Spartan football team heads to Pulaski following bye week - See sports

VESTED PARTNERS
MULTI-FAMILY OFFICE
LEGAL
FINANCIAL
FIDUCIARY
INSURANCE
Robyn Smith Ellis, Attorney
www.vestedmfo.com
540.389.6060

SALEM TIMES-REGISTER
Thursday, October 22, 2026 • (USPS 631-140) • $1.50

VESTED PARTNERS
A MULTI-FAMILY OFFICE
LEGAL
FINANCIAL
FIDUCIARY
INSURANCE
David Ellis, CFP®, AIF®
www.vestedmfo.com
540.389.6060

OurValley.org

Salem schools maintain accreditation

3 of the 6 earn 'distinguished' status

The Salem City Schools Board of Education was informed during their monthly meeting last week that all six of the division's schools remain fully accredited, with three of the six earning "distinguished" status -- the highest level of accreditation awarded by the Virginia Department of Education.

The ratings came from the VDE's annual School Performance and Support Framework

Two of the four elementary schools, G.W. Carver, West Salem, were named distinguished, as was Andrew Lewis Middle School.

South Salem Elementary and Salem High School also scored in the distinguished range, but due to being identified for Targeted Support and Improvement in one of the academic benchmarks, was instead put in the "meets expectations" range.

Salem Superintendent Curtis Hicks said South Salem and Salem High were both identified as needing improvement in the area of academic performance benchmarks for students with disabilities.

SALEM CITY SCHOOLS
COURTESY IMAGE

Hicks said the category includes students receiving special education services under an Individualized Education Program due to learning disabilities, physical disabilities, speech and language impairments, developmental delays, and other health impairments.

East Salem Elementary was also given the "meets expectations" rating, however, the school showed significant improvement from the previous cycle, Hicks said.

Hicks told the board that his administration has already implemented a multifaceted action plan, which began with reviewing subgroup data to address performance gaps and support every student.

The plan includes:

- Data-driven interventions with the students when possible needs are identified during targeted instructional strategies.

See **Schools**, page 2

Colors of the Fall



PHOTO BY STEVE HEMPHILL

Scores of potential jack-o-lanterns sit in front of Salem American Legion Post 3 early Tuesday morning. The Legion is hosting its "Pumpkin Patch" sale through the end of the month; proceeds will support local veterans and others in the community. Hours of operation are 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturdays and noon-7 p.m. on Sundays.



FILE PHOTO

Williams.

Judge gives Williams 5 years

The Roanoke man who pleaded no contest to manslaughter in connection with the death of his girlfriend was sentenced to 20 years in prison on Oct. 16 – with all but five of those suspended.

Jeremy Christopher Williams, 33, had been charged with second-degree murder in the death of Ashley Marie Gearhart, 32, according to court documents, and his case was set for trial last summer. The trial was not held after Williams agreed to the no-contest plea of the lesser charge.

According to court records, Williams also received credit for the time he has already served, which is nearly two years.

According to police reports, Gearhart, also of Roanoke, was injured when Williams' vehicle hit her in front of a Salem restaurant on West Main Street on the evening of Dec. 28, 2024, following an argument between the two.

Officers and rescue personnel responded to the scene and found Gearhart with life threatening injuries. She was later pronounced dead at the scene.

Williams did not attempt to leave the scene of the crime, and officers learned that he and Gearhart had been in a relationship. Williams was taken into custody by Salem Police officers at the time.

- *Salem Times-Register*

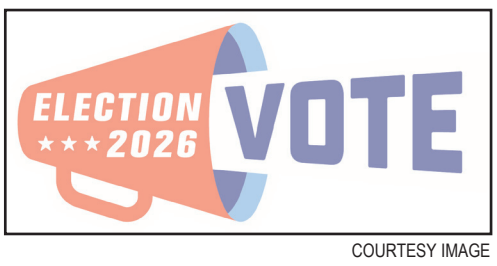
Early voting reaches homestretch

Salem voters who wish to cast their ballots early have until Halloween to make their choices.

Those who have yet to register for the mid-term elections have even less time.

The voter registration deadline in Virginia is this Friday (Oct. 23), but is a rather simple process, according to Salem's registrar's office. You need to only provide your full legal name, home address, date of birth, and the last four digits of your Social Security number.

The registrar's office will be open every day through the end of the month for those who still want to vote early. Hours



COURTESY IMAGE

are 8 a.m-4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct 31.

The ballot this year includes:

A Virginia Senate contest between incumbent Democrat Mark Warner and Republican challenger Bert Mizusawa.

The 6th Congressional District race between Republican incumbent Ben Cline and Democrat challenger Beth Macy.

Also, five candidates are vying for two Salem City Council seats. They include incumbent Hunter Holliday and four challengers: J.D. Taylor, Mark Henrickson,

Jeffrey Nickels and A.J. Harpold.

The back of the ballot has the three state constitutional amendment questions.

- *Salem Times-Register*

8 33463 00109 9

Briefly: Salem News In Brief

Salem Choral to perform

The Salem Choral Society, led by artistic director S. Reed Carter IV and accompanied by pianist Rachel Fauber, will perform twice this weekend at Salem Presbyterian Church, 41 E. Main St.

Performance times will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, and at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted.

For more information, go to salemchoralsociety.com

RSO POPS! Sinatra and the American Songbook: The Roanoke Symphony Orchestra will perform with special guest Steve Lippia and conductor David Stewart Wiley at the Salem Civic Center, Friday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the SCC box office, or at ticketmaster.com.

Flea Market: The Senior Center Flea Market will be Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center, 110 Union St. Multiple vendors are expected to participate, there will also be hot dogs, chips and drinks for sale. All sales are cash only. For information about being a vendor, call 540-375-3054 or email adpelletier@salemva.gov.

Christmas parade registration under way: Registration is now open for the 2026 Cox Garage Doors City of Salem Christmas Parade, which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4. Please note there is no rain date. It will be live streamed.

Early registration runs through Oct. 31), and standard registration ends Nov. 17. Late registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis.

The registration form and official parade rules can be found on the Salem Kiwanis Club website: Salemvakiwanis.com, or call Eddie Hite at 540-580-0961.

Leaf collection season begins: The City of Salem Streets Department have begun collecting loose leaves left curbside during their normal runs through the end of the year.

Residents are reminded that the automated leaf trucks are unable to handle stocks, branches, trigs, stumps, logs, lumber or garbage, so please separate those from the leaf piles. Also, do not cover water meters with leaves.

For more information, call 540-375-3039.

Star-B-Q canceled: The 2026 Salem Star-B-Q concert scheduled for this week at the Salem Farmers Market was canceled due to a scheduling conflict with the headliner, country music singer Trey Pendley.

Anyone who has purchased tickets for the event can receive a full refund through their point of purchase.

Learn to Curl: The Roanoke Valley Curling Club will host a "Learn To Curl" from 5:30-7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Berglund Center in Roanoke. This is the best time to learn all about the strategic sport of curling. Cost is $30 and all equipment will be provided. Pre-registration is necessary. Email: curlroanoke@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Public meetings:

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.

If you have an event that you would like included in our weekly calendar, email us at customerservice@ourvalley.org



PHOTO COURTESY OF SALEM CHORAL SOCIETY

The Salem Choral Society will be performing on both Saturday and Sunday at Salem Presbyterian Church.

Virginia tax credit turns farm donations into hunger relief



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU

Virginia farmers can help stock food banks with fresh, locally produced food—and receive a state income tax credit for doing it—through the commonwealth's Food Donation Tax Credit program.

The program offers qualifying farmers a credit equal to 50% of the fair market value of food crops or wholesome food they grow or produce and donate to a nonprofit food bank in Virginia. The credit is limited to $10,000 per taxpayer each year, and unused credit may be carried forward for up to five years.

For food banks, those donations can bring a welcome variety of nutritious, Virginia-grown produce and proteins. For producers, the tax credit creates an incentive to redirect surplus, cosmetically imperfect or otherwise unmarketable food to Virginia families rather than let it go to waste.

Veterinarian Dr. Melinda McCall, a Louisa County Farm Bureau member, has seen that need firsthand in her own community, where volunteers coordinated a summer "church-to-church 10-gallon challenge." Participating congregations donated milk to the local food bank, with some churches contributing as many as 500 gallons.

"We staggered the milk donations to ensure a steady supply every week through the summer because that's when the kids are out of school," she said.

The food bank response was enthusiastic.

"As fast as you guys bring it in," they told her, "That's as fast as we send it out the door."

McCall said many individuals may not realize that fresh food can be donated or that a tax benefit may be available. Greater awareness, she said, could help food banks secure more fresh choices while giving farmers a practical way to support their neighbors.

Farms to Food Banks coordinator with the Federation of Virginia Food Banks Norm Gold said some growers may not use the tax credit because they assume the process is burdensome or complicated. But the forms are straightforward.

"And either the local food bank or I can help with the paperwork," he added.

Gold said broader awareness and hands-on assistance could make the credit easier to use while helping farmers offset rising diesel and fertilizer costs and supplying food banks with fresh, healthy food.

He will be visiting stakeholders statewide to promote the tax credit.

"Our goal is to support the local growers and hubs," Gold said. "This program is a win-win-win for farmers, agricultural economies and people in need."

To claim the credit, a donor must obtain Form FCD-2, Virginia Food Donation Certification, from the receiving nonprofit food bank within 30 days of the donation. The donor then submits Form FCD-1 and supporting documentation to the Virginia Department of Taxation by Feb. 1 following the year in which the donation was made. Credits are subject to a statewide annual cap of $250,000.

Interested producers should contact a nearby nonprofit food bank before harvesting or delivering food to confirm its needs, storage capacity and documentation process. For program assistance, contact Gold at ngold@vafoodbanks.org or 804-677-9034, or visit vafoodbanks.org.

Submitted by the Virginia Farm Bureau

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Arrest Report

Week of October 13, 2026 – October 19, 2026

DATE	NAME	AGE	CHARGE
10/13/2026	Nathan V. Vasser	42	DUI
10/13/2026	Chandler J. Luther	55	Disorderly Conduct
10/15/2026	Bryce D. Lanier	35	Domestic Assault & Battery
10/16/2026	Milan K. Rougeau	21	Simple Assault & Battery, Obstruct Justice
10/19/2026	Joshua L. Henry	20	Domestic Assault & Battery, Damage Property

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of October 13, 2026 – October 19, 2026

Date	Location	Offense
10/16/2026	100 BLK Walnut St	Breaking & Entering
10/16/2026	100 BLK Rutledge Dr	Vehicle Theft

Schools from page 1



PHOTO COURTESY OF SALEM CITY SCHOOLS

Andrew Lewis earned "distinguised" status this past year from the Virginia Department of Education.

• Additional professional development and support for teachers and other staff members.

• And ensuring the district's resource allocation, including instructional support and supplemental learning materials are directed to classrooms to close achievement gaps in core subject areas.

Hicks also talked to the board about some of the high marks of the study, including:

• All four elementary schools and Andrew Lewis showed year-over-year score improvements. Salem High did drop slightly, but maintained a score comfortably within the distinguished score range.

• South Salem Elementary was recognized for excellence in Reading Growth, ranking among the top five elementary schools in Region 6.

• Both Salem High and Andrew Lewis were recognized for excellence in English Learner Progress, ranking in the top five across Region 6 for high schools and middle schools, respectively.

Salem Times-Register

Recipe of the Week



Shelly Koon
Contributing Writer



BY SHELLY KOON (AI IMAGE)

The phrase "the way to a person's heart is through their stomach" is a 19th-century proverb meaning that cooking for someone is an effective way to win their affection. There's some truth behind "the fastest way to someone's heart is through their stomach." Preparing food shows care, effort, and a desire to meet basic needs. Surveys indicate that both men and women feel happy when someone cooks for them. Eating together creates positive memories, improves moods, and fosters relaxation and closeness.

Recently I have been seeing many "Marry Me" recipes on social media. If you're unfamiliar with what makes a "marry me" recipe, let me explain. Marry Me Chicken originated in 2016 when Delish editor Lindsay Funston created a skillet chicken recipe with heavy cream, garlic, sun-dried tomatoes, and parmesan, and a video producer took a bite and said, "I'd marry you for that chicken".

Long before "Marry Me" recipes went viral, the concept started with Engagement Chicken at Glamour magazine in 1982. A fashion editor shared a simple lemon-roasted whole chicken recipe with her assistant. The assistant made it for her boyfriend, who proposed shortly after. After several other staffers cooked the same chicken and received proposals, the magazine published the recipe in 2004, cementing the urban legend.

Social media has spawned a world of adaptations, such that "Marry Me" has become a flavor, more than one specific dish. There's a vegetarian riff using beans, and a version with chicken meatballs instead of chicken breasts. There's "Marry Me" chicken noodle soup, orzo, gnocchi, and ramen. There are substitutes with salmon and steak. There's an "Asian" version which just uses gochujang. And there are some that don't even reference the original recipe, instead using "Marry Me" as code for anything so rich, comforting, and delicious you supposedly won't want to stop eating it. But they are not calling these recipes "Comforting and delicious pot roast," to take one example. There may be no changing the names of these recipes at this point. The truth is, you can cook this chicken for or with whomever you want. It could just as easily be Divorce Chicken (recipe included!)

