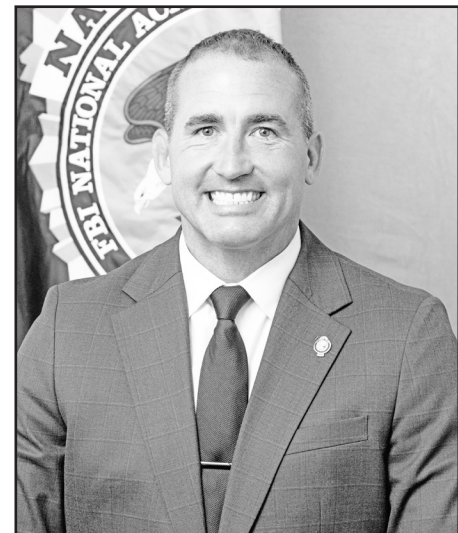
Slusser serves as an Administrative Services captain and a member of the department's executive staff. He has more than 23 years of law enforcement experience, including 19 years with the city of Salem.

During his career with the department, Slusser has served in a variety of leadership and operational roles, including patrol officer, special investigations detective, general detective, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, patrol lieutenant and services lieutenant.

The 299th session of the FBI National Academy included 265 law enforcement officers from 44 states and the District of Columbia. The graduating class also included 29 international law enforcement members representing agencies from 28 countries, as well as members of five military organizations and four federal civilian organizations.

Established in 1935, the FBI National Academy provides advanced investigative, management and fitness training to senior law enforcement officers who have demonstrated leadership within their organizations.

The program includes undergraduate- and graduate-level college courses in areas such as law, behavioral and forensic



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Slusser

science, terrorism and leadership development. The academy also provides opportunities for participants to build professional relationships with law enforcement officials from across the country and around the world.

Slusser is a graduate of the University of Virginia's National Criminal Justice Command College and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from Liberty University. He is a Certified Law Enforcement Command Executive Officer through the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and is a recipient of the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award.

-The Salem Times-Register

VA

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community.”

In calendar year 2025, approximately 17,000 veterans, service members and family members received services through Fox grant recipients, a 31% increase from 2024. In addition, 344 at-risk veterans were connected to emergency mental health care through the grants.

Fox grantees also connected 2,647 veterans who had not previously used Veterans Health Administration services with VA care and resources in 2025, nearly 1,000 more than in 2024.

The VA said the number of veterans served through the program is expected to increase in 2026.

The VA is also continuing other suicide prevention efforts nationwide.

During fiscal year 2026 through Sept. 20, the Veterans Crisis Line answered more than 1.3 million calls, chats and texts from veterans, a 7.1% increase over the previous year. The VA reported a 97.3% veteran satisfaction rate.

The VA also has expanded suicide risk screening and comprehensive evaluations. Through August 2026, the department completed more than

5.5 million suicide risk screenings, approximately 100,000 more than in 2025.

The VA continues to expand suicide prevention training for health care professionals at VA facilities and in the community.

The department also provides eligible veterans and certain former service members experiencing an acute suicidal crisis with emergency suicide prevention care through VA and non-VA facilities. Since 2023, nearly 50,000 veterans have used the benefit.

The VA said it has also taken steps to enroll more veterans in VA care. So far in 2026, more than 270,000 veterans have enrolled.

For more information about the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program, including eligibility and application requirements, visit the VA's SSG Fox SPGP website.

For additional information, contact the Salem VA Health Care System Public Affairs Office at VHASAMPublicAffairs@VA.gov.

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Pantries

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three households in the area are experiencing some level of food insecurity, according to the data.

Church members responded by visiting area grocery stores to purchase items requested by the organizations.

“We want to be a church that sees needs in our community and responds to those needs,” church leaders said. “We want to be a Church on Mission.”

The collected food will be distributed through the Salem/Roanoke Food Pantry and the Local Office on Aging to residents experiencing food insecurity.

The effort was intended to put the church's message of service into action by sending members into the community to address an immediate need.



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A truck is loaded with food collected by Fellowship Community Church members Sept. 27 during a churchwide effort to support local food pantries and organizations serving residents facing food insecurity.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

In October 1938, the Salem Times-Register sponsored a “talking motion picture cooking school” at the Salem Theatre. Star in my Kitchen was a full length sponsored silent or early talking motion picture that was shown in local theaters across the United States. This was promotional cooking school movie and not a commercial film release.

The movie was designed to blend a romantic plot about homemaking with practical cooking demonstrations and recipes sponsored by local businesses and newspapers. Its main purpose was to promote modern kitchen appliances and food products and to teach homemaking skills, often through tie-ins with local newspapers and grocery stores. The film was designed to show close-up, detailed, and accurate cooking methods, allowing attendees to see the preparation of food in a way that was difficult to view in live demonstrations. The movie included recipes, tips on preparing leftovers, methods for entertaining graciously and advice on how to be thrifty in the kitchen.

The narrative centered on a young woman, Dedee Abot, trying to learn cooking to win the heart of the man she loves, reinforcing the old saying “the way to a man’s heart is through his stomach”.

The movie played to packed houses all three days of its showing. Admission was free and those attending were eligible for a number of prizes including baskets of groceries, kitchenware, cookie tins, and house frocks, all from local sponsors. Remember this was during the depression so it was a big deal. The prizes were displayed in the front window of the Salem Times-Register office at 217 College Avenue, a block from the theatre. Everyone received a program with the recipes featured in the movie, and each recipe promoted products from the national sponsors. For example, there was asparagus with Velveeta sauce, Quaker Oats oatmeal cookies, banana tea bread with Pillsbury’s Best Flour, and more. There were tips on laundering clothes with Rinso and washing dishes with Lux so dishpan hands would disappear.

Looking back at the vintage paper and its articles for the movie showings prove that homemaking was the primary job of the time for women. Only women and girls got the recipes and the chance to win prizes. Men were excluded for those, if any actually went to the midday showings. Local home economics classes left school to see the movie and included groups of women from Roanoke County, Salem and Roanoke City. Each movie goer received a copy of the Salem Times-Register as they left the theatre.

I could not find any clips of the movie online at all. Most of the information we have comes from historical newspaper archives such as the Virginia Chronicle, which is the online branch of the Library of Virginia.

Here are some of the recipes from that movie. Most are still found on the packages of the products today.

Crisp Oatmeal Cookies

- 3 cups Quaker Oats
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup boiling water
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup Pillsbury’s Best Flour
- 1 cup Spry shortening, melted



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Mix the Quaker Oats with the sugar and flour; add melted Spry and mix well. Dissolve baking soda in boiling water and add mixture. Form the dough into a roll and chill thoroughly. Slice thin and bake in moderate oven (350°F) 5 to 10 minutes.

Banana Tea Bread

- 1¾ cups sifted Pillsbury’s Best Flour
- ¾ teaspoon soda
- 1¼ teaspoons cream of tartar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup Spry shortening
- ⅔ cup sugar
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 cup mashed banana (2 to 3 bananas)
- Sift the flour, soda, cream of tartar and salt together 3 times. Rub the shortening to a creamy consistency with the back of a spoon. Stir the sugar, a few tablespoons at a time, into the Spry and continue stirring after each addition until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Add flour mixture, alternately with banana, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Pour into a well-greased loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) about 1 hour or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Asparagus with Velveeta Sauce

- ½ lb. block of Velveeta
- 1/3 cup milk
- Hot cooked asparagus
- Slowly heat the Velveeta and milk on the top of a double boiler, stirring occasionally until the Velveeta is melted. Serve a generous amount of this hot sauce over each portion of asparagus. Broccoli works great too!

Here are three of the recipes for tea sandwiches for gracious entertaining.

Sardine Sandwich

Place on a slice of whole wheat bread, a lettuce leaf, cover with a layer of sardines, thin slices of tomatoes and a little mayonnaise.

Baked Bean Sandwich

Mash canned baked beans, season with chili sauce and enough mayonnaise to make a good spreading consistency. Place between slice of Boston brown bread.

Shortcake Sandwich

Baking powder biscuit dough is rolled thin and cut with a large round cutter. Two rounds are baked together with a little butter between them. Separate the biscuits and fill with creamed ham or asparagus tips and cheese sauce.

Ham Hashed Peppers

- 6 green peppers
- 1 ½ cups minced cooked ham
- 1 ½ cups cold cooked potatoes
- 1 peeled onion minced
- 1 ½ tablespoons minced parsley
- 2 strips bacon
- 1 ½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 6 tablespoons water
- Pepper
- Cut seed, and boil the peppers for 3 minutes. Mix the ham with the potatoes and onion. Add the minced parsley and



sauté until well heated but not browned in the bacon fat left after cooking the bacon. Add the remaining ingredients. Stuff the pepper shells generously and bake in an



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oven 450 degrees for 15 minutes. A little melted butter on top of the has will aid the browning. I also add a sprinkling of cheese to the top.

VA awards \$28 million in grants to fight Veteran homelessness in Virginia

The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded more than \$28.2 million in grants to 17 community organizations to help Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Virginia during fiscal year 2027.

The funding is part of a record \$1.17 billion in grants awarded to 680 organizations nationwide to address Veteran homelessness. The grants follow the VA’s efforts to house 51,936 homeless Veterans in fiscal year 2025, the highest number in seven years.

Resource and supportive services grants will be distributed through the VA’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families program. The funding will help prevent the imminent loss of housing, identify more suitable housing for Veterans and their families, and rapidly rehouse Veterans who are homeless or at risk of remaining homeless without assistance.

Additional funding for transitional housing and intensive supportive services will be distributed through the VA’s Grant and Per Diem program. The grants will support transitional

housing, service centers and transition-in-place housing, which allows Veterans to remain in their current housing while receiving services to help them move toward permanent, stable housing.

The program also provides special housing designed to better serve women Veterans and Veterans who are chronically mentally ill, frail or elderly.

“We remain committed to ensuring Veterans across Southwest Virginia have a safe, stable place to call home – with access to supportive services through our VA, and via collaborations with local community organizations,” said Tammy Snyder, executive director of the Salem VA Health Care System.

“These grants strengthen our local partnerships, allowing us to meet Southwest Virginia Veterans exactly where they are with the housing and support they deserve. Every Veteran deserves a safe, peaceful place to call home, surrounded by a community that honors their service,” Snyder said.

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Pooh-Palooza!! Celebrate 100 years of Winnie the Pooh!

Join us at the Salem Public Library in our makeshift Hundred Acre Wood on Saturday, October 17, at 2pm for crafts, snacks, games, and more to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Winnie the Pooh and Pals. The event is open to families with children of all ages. Register at salemva.libcal.com Kids are coloring balloons for the bulletin board this week to help Pooh and Piglet float away.

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October Events for Kids!

Friday, October 16, 10:30am, ages 0-5 and their families. The Music Circle is coming to the Salem Public Library! Join the talented Ms. Carla for a free music and movement class full of hands-on learning and play. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Tuesday, October 27, Book Buzz Book Club. It's our book group just for 2nd and 3rd graders. We'll chat about our October book, Simon and Chester: Super Detectives! by Cale Atkinson, eat snacks, and enjoy an activity. Register at salemva.libcal.com We'll email you when your copy of the book is available for pickup! Registration closes Friday, October 23

October Events for T(w)eens

Friday, October 16, 3:30pm. Grades 6-8. Middle School Book Club. Join us as we chat about Anzu

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community Benita VanCleave

and the Realm of Darkness by Mai K. Nguyen. We will have snacks, crafts, and great discussion - we look forward to seeing you! Register at salemva.libcal.com

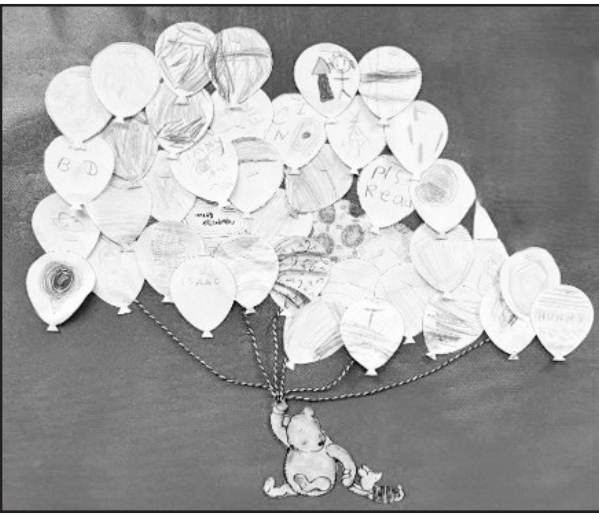
Tuesday, October 20, 4pm. Grades 9-12. Manga Club. Join us for snacks while we discuss Witch Hat Atelier, vol. 1 by Kamome Shirahama. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Wednesday, October 21, 3:30pm, Grades 6-12. Spooky Snowglobes. As the leaves change color and a chill fills the air, join us for some frightful fun! You will learn how to make 2 styles of snow globe - waterless and a glitter jar - to take home with you to celebrate the spooky season. Register at salemva.libcal.com

October Events for Adults

Wednesday, October 21, 6:30pm. Same Page Book Club. An LGBTQ+ book club. This month choose any historical fiction novel to read and share with the group.

Monday, October 26, 1:30-6pm. Red Cross Blood



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Drive at Salem Library. Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org

Tuesday, October 27, 1pm. Afternoon Book Club. Join us this month to discuss "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn, a story of friendship set against the political and social changes of the 1950s.

Wednesday, October 28, 2pm. Solo Aging Café. A welcoming monthly gathering for older adults offering conversation and connection for those living without nearby support. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Feeding Southwest Virginia provides nearly 477,000 meals to children

Feeding Southwest Virginia and its network of community partners provided 476,862 meals and 9,791 snacks to children across the region during the summer, nourishing 6,535 children through a variety of summer feeding programs.

"The current need in Southwest Virginia is heartbreaking," said Brandon Comer, director of children's programs for Feeding Southwest Virginia. Recent data cited by the organization indicates that 55% of residents in Southwest Virginia face hunger, with that figure increasing to 70% among households with children.

"Our impact this summer was guided by many hands

— staff, volunteers, community partners," Comer said. "We all worked together to meet the immense need we see in this region. I am thankful for everyone who contributed this past summer to help reach kids who need help."

Feeding Southwest Virginia used traditional meal programs as well as partnerships designed to reach children in rural and underserved communities.

Through a partnership with Amazon and No Kid Hungry, approximately 3,325 children received 138,313 meals in Craig, Floyd, Montgomery, Dickenson, Wise, Lee, Russell and Wythe counties.

The organization also distributed 28,302 meals through its Children's Feeding Kitchens in Salem and Abingdon. Each meal included milk, vegetables, fruit, whole grains and protein.

Access to fresh produce was another focus of the summer programs. Feeding Southwest Virginia hosted

35 Kids Farmers Markets, providing 1,489 children with access to fresh fruits and vegetables. The markets distributed a total of 15,553 pounds of fresh produce.

Feeding Southwest Virginia will continue working with its network of community partners throughout the year to address childhood hunger.

Feeding Southwest Virginia is a partner food bank of Feeding America. For more than 40 years, the organization has worked to nourish neighbors, engage community partners and develop solutions to address food insecurity.

The food bank secures and distributes more than 20 million pounds of food annually through 275 agency partners operating more than 400 meal programs across its 26-county and nine-city service region.

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Virginia Western also continues to offer a hybrid Class A program through its partnership with Mountain Gateway Community College. The program combines online theory instruction with behind-the-wheel training on manual-transmission equipment. Students can complete the program over several months and earn an unrestricted Class A license. "Our priority is ensuring every student receives rigorous, safety-focused instruction that fits their real-life schedule and leads directly to employment," said Amanda Decker, Workforce Solutions Operations Manager.

The college also provides contract CDL training for municipalities, public works departments, utility providers and private fleets. Training can be conducted using Virginia Western equipment or an employer's

vehicles, with customized schedules and curriculum available for organizations.

Upcoming classes include an Ancora Class A daytime program beginning Oct. 19 and another beginning Nov. 9. Classes will meet Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

An Ancora Class B weekend program begins Oct. 31, meeting Saturdays and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. An Ancora Class A weekend program begins Nov. 28 with the same weekend schedule.

Monthly weekend orientations are available for the hybrid Class A program offered through Mountain Gateway Community College.

Financial assistance may be available to qualified Virginia residents enrolled in any of the three CDL pathways. Some students may qualify for funding



COURTESY PHOTO

Virginia Western Community College is expanding Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training capacity through a new partnership with Ancora Training. Photo courtesy of Ancora Training.

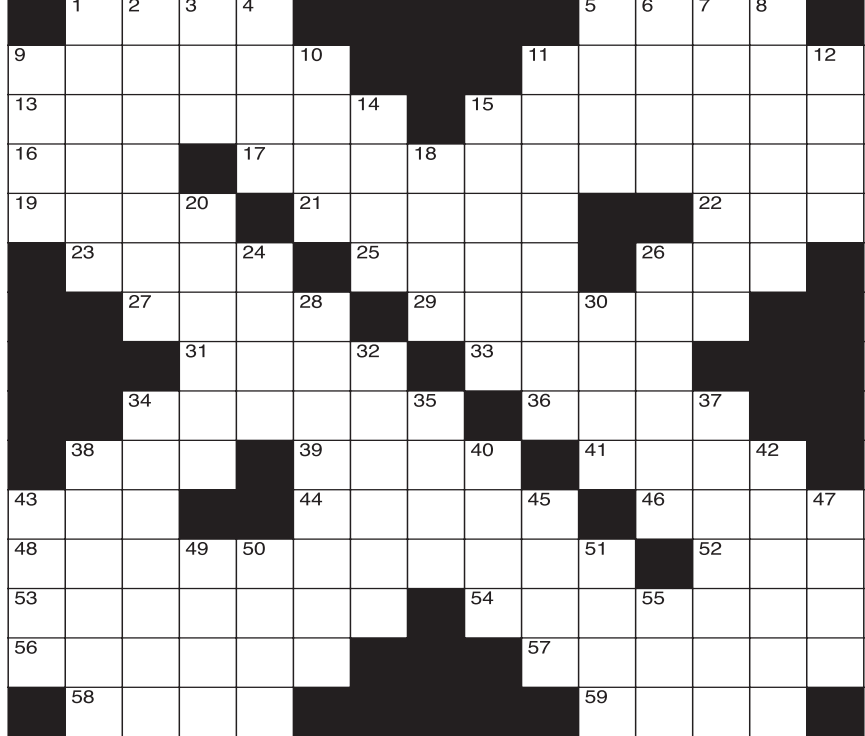
that covers their tuition costs.

For information about enrollment, contact the Virginia Western Enrollment Center at enroll@virginiawestern.edu or 540-857-6076. Organizations interested

in contract training can contact Regina Cook, administrative officer for Training Solutions, at rcook@virginiawestern.edu or 540-205-4723.

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1. Difficult
5. Coarsely ground corn
9. A group of similar things ordered one after another
11. Loved Romeo
13. Something to solve
15. Pelvic areas
16. Informal debt instrument
17. Ineffective
19. A device attached to a workbench
21. Related on the mother's side
22. "Fresh Prince of ___ Air"
23. Astronomer Sagan
25. C. Utah city
26. Turkey
27. Informal terms for money
29. Awakens
31. Those who favored Prohibition
33. Blabbed
34. Looked through
36. Rhode Island rebellion
38. A type of "cast"
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Removed someone's head
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most unnatural
56. "Dennis" is a notable one
57. Ointments
58. Examination
59. Leaked fluid
- CLUES DOWN
1. Brave
2. A state of excitement
8. Irked
9. A disreputable man
10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. A list of woes
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Broadway legend
- Bernadette
18. Monetary unit of Serbia
20. Worn by exposure to
24. A body of traditions
26. Students seek one
28. Hydrophilic amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. Branch of U.S. Congress
34. Swinish
35. Russian assembly
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Set up in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Strong insects
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unhealthy

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I-81

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Drive) at Exit 140; intersection improvements at the southbound Exit 137 off-ramp and Wildwood Road; new interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141; and improved acceleration and deceleration lanes.

Approximately 2.6 miles of new sound barrier walls have also been installed along the northbound lanes.

The opening of the additional lanes means motorists now have three travel lanes in each direction from Exit 137 to Exit 143, where Interstate 81 connects with Interstate 581.

“VDOT would like to thank drivers for their patience during this construction project,” said Dave Covington, I-81 program delivery director for the

Virginia Department of Transportation. “As we continue to make improvements to enhance safety and operations along the I-81 Corridor, please continue to be patient and drive the speed limit within work zones so that everyone can return home to their families every night.”

Work remains on several project features, including landscaping, sign installation and slopes. Lane closures will continue as crews complete those elements.

The project is part of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program,

which is designed to improve safety and reliability, reduce congestion and support economic growth along the interstate. The \$4 billion program includes 65 construction projects and operational improvements along 325 miles of I-81 in Virginia.

More information about the program, including interactive maps, videos, podcasts and details about current and upcoming projects, is available at Improve81.org.

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Dixie Caverns

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underground chambers. Visitors can see the mineral deposits shimmering throughout the cave as they move between chambers and passageways.

Dixie Caverns is also home to wildlife, including bats and salamanders. Tricolored bats can be found in portions of the cave, while Dixie Cavern salamanders inhabit small pools and crevices within the underground environment.

The cave also has a connection to the animals that helped shape its history. A small opening in the ceiling marks the location associated with the discovery of the cavern. According to the cave's history, a dog named Dixie fell through the opening, giving the caverns their name.

Dixie Caverns opened to the public in 1923 and has since become a destination for visitors interested in Virginia's geology and natural history.

One of the more unusual experiences

offered during the tour comes when the cave's lights are turned off. For several minutes, visitors experience the caverns in complete darkness, surrounded by the natural silence of the underground chambers.

The experience provides a sense of the environment that exists beyond the artificial lighting used to guide visitors through the cave.

After completing the tour, visitors can explore the rock, mineral and gift shop near the cavern entrance, which features fossils, minerals and other geological specimens.

Dixie Caverns is located at 5753 W. Main St. in Salem. The caverns offer visitors a chance to see geological formations that have developed underground while learning about the history and natural features of one of the area's longstanding attractions.

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BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - 1683 Red Lane Extension, Salem, Va. Senior Pastor Jesse L. Bass. 540-580-7748. Sunday morning worship 10:30am. Wednesday night, Bible Study Bible Engagement Project (A Walk through the 66 books of the Bible in one year), 5:00pm.

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.

RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST - 703 Hemlock Rd NW Roanoke, VA 24017 www.rwbcva.com, 540-362-6492 Dan Carawan, Pastor Buck Hutton, Youth Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 AM; Morning Worship: 11:00 AM; Adult Study: 1:45 PM, Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00 PM; Youth: 6:30 PM; Choir/Praise Practice: 7:00 PM. UPCOMING: Saturday, August 1st, 2026 - Special singing from Joe Overfelt at 6pm.

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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.

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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

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.

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

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

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Public Auction

LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction will be held on Wednesday October 14, 2026 at 10 a.m. at Grand Storage of Vinton 1119 Vinyard Rd, Vinton, VA 24179, to sell personal property in the following units: Ashley Spence Unit D4-B Jeremy Thompson Unit C-20

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

BUCKOS TRIPSTOP INC., trading as TRIPSTOP BUCKOS, 1700 West Main Street, Radford Va 24141.

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

Tejendrakumar Patadia, President

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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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, October 27, 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 applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that a public hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia to receive public comment on a proposed Ordinance Designating a 2025 Ford Econoline Van used as a mobile vet clinic owned by the Humane Society of the New River Valley exempt from Taxation. 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

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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

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1449 LAKERIDGE CIRCLE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

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 percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepите.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepите.com. VA-372477-1.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL26001794-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 CARMEL JACINTA CULLOP v. AARON CHANCE LYALL

The object of this suit is to: ANNULMENT It is ORDERED that AARON CHANCE LYALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before NOVEMBER 20, 2026 @ 9:00 AM. Entered September 17, 2026 Honorable K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

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

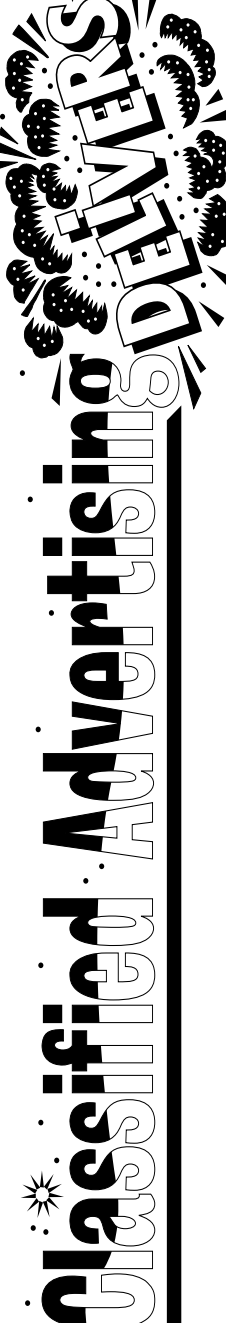
At its regular meeting on October 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: Consider the request of Salem Body Shop, LLC, to amend Chapter 66, Signs, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, by adding Section 66-106, Comprehensive Sign Plan, pertaining to the establishment of a permit process for comprehensive signage plans for eligible properties. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1796 ARCHWAY ROAD, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 31, 2011, in the original principal amount of \$75,225.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 110001453. 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 December 11, 2026, at 2:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT IN THE STATE OF VA. LOT 13, CONTAINING 2.353 ACRES, ACCORDING TO A PLAT SHOWING MOUNTAIN ESTATES, MADE FOR CLARENCE E. LEONARD BY THOMAS W. GUFFEY, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED JANUARY 17, 1984, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 214. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.aldridgepите.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller

confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepите.com. 1190-2348B.



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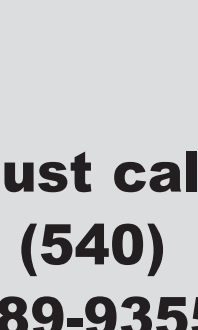
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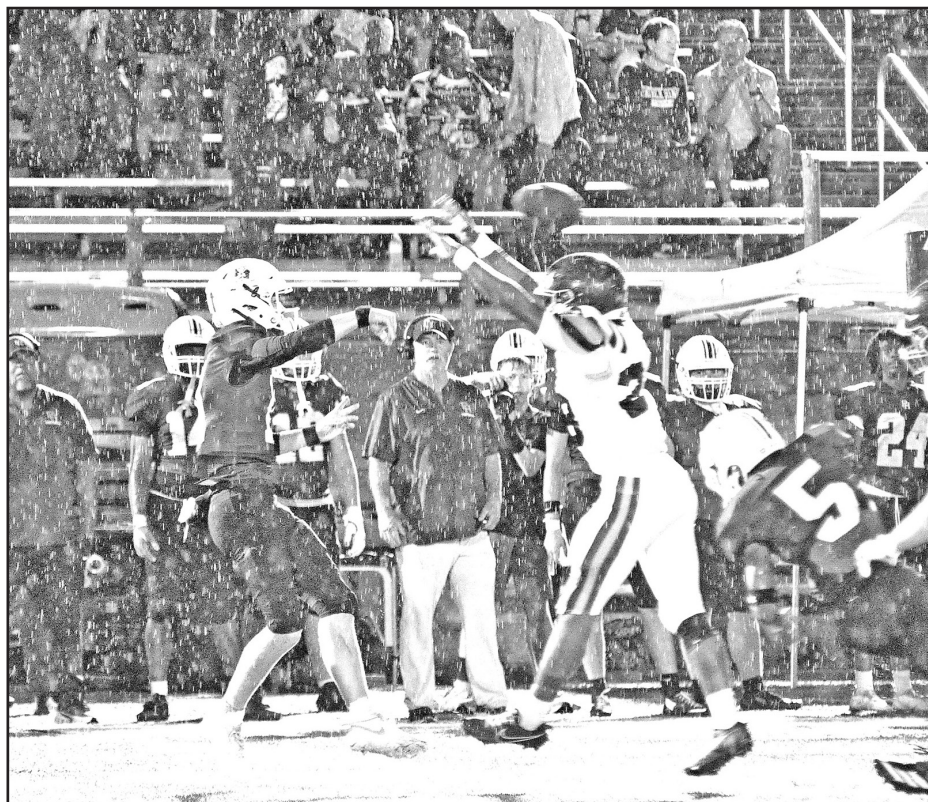
On defense Jamalachi Law and Nick Baxley had six tackles each while Woolwine and Braylan Smith had five each. Woolwine and Smith had sacks.

Now 5-1, the Spartans will regroup with Cave Spring coming to Salem for Homecoming Friday night. The Knights are 3-3 after losing a close game at Blacksburg last Friday, 34-27. That snapped a three game winning streak.

Salem has won the last 15 meetings with Cave Spring, going back to 2010, and the Spartans have won 37 of the last 39 games between the two. With that said, Holter won't be taking anyone lightly after last week's loss to PH.

"We didn't play well last week and I feel like we have a renewed sense of vigor, both the coaches and the players," he said. "Cave Spring is a well-coached team and they're getting better."

Salem's jayvees lost to PH as well, 20-12. The jayvees will be at Bogle Field tonight to play the Cave Spring junior varsity.



Above, Salem's Joe Henderson puts pressure on Patrick Henry quarterback Jake Painter in the rain during last Friday's game in Roanoke. Left, Spartans Parker Woolwine (#10) and Jamalachi Law (#7) combine to tackle Kyshead Arrington.

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Please forgive us for last week's boner

As I'm sure you noticed, the games in the paper for last week's football contest were pretty easy pick. That's because they were the same games from week prior.

Due to an oversight in "the process," the games were not changed from the prior week, so it was easy to pick the winner of the Salem-Blacksburg game. That was brought to our attention early Thursday morning and our staff did their best to make sure we had a football contest last week. The correct games were put on our website and distributed on social media. Also, for those of you who came to the office Friday Betsy at the front desk printed up a bunch of correct forms for people to fill out.

As it turns out we had a decent number of contestants and we'll declare a winner. However, we'll also extend the contest an extra week in December so everyone will get a fair chance to win the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's.

And one more thing. Last week was supposed to be a "playoff" between Randal Sowers and Danny Webb, who tied for first place the previous week. Danny did not enter last week's contest, so that playoff will now be held this week. The one who does the best between Randal and Danny will be declared winner of the contest that appeared in the September 24 edition.

With that out of the way, last week's winner is Kevin Floyd of Roanoke, who missed three games and was closest to the high point total of 52 by Roanoke College. He'll get the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's.

The winner of the free day of golf is Pam "The Little General" Cassell who was closest to our 19th Hole question. I asked you to pick the score of the Salem-Patrick Henry game and the actual score was 41-22 in favor of the Pats. Pam guessed 35-31 which was 15 points off, and that was the closest as the majority of our readers picked the Spartans to win.

For this week's 19th Hole give me your prediction of the game between Hampden-Sydney and Roanoke College at Salem Stadium Saturday afternoon. The closest to the actual score will get a free day of golf at the Salem Municipal course on Academy Street.

—Brian Hoffman

GLENVAR FOOTBALL

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Pioneer and it added a little incentive to the game, even though the two teams were no longer district rivals.

Now, both are in the Three Rivers District and it's a big game both for the chair, district bragging rights, and VHSL points for post-season possibilities. Glenvar has held the chair for the past 11 meetings, and holds a 22-6 edge overall, but the Knights see an opportunity to regain the rocker this year.

"It's been awhile, long before I was here, but the kids know about it and would love to have it back at James River," said Knights coach Jack Baker, a James River graduate who is in his second year as head coach.

The Highlanders are determined not to let that happen. Coach Kevin Clifford has been the keeper of the chair, painting it and repairing it when needed. In the past 11 years it's been in the library or the locker room, but if Glenvar can make

it a dozen years in a row Kevin wants to put it in the front office where everyone can see it.

"This is a big deal for us and it's a big game for them," said Clifford. "They're well coached and they have tough kids."

The Highlanders have won this game 11 years in a row but they know streaks can be broken. Last week in Hillsville the Carroll County team defeated Glenvar, 38-21, for their first win over the Highlanders in school history. The rivalry started in 2017 and Glenvar had won all eight meeting prior to last Friday.

"We let them convert too many fourth downs," said Clifford. "They played keep-away with 70 plays to our 34."

Glenvar took an early lead when Kiptyn Jones scored on a six yard run. The Cavaliers answered with a score and a two-point conversion, but Glenvar regained the lead at 13-8 on a 28 yard TD pass from Jones to Grayson Harris. Carroll

then scored again, adding another two, and led 16-13 at the half.

Carroll outscored the Highlanders 22-8 in the second half. Ben Brown scored on a 69 yard TD pass from Jones and it was still a close game after three quarters, with Carroll leading 24-21. However, Carroll continued to control the game as Glenvar had just four offensive plays in the fourth quarter and the Cavs held on for the win to remain undefeated after six games.

Glenvar fell to 3-3 with the loss, the first time they haven't had a winning record after six games since they started 3-3 in 2019. The Highlanders won six of their last eight games that year and Clifford is hoping his team makes a similar run this season.

The Highlanders beat Carroll in last week's jayvee game, 26-16. The jayvees are in Buchanan tonight to take on James River, but no chairs are on the line for that one.

GMS will host HV for last game tonite

The Glenvar Middle School football team will be home tonight for their final game of the season. The Highlanders will host Hidden Valley at 6:30 pm.

Last week the middle school Highlanders had a tough chore as they traveled to Blacksburg. The Bruins took a 28-6 win as Glenvar lost for just the second time in nine games.

"Blacksburg proved to be a strong opponent," said GMS coach Raysean Priest. "We battled hard throughout the game but struggled to slow down the Blacksburg offense. The Highlanders look to learn from the loss and get back on track this week."

Wolverines going for undefeated season

The Andrew Lewis Middle School eighth grade football team will be looking to complete an undefeated season this week with a Wednesday game at Pulaski. The Wolverines are 8-0 after a 54-6 win over Northside Middle on Jim Hickam Field last week.

The defense gave the Norsemen fits all game, led by Graham Pollard, Landynn Booth, Kaden Hughes, Mayson Henderson, Josh Elliott and Adrian Simmons, who recovered a Northside fumble. Trystan Gaines scooped up a fumble and ran it back for a score and others who contributed to an outstanding defensive effort were Liam Park, A. J. Parker, Cyrus Walia, Eli King, Sam Gillespie, Cam Scharnus, Mark Salinas and Luca Smith.

The Wolverines jumped on Northside early with 34 first half points. Scoring touchdowns were Pollard, Henderson, Elliott and Aaron Brower, who caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Maclin Hale. Brower also scored two special teams touchdowns, returning a kickoff and a punt for scores.

The offensive line of Jaxson Cooner, Kaden Hughes, Grayson Lavinder, Cam Martin and Alden Sowers controlled the line of scrimmage for Lewis.

Also, the Lewis seventh grade team beat Northside 26-6 to improve to 4-3 on the season. The seventh graders were scheduled to wrap up their season with Central Academy on Wednesday.



The Andrew Lewis Middle School offensive line opens a big hole for Graham Pollard as he runs for a touchdown against Northside last week.

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Hokies suffer 1st loss

Right, the sideline makes the call as Virginia Tech's Que'Sean Brown runs for a touchdown in last Friday's game against Pitt at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg. Far right, Jeffrey Overton, Jr. of the Hokies jumps over teammate Ja'Ricous Hairston to pick up yardage. The Hokies lost for the first time in five games when a last second field goal attempt was wide left, resulting in a 35-33 defeat. They'll try to bounce back this week with a 3:30 pm game Saturday at the University of California.

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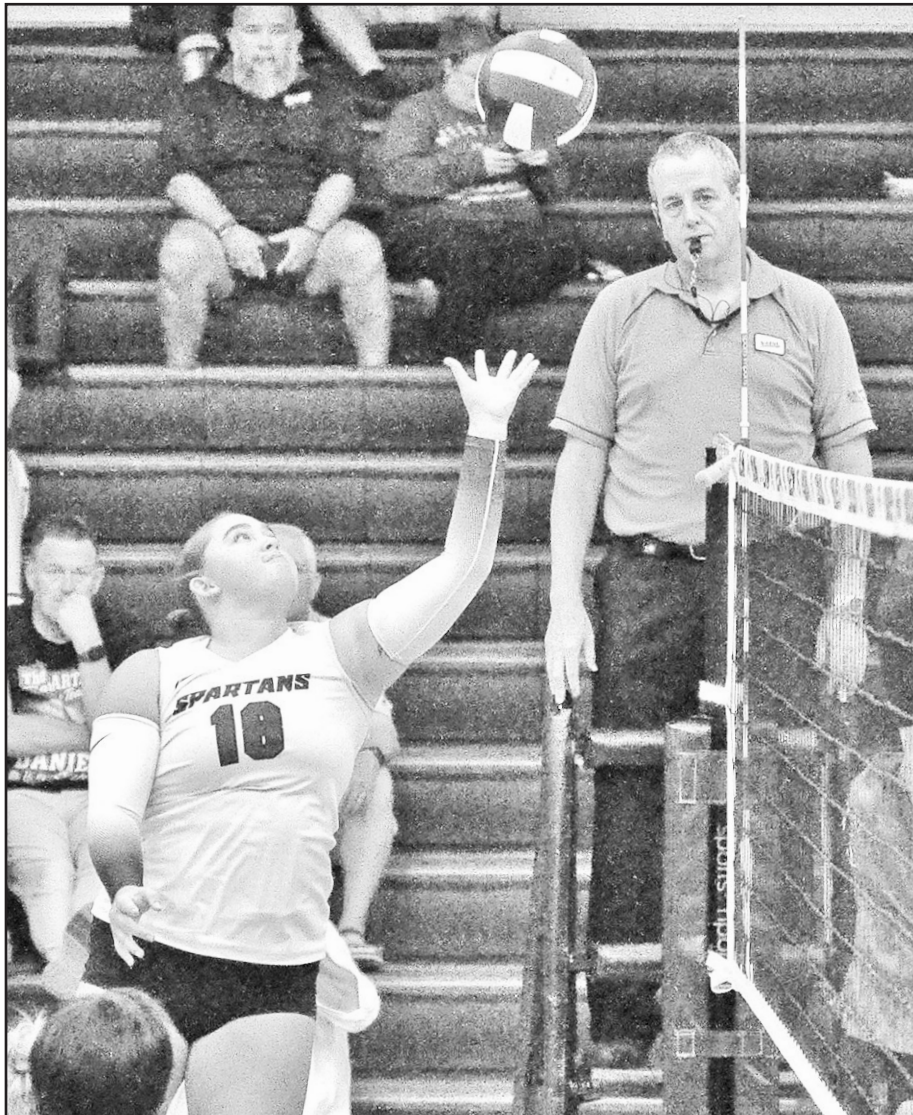
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Salem's Macy Gibson plays the net.

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Spartans host Bruins tonight

The Salem High volleyball team is 7-8 after a River Ridge District loss at Cave Spring Tuesday. The Spartans lost in three sets, 25-18, 25-22 and 25-22.

Last Wednesday at home Salem had a non-district match with Roanoke Catholic and won in three sets, 25-14, 25-15 and 25-16. Kourtney Goens led Salem with a dozen kills and McKenzie Holland served up five aces.

The Spartans will be home to take on Blacksburg in another district match tonight.

Next Tuesday Salem will be home to Hidden Valley and a week from tonight the Spartans go to Christiansburg.

Captains edge RC women's soccer

The Roanoke College women's soccer team fell at home, 1-0, to visiting Christopher Newport University in non-conference play as both teams battled rainy conditions at Salem's Kerr Stadium. The game's start time was moved back an hour due to the inclement weather.

The Captains' Grace Shifflett punched in a goal in the 22nd minute which would end up as the only score of the game. Rebecca Carr fired off two shots on goal for the Maroons

and keeper Grace Suchy notched four saves.

With the win Christopher Newport improved to 6-1-3 on the season and the Maroons fell to 5-3-3. Roanoke will hit the road this week with a game in Lynchburg against Randolph College on Wednesday and a trip to Virginia Beach to take on Batten University on Saturday. Batten is the former Virginia Wesleyan University.

The next home game is Wednesday, October 14, against Hollins University.

W&L blanks Roanoke men



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Ed Law handles the ball for Roanoke.

The Roanoke College men's soccer team was shut out for the fifth time in nine games this season when the Maroons dropped a 2-0 decision to Washington & Lee in Lexington last Saturday. The Generals are the eighth ranked NCAA Division III team in the nation.

W&L scored first in the 36th minute and doubled their lead in the 58th minute. Denzel Marufu recorded three saves for Roanoke while Miles Furman made three for W&L. Ed Law and Slate Danforth each had two shots for the Maroons but weren't able to find the net.

Roanoke took a 3-6 overall record into Wednesday's game at Kerr Stadium in Salem against the University of Mary Washington. This Saturday the Maroons have an ODAC game at Hampden-Sydney.

Roanoke College field hockey team wins in shootout, 3-2

The Roanoke College women prevailed in a shootout for a 3-2 field hockey win over Batten University in Virginia Beach last Saturday. Batten is the former Virginia Wesleyan University.

After a shotless first half, Landry Meyer scored for Batten, but Roanoke's Corinne Orlando answered six minutes later. Meyer would go on to score her second goal in the 48th minute, but Orlando answered again

for the Maroons two minutes later and a shootout was needed to declare a winner.

Gisele Harris and Sophie Baker scored for Roanoke in the penalty shootout while RC goalie Willemijn Van Putten stopped four Marlins players from scoring to secure the win.

With the win the Maroons improved to 4-5 on the season. They were scheduled to host Washington & Lee in Salem on Wednesday.

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First district loss for Glenvar

The Glenvar High volleyball team is 12-3 after a loss against Carroll County at GHS Tuesday. The Highlanders are now 7-1 in the Three Rivers District with a big game coming up against James River tonight.

The Highlanders fell in four to Carroll, 25-17, 13-25, 25-20 and 25-14. Emily Rohrback had a good night with 20 assists, five kills, 14 digs and a pair of aces. Grace Fiedler had 11 kills, Zella Hayes had 10 and Macy McMahon had 30 digs.

"We just had a bad night, and Carroll's good," said Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback.

Last Thursday in Martinsville the Highlanders won in three sets, 25-7, 25-7 and 25-11. Fiedler had seven kills and Emily Rohrback had nine aces.

Tonight the Highlanders are at Buchanan to take on River, an always formidable opponent. The Knights are 10-4 overall and will be fired up to take on the Highlanders after losing in three sets in their prior meeting at Glenvar.

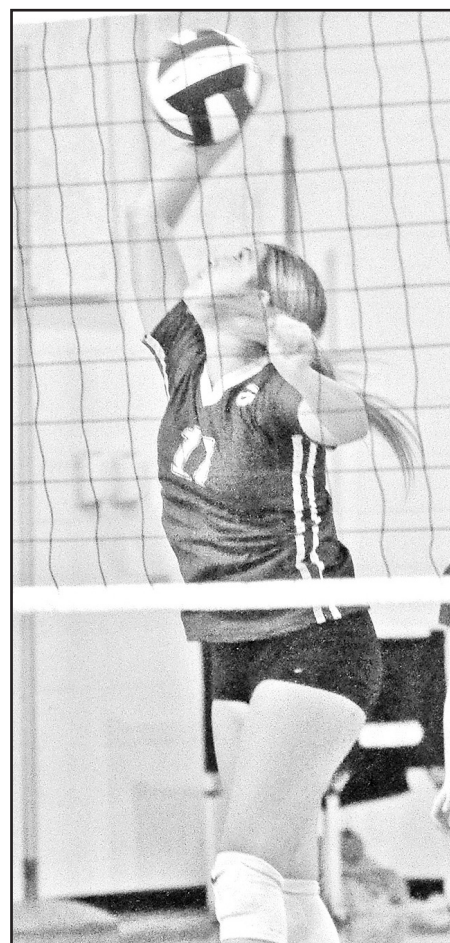
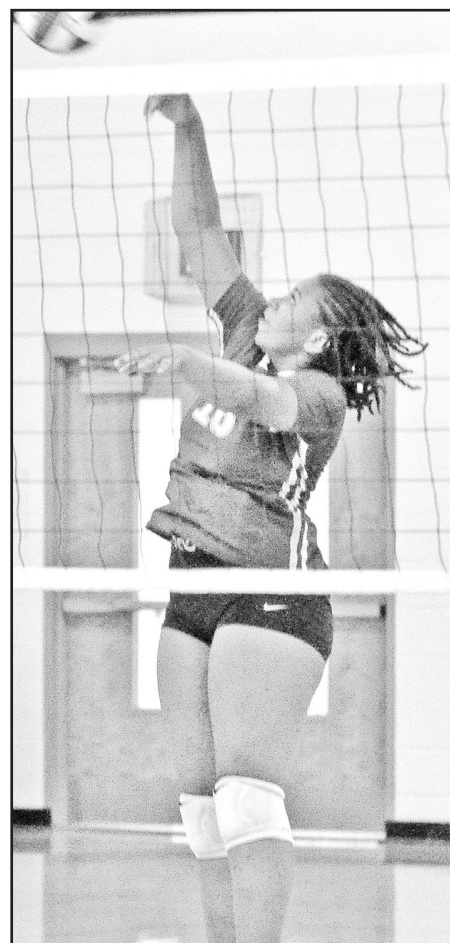
Next week Glenvar has two home matches, both against Three Rivers teams. The Highlanders



Emily Rohrback serves.

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will host Radford on Tuesday and Patrick County a week from Tuesday and Patrick tonight.



GMS has two games remaining

Olivia Priest(left) and Emily Franklin spike the ball for the Glenvar Middle School volleybal team in Monday's home match with Central Academy. The Highlanders lost in two sets and will be back in action today at Shawsville. Their final match is at home next Tuesday with Radford.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC volleyball has home matches

The Roanoke College volleyball team improved to 11-4 with a four set win over Hood College in Frederick, MD last Friday. Roanoke won 25-16, 21-25, 25-16 and 25-16.

The Maroons' Kaci Morrison had 10 kills and five blocks and Karly Shipe also had 10 kills. Zarah Love tallied eight kills and five blocks while Raygan Wade had a big night with 19 assists, 12 digs and three service aces. Abby Bishop added 11 digs and Teagan Hubble contributed a match-high 22 digs.

The Maroons were scheduled to play at Bridgewater Wednesday for a non-conference match. On Friday they'll host Shenandoah University at the Cregger Center at 6 pm and this Saturday Eastern Mennonite is here for a noon "Senior Day" match.

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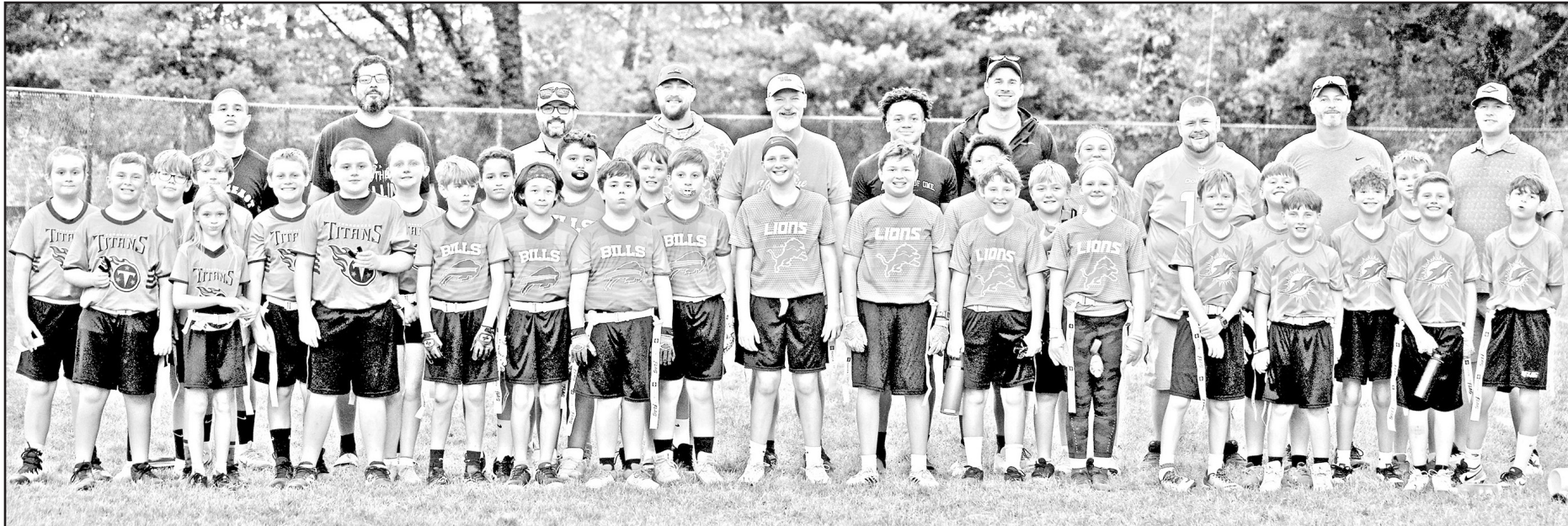
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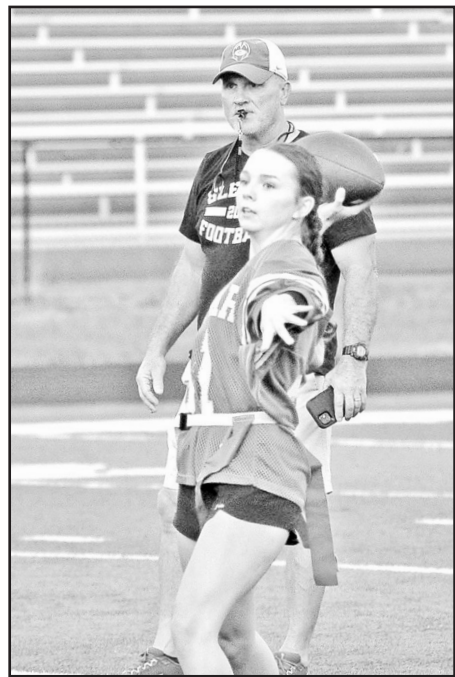
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Sandlot Super Bowl playoffs begin this Saturday at Bogle Field

Bogle Field, behind Cave Spring Middle School, will be the site for opening round games of the Tri-Counties Sandlot Super Bowl Playoffs this Saturday. The event will include sandlot football teams in three divisions from Salem, Roanoke County, Botetourt County and Franklin County.

This Saturday at 9 am the 8U tournament opens with Salem-Kesler against North Roanoke. Three 10U games follow beginning with Vinton against Franklin County at 10:15 am Salem-Abbott and Glenvar-Fridley teams will play at 11:30 am and Botetourt will take on the other Franklin County team

at 12:45 pm. The tournament continues on October 17 with 8U games at Bogle Field, 10U games at Franklin County and 12U games at Northside. Semifinals are October 24 and the three Sandlot Super Bowl championship games will be at Salem Stadium on November 7.



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GHS Powder Puff

Left, quarterback Sawyer Wilson of the Glenvar Senior Powder Puff team is ready to pass as referee Kevin Clifford looks on. Middle, girls jump for the pass and, right, Maddie Frackelton comes down with the ball for a Senior touchdown. The Seniors took a 24-16 win in the annual Homecoming week game at Highlander Stadium. This year's game was delayed a week by inclement weather.

Maroons hire coach to start up women's flag football team

Roanoke College named Elizabeth Faust as the inaugural women's flag football coach last week. She began her duties this week with the first Maroon flag team to debut in the spring of 2028. "I am incredibly excited and honored to join the Roanoke College team," said Faust. "Thank you to President Frank Shushok, Athletics Director Curtis Campbell and everyone involved in bringing women's flag football to Roanoke College. This is a tremendous chance to build something special and create more opportunities for women to play this great game at the college level. I look forward to developing student-athletes on and off the field and building a program that our team, college, and community can be proud of." Faust brings a wealth of flag football experience to the Maroons after working more than 10 years for USA Football. During this time, she managed the men's and women's flag national teams and assisted in creating and managing the junior flag national team program at the U15 and U17 levels. These teams competed in international competitions at IFAF World Championships, the World Games, and the Junior International Cup. Elizabeth also worked with the NFL FLAG program from 2012 to 2019, assisting youth flag leagues across the country with resources and equipment, as

well as hosting regional and national tournaments. She most recently served as the Associate Director of Donor Experience for the Virginia Athletics Foundation at the University of Virginia starting in Sept. 2023. "I am thrilled to welcome Elizabeth as the first head coach of our women's flag football program," said Roanoke College Director of Athletics Curtis Campbell. "From the beginning of this process, we looked for a coach who could not only build a competitive program but also create a positive, inclusive experience for our student-athletes. Elizabeth brings tremendous energy, leadership, and a clear vision for the program's future. I am confident that she will lay an outstanding foundation for women's flag



ELIZABETH FAUST

football at Roanoke College and make a lasting impact on our student-athletes and our department. This is an exciting time for the sport, and we are fortunate to have Elizabeth leading the way as we launch this new chapter." Faust earned both her undergraduate (exercise science) and graduate (sport management) degrees from the University of Tennessee. Women's flag football is an NCAA Emerging Sport and is positioned to pursue NCAA championship status, with the potential to host its inaugural championship as early as spring 2028. The sport is also set to make its Olympic debut at the 2028 Summer Games in Los Angeles, further highlighting its rapid growth and increasing global recognition. Women's collegiate flag football, which spans from February to May, is a 7-on-7 competition played in four 12-minute quarters on a football field 40 yards wide by 80 yards long. Each team moves offensively by running or passing a football, while the defense tries to "tackle" by pulling flags on the ball carrier's belt. The Maroon flag football team will be a member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), which could be the league's next full varsity sport, with hopes of an automatic qualifier to the NCAA Tournament.

Spartans run on wet day at Green Hill Park

It was a cold and rainy day at Green Hill Park in Roanoke County last Saturday but the show went on for the East Coast Elite Meet and Salem High runners were in the field. In the boys' race Salem finished seventh among 17 teams. John Stovall led the Spartans with a 14th place finish out of 180

runners. Also scoring for Salem were Austin Prosser, Isaac Snow, Camden Burns and Beckett Miller. In the girls race Salem was led by Keeley Prosser, and also scoring were Ashlyn Davis, Isabelle Henzey, Addison Hancock and Aerlis Salinas-Miguel. The Spartans were scheduled

to host their annual meet at the Salem Municipal Golf Course on Academy Street on Wednesday. It was "Senior Day" with Cave Spring providing the opposition. This Saturday the Salemites will be at Poplar Forest for the annual "Runnin' with the Wolves" event, hosted by Jefferson Forest High School.

Highlanders are fourth among 25 at Sugar Hollow

The Glenvar cross country team competed in the Randy Smith Classic meet at Sugar Hollow Park in Bristol last week. The meet was hosted by John S. Battle High School.

In the boys' three mile run Asher Faught led the Highlanders with a time of 17:33, good for ninth place overall among 282 runners. Evan Harris was 15th, Zachary Davis was 22nd, Hudson Brendal

was 43rd and Colin Graffeo was 51st for Glenvar. Christiansburg was the boys' team champ among 25 schools competing. Glenvar's boys finished fourth behind

the Blue Demons, Tennesse High and Cave Spring. Christiansburg also won the girls' team title. Two girls ran in the meet for Glenvar, Annaleigh Hall and Lesly Garcia.



Left to right, Glenvar's John Deel, Easton Quesenberry and Mason Young played in the Region 2C golf tournament Monday.

3RD sends 2 to state golf

The Three Rivers District has been strong in golf all season and Monday two teams from the district advanced to the state tournament. Floyd County was first and James River was second, and both will play in the Class 2 state tournament at the Hobbs Hole Golf Course in Tappahannock, VA next Monday. Floyd won the tournament with a score of 316 while River was close behind at 321. James River had the top two players in the tournament as senior Landon Bolling was medalist with a five under par 67 and fellow River senior Mason Gilliland took second with an even par 72. Three Glenvar players competed in the tournament as individuals. Sophomore John Deel shot an 82 and was finished just two strokes away from qualifying for the state tournament. Glenvar's Easton Quesenberry shot an 88 and Mason Young had a 95. "Stoney Creek proved to be a tough test," said Glenvar coach Shawn Duff. "I am very proud of the efforts of our three regional qualifiers. They fought and tried their best."



Half Marathon is Sat.

The annual LewisGale Salem Half Marathon will be held through the streets of Salem this Saturday beginning at 8 am. An 8K and kids run are also offered for the 10th anniversary of an event that was first held on October 15, 2016. The races will start at the Salem Farmers' Market, as usual. There is currently construction on Main Street at that location, but it will be cleaned up for the race on Saturday so the runners can start at their normal spot. The Half Marathon and Virginia's Blue Ridge 8K will take the gun at 8 am followed by the G&H Contracting Kids 2 Mile Fun Run at 8:05 am. A one mile fun run for kids will start at 8:10 am, also sponsored by G&H Contracting. The races start and finish at the Farmers Market and take the competitors on a scenic tour of Salem. The course winds through neighborhoods, the YMCA, the Taliaferro Complex, Roanoke College and the downtown business district. People driving through Salem on Saturday should be aware of road closures, which can be found on the LewisGale Salem Half Marathon website. There will also be areas that will be marked "No Parking."

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Above, Salem's Jordan McCadden jumps over the line to pick up yards in last Friday's game at Patrick Henry. Right, Jayden Wood (#36) blocks for DaVon Jones as he returns an interception in the rain.

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Rocking chair is on the line Friday nite

The Glenvar football team is hoping to make it a dozen straight years of rocking this Friday when James River comes to town for a Three Rivers District football game. This one is for the "Virginia Media Rocking Chair," with kickoff scheduled for 7 pm at Highlander Stadium.

The Highlanders will have the chair on the sidelines for the victor to take home after the game as the winner gets to keep the rocker, painted in James River and Glenvar colors, until next year's game. Virginia Media publishes both the Fincastle Herald and Salem Times-Register newspapers, covering both participants, and it's been an annual right since Glenvar left the Pioneer District for the Three Rivers in 1996. The two teams had been big rivals in the

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Glenvar assistant coach Max Crush talks things over with the defense at a recent game.

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William Byrd grad Jerrett Shepherd rushed for 166 yards in Roanoke's win over Guilford.

Tigers are big test for unbeaten Maroons

The Roanoke College football team will get their biggest test of the season to date when the Maroons host Old Dominion Athletic Conference rival Hampden-Sydney this Saturday. Kick-off is set for 4 pm at Salem Stadium.

The Maroons are 4-0 after pummeling Guilford in their ODAC opener last weekend. Roanoke sophomore Jerrett Shepherd rushed for 166 yards in a 52-24 win at Appenzeller Field in Greensboro, NC.

The Maroons have yet to be truly tested this season, but Saturday that will change. Hampden-Sydney is a traditionally strong conference team and the Tigers are off to a 3-1 start, including a 30-14 win over Shenandoah in their ODAC opener in Winchester last week.

The Tigers have a solid ground attack. Senior Terry Hicks became only the fourth back in ODAC history to run for over 300 yards in a game when he piled up 317 rushing yards in a win over the University of New England on September 19.

The Maroons got a big game from Shepherd against Guilford, as the former William Byrd Terrier scored three times in the win. The Maroons went up early, scoring on their first drive of the game when reigning ODAC Offensive Player of the Week

Linwood Johnson found KJ Bratton for a 33-yard touchdown. The Quakers countered with a rushing touchdown but didn't convert the extra point.

Shepherd put the Maroons up 14-6 with a nine-yard rushing score. A Guilford field goal and touchdown gave the home team a 16-14 lead late in the second quarter before RC's Cole Chizuk caught a 25-yard touchdown pass to put RC back ahead and the Maroons took the 21-16 lead into intermission.

Shepherd ran 75 yards to pay dirt on the opening play of the second half, then Ethan Cyr drilled a 45-yard field goal. Johnson completed passes to Grey Deal and Jackson Swanson, and Shepherd ran it in from 18 yards out to complete the scoring as the Maroons scored 31 points in the second half.

Shepherd needed just 12 carries for his 166 yards, averaging 13.8 yards per rush. Johnson completed 16-of-26 passes for four touchdowns and Chizuk corralled six passes for 82 yards and one score. The Maroons outgained Guilford 242-50 on the ground.

On defense JaePharoah Carpenter made nine tackles and broke up two passes. Landon Altizer and Brayden Andrews each made nine stops while Lane Shoemaker, Connor Cox and Briggs Smithson recorded interceptions.

Salem golfers qualify for state tournament

The Salem High golfers are going to the state Class 4 tournament. Salem finished second in Tuesday's Region 4D tournament to clinch a spot in the state tourney next Monday at the Cutalong course at the Tributer Resort in Mineral, VA.

The regional was held at the par 72 Winchester Country Club. Blacksburg High, a fellow member of the River Ridge District with Salem, won the region team title with a 299. The top two teams advanced and Salem was second at 316, 16 strokes ahead of third place Millbrook who came in at 332.

Caitlyn Baxter of Amherst County was the medalist with a six-under-par 66. Salem's best score was a one-under 71 by Ashnoor Kaur. Also scoring for Salem were Mike Bateman at 79, JD Williamson at 81 and Chloe Collins and McKenzie Eversole tied for the fifth scoring spot with 85 each. Croix Bowen also played for Salem and shot 90.

The Spartans now advance to the state tournament in Mineral. The Cutalong course is challenging and beautiful. A second course is currently being designed at the Tributer Resort

by Tiger Woods.

Salem will play a practice round on Sunday, followed by a rules dinner on Sunday evening. The Spartans will stay overnight to be ready for a run at the state championship Monday. Blacksburg, the five time defending state champ, figures to be the favorite again and Jamestown has had rounds under par this season.

"I feel like we have a chance," said Salem coach Blaine Hancock. "We've beaten Blacksburg on occasion this season, so the kids know they can do it if they have a good day."



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Mike Bateman shot a 79 at the region tournament.