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Youngkin talks 'compete to win' in Salem



During his speech, Youngkin discussed his desire to "compete to win."

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Gov. Glenn Youngkin stopped by Carter Machinery's newly opened Machine Rebuild Center in Salem on Thursday, Jan. 5 to discuss a range of issues, including legislative priorities he has for the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly.

The focus of Youngkin's remarks was the slogan "compete to win." The slogan was used to highlight his desire to lower taxes and increase Virginia's competitive edge regarding new business recruitment.

He said that Virginia's ability to "compete to win" starts with both corporate and individual taxes. He pointed to North Carolina's competitiveness because of its lowering of taxes. He added that the lowering of taxes sends a signal that "it's only going to get better,



Gov. Glenn Youngkin visited Carter Machinery in Salem last Thursday.

not worse." A step towards lowering taxes Youngkin pointed to was "\$4 billion in tax cuts."

"It is time to compete to win. We've got to jam down that accelerator, get our foot off the break and get going. The states to the south of us are competing every day, every day to win Virginians to move there, to win business decisions to locate there. I'll tell you, Virginia was built to win. We are going to compete to win—



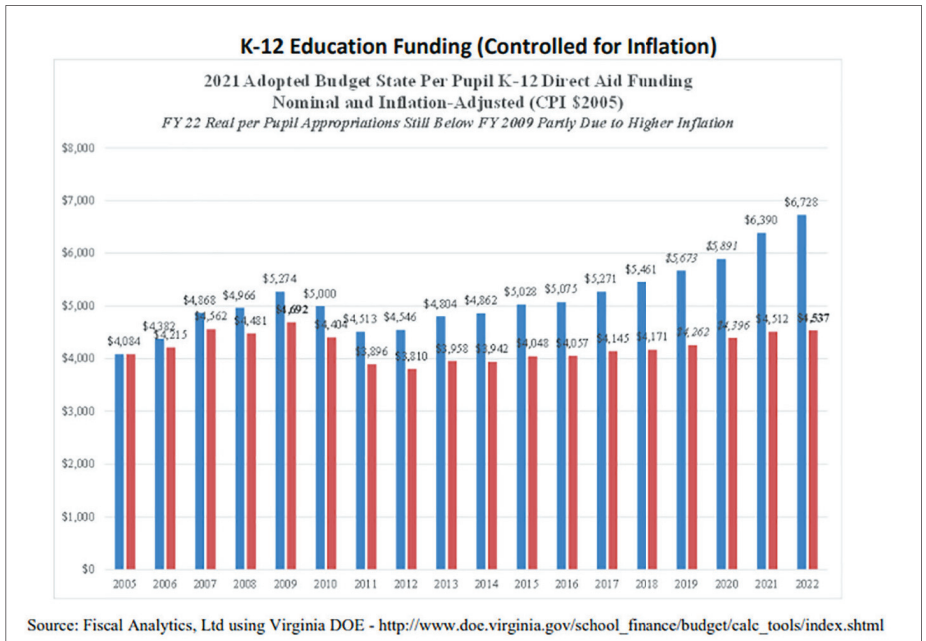
Del. Joe McNamara, who represents Salem and Craig County, spoke prior to Youngkin's speech.



The event drew a large crowd at Carter Machinery's Machine Rebuild Center.

that is what our future looks like," Youngkin said. "We

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SCREENSHOT

Legislative priorities for school division outlined ahead of the new General Assembly session

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The Virginia General Assembly convened on Wednesday, which means legislators will be addressing a range of issues. Back in November, the Salem City School Board passed its legislative positions and priorities on issues that will likely come before the legislators.

The positions and priorities primarily fall into five categories, including: local control, school funding, full repeal of the support staff cap, employee compensation and assessment reform.

Local control
In the document the School Board approved on its positions and priorities, it said it "urges state and federal government leaders to create the conditions that facilitate innovation by supporting local School Board authority, while avoiding the temptation

to micromanage a local function."

School funding
When controlled for inflation, the document noted, the FY 2023 state budget is \$161 less per pupil than in FY 2009. For that reason, the School Board urged the General Assembly to "adopt a state budget that fully funds its commitment to teaching and learning" in the document.

Dr. Curtis Hicks, superintendent, said, "Our desire is to see the gap between how teachers are funded and the economic capacity of Virginia shrink overtime."

Full repeal of the support staff cap
The document describes the cap on support staff, which was implemented during the Great Recession, as "a significant and arbitrary limit on calculating actual costs." The cap related to positions like teacher aides

and assistant principals.

For that reason, the division is asking the legislature to repeal the cap, which it said has "artificially depressed the re-benchmarking calculation."

"The reality is school divisions had to have those employees in order to run effectively and serve students and families," Hicks said. "We would like to see the commonwealth remove these arbitrary support staff caps and fully fund education based on the standards of quality, which indicate the specific number of positions you're required to have in a school division to meet accreditation standards."

Employee compensation
Due to the fact that "teacher salaries in Southwest Virginia rank near the bottom on the national comparisons," the division is asking the legislature to establish

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Council reorganizes, re-elects mayor, vice mayor

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Salem City Council officially reorganized for the new year Monday night, with Circuit Court Judge Chris Clemens swearing in a new Councilmember, a returning one and the mayor and vice mayor.

Mayor Renee Turk and Vice Mayor Jim Chandler were each re-elected to their positions by fellow Councilmembers on a 3-2 vote. Councilman Randy Foley nominated Councilman Bill Jones for mayor and vice mayor. The vote was Turk, Chandler and new Councilman Hunter Holliday voting for the incumbents, and Foley and Jones voting for Jones.

The first order of the evening was Judge Clemens swearing in Holliday and Foley. City Manager Jay

Taliaferro oversaw the nominations and voting until Turk's election.

One of her first actions was to thank retiring Councilman John Saunders, who lost out of Foley by eight votes.

"He always kept City of Salem employee needs first. His decisions were based on what was right for the city." The mayor added, "John Saunders made a difference, and we thank him for his service."

Turk presented Salem citizen Katherin Elam with a crystal "Salem Salutes Award" for her service to Junior Achievement, as secretary of the Salem Electoral Board and numerous other community organizations.

Elam continues on the Electoral Board that she has served since 2002, and retired in November after 24 years as JA president. She continues as a classroom volunteer.

"I'm hoping to see the next generation become interested in entrepreneurship," said Elam, explaining that start with a new class of fourth graders the following day in JA activities.

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization with the goal of enabling students to discover career paths through classroom programs that offer learning skills, job shadowing opportunities and other opportunities.

Elam serves on a myriad of other community boards, including Blue Ridge Public Television, Carilion Medical Center, Roanoke Higher Education Center Board of Trustees to which she was appointed by the governor of Virginia, Roanoke City Career Technical Education Foundation, Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry and Valley Innovations Council Board.



Holliday



Foley



Circuit Court Judge Chris Clemens swears in new Councilman Hunter Holliday and re-elected Councilman Randy Foley.



Salem City Council recognized the contributions of Katherin Elam, third from right, with a Salem Salutes award for her work with Junior Achievement, as secretary of the Salem Electoral Board and numerous other community organizations. With her are, from left, Councilman Randy Foley, Vice Mayor Jim Wallace, Mayor Renee Turk, and Councilmen Bill Jones and Hunter Holliday.

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

DMV2Go: The service will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23.

Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting: The meeting will be on Jan. 27 at Roanoke College at 8 a.m.

Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce Awards Business Awards Breakfast March: It will be on March 17 at 8 a.m. at the Salem Civic Center.

2023 Mother's Day Brunch Fundraiser: The event hosted by Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries will be on Saturday, May 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hidden Valley Country Club. It will benefit ACT Packs for Children, Student Led Food Pantry, Summer Feed & Read and Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet.

51st Annual Spring Home Show: The show will be at the Salem Civic Center 2-6 p.m. Friday, March 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 25 and 12-5 p.m. Sunday, March 26. Tickets will be sold at the door.

2023 Senior Fun & Health Fair Day: The event, which is open to the public and free, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the Salem Civic Center.

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra: The Music of John Denver: The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$31, \$34 and \$45.

Foreigner: Greatest Hits Tour: The performance will be at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$39.50, \$55, \$69.50, \$85 and \$125.

Roanoke Symphony Orchestra: Pink Floyd—Dark Side of the Moon: The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16 at the Salem Civic Center. Tickets are \$31, \$34 and \$45.

Public meetings: The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on

Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

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POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of January 3, 2022 – January 9, 2023

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
01/05/2023	Alysia K. Richards	30	Shoplifting
01/05/2023	Kelly M. Smith	39	Contempt of Court
01/06/2023	Kara D. Smith	39	Assault & Battery
01/06/2023	Benjamin H. Tingler Jr.	61	Petit Larceny
01/06/2023	Brandon W. Scruggs	38	Shoplifting
01/07/2023	Hunter L. Wentworth	27	Domestic Assault & Battery
01/09/2023	Kayla R. Hundley	23	Contempt of Court
01/09/2023	Timothy M. Rickerson	63	Criminal Trespass

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of January 3, 2022 – January 9, 2023

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
08-JAN-2023	600 BLK S College Ave	Vehicle Theft

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

Long before the Railyard Dawgs, there was ice hockey in Salem! The then brand-new Salem Civic Center was home to the Salem Rebels ice hockey team which played in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The Rebels were a popular franchise of the Eastern Hockey League.

The Salem Museum has this hockey stick on display, signed by the members of the 1969-70 team. Signatures to look for include Dave "The Hammer" Schultz who went on to a stellar career in the National Hockey League, and Claude Piche, who later operated Piche's,

a popular pizza place on Brandon Avenue. You can see this hockey stick and lots of other sports memorabilia at the Salem Museum, 801 East Main Street. The Salem Museum is open Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is free.



COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM

The hockey stick was signed by the members of the 1969-70 team.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 5

Hero, Battle Point Pleasant, Has Long Exciting History

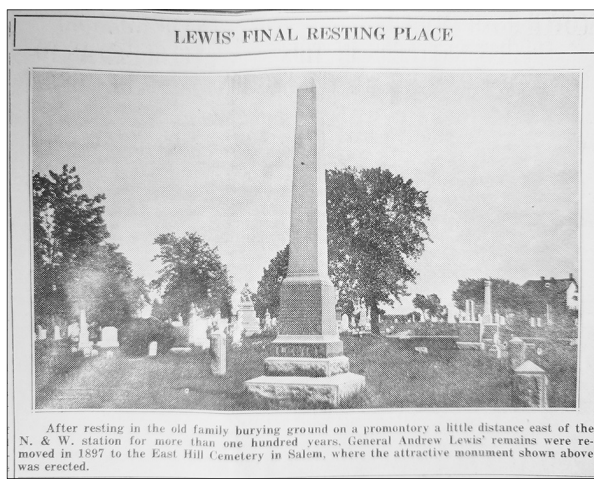
Father One Of Earliest Settlers in Valley-Lewis "Buried" During Revolution And Received Little Credit

On The March

On September 6, 1774 Colonel Charles Lewis marched with about six hundred Augusta troops toward the mouth of Kanawha. Colonel Christian wrote Colonel Preston: "His business is to proceed as far as the mouth of Elk and there to make canoes to take down the flour. He took with him 500 Pack Horses carrying 54,000 pounds of flour and 108 beeves." One the 12th of September Colonel Andrew Lewis marched leaving a few more under Colonel Christian to await the return of the pack horses and receive additional supplies of flour and beeves.

Though - perhaps recalling terrible hardships endured on the Sandy Creek expedition from lack of provisions and ammunition - Colonel Andrew Lewis was afraid he could not secure and convoy enough provisions for the subsistence of the men, this expedition was amply provisioned. There was also sufficient ammunition received from sources that the records do not disclose.

In September while troops were gathering from the southwest, Dunmore with twelve hundred splendid, trained men had gone to Pittsburgh and renewed treaties of peace with the Delawares and Six Nations and such other tribes as were disposed to be friendly without waiting for Lewis' command. Dunmore's forces were known as the northern division of the army that was going against the Ohio Indians; and was under the immediate command of Colonel Adam Stephens, a native of Scotland, an educated physician who had settled in the lower valley of Virginia. He was a noted Indian fighter, was with Washington at Great Meadows, was wounded at Braddock's defeat and served with



LEWIS' FINAL RESTING PLACE
After resting in the old family burying ground on a promontory a little distance east of the N. & W. station for more than one hundred years, General Andrew Lewis' remains were removed in 1897 to the East Hill Cemetery in Salem, where the attractive monument shown above was erected.

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distinction in the Revolutionary War.

Forces Join

On the 23rd of September, Colonel Andrew Lewis, with his forces joined Colonel Charles Lewis and his men at camp on Elk creek about one mile above where it flows into the Kanawha and one hundred eight miles from Camp Union. The march over Gauley Mountain with cattle and pack horses had been a slow, difficult and hazardous undertaking. Until September 30 the men were engaged in completing the storehouse and making canoes to transport supplies down the river. Scouts were sent in different directions to look for the enemy.

Failing to receive any message from Dunmore, Colonel Lewis decided to go to the mouth of the Kanawha,

and started on October 1. Captain John Lewis, a nephew of Colonel Andrew Lewis, marched with his company a short distance in front of two columns, as advance guard. The cattle and the pack horses were placed between the front and rear divisions, each flank being covered with a guard of one hundred men. This formation was used each day on the march and during the six days not a man or animal was lost.

Army of 1,000 Men

This was the first army of a thousand men, composed entirely of frontier hunters and skilled woodsmen, that had ever marched against the Indians. The men must have presented a rare and imposing spectacle as they marched through the trackless mountain wilderness. They wore the frontier fringed hunting shirt made by their wives and daughters from jeans of heavy flax cloth dyed brown, yellow and red. A belt girded the waist; a leather pouch swung on the left side by a shoulder belt and a powder horn similarly carried on the right side. The leather pouch held their bullets and lead, bullet molds, patching, tow for wiping out the rifle barrel and such small tools as might be needed for cleaning and repairing their guns. The powder-horn was made from the horn of a cow or ox, scraped so thin and highly polished as to make it transparent and in which the powder kept always dry. The men wore either fur caps or soft hats made of skins, moccasins and heavy woolen or buckskin leggings that reached half way up the thigh. Each man carried and mountain flint-lock rifle, a tomahawk and scalping knife. Some of the officers wore swords in addition. On October 6, Lewis'

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OPINION

Sixth District Perspective



Ben Cline
Congressman

A Time for Reflection and a Look Ahead to a Bright Future

The Christmas and holiday season is a time of celebration, and the New Year a time of reflection. Although we are looking forward to the 2023 legislative calendar and to tackling the critical issues confronting our Nation, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my office's efforts on your behalf these past twelve months.

Working for You

While my D.C. office handles the legislative issues I tend to in the House of Representatives, as well as my responses to your legislative inquiries, my four District offices are located in Harrisonburg, Staunton, Lynchburg, and Roanoke. There, my staff assists constituents in communicating with federal agencies, such as the Social Security Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Internal Revenue Service. My office and I also handle congressional nominations to one of four United States Service Academies, in addition to an array of other services carried out by my D.C. and District offices, such as offering Capitol flag sales, D.C. tours, and more listed on my website.

My team and I have worked hard to serve Virginia's Sixth District, meet with constituents, answer questions, and provide assistance, and the results in 2022 speak for themselves:

- 73,745 constituent letters, calls, and emails answered
- 9 in-person Town Halls were held across the district
- 43 events attended across the district
- 32 businesses toured across the district
- 15 schools visited
- 2,116 constituent cases with federal agencies completed
- 92 Mobile Office Hours held for constituents to meet directly with my staff

Legislative Accomplishments

In serving on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees, my office was committed to ensuring taxpayer dollars were spent in the best interests of the American people. During the Appropriations full committee mark-up hearings, I offered a total of 15 amendments to improve 7 of the 12 spending bills, and had my language adopted 3

times throughout the process.

Throughout the 117th Congress, I was proud to introduce 13 bills, 8 of which were bipartisan. Of that, 3 bills where I served as the lead Republican were passed and signed into law, either as standalone legislation or as part of a larger legislative package:

H.R. 1651 – COVID-19 Bankruptcy Relief Extension Act of 2021 extends existing provisions that provide relief to debtors in bankruptcy, including those related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

H.R. 7494 – Small Business Reorganization Technical Corrections Act modifies provisions related to small business reorganization bankruptcies, provides that a small business debtor includes a debtor that is an affiliate of certain publicly traded companies, and authorizes the bankruptcy trustee to operate the business of the debtor if the debtor ceases to be a debtor in possession.

H.R. 8017 – VA Workforce Investment and Expansion Act expands the VA workforce by enhancing VA hiring practices and incentives to better recruit and retain healthcare professionals, and strengthen Veteran access to quality VA healthcare.

Additionally, I cosponsored 301 bills that focus on a wide array of issues including, but not limited to, Veterans, healthcare, pro-life, government reform, education, the COVID-19 vaccine mandate, and agriculture. One of the bills I was most proud to cosponsor and secure a provision in — regarding bolstering VA healthcare hiring practices and expanding access to care, especially for rural areas like ours — was the historic PACT Act. This legislation finally brought justice for, and expanded benefits to, Veterans and their families who were burn pit victims sickened in Iraq and Afghanistan, in addition to Vietnam Veterans exposed to toxic chemicals.

Lastly, this year I joined 167 letters pursuant to Congress' constitutional oversight responsibility to ensure Federal agencies are working for the American people. Further, I led and was joined by my colleagues in sending 8 letters to the Biden administration demanding accountability, from ensuring Congress' allocated infrastructure funds are spent on core roads and bridges first rather than Green New Deal priorities, to soliciting immediate answers as to how Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will solve the crisis of the near 50,000 illegal immigrants released in six months who received 'Notice to Reports' but failed to re-check in with authorities. Finally, I led in writing to the National Park Service to call for the prioritization of our troops, Veterans, and Gold Star families in accessing some of the most exclusive and scenic views of our national parks, as they earned such privileges.

District Travels

While what's largely seen on national news platforms centers around the hearings and votes on Capitol Hill, a representative's work in his or her district is the most vital part of the job. The district is where we interact with constituents, local leaders, and small business owners to be able to represent their views in Washington. It's where both the constituents we represent and our loved ones reside. It's

the place we call home.

First, ahead of the 2023 Farm Bill, I hosted two farm tours in our district. Virginia's Sixth District is the largest agriculture district in the Commonwealth, where farming is the number one industry. I enjoyed speaking with farmers, agriculture industry leaders, and workers in the northern part of the district in the spring, and in the southern part of the district this past fall.

Additionally, I held my annual Higher Education Roundtable at Blue Ridge Community College's Weyers Cave Campus. VA-06 houses more institutions of higher education than almost any other Congressional district in the Nation. These colleges and universities offer a variety of vocational, undergraduate, and graduate programs for students in Virginia and across the country who come to the Sixth District for their education. College and university presidents