Marry Me Chicken

Ingredients

- 3 large chicken breasts boneless and skinless, sliced lengthwise into thin cutlets
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon chili flakes
- ¼ teaspoon oregano
- ¼ teaspoon thyme
- ⅓ cup sundried tomatoes chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil leaves

Instructions

Season chicken with salt and pepper, then dredge in flour and shake off any excess. In a large skillet, heat olive oil and melt the butter on medium heat. Swirl the pan to coat with oil and butter evenly. Brown the chicken on both sides until golden and cooked through, about 4 to 5 minutes per side. Work in batches if needed so you don't overcrowd the pan. The chicken is done when the internal temperature reaches 165°F . Transfer onto a plate, cover, and set aside. Sauté the garlic for a minute or until it's fragrant. Add the chicken stock, and deglaze the pan scraping any bits stuck to the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Adjust the heat to medium-low, and add the heavy cream and the parmesan cheese to the skillet. Allow the sauce to simmer for a couple of minutes, then season with chili flakes, thyme, and oregano. Season with salt and pepper to your taste, add the sundried tomatoes then put the chicken back in the sauce and let the sauce simmer and thicken for a few more minutes. Garnish with chopped fresh basil leaves and serve warm over pasta or rice.

Marry Me Chicken Crock-Pot Mac and Cheese

Ingredients

- 1-pound uncooked medium shells
- 12 ounces white sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (about 3 cups)
- 1 (3-ounce) package julienne-cut sundried tomatoes (about 3/4 cup)
- 1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 3/4 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 3 ounces cream cheese, cut into pieces
- 3 tablespoons sun-dried tomato paste (or 1 tablespoon tomato paste)
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves, plus more for garnish
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Instructions

Bring large pot of salted water to a boil over high; add pasta and cook until very al dente, about 7 minutes. Drain and rinse. Add pasta to a 6-quart slow cooker. Stir in shredded cheese, sun dried tomatoes, evaporated milk, cream of chicken soup, milk, butter, cream cheese, tomato paste, thyme, salt, black pepper, crushed red pepper, and garlic powder until well combined. Step 3 Cover and cook until cheese is melted and gooey, about 1 hour on LOW. Stir well until cream cheese is well incorporated. Garnish with additional thyme and serve. Make ahead -Store leftovers in an airtight container for up to three days in the refrigerator. Reheat gently over low heat, adding extra milk if needed to loosen.

Marry Me Pot Roast

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, cut into large chunks
- 5 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1/2 cup beef stock
- 1 tablespoon oil from a jar of sundried tomatoes
- 3 to 4 pounds boneless beef chuck roast
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 1/2 cup julienned oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 jar (10 ounces) roasted sweet red peppers, drained
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cans (10-1/2 ounces each) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 16 ounces pappardelle pasta
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish
- Fresh basil leaves, for garnish

Instructions

In a large crock pot, scatter onions and garlic cloves in a layer. Pour in beef stock. In a large skillet, heat sun-dried tomato oil to medium-high heat. Add chuck roast; sear until golden brown, 2-3 minutes per side. Transfer roast to the slow cooker. Pour red wine into the hot skillet; use a wooden spoon to deglaze the pan, scraping the browned bits from the surface. Pour the wine mixture over the roast. Scatter sundried tomatoes and roasted red pepper strips in the slow cooker. Sprinkle roast with oregano, thyme, salt and pepper. Pour the cream of mushroom soup over the roast. Cover; cook on low 7-8 hours or until the meat is fall-apart tender. Shortly before the roast is done, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil; cook pappardelle pasta according to package directions or until al dente. Drain; set aside. Transfer the roast to a cutting board; tent with foil. With a slotted spoon, transfer vegetables from the liquid to a small bowl. Whisk the liquid into a creamy gravy. Stir the vegetables back into the gravy. Shred the pot roast. Place portions of cooked pasta on serving plates; place shredded pot roast on top. Ladle gravy and vegetables on top; sprinkle with grated Parmesan and fresh basil leaves. Serve immediately.

Marry Me Beans

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon oil from a jar of oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, plus more for serving
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup packed chopped sun-dried tomatoes (drained if oil-packed)
- 2 (15-ounce) cans cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1/3 cup freshy grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- Chopped fresh parsley or basil, for garnish, optional
- 4 slices sourdough bread, toasted, for serving

Instructions

Heat the oil in a medium pot or deep skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes and sauté until sizzling and aromatic, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and stir. Then add the beans, broth, oregano, and salt and stir. Bring to a simmer, then roughly mash about 1/4 of the beans for a creamier mixture. I just use the back of a wooden spoon. Once the mixture is bubbling and heated through, reduce the heat to low and add the cream, about 2/3 of the Parmesan cheese, and lemon juice. Stir until the cheese is melted, then taste. Add more salt and/or lemon if needed. Top with a drizzle of additional sun-dried tomato oil, the remaining Parmesan, and fresh parsley or basil (if using). Serve with toasty bread for dunking.

Divorce Chicken (sweeter and spicier version of Marry Me chicken)

Ingredients

- 4 Chicken breasts
- For the marinade:
- 4 tbsp Olive oil
- 2 tbsp Honey
- 2 tsp Chilli flakes
- 2 tsp Garlic granules
- 2 tsp Paprika
- 1 Lemon, Zest and juice
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- To serve:
- Lemon wedges
- Extra chilli flakes

Instructions

Make the sauce: Mix all of the marinade ingredients in a large bowl, adding a good pinch of salt and pepper, then take 2 tbsp of this mix and place in a small separate bowl to the side (optional: this is to use to glaze the chicken at the end of cooking.) Leave to marinate: Add the chicken breasts to the large bowl containing the marinade and mix, coating well. Leave covered in the fridge for as long as you have (maximum 12 hours). Season with salt and pepper. When ready to cook: Pre-heat the oven to 400°F. Bake the chicken breasts in a baking dish for 20-25 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through. Optional glaze: At the end, spoon over the marinade you kept back earlier. Pre-heat the grill to high and pop under for 3-5 minutes until the chicken has browned a little on top (be sure your dish is grill safe if doing this!)To serve: Scatter over some extra chilli flakes and wiggle in a few extra lemon slices before serving.

Send community news and photos to

steve@mainstreet newspapers.com

MARK HENRICKSON
SALEM CITY COUNCIL

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY
BUILDING SALEM'S FUTURE TOGETHER
KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES
SALEM IS NOT FOR SALE

MARK HENRICKSON FOR SALEM CITY COUNCIL
HENRICKSONFORSALEM.com

PAID FOR BY HENRICKSON FOR SALEM
540-537-4020

Cultivate Your Business!
Contact Tucker Frye
tfrye@ourvalley.org
(540) 389-9355
to place your ad today!

OPINION

6th District perspectives: Higher education discussed in Lexington



Ben Cline

Congressman

Last week, I joined higher education leaders from across Virginia's 6th District and representatives from the U.S. Department of Education for my annual Higher Education Roundtable discussion on the challenges facing our colleges, universities, and students.

Before the discussion, I toured Mountain Gateway Community College's Rockbridge Regional Center to see firsthand how the college is preparing students with the skills and training needed to succeed in today's workforce while strengthening our regional economy.

Virginia's future depends on the opportunities we create for the next generation. I will continue working to strengthen workforce development, expand access to opportunity, and ensure students have the tools they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Investing in our students today is an investment in the future of the Commonwealth.

Supporting Virginia's Agricultural Community and Rural Economy

I was honored to join members of the Augusta County Farm Bureau for their 76th Annual Meeting.

Virginia's agricultural community is vital to our economy, our rural communities, and the families who depend on the food our farmers produce. The meeting provided an opportunity to hear directly from farmers, producers, and agricultural leaders about the challenges they face and the issues shaping the future of agriculture across the Commonwealth.

I appreciate the Augusta County Farm Bureau's continued advocacy on behalf of Virginia's farmers and rural communities. I will continue working to support policies that strengthen our agricultural industry, address the challenges facing our producers, and ensure Virginia's farmers have the resources they need to keep our communities fed and our rural economy strong.

Celebrating Catherine Watts' 100th Birthday

While in the district, I had the privilege of joining Catherine Watts of Buchanan and her family and friends to celebrate an extraordinary milestone: her 100th birthday.

Born and raised in Buchanan, Catherine has spent a century building a life defined by faith, family, hard work, and service to the community she calls home. On August 17, she celebrated 100 years of a life that has touched countless others.

For more than 75 years, Catherine has been a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she has served on committees, sung in the choir, and poured countless hours into her church and community. She spent 45 years working at Lee's Carpets and Burlington Industries while raising her family and remaining deeply involved in the Buchanan community. One hundred years of faith, love, hard work, and service have left a lasting mark on Buchanan and on the many generations blessed to know her.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BEN CLINE

Congressman Ben Cline wished Catherine Watts of Buchanan a happy 100th birthday.

It was an honor to celebrate Catherine and this incredible milestone with the people who love her most. Happy 100th birthday, Catherine!

6th challenger Macy celebrates fundraising advantage over Cline

Beth Macy's congressional campaign for Congress raised more than $1 million in donations during the third quarter of 2026, outraising incumbent Congressman Ben Cline by more than a 2-to-1 margin, her campaign reported this week.

Since launching her campaign for the House of Representatives in Virginia's 6th District in November 2025, Macy's campaign said it has received $2.6 million from 25,000 individual donations. None of that money comes from corporate political action committees, and 75% of donations are under $100 each.

Macy, the Democrat challenger, has outraised Cline in every filing period during this campaign cycle by a total of $2.6 million to the congressman's $1.86 million, according to Federal Election Commission records. Cline, however, has only spent about two-thirds of the $2.1 million Macy has spent so far in this election cycle, and as a result has an edge in cash on hand.

Macy's campaign said Cline has been significantly outraised for the first time in his 26-year political career, and they said he relies on corporate PACs. Forty-two percent of his third-quarter fundraising came from corporate donors that include Google, Meta, Dominion Energy and other corporations, Macy's campaign said.

Macy's campaign reported raising just over $900,000 in its quarterly filing for the Federal Election Commission, which covered the period between July 16-Sept. 30. Combined with a pre-primary FEC filing that covered the first two weeks of July, Macy eclipsed the $1 million mark from July 1 through Sept. 30.

"I am a writer, but I am truly out of words when it comes to thanking these donors enough for their incredible generosity and belief in our cause," said Macy in a press release this week.. "Every dollar represents real people who are yearning for change in Washington, who are holding out hope that someone will stand up for them in Congress, and that brighter days are ahead for the United States. My campaign has all the momentum heading into the final two weeks.

"Meanwhile, Congressman Cline won't meet with his constituents in Roanoke or Staunton or Clarke County, but he will fly across the country to Napa Valley to be wined and dined by his best friends from Google, Storm Services, defense contractors and other behemoths."

Salem Times-Register



COURTESY PHOTO

Beth Macy, Democrat candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Salem Times~Register

A newspaper of, by and for the people of the City of Salem and Roanoke County.

USPS 631-140
(540) 389-9355
1633 West Main Street
www.ourvalley.org

PUBLISHER
Michael Showell

EXECUTIVE EDITOR
Steve Hemphill - steve@mainstreetnewspapers.com

SPORTS EDITOR
Brian Hoffman - bhoffman@ourvalley.org

ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE
Tucker Frye - tfrye@ourvalley.org

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS
Debbie Nixon - dnixon@mainstreetnewspapers.com
LingJie Gu - lingjie@mountainmedianews.com

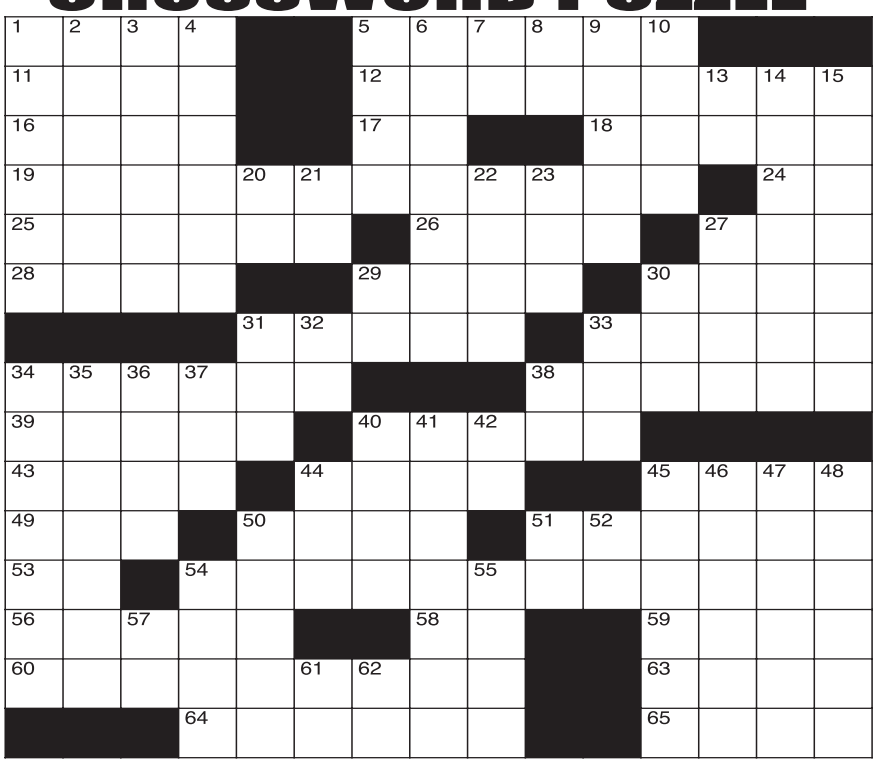
Give us your view: aboyd@mainstreetnewspapers.com

The Times-Register encourages letters from our readers on topics of general interest to the community and responses to our articles and columns. Letters must be signed and have a telephone number where you can be reached to be considered for publication. All letters will be verified before publication. The Times-Register reserves the right to deny publication of any letter and edit letters for length, content and style.

The Times-Register (USPS 631-140) is published weekly for $49 a year in Salem and Roanoke County, $55 in adjoining counties and $57 out of state by Virginia Media Inc., P.O. Box 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Periodical postage paid at Salem, VA. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE SALEM TIMES-REGISTER, P.O. Box 1125, Salem, VA 24153

Send community news and photos to steve@mainstreetnewspapers.com

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS
1. Nocturnal rodent
5. Requesting
11. Give temporarily
12. Frivolousness
16. Military arm
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Persian Gulf port city
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to "Pa"
25. Percussion instrument
26. Raincoats
27. Lower the light
28. Asian mountain range
29. Every one of two or more
30. Lack of difficulty
31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
33. Reduces in size
34. Make an impact
38. Serviceman
39. A French river
40. Prehistoric people
43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. "Layla" singer Clapton
45. Ancient Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. "Top Gun: Maverick" actor Powell
51. A way to disentangle
53. Atomic #93
54. Manifesting approval
56. Indigo bush
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Masses of fish eggs
64. Passerine birds
65. Arrange systematically

CLUES DOWN
1. Colorless part of blood
2. Of a main artery
3. Photog's tool
4. Blues Traveler hit "But __"
5. Grew older
6. Not the leader
7. __ Lang: country singer
8. A driver's license is one
9. Nests of pheasants
10. Antelopes
13. One quintillion bytes
14. Japanese lute
15. A type of cat
20. It cools your home
21. Dorm official
22. Pouches
23. German trigraph
27. Form of Persian
29. __ route
30. Upper body part
31. Bridge building degree
32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee
34. Edible nuts
35. Front part of a quadruped
36. Locate
37. Geological time
38. Of I
40. Northern Utah city
41. They work in the trenches
42. Hammer is one
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Performers
46. Slang for mistake
47. More open
48. Most slick
50. Provokes
51. Home of the NCAA's Flyers
52. Sodium
54. Large fish of the mackerel family
55. Not one
57. __ and behold
61. Atomic #21
62. "The Great Lakes State"

Stay In Touch With a Subscription

Get print or digital access to the latest news, information, entertainment and offers to keep you in the loop and on your toes.



SALEM TIMES~REGISTER

DIGITAL ONLY
One Year Digital Subscription $41.00

DIGITAL & PRINT
Yearly Print & Digital Subscription $75.00

PRINT ONLY
Yearly Print Only Subscription
$49.00 Salem
$55.00 Out of County
$57.00 Out of State

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SALEM TIMES-REGISTER

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Check Enclosed _____ or call (304) 647-5724 to pay by credit card

Mail to: Circulation Department, SALEM TIMES REGISTER, P.O. BOX 429, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or call us at (304) 647-5724.

Feeding Southwest Virginia program delivered nearly 300,000 free summer meals

Feeding Southwest Virginia announced Monday results from its participation in the Summer Meals for Kids pilot with Amazon and No Kid Hungry, delivering 289,026 free meals directly to 3,325 children in Southwest Virginia between May and August of 2026.

"We're incredibly grateful to Amazon and No Kid Hungry for selecting our Food Bank to participate in their home delivery service initiative," says President and CEO of Feeding Southwest Virginia, Pamela Irvine. Irvine continues, "Too many children in our region face hunger. For the second year in a row, thanks to this partnership, Feeding Southwest Virginia could reach these young neighbors residing in especially rural counties."

Feeding Southwest Virginia identified eligible families and prepared shelf-stable meal boxes, while Amazon donated the transportation and delivery through its rural delivery network — at no cost to families or partners. Feeding Southwest Virginia's participation was part of a national pilot that delivered more than 2 million meals to families across 13 states through 18 food bank and school district partners.

Nearly 30 million children in the U.S. rely on free breakfast and lunch during the school year, but only about 1 in 7 eligible children access traditional on-site summer meal programs. For families in rural communities, long travel distances, sparsely located meal sites, limited and costly transportation, and schedule constraints for working parents and caregivers can make reaching a site nearly impossible. In some rural counties, child food insecurity rates approach 50%.

In Southwest Virginia, thousands of children rely on free school meals during the year, but few can reach traditional summer meal sites due to distance, transportation, or working parents.

In 2023, the USDA introduced flexible models for summer food distribution, allowing sponsors in eligible rural areas to provide meals for pickup or home delivery at no cost — a change that opened the door to this pilot program.

"At Amazon, we believe everyone should have reliable access to nutritious food," said Jill Slabey, senior product manager for logistics for good at Amazon. "This summer, we used the same last-mile network that delivers packages every day to bring more than 2 million meals directly to doorsteps across the country — helping local partners reach more children in the communities they serve."

"Families in rural communities have told us that getting to a traditional summer meal site can be a real challenge," said Samantha King, senior manager of Innovation at No Kid Hungry. "Home delivery gives communities another way to reach kids during the summer, and this pilot is helping us build a model that is practical for local partners and centered on what families need."

Feeding Southwest Virginia

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 2

To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS
QUESTION 2

Present Law

Marriages, civil unions, and other legal relationships with the same rights, benefits, and effects of marriage between persons of the same sex or gender are prohibited under Virginia's Constitution. This prohibition is no longer enforceable as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* in 2015, but the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender remains in the state's Constitution. If the Supreme Court were to overturn its previous decision, that prohibition would be enforceable again.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment removes the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender from the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights. It is replaced with the fundamental right to marry, requiring the state to recognize and treat equally under the law any lawful marriage between two adult persons, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of either person. The proposed amendment prohibits the state from denying a marriage license to two adult persons because of their sex, gender, or race.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 15-A. Marriage.

That ~~only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions~~ marriage is one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness.

This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not ~~create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage~~ deny the issuance of a marriage license to two adult persons seeking a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of such persons. ~~Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage~~ This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall recognize any lawful marriage between two adult persons and treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such persons.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 1

To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS
QUESTION 1

Present Law

Currently, the Virginia Constitution does not explicitly provide to its citizens a right to reproductive freedom nor does it explicitly protect or prohibit certain kinds of health care procedures or decisions.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would add to the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights the fundamental right to make and carry out decisions about a person's own reproductive care with only certain, specific exceptions. The proposed amendment specifically allows the state government to pass laws to regulate abortion care in the third trimester of pregnancy, but requires any such law to allow for abortion care when it is medically needed to protect the life and health of the pregnant person or because the fetus is not viable.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 11-A. Fundamental right to reproductive freedom.

That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care.

An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Notwithstanding the above, the Commonwealth may regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester, provided that in no circumstance shall the Commonwealth prohibit an abortion (i) that in the professional judgment of a physician is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual or (ii) when in the professional judgment of a physician the fetus is not viable.

The Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.

The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on such individual's own exercise of this fundamental right or such individual's own actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any individual for aiding or assisting another individual in exercising such other individual's right to reproductive freedom with such other individual's voluntary consent.

For the purposes of this section, a state interest is compelling only if it is for the limited purpose of maintaining or improving the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of care and evidence-based medicine and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making.

This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of the section.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 3

To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS
QUESTION 3

Present Law

Virginia's Constitution currently provides that a person who is convicted of any felony loses the right to vote for the rest of their life unless the Governor of Virginia takes administrative action to restore that specific person's right to vote. This is the only means of getting back the right to vote after a felony conviction.

The current constitutional provision also imposes a broad restriction, while using outdated terminology, on voting by persons found to be incapacitated. A person who is determined by a court to be incapacitated, regardless of the kind of incapacity, loses the right to vote, and only a court can restore the person's right to vote later.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment enshrines in the Constitution the fundamental right of all qualified persons in the Commonwealth to vote. Two exceptions to this right are for persons who are serving a sentence of incarceration for a felony conviction and persons who are determined by a court to not understand the act of voting. Such right cannot otherwise be restricted by laws.

Under the proposed amendment, a person who is convicted of a felony loses the right to vote during their period of incarceration. Once released from incarceration, the person gets back the right to vote without needing to apply for restoration by the Governor.

The proposed amendment also requires a specific finding by a court that a person does not understand the act of voting in order for that person's right to vote to be taken away.

With the right to vote, a person also has the right to be a juror, the right to be elected to an office, and the right to be a notary public.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE II.

FRANCHISE AND OFFICERS.

Section 1. Qualifications of voters.

(a) In elections by the people, the qualifications of voters shall be as follows: Each voter shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be eighteen years of age, shall fulfill the residence requirements set forth in ~~this section~~ subsection (b), and shall be registered to vote pursuant to this article. Every person who meets these qualifications shall have the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, and such right shall not be abridged by law, except that:

(1) No person who has been convicted of a felony shall be ~~qualified~~ entitled to vote ~~unless his civil rights have been restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority.~~ during any period of incarceration for such felony conviction, but every such person, upon release from incarceration for that felony conviction and without further action required of him, shall be invested with all political rights, including the right to vote; and

~~As prescribed by law, no~~ (2) No person who has been adjudicated ~~to be mentally incompetent~~ by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting shall be ~~qualified~~ entitled to vote during such period of incapacity until his ~~competency~~ capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law.

(b) The residence requirements shall be that each voter shall be a resident of the Commonwealth and of the precinct where he votes. Residence, for all purposes of qualification to vote, requires both domicile and a place of abode. The General Assembly may provide for persons who are employed overseas, and their spouses and dependents residing with them, and who are qualified to vote except for relinquishing their place of abode in the Commonwealth while overseas, to vote in the Commonwealth subject to conditions and time limits defined by law. The General Assembly may provide for persons who are qualified to vote except for having moved their residence from one precinct to another within the Commonwealth to continue to vote in a former precinct subject to conditions and time limits defined by law. The General Assembly may also provide, in elections for President and Vice President of the United States, alternatives to registration for new residents of the Commonwealth.

(c) Any person who will be qualified with respect to age to vote at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and also to vote in any intervening primary or special election.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Dedication time nears for new Roanoke County courthouse

Salem reaps benefits from new downtown courthouse

From the January 24, 1985 edition of The Salem Times-Register

Roanoke County administrator Don Flanders told a gathering of Salem and Roanoke County officials Monday night that the new $4.7 million county courthouse will be an asset to Salem business.

Officials of the two localities met to discuss the new county courthouse over lunch at the Salem Civic Center, then toured the courthouse in downtown Salem.

Flanders presented employment figures at the courthouse, which based county and court-related personnel cost at a little over $4 million. The county also has health department and social service workers based in Salem, bringing the county payroll in Salem to more than $5.75 million, Flanders said. "I think that's good information for merchants and Salem City Council in their efforts to build the downtown area." The county administrator said.

The courthouse and jail will generate nearly 200,000 trips a year to downtown Salem by county clients and personnel, not including citizens who will be called to the courthouse for jury duty, according to the county's reckoning.

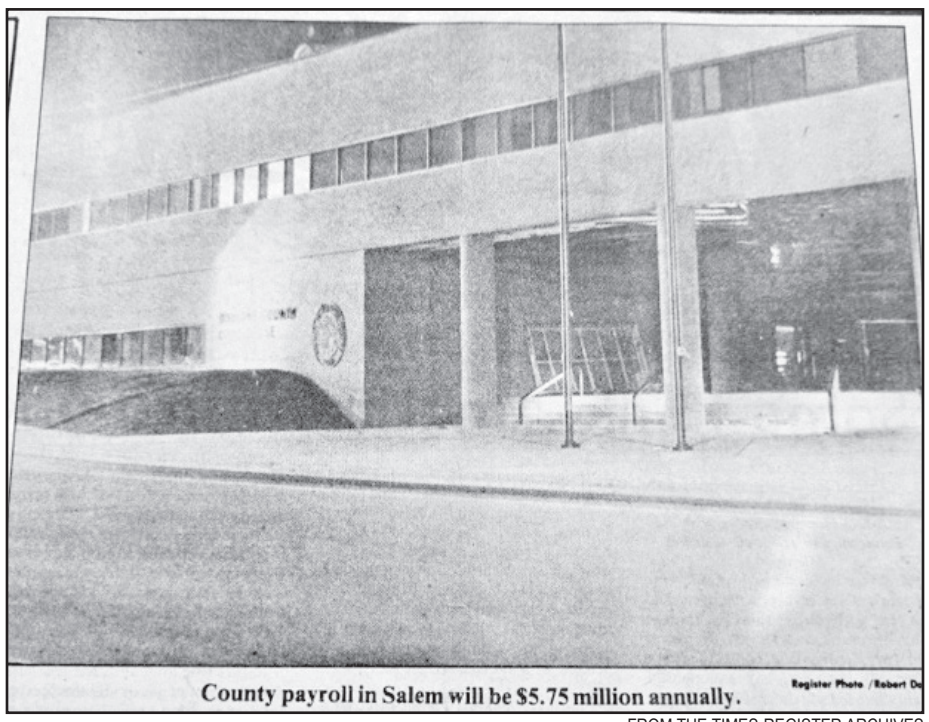
Flanders called the figures a "staggering piece of information" which will be a great asset to the businesses and citizens of Salem."

"Roanoke County and Salem have a great deal in common," Flanders said. "We want to work together to make the jail and courthouse an attractive addition to the community."

But when the lunch meeting at the Salem Civic Center adjourned for a tour of the courthouse, County Supervisor Gary Minter quipped, "Where do we park?"

Parking for employees of the new facility is a potential problem, which the county has already begun to study, Flanders said.

Salem's assistant City Manager, Randy Smith agreed: "Parking's a real problem, we know that." But he pointed out that a parking lot at Longwood Park, roughly a block and half away from the courthouse is rarely used. The parking lot was designated for public parking when the jail was constructed. "I don't know if they're taking advantage of it," Smith said.



County payroll in Salem will be $5.75 million annually. Register Photo /Robert De

FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

Danny Bolt of VVKT, the architecture and engineering firm overseeing the construction of the 70,000 square foot courthouse addition, expects the courthouse to be finished in mid-March. The dedication for the building has been set for March 29 and 30, he said.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon



Pastor Appreciation Celebration

Sunday, October 25
11:00AM

JOIN US as we celebrate Pastor Adrian E. Dowell and First Lady Denise Dowell

Theme: "A Love for God and A Heart For His Flock"

Scripture: Jeremiah 3:15:
"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Colors for the celebration: Gold/Amber:Signifies God's glory, sovereignty, purity, and the refined value of a faithful heart.

Guest Minister: Rev James Cook Pastor
St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church in Winston Salem

Shiloh Baptist Church, 201 S. Market Street, Salem

Stay Up To Date with Spartan Sports!
Subscribe Today! 389-9355

Kitchen gadgets that make great gifts



Everyone has basic pots and pans, but a truly great kitchen gift will strike a balance between utility, efficiency and a touch of luxury. These gadgets can elevate daily meal prep and make memorable presents for the foodie on your list this holiday season.

• Digital thermometer: Overcooking meats, poultry and seafood is a common misstep for novices and experienced cooks. A high-precision, instant-read digital thermometer can yield accurate temperature readings in just a few seconds. A digital thermometer helps to take the guesswork out of grilling steaks, roasting a turkey or even baking bread. The Yummy Life says a digital thermometer can help any home cook produce restaurant-quality results.

• Milk frother: Coffee purchased on-the-go can cost anywhere from $5 to $7 per cup. But coffee enthusiasts can make delicious drinks at home, and a handheld milk frother quickly transforms an ordinary cup of coffee into a cafe-style latte or cappuccino. A milk frother also can whip up matcha or mix protein powders.

• Pot strainer: Traditional colanders are bulky to store and awkward to wash. A flexible, silicone strainer that snaps onto round pots, pans or bowls of almost any size can streamline the cooking process. It allows cooks to drain pasta water or rinse vegetables directly from the pot, saving cabinet space and time.

• Immersion blender: Immersion blenders can be game-changers in the kitchen. Immersion blenders are ideal for single-serve smoothies and great for mixing sauces or soups. Cordless models save home cooks the hassle of tangled cords and offer full mobility around the kitchen and the potential to mix hot liquids right in a pot on the stove.

• Custom cutting board: A customized wooden cutting board can be engraved to feature a home cook's name or other details. This makes it a functional tool in the kitchen, but also a decorative conversation piece.

Kitchen tools and gadgets are the perfect gifts for someone who enjoys cooking meals at home.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORY



You don't have to pay more for the best.... You just get more!

Scooter Darnall

353-8661
Remax Real Estate One

RE/MAX

JAMES T. JORDAN, PLCC
ATTORNEY AT LAW



- Real Estate
- Wills
- Estate Planning
- Trusts
- Powers of attorney
- Guardianships
- Conservatorships
- Advance Medical Directives

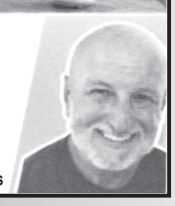
25 East Main Street
Salem • 389-6735

STEVE SMITH
— ASSEMBLING FURNITURE & MORE —
BUILT RIGHT. DONE RIGHT.
✓LICENSED ✓INSURED ✓RELIABLE



STEVE SMITH
— ASSEMBLING FURNITURE & MORE —
- Furniture Assembly (All Types)
- Shelving, Storage & Organizing
- Reliable • Professional • Affordable

You relax, I'LL HANDLE THE REST!
(540) 556-3100
stevesmith.assembly@gmail.com
Serving Salem & Surrounding Areas



BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

JAMES T. JORDAN, PLCC
ATTORNEY AT LAW



- Real Estate
- Wills
- Estate Planning
- Trusts
- Powers of attorney
- Guardianships
- Conservatorships
- Advance Medical Directives

25 East Main Street
Salem • 389-6735

Tucker Frye
540-309-9485
or tfrye
@ourvalley.org
to reserve
this space

YOUNG REALTY COMPANY
716 West Main Street
Salem, Virginia 24153

Bus. (540) 387-0466
Cell (540) 397-2631
Fax (540) 389-0175
E-mail J5403@msn.com



J.C. Taylor
REALTOR®
Diamond Sales Award

Want to keep up with local news, sports and events?

SUBSCRIBE TODAY
Call (540) 389-9355

No Screen November Bingo Challenge

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

All ages are invited to participate in the "No Screen Bingo" challenge at the Salem Public Library. This is a low-tech, no-screen challenge, so you must sign up and pick up your bingo sheet in person at the Salem Public Library.

Bingo cards are now available to pick up, and the deadline to turn in entries is Nov. 30.

The middle space is free with a library card. The activities involved all require you to put down your devices and turn off all screens:

Enjoy a walk, work on a jigsaw puzzle, play a boardgame, write a letter or postcard to mail a friend or relative, try a new recipe, play a card game, make something with clay or Play-Doh, or color.

Many of these activities lend themselves to group participation, so feel free to do some of the activities as a family or with a group of friends. It wouldn't be a library challenge without having to read a few books. Themes for all the reading categories are related to the fall season.

Be sure to 'Like' the Salem-Times Register on Facebook.

salemtimes-register.com

John M. Oakey & Son
Since 1866
Funeral Home & Crematory

It is our mission to build a bridge of trust, compassion, respect, and a lasting relationship with our families during the most difficult of times.



305 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, VA • (540) 389-5441 • info@johnmoakey.com • www.johnmoakey.com

Salem-Times Register

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

P	A	C	A			A	S	K	I	N	G			
L	O	A	N			G	I	D	D	I	N	E	S	S
A	R	M	Y			E	D			D	U	B	A	I
S	T	E	W	A	R	D	E	S	S	E	S		M	A
M	A	R	A	C	A		M	A	C	S		D	I	M
A	L	A	Y			E	A	C	H		E	A	S	E
				B	A	N	N	S		P	A	R	E	S
A	F	F	E	C	T				M	A	R	I	N	E
L	O	I	R	E		O	L	M	E	C				
M	R	N	A		E	R	I	C			A	B	A	S
O	E	D		G	L	E	N		U	N	C	O	I	L
N	P		C	O	M	M	E	N	D	A	T	O	R	Y
D	A	L	E	A			M	O			O	B	I	E
S	W	O	R	D	S	M	E	N			R	O	E	S
			O	S	C	I	N	E			S	O	R	T

Mamma Maria's
Italian Restaurant
Specializing in Catering and Parties
389-2848 • 2025 West Main St., Salem / Exit 137 off I-81



Salem WORSHIP DIRECTORY

To list your church, contact Tucker Frye at 540-309-9485 or email tfrye@ourvalley.org

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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 Worship11:00 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, WorshipServices 11:00AM & 6:00PM, Mid-week PrayerMeeting 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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - Salem Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). North Campus: 7640 Alpine Road (Roanoke). Español Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). Worship Times: 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM for Salem and North; 10:30 AM for Español. For more information, visit: www.fcclife.org

CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH - 314 Turner Rd, Salem VA. 540-387-0491. Mass Times: Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 10:30 am (nursery available). Visit our website: olphsalem.org for our full schedule.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST/ CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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, 7:000 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

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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!

ECKANKAR

Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. We offer a Spiritual Event on the 2nd. Sunday of each month. The program may be a Light and Sound Service, a Spiritual video and discussion, or other topics and techniques to help Raise Your Spiritual IQ. The Roanoke ECK Center is located at 1420 3rd. St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. For more information visit www.eck-va.org or call 540- 353-5365. People of all faiths are welcome.

EPISCOPAL

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 42 East Main Street, Salem, 389-9307. Rev. J. Edward Morris, Minister. Sundays at 7:30am and 10am. Holy Communion in church and live-streamed on YouTube@StPaulSalemVa.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

COLLEGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - 210 S. College Avenue, Salem VA 24153. Please visit our website www.collegelutheran.org for information on services.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 226 South BroadStreet, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. SundaySchool 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship Service11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and PrayerMeeting 7:00 PM.

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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.

UNITED METHODIST

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Rev. Craig Newman, Sunday: Genesis Contemporary Service at 8:45 a.m., Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School classes meet at 9:50 a.m. www.fumcsalemva.org.

Marketplace

ourvalley.org

The Fincastle Herald | The Vinton Messenger | The New Castle Record | Salem Times-Register | News Messenger (Blacksburg, Radford, Christiansburg)

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

Siya Shiv Inc., trading as Highland Mart, 125 E. 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 license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Hardikkumar Patel
Owner

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

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 747 UNION VALLEY ROAD, RINER, VA 24149.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 5, 2007, in the original principal amount of $115,710.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 07001559. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on December 22, 2026, at 11:15 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL CONTAINING 2.1685 ACRES, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT SHOWING SURVEY PREPARED BY MATHEW AND HENEGAR, PLC, DATED 10/13/2003, ENTITLED, "BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT ON THE PROPERTY OF PHYLLIS M. PALMER AND RICHARD S. & ALICE L. ALLEY", AND DESIGNATED AS JOB NO. 108696, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERK`S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUITCOURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO.04004601, IN PLATBOOK 24, PAGE 243. 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or 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.aldridgepite.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.aldridgepite.com. 1113-991B.

Legals - Montgomery County

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, CHRISTIASNBURG, 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

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3322 MT ZION ROAD A/R/T/A 3306 MT ZION ROAD, BLACKSBURG, VA 24060.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated September 5, 2003, in the original principal amount of $62,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 03016736. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on December 11, 2026, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN CITY OF BLACKSBURG IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY AND STATE OF VIRGINIAAND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 07/05/1977 AND RECORDED 08/25/1977 IN BOOK 388, PAGE 226 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SETFORTH ABOVE. 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or 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.aldridgepite.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.aldridgepite.com. 1113-1075B.

THE CLASSIFIEDS Where the Deals Are!
To place your ad, call 389-9355

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

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

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

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317,20-104
Case No.CL26-620
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE
COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant,
vs.
CAROLYN S. SPANGLER, *et al*, Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: THE RESPONDENTS:
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 072.02-02-24.00-0000.
An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Carolyn Spangler and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Carolyn S. Spangler, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the December 15, 2026, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.
It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the *Salem Times Register*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in County of Roanoke, Virginia.
Entered this 13th day of October, 2026.
Honorable
James R. Swanson
Judge
I ASK FOR THIS:
Amy H. Geddes, Esquire
VSB #38650
OPN Law
3140 Chaparral Drive, Suite 200-C
Roanoke, VA 24018
Phone: (540)725-8181
Fax: (540) 772-0126
Email: ageddes@opnlaw.com
Counsel for Complainant

Legals - Botetourt County

Town of Fincastle Concrete Pad – RFP October 8, 2026

The Town of Fincastle is soliciting proposals until Noon Wednesday October 28, 2026, for the installation of a concrete pad at the main town well site located at 381 S. Church Street for the installation of a trailer-mounted generator. A metal Carport type structure will also be mounted on this pad. This pad will be located to the right or north side of the pump house. Scope of work

Legals - Botetourt County

Furnish all necessary materials and install a concrete pad. Vender is to follow all best practice guidelines including vapor barrier, reinforcement and gravel base.
Selected venders are responsible for clean-up of their own debris after completion of the work.
The generator is permanently mounted on a single axle trailer with rubber tires. Trailer weight is approximately 5k lbs.
Pad will be 12 feet wide x 20 feet long.
Minimum Requirements
Concrete pad shall be a minimum of 4" thick using a 4,000psi fiber blended mix.
The vender is responsible to recommend if any additional reinforcement is needed.
5 feet from each end of the pad the vender shall supply a 4" in diameter anchor loop made of at least ¾" steel. These anchor loops shall be part of the pour to ensure their security.
Additional Considerations
Time is of the essence as the generator is on order and it's wished to be installed before winter.
Vendors should indicate how soon they can begin after receiving notice to proceed and how long installation will take.

Additional Information
For questions about the project or to arrange for a site visit contact Council Member Clay Fitzgerald @ 540.588.1574
Proposals / Quotations can be dropped in person at the town office or emailed to the Town Manager at townmanager@townoffincastle.org Town Pays on net 30.

Legals - Botetourt County

AUCTIONS

ATTN. AUCTIONEERS: Promote your upcoming auctions statewide! Affordable Print and Digital Solutions reaching your target audience. Call this paper or Commonwealth Media Solutions 804-521-7570, kellym@commonwealthmediasolutions.com

SERVICES

DIVORCE-Uncontested, $525.00 + $89.00 court cost. WILLS-$295.00. No court appearance. Estimated completion time twenty-one days. Hilton Oliver, Attorney (Facebook). 757-490-0126. Se Habla Espanol. BBB Member. https://hiltonoliverattorneyva.com

THE CLASSIFIEDS DELIVER! CALL 389-9355

STATEWIDE ADS

Reach Over 1 Million Readers With This Ad!
No other media offers the audience of loyal, local, repeat readers you'll reach through community newspapers! We can target your message, statewide or regional.
Let Commonwealth Media Solutions do all the work for you at a discounted cost.
Reach Virginia
Contact Kelly McCauley
(804) 521-7580
Commonwealth Media Solutions



BAG
A GREAT DEAL IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!
To place your ad, call 389-9355

Local News. Local Deals!
GET THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
To subscribe, call (540) 389-9355

MAKE AN "A" IN ADVERTISING!
To place your ad, call 389-9355

THE CLASSIFIEDS DELIVER!
It's easy to sell your stuff!
Just call (540) 389-9355







SOLD. BOUGHT. SAVED.

BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTORY

MHC
Monroe Health Center
Craig County Health Center
226 Market Street - New Castle, VA
Phone: (540) 864-6390 Fax: (540) 864-6356
*Physical Exams * X-ray Services
* Laboratory Services * Acute Care
*Mental Health Services * Well Baby Checks
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

CARPET RE-STRETCHING!
STEVEN W. DURRANCE FLOORS
Repairs • New Sales • Expert
540-776-9591
Cell: 540-353-7908
Licensed & Insured
carpetroanoke.com

ALLERGY PARTNERS®
Thomas M. Fame, MD, MPH
Board Certified in Allergy & Immunology
P (540) 404-9598 • F (540) 404-9608
AllergyPartners.com/Salem
1002 Apperson Drive, Salem, VA 24153
Leaders in Allergy & Asthma Care

SOUTHERN TRACE LLC BUILDING
Residential and Commercial Construction
540-966-0688
PO Box 630
Daleville, VA 24083
www.southerntracellc.com

EADES & LOWER INSURANCE
5007 Carriage Dr., Suite 100
P.O. Box 21483
Roanoke, VA 24018
SHERRI STINNETTE HOLT
INSURANCE AGENT
Cell (540)819-9179 • Office (540)981-1124
Fax (540) 981-1266
sherri@eadesandlower.com
www.eadesandlower.com

AUTO | HOME
BUSINESS | LIFE

If you believe in your business and want to build it...
ADVERTISE!
Place your ad here, call 540-389-9355

Sunflooring Inc.
STEVE SMITH
With over 40 years of experience
Specializing in Hardwood Floors, Hardwood Refinishing, Laminate Flooring, Engineered Floors, Ceramic Tile, Carpet and Luxury Vinyl Plank
540-556-3100

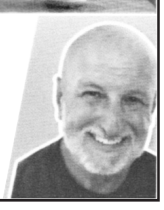

WE BUY COIN COLLECTIONS
Top money paid
FREE estimates

Contact us at
540-988-2420
vintoncoin.com

Colonial Title and Settlement
Serving the Greater Botetourt & Roanoke Valley communities with all your real estate needs for residential, commercial, construction with MLA services, Assist with 1031 Real Estate Exchanges, Purchases, Refinances and More!!!!
Call Loretta, Debbie or Kristi for your next move!
540-966-1260
1215 Roanoke Road, Daleville


Lisa Martin, REALTOR®
Serving the industry for 30+ years
Roanoke Valley & Blue Ridge Mountains
Premier, REALTORS
(540) 597-0480
Lisa@Lisa2buy.com • www.Lisa2buy.com
1638 Roanoke Road, Suite 101
Daleville, VA 24083
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HomeServices
A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC

STEVE SMITH
— ASSEMBLING FURNITURE & MORE —
BUILT RIGHT. DONE RIGHT.
✓LICENSED ✓INSURED ✓RELIABLE

STEVE SMITH
— ASSEMBLING FURNITURE & MORE —
Furniture Assembly (All Types)
Shelving, Storage & Organizing
Reliable • Professional • Affordable
You relax,
I'LL HANDLE THE REST!
(540) 556-3100
stevesmith.assembly@gmail.com
Serving Salem & Surrounding Areas


STIHL EQUIPMENT
New and Used Equipment & Parts Available on All Brands
Husqvarna • CubCadet • Toro • MTD • Murray• Echo • Poulan
Honda • Mulch • Top Soil • Fill Dirt • Firewood • Sand • Gravel
Brick Chips • (Tandem Truck Hauling • Excavating • Grading)
Specialized Saw & Mower, Inc
3954 West Main Street, Salem • (540) 380-3901
specsaw@comcast.net • specializedsawandmower.com
• John King, President
• Jo Maitland, Office Mgr.
• Shelly Buchannon, Store Manager
• Credit Available
• Equipment Rental
• Pick Up & Delivery Available

MAKE AN "A" IN ADVERTISING!
To place your ad, call 389-9355

King's Hauling & Excavating, Inc.
John King, President
• Housing Foundations
• Land Clearing
• Stump Removal
• Road Building
• Pond Building
3954 West Main Street, Salem
(c) 540-309-1489
specsaw@comcast.net
• Septic Tanks
• Yard Grading
• Demolition Work
• Tandem & Tri-Axle Dump Truck Hauling
Free Estimates • Licensed & Insured Satisfaction Guaranteed

ADVERTISE With us
Place your ad here, call 540-389-9355

VA Licensed 2705-173655
Bonded & Insured
C & L Remodeling
Specializing in:
Custom Remodeling • Decks • Sunrooms
Kitchens • Painting • Siding • Replacement Windows
345-1647 Office
580-3631 Cell
"No Job Too Small"
15% Senior Discount
Charlie Hartman
President

THE CLASSIFIEDS-
Where the Deals Are!

APARTMENTS FOR RENT
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
SITUATIONS WANTED
GARAGE SALES
AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE
HOMES FOR SALE

The best place to find it, sell it, buy it, & announce it.

To place your ad, call 389-9355



GMS Highlanders

The Glenvar Middle School football team finished 8-2 in the recently completed season.

RC wrestlers open Nov. 1 at Salem's Cregger Center

The Roanoke College wrestling team recently announced its 2026-27 schedule, with the season starting November 1.

The Maroons are looking to follow up on a highly successful campaign last year, finishing the season as the nation's No. 1 dual meet team after compiling a 15-0 dual meet record. The Maroons claimed their first National Duals title in January, knocking off Division III wrestling power Wartburg in the finals, 19-16.

Roanoke claimed its fourth-straight Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title and two weeks later, Roanoke became the first ODAC team to win a regional title since 1953. Five Maroons won Region IV titles and qualified nine wrestlers for the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships. Roanoke capped off its season at the Nationals with a program-best sixth place finish and four All-Americans. Head coach Nate Yetzer was named NCAA Division III Wrestling Coach of the Year by the Open Mat and the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA).

The schedule opens with the Southeast Open (unattached) at the Cregger Center November 1. The ODAC portion of the slate begins Nov. 12 at home against the University of Lynchburg. RC hosts top competition at the Military Duals November 21 and will compete again at the NWCA National Duals in Cedar Falls, Iowa Jan. 8-9.

The ODAC Championships are set for Feb. 13 at Averett University, followed by the Regional Championships Feb. 26-27. The NCAA Championships will be held in Lacrosse, Wis. March 12-13.

"I'm really excited about this year's schedule," said Yetzer. "It is very similar to last year's, but with a few new challenges, including what looks like the best ODAC talent we have had since wrestling was reinstated as a championship sport."

"This is the deepest our team has ever been and we wanted to provide plenty of opportunities where we can showcase that. I am especially excited for the inaugural Military Duals in the first semester. We return to defend our National Title at the Nationals Duals in Iowa in the second semester as well as once again attending the Pete Wilson Invitational in Wheaton – the perennial toughest tournament in the country. The ODAC Championships take on extra meaning as this will determine the champions unlike years past."



CHRIS COLE

Georgia's Chris Cole is Bednarik Award winner

University of Georgia junior linebacker Chris Cole, a graduate of Salem High School, was named the Bednarik Award Player of the Week following the Bulldogs' 20-17 road win over Alabama on October 10 according to the Maxwell Football Club.

Cole collected eight tackles, including a sack and 2.5 tackles for loss, against the Tide. In addition, he had two quarterback pressures and two pass breakups for the Bulldogs. Cole was part of a defense that held Alabama to 6-of-13 on third downs and tallied four sacks while keeping the Tide scoreless in the first and fourth quarters.

The Bulldogs were upset by Auburn last Saturday, 27-24, in Athens, GA. They're off this week, returning October 31 with a 3:30 pm game against Florida in Atlanta, GA.



It's a go for Rowe

After having it on the contest the past two weeks the Ohio State-Indiana game finally got played last week, and it was a good one.

If you didn't see it, Indiana threw a pass to the end zone that could have won the game on fourth down in the final minute. The receiver caught it, but his foot was out of bounds and that turned the ball over to the Buckeyes who took a knee for the win. Heck of a game.

Our contest went down to the wire as well, with Washington threatening to score and upset the 49ers on Monday night. However, the Niners were able to hold on and that was enough for Salem's Joe Rowe to pull out the win. A bunch of contestants had three wrong but Joe hit the high point total right on the nose, 48 by Carroll County over Floyd. He'll get a $50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's for his excellent prognosticating.

Last week's 19th hole question was to pick the score of that Ohio State-Indiana game that finished with the Buckeyes winning 19-15. Most everyone figured it would be a much higher scoring game than that, and the closest to the actual score was Sandra Anderson who guessed THE Ohio State University would win 24-17. She'll get the free day of golf at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street.

For this week's 19th Hole give me your prediction for the World Series. I want the winner, how many games and what the score will be for the final game. If you're not a baseball fan Tampa Bay is playing Milwaukee.

I'll hold the entries until the series is done, as it won't be finished before I grade the contests next Monday night while watching the 2-4 Cowboys against the 2-4 Eagles. If the 3-2-1 Giants lose in Houston Sunday that could be a big game.

-- BRIAN HOFFMAN

Eleven Maroons score

The Roanoke College women will host Washington & Lee in a soccer game at Salem's Kerr Stadium Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for noon for the ODAC tilt.

Roanoke 6-5-4 overall and 3-2-2 in the conference prior to Wednesday home game with Averett, which was too late for publication. Last Saturday the Maroon women were in Lynchburg where they dropped a 4-0 decision to the host Hornets of UofL.

Last Wednesday, October 14, the Maroons hosted Hollins University and won 11-0 with 11 different Roanoke College women scoring a goal. Roanoke led 4-0 at the half and put seven more on the Kerr Stadium scoreboard after intermission. The Maroons out-shot Hollins, 37-0.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Carly Griffin controls the ball.

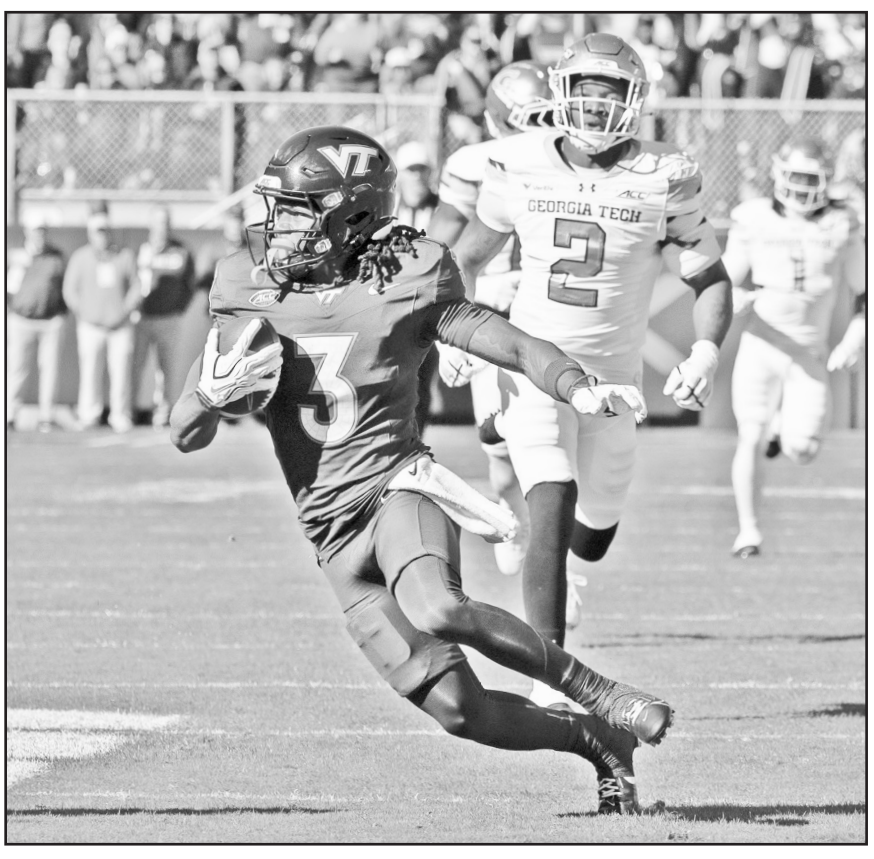
Field Hockey tops EMU

The Roanoke College field hockey team hosted Eastern Mennonite University last Saturday and took a 5-1 win at Kerr Stadium in Salem. The win upped RC's record to 5-7 overall and 2-2 in the ODAC pending a game with Lynchburg that was too late for press deadlines.

Maddy Holmes opened the scoring for Roanoke just 56 seconds into the game. Corinne Orlando would go on to score two goals in three minutes of game play and Holmes would score two more to complete her three-goal hat trick.

Chloe Miller and Willemijn Van Putten split time in goal and Van Putten recorded the only save for Roanoke. The Maroons had the advantage in both shots, 24-6, and penalty corners, 14-8.

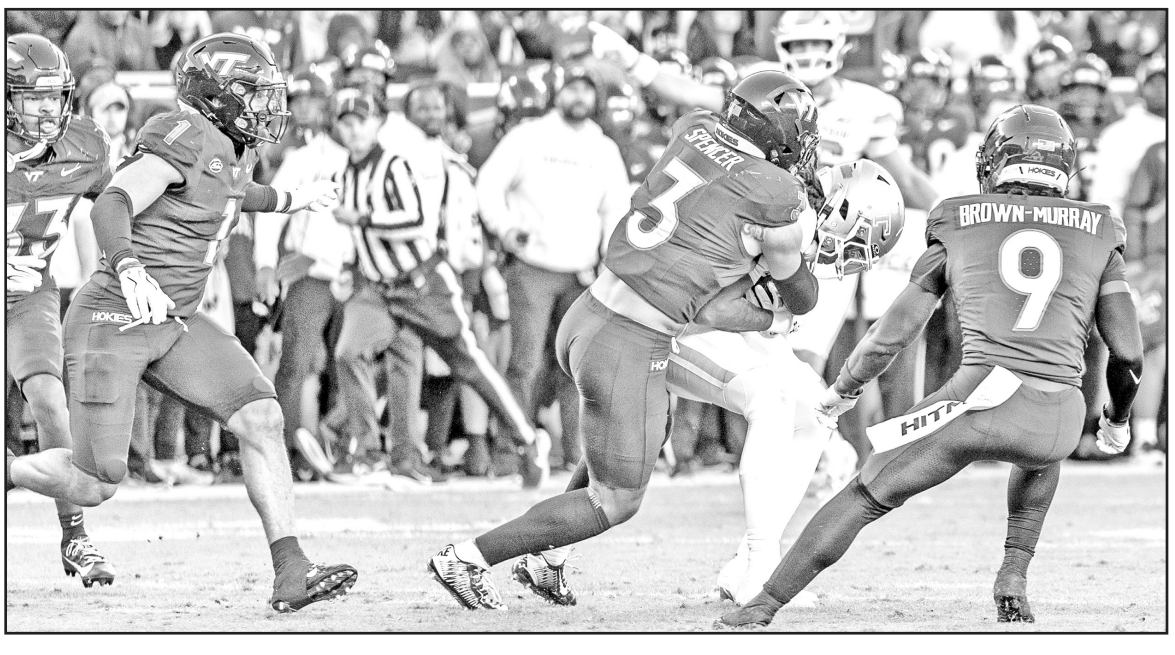
Next up for RC is a trip to Bridgewater College Friday followed by a Sunday home game with Centre College at 11 am in Salem.



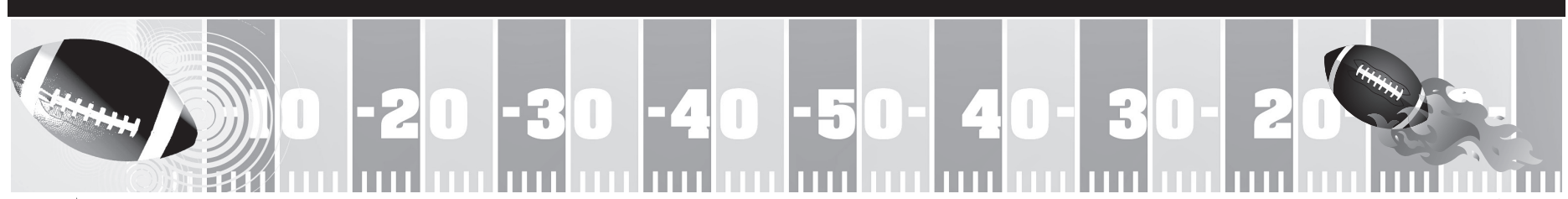
Hokies on top in "Battle of Techs"

The Virginia Tech football team pulled out a 34-24 win over Georgia Tech at Lane Stadium last Saturday with much of the credit going to Que'Sean Brown(left). The Hokie senior receiver caught six passes for 182 yards, had a 12 yard run and scored on a 60 yard reception less than two minutes into the game to get the Hokies off to a fast start. Below, linebacker Kaleb Spencer makes a tackle in the backfield as Hokie defenders swarm. With the win Tech improved to 5-2 on the season. The Hokies have another big game this week as they travel to Clemson for an ACC game on Saturday.

PHOTOS BY SCOTT GARDNER



WEEKLY FOOTBALL CONTEST





MAC AND BOB'S
Salem, Virginia
- EST. 1980 -

SALEM MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE



PRIZES

First prize each week will be a $50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's

Prize for "The 19th Hole" is a Free day of golf from the Salem Municipal Golf Course

MAC AND BOB'S
Salem @ Pulaski County
Salem, Virginia
- EST. 1980 -
316 E. Main Street, Salem • 389-5999
www.macandbobs.com

Want a true local banking experience? Our "corporate headquarters" is located on Main Street in Salem!
Main Street
Glenvar @ Patrick County
KEMBA ROANOKE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
JOIN KEMBA TODAY!
TRYKEMBA.COM
Federally Insured by NCUA

PILLIS BROTHERS
Blacksburg @ Christiansburg
Complete Automotive Mechanical Work
Serving Salem for over 72 years
101 East 4th Street, Salem
540-389-6741 • www.pillisbrothers.com

YOUNG REALTY COMPANY
Radford @ Carroll County
Jack D. Frye, Jr.
Real Estate Broker
G.R.I., C.R.S., C.R.B.
716 West Main Street, Salem
Bus: (540) 387-0466 • Cell: (540) 580-7484
Fax: (540) 389-0175 • Email: jfrye@aol.com

William Byrd @ Lord Botetourt
SALEM MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE
601 Academy Street, Salem • 354-3542

SALEM, VIRGINIA
Chip & Jo's
EST. 2002
Averett @ Roanoke College
Proudly serving breakfast, lunch and dinner
315 8th Street Salem, Va 24153
(540) 387 - 9585 • chipandjos.com

Virginia Tech @ Clemson
Mamma Maria's
ITALIAN RESTAURANT
Specializing in Catering and Parties
389-2848
2025 West Main St., Salem | Exit 137 off I-81



• Estate Planning
• Elder Law
• Financial Services
• Fiduciary Services
• Insurance Services
VESTED PARTNERS
A MULTI-FAMILY OFFICE
300 E. 2nd Street, Salem, VA
(540)389-6060
www.vestedmfo.com

JAMES T. JORDAN, PLCC
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Ole Miss @ Texas

• Real Estate
• Wills
• Estate Planning
• Trusts
• Powers of Attorney
• Guardianships
• Conservatorships
• Advance Medical Directives
25 East Main Street, Salem • 389-6735

1. LSU @ Auburn
2. Akron @ Kent State
3. Tampa Bay @ Carolina
4. Green Bay @ Detroit

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!
Want to keep up with local news, sports and events?
Call (540) 389-9355

If you would like to advertise in this space, please call Tucker Frye (540)389-9355
Kansas City @ Seattle

If you would like to advertise in this space, please call Tucker Frye (540) 389-9355
Dallas @ Philadelphia

CONTEST RULES:

-All entries must be on an official Salem Times-Register entry blank. No duplicates please. No limit on the number of entries as long as the current blank is used.
-Each advertisement on this page includes one football game to be played this week. Find the game in the ad and print your predicted winner on the line corresponding to the advertiser in the list included on this page.
-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.
-All entries not conforming to the rules may be declared null and void. Decisions are final. For questions call Brian Hoffman @ 389-9355. Winners will be announced in the contest story the following week.

Mac and Bob's _____
Kemba Federal Credit Union _____
Pillis Brothers _____
Jack Frye, Young Realty ____ _____
Salem Municipal Golf Course _____
Chip & Jo's _____
Mamma Maria's Italian Restaurant _____
Vested Partners _____

James T. Jordan _____
SUBSCRIBE TODAY! #1 _____
SUBSCRIBE TODAY! #2 _____
SUBSCRIBE TODAY! #3 _____
SUBSCRIBE TODAY! #4 _____
ADVERTISE! _____
ADVERTISE! _____

Your Name _____
Your Address _____
I think _____ will be the most points scored

The 19th Hole
(see story)

High School volleyball regular season ends tonight

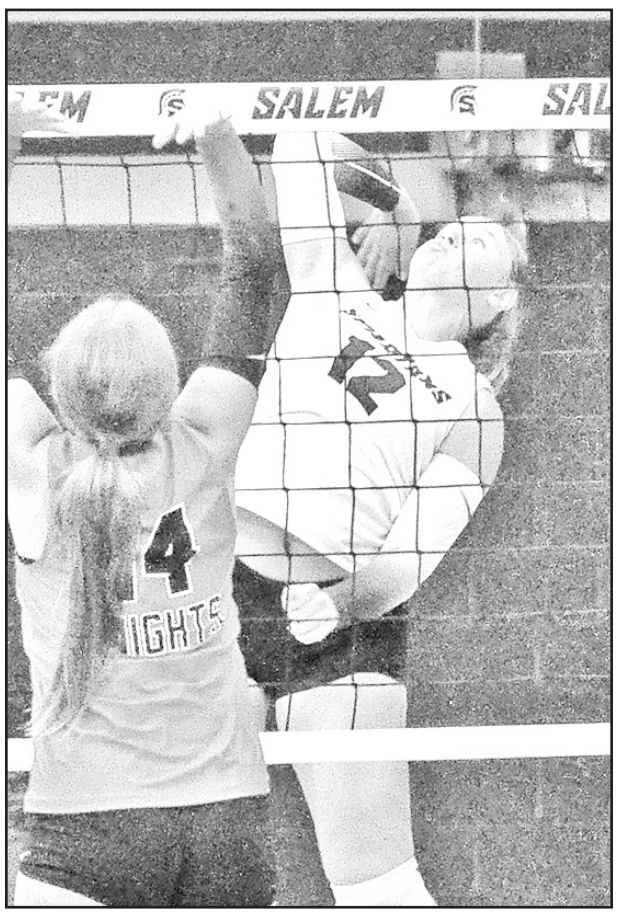
The Salem and Glenvar High volleyball teams will wrap up their regular season with matches tonight, and then it will be a long layoff. For Glenvar it will be a couple weeks, for Salem it will be next fall.

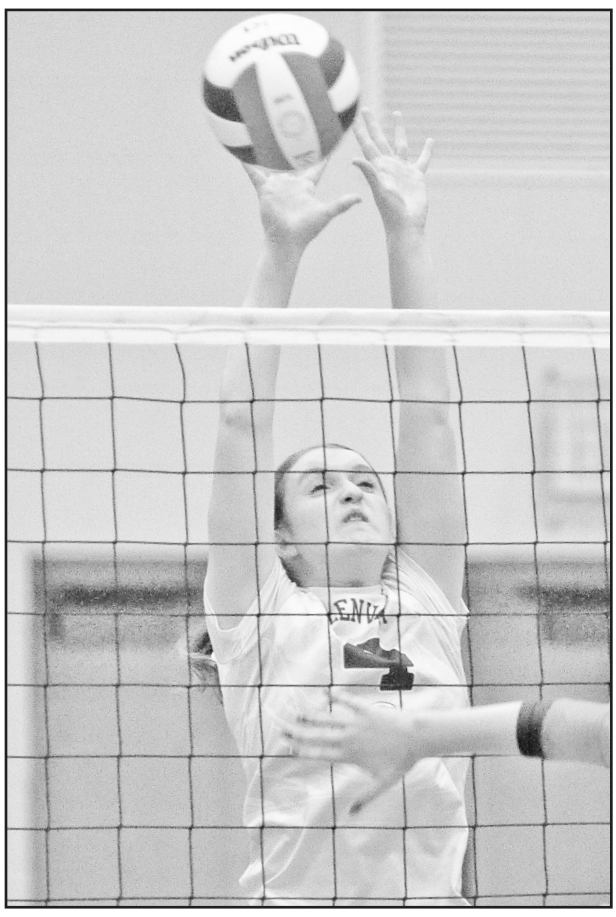
The Spartans will be at Pulaski County tonight and it will be their final game of the season. The Spartans will not qualify for the four-team River Ridge District tournament or the five team Region 4D sub-region. Salem comes into the week with a 7-11 overall record and a 2-8 mark in the River Ridge District.

The RRD is one of the top districts in the state and that hurts the Spartans in the big picture. Coming into the week Christiansburg, who was the Class 3 state runnerup last year, is 17-3 and undefeated in the district. Blacksburg is 17-2 and Hidden Valley and Cave Spring are perennial contenders in Class 3. Even Pulaski County has its best team in years, leaving a solid Salem team out in the cold after tonight.

The Three Rivers District does not have a district tournament, so Glenvar won't play again after tonight's match at Floyd County until the Region 2C tournament begins on November 3rd. At 17-4 with an 8-1 district record the Highlanders will get a high seed in the eight team region tournament. All games are at the higher seed and the top two advance to the state Class 2 tournament.

Glenvar lost to Blacksburg on Monday in four sets. None of the Highlanders' four losses have been to a Class 2 school as they've lost once to Class 5 Patrick Henry, twice to Class 4 Blacksburg and once to district rival Carroll County, a Class 3 school. Glenvar has also beaten PH and Carroll and they have a total of six wins over schools higher than Class 2.





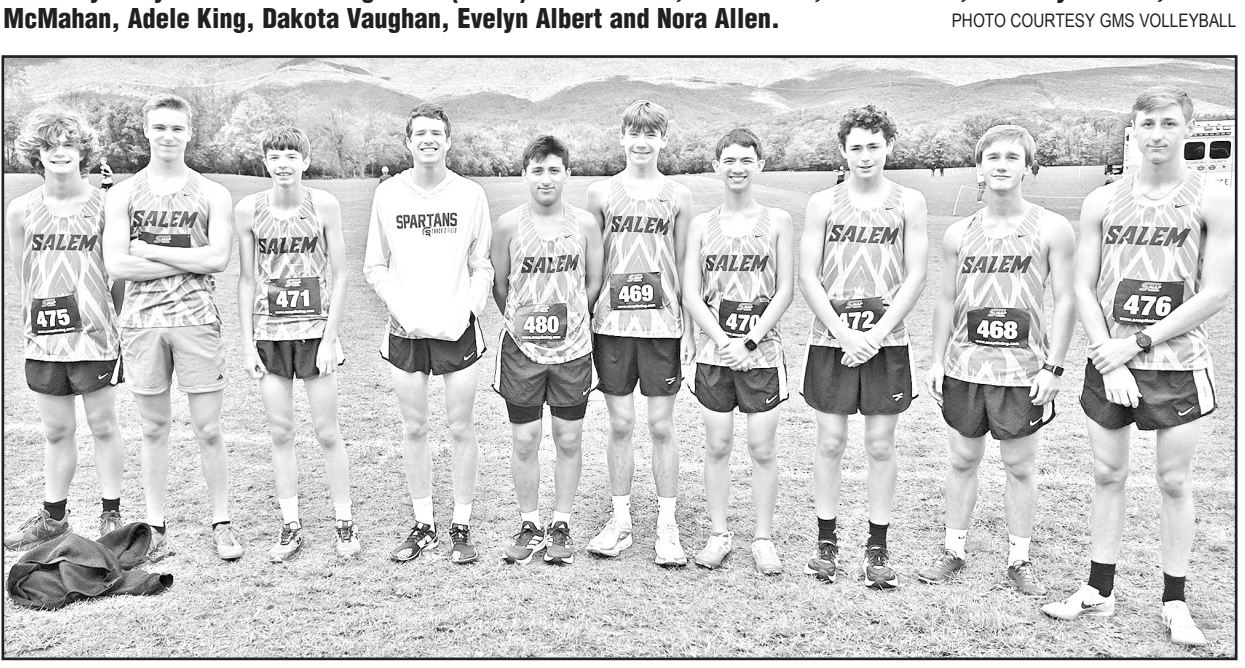
Left, Evie Van Liew goes up for a spike for Salem in a match at Salem High. Right, Grace Fiedler blocks an attempted spike for the Highlanders.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Glenvar Middle finishes with 9-6 volleyball record

The Glenvar Middle School volleyball team wrapped up their season last week with a two sets to none win over Radford. With the win Glenvar finished the season at 9-6. "We have had so many girls step up to lead this team," said coach Stephanie Butler. "We had seven of our eighth graders get pulled up to JV, so that makes for a very young team. We have grown as a team and each girl has improved so much." Front Row- 8th graders (L to R) Delaney Wright, Addy Sprouse, Sophia Terry and Delaney Flynn. Middle row- 7th graders (L to R) Willow Karnes, Sawyer Martin, Skyler Massey, Emma Gray, Sadie Gold, Olivia Priest, Kennedy Franklin, Eliza Townley and Sany Dawyot. Back row- 6th graders (L to R) Emma Moore, Stori Maffe, Josie Moles, Kennedy Duncan, Laurel McMahan, Adele King, Dakota Vaughan, Evelyn Albert and Nora Allen. PHOTO COURTESY GMS VOLLEYBALL



The Salem boys took second place in last Saturday's cross country meet at Green Hill Park. Left to right are Michael Perry,Thomas Scharp,Colin Hutchinson,John Stovall,Kenneth Toapanta-Sanchez,Jackson Garst,Joseph Griffin, Beckett Miller,Jack Dixon and Austin Prosser. PHOTO COURTESY SHS CC

Region cross country is next week for SHS, GHS

The Salem and Glenvar High cross country teams will be training for their respective region meets this week. Salem will run in the Region 4D meet in Jefferson Forest next Tuesday, October 27, and Glenvar will run in the Region 2C meet at Greenfield Park in Daleville a day later, on Wednesday, October 28.

Glenvar was off last weekend but Salem's team competed in the East Coast Elite State Preview Meet at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County. It looked like it was going to be a bad day early but, "the rain stopped and the wind calmed down," said Salem coach Tom Roth. "It was a good day to race."

In the girls' race Salem had just four runners so there was no team score but all four placed. Keeey Prosser took fourth, Ashley Davis was eighth, Isabelle Henzey was ninth and Addison Hancock finished 12th.

Salem had a full boys' team and finished second. John Stovall was third individually while Austin Prosser was fourth and Thomas Scharp took 10th. Beckett Miller and Jackson Garst also scored.

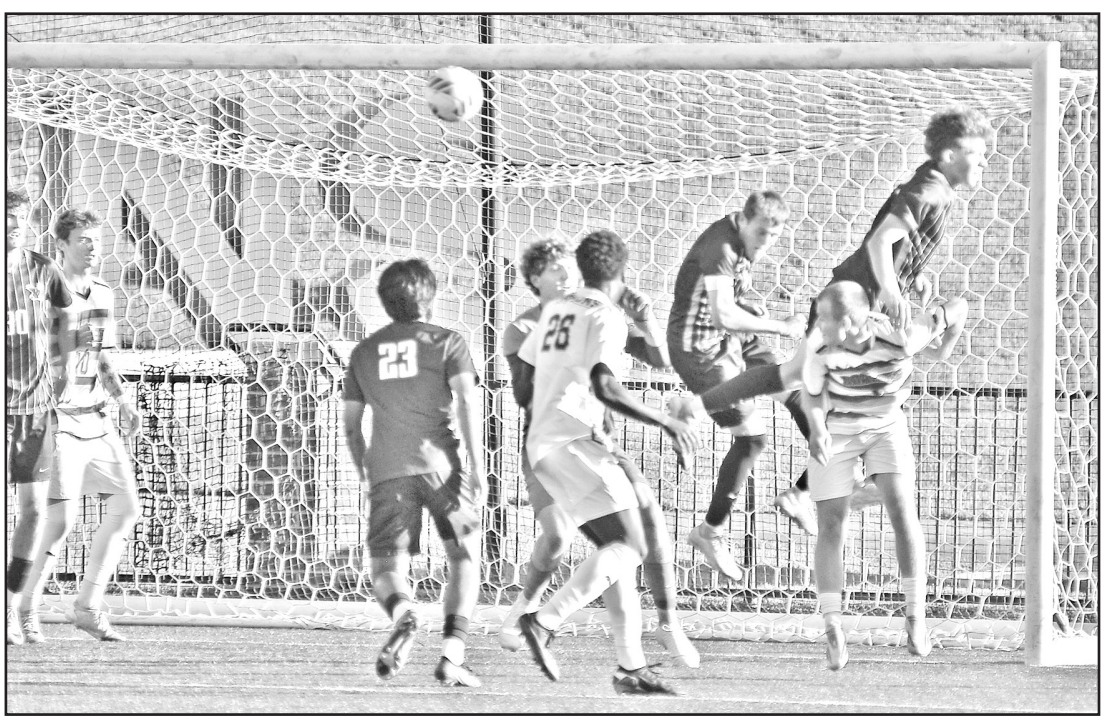
"It's worth noting that of the 11 runners, seven had season best times," said Roth.

Roanoke men's soccer will host Batten Saturday

The Roanoke College men's soccer team will be home Saturday to take on Batten University at 3 pm at Kerr Stadium. The Maroons were scheduled to play at the University of Lynchburg on Wednesday but results were too late for publication.

Roanoke comes into the week at 4-8-1 after splitting their last two matches. Last Wednesday in Salem they took a 4-0 win over Averett as Brian Manon, Carolos Lomena, Christian Robertson and William Gardiner all scored goals. Slate Danforth had two assists and Nicholas Robertson needed just two saves to record the shutout in goal.

Last Saturday in Winchester the Maroons dropped a 4-0 decision to ODAC rival Shenandoah. The Hornets scored three first half goals and outshot the visiting Maroons, 12-11.



Salem High grad Logan Lavinder (right in white uniform) has an Eagle on his back as Maroons and Mary Washington players battle for the ball on a corner kick in a recent game at Salem's Kerr Stadium.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

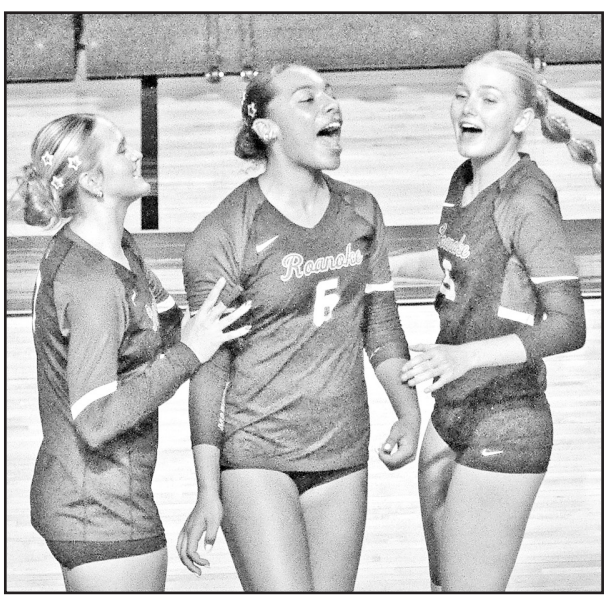
RC volleyball tops Quakers

The Roanoke College women's volleyball team improved their record to 13-6 overall and 4-3 in the ODAC with a four set win over Guilford in the RC Cregger Center last week. Roanoke lost the first set, 25-23, but bounced back to win the next three, all by identical 25-23 scores.

Freshman Zarah Love delivered a match-high 14 kills with seven blocks to lead the Maroons. Karly Shipe hit 10 kills with seven digs and Lord Botetourt High grad Gracelynn Clark had seven kills.

Raygan Wade assisted on 19 kills with 11 digs and three aces and Abby Bishop had 15 assists, three service aces and eight digs. Teagan Hubble accumulated 14 digs, six assists and three aces.

The Maroons were scheduled to host Sweet Briar on Wednesday but results were too late for publication. This weekend the women are in Virginia Beach Friday take on Batten University and Ashland Saturday against Randolph-Macon.



Roanoke College women celebrate a point in a recent volleyball game in Salem. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Roanoke men are 5th, women 6th at Green Hill Park

The Roanoke College men were fifth and the women were sixth as RC hosted the South Region Showdown cross country meet last Saturday. The meet was held at Green Hill Park in Roanoke County.

Five teams competed in the men's meet. RC's Parker Blosser finished at 25:50.2 to place 11th out of 172 runners. The Maroons' next four runners were separated by only 12 seconds, as Elias Ammon placed 21st at 26:08.3, Aaron Massey 26th at 26:14.2, Jackson Coombes 28th at 26:16.8, and Gabe Ramirez Hannon 30th at 26:20.0.

The women's race had a dozen teams entered. Maya Herndon led the Maroons, placing 11th at 23:01.6 in a field of 139 runners. Riley Larimer was the next-best finisher at 40th with a time of 24:07.3. William Byrd grad Lucy Whitenack set a new personal best of 27:09.6.

The Maroons will now take a week off to prepare for the ODAC Championships on October 31 in Winchester.





PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left, Ezra Blankenship of Salem's 8U team looks to pass in Saturday's game at Bogle Field. Right, Maxwell Curran runs the ball as Abram Sowers(#21) looks to block.

Salem, Glenvar teams reach Super Bowl semifinals

The Sandlot Super Bowl is down to the semifinals this Saturday and three Salem teams and two Glenvar teams are still alive.

The Sandlot Super Bowl has tournaments for three age groups, 8U, 10U and 12U. This week's games are all at either Bogle Field behind Cave Spring Middle School or Cy Dillon Stadium at Franklin County High School.

In the 8U tournament the Glenvar-Hudson team will take on Salem-Chaney at 11:30 am in Rocky Mount. Last Saturday at Bogle Salem defeated Vinton-Havens, 38-0, and Glenvar beat Vinton-Saunders, 38-12. Saturday's other semifinal is at Bogle Field with Botetourt-Divers taking on Cave Spring-Simcox.

In the 10U tournament both semifinals are in Franklin County. Salem-Dyer will play top-seeded North Roanoke-Hamidullah at 9 am followed by Glenvar-Edmonds against second seed Botetourt-Phillips at 10:15 am. Glenvar, the third seed, beat Salem-Abbott in the quarterfinal round, 32-8. Salem-Dyer is the fifth seed and defeated Cave Spring-Beemer last Saturday, 16-8.

In the 12U tournament Salem-Jones is the second seed and will play third seed Cave Spring-Ellis at 10:15 this Saturday at Bogle Field. Salem defeated Vinton last Saturday, 28-0. Top-seeded Cave Spring-Barmore will meet Botetourt-Howery in the other semifinal, also at Bogle, at 9 am Saturday. Glenvar does not have a 12U team.

This Saturday's winners advance to the championship games at Salem Stadium on November 7. The 8U championship will kick off at 9 am followed by the 10U at 10:30 am and the 12U final at noon.





PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left, Glenvar's Ryder Hudson breaks free to score a touchdown in Saturday's win at Bogle Field. Right, Sutton Kirk runs for big yardage against Vinton's 8U team.



The Salem cheer squad took first place at Bath County. PHOTO COURESY SHS CHEER

Salem, Glenvar cheer teams in region competition Sat.

The Salem and Glenvar cheer teams will have their region meets this Saturday at two locations. Salem will competed in the Region 4D meet at Liberty High in Bealton while Glenvar is at Virginia High in Bristol for the Region 2C meet.

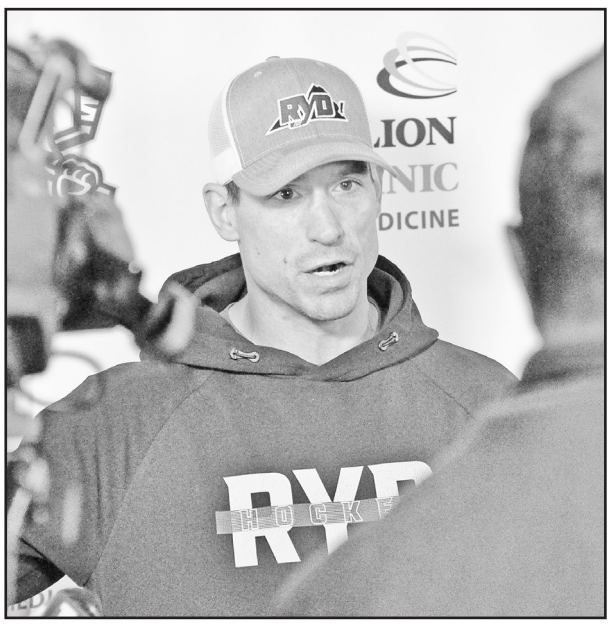
Salem's team competed in the Charger Cheer Invitational at Bath County High School in Hot Springs last Saturday and took first place. The Spartans had their highest score of the season at the event.

Glenvar was off last weekend but will host a showcase sendoff today, Thursday, at 5:30 pm in the Glenvar Auxiliary gym.

DAWGS OPEN

The Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs opened their 2026-27 hockey season with a 2-1 home loss to the Fayetteville Marksmen at the Berglund Center Friday. On Saturday the Dawgs beat the Marksman in Fayetteville in overtime, 3-2. Here coach Dan Bremner talks to the media on "Media Day" last week. Roanoke is back home to host the Athens Rock Lobsters this Saturday. The puck drops at 7:05 pm.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



RidgeYaks Allen Lawrence receives Diamond Award

The Salem RidgeYaks have announced that long-time General Manager Allen Lawrence has been named the recipient of the Diamond Award by Diamond Baseball Holdings, recognizing his outstanding leadership, dedication and lasting impact on Minor League Baseball.

Lawrence was honored during DBH's third annual Awards Ceremony in Louisville, Kentucky, celebrating individuals across the organization who have gone above and beyond in their work. The ceremony featured over 80 nominations recognizing excellence in leadership, innovation, community involvement and the fan experience.

For 25 years, Lawrence has been a cornerstone of professional baseball in Salem, helping guide the organization through decades of growth and change. Most recently, he played an instrumental role in the club's transformation to the Salem RidgeYaks, finding creative ways to grow the organization while maintaining the personal connections that have defined his leadership.

"This is an incredible honor, and I'm truly grateful to Diamond Baseball Holdings for this recognition," said Lawrence. "But this award is really a reflection of the amazing people I've had the privilege of working alongside throughout the years. We have an incredible staff that puts their hearts into what they do every day, and we're fortunate to have the best fans in Minor League Baseball. Salem is a special place, and I'm proud to be part of it."

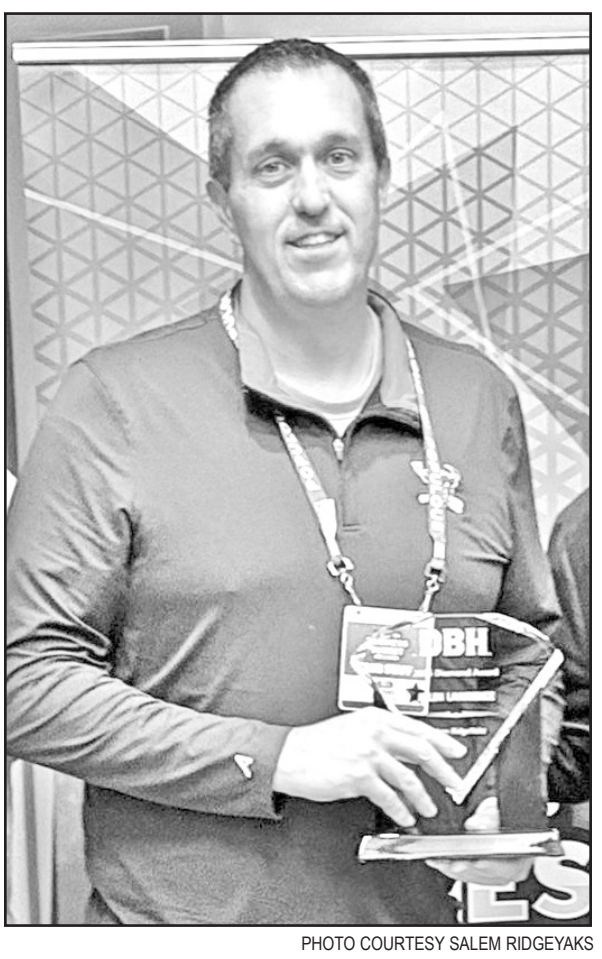


PHOTO COURTESY SALEM RIDGEYAKS

Allen Lawrence received the Diamond Award from the Diamond Baseball Holdings organization.

The recognition adds to an already memorable year for Lawrence, who was inducted into the Roanoke-Salem Baseball Hall of Fame in 2026.

Known for his approachable leadership, commitment to his staff and genuine relationships with fans, Lawrence continues to make a lasting impact both inside and outside the ballpark.

The Salem RidgeYaks are the Single-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox and call Carilion Clinic Field in Salem home. Founded in 1968, the Salem RidgeYaks are in the Northern Division of the Carolina League and owned by Diamond Baseball Holdings. Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH) was formed in 2021 to support, promote and enhance Minor League Baseball Clubs affiliated with Major League Baseball through professional management, best practices, innovation and investment.

Haley Has It For Less... For Salem!
Haley Toyota
1530 Courtland Road NE,
Roanoke, VA 24012 • 540.345.1666
Haleyhasitforless.com
Bring this coupon in for
$100 Off Your Best Deal!
Limit One Per Customer
Expiration Date: OCTOBER 31, 2026

SPORTS

Send story ideas & announcements to bhoffman@ourvalley.org, or PO Box 1125, Salem, Va, 24153 • ourvalley.org

Spartans return from bye with trip to Pulaski



Salem's Nick Baxley is a threat to score every time he touches the ball returning kicks. PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

The Salem High football team is back on the field this week after taking time off for their bye. The Spartans will be at Pulaski County on Friday night for a 7 pm game at Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium.

Salem will head to Dublin with a 6-1 record while the Cougars have fallen on hard times. Pulaski is winless through seven games, has been shut out twice and has given up 30 or more points in five of the seven losses, including a 51-13 loss to Class 2 Graham.

It wasn't long ago the Salem-Pulaski rival was the marquee game of the season. It was often the last game of the regular season and was a huge game for playoff position, and even making the playoffs when fewer teams qualified. Salem coach Don Holter played in some memorable games against the Cougars as a student and he still gets excited to see the maroon and gold across the field.

"It's Pulaski," he said. "They're going to give us some multiple looks and we're going to have to line up correctly. It really doesn't matter what their record is, our biggest opponent every week is ourselves. We focus on us every week."

Salem had two weeks to prepare for the home stretch with last week's bye. Holter was hoping to get some players back on the field in coming weeks. One will not be senior quarterback and captain Tanner Overstreet, who had successful knee surgery last week. Freshman Pearce Oliver has played well in his place and will be a key player in the post-season for the Spartans.

The Region 4D playoffs begin on November 13 and Salem will most likely be on the road. The Spartans are currently in the number five spot with eight teams qualifying, and the top four get a first round home game. Salem still had winless Pulaski and Hidden Valley to play before finishing up with 3-4 Christiansburg.

Even if the Spartans finish 9-1 they're likely to travel and the most probable opponent is fourth place James Wood, who is 7-1. The Colonels have a bye this week and finish up with 5-2 Handley and 1-6 Fauquier. They would have to lose both for Salem to have a chance to move up and avoid a three hour trip to Winchester to open the playoffs.

"After looking at it the best we can do is a fourth seed, and James Wood would have to lose a couple times," said Holter. "We're in a damn good region."

Highlanders look to bounce back in Stuart after loss to Radford

The Glenvar football team followed one of their best games of the season with one of their worst last Friday. The Highlanders were shut out by a Three Rivers District opponent for the first time since 2014 when they fell to Radford at Lineburg Field, 29-0.

"One of the worst games we've played," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "Don't get me wrong, they're good and they're the biggest team we've played, but we just weren't consistently good enough. We made mistakes like we didn't make the week before(in a 31-7 win over James River)."

Things didn't go well for the Highlanders from the get go. They held the Bobcats on the opening drive, but with a strong wind at their backs Radford punted the ball to Glenvar's half yard line. The Bobcats took advantage of the field position and every big play seemed to go their way.

"It was frustrating," said Clifford. "We had a blocked punt for a touchdown and we gave up three explosive plays. It was just one of those games."

Statistically, Kiptyn Jones was five for 15 passing for just 28 yards, with three receptions going to Haden Henderson. The rushing attack didn't fare much better with Garrison Burris picking up 54 yards and Ranger Swanson going for 30.

Jake Franklin had a good game on defense. He led the team with 15 tackles and had a sack, a tackle for a loss and a forced fumble. Swanson had 10 tackles while Henderson and Allen Snare had eight each.

With the loss Glenvar fell to 4-4 on the season but the Highlanders are still the fourth ranked team in Region 2C. That would give them a home game to start the playoffs if they hold on to that spot or move up. They're behind 6-1 Radford, 5-2 Floyd County and 4-3 Martinsville. Glenvar has Patrick County in Stuart this Friday followed by a bye and a home game with Floyd to wrap up the regular season.

Patrick comes into this Friday's game at 3-5 and it's a big one for the Cougars, who are currently in eighth place in the standings. The top eight make the playoffs and they're just .0.37 points ahead of ninth place Dan River.

"Their quarterback's back and he can throw it a mile," said Clifford. "They have a good receiver and they're always physically tough. Plus, it's a long drive and a tough place to play."

Patrick has lost all five previous games with Glenvar since joining the district.

"They've never beaten us so they'll be fired up," said Clifford. "I tell the kids they have an 'x' on their chest every time they go out there. We've been fortunate to have had some success and everyone is out to beat us."



Above, Jake Franklin (#30) and a couple unidentified Highlanders make a tackle at Radford last Friday. Below, John Holliday(#72) clears some space for Ranger Swanson. PHOTOS BY KENNY FORD & BRYANT ALTIZER



Maroons are home Saturday after close loss to Shenandoah



Jackson Swanson picks up yards in Roanoke's game with Hampden-Sydney on October 2nd. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Roanoke College football team will be looking to snap a two game losing streak when the Maroons host Averett University Saturday afternoon. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 pm for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference game.

The Wildcats come to Salem at 2-4 and they've had their ups and downs. After losing their opener to North Carolina Wesleyan they put up 41 and 55 points in back-to-back wins over Southern Virginia and Gallaudet. However, they lost the past three weeks against ODAC opponents, 34-7 to Washington & Lee, 38-20 to Shenandoah and 42-7 last week in Danville against Randolph-Macon.

The Maroons come in at 4-2 overall and 1-2 in the ODAC after losing a close conference game for the second week in a row, 30-24 to Shenandoah in Winchester. A potential game-winning drive fell just short against the Hornets.

The Maroons trailed 30-17 with six minutes left in the game, but rallied to have a chance at victory in the closing seconds. Down six and facing a fourth and seven from the SU 14 with 31 seconds remaining, a potential touchdown pass fell incomplete as the RC receiver went down after contact with a defender.

Roanoke trailed 17-9 at the half. Linwood Johnson found Jack Brotherton from four yards out for a Maroon touchdown but RC couldn't convert the extra point and Ethan Cyr dilled a 50-yard field goal just before the half.

Johnson connected with Cole Chizuk on a five-yard TD and hit Grey Deal on the two-point conversion to tie the game at 17-17 midway through the third quarter. Shenandoah then scoed two straight touchdowns to assume a 30-17 lead with 8:59 on the game clock.

Johnson led a seven-play, 63-yard drive in just 3:03, capped with a Trell Creasy four-yard touchdown run. The RC defense forced a quick three-and-out to give the Maroon offense the ball back with 3:37 left at their own 47. The Maroons drove to the SU 10, but a holding penalty set the final drive back and the Hornets were ultimately able to escape with the victory.

Johnson was 28-of-44 for 242 yards and two touchdowns. Deal caught five passes for 60 yards and Chizuk hauled in six for 51 and a TD. Jerrett Shepherd carried the ball 12 times for 47 yards.

On defense JaePharoah Carpenter had nine tackles and forced a fumble. Ethan Mapstone made eight stops, recovered a fumble and had an interception. Salem High grad Josiah Moyer also had an interception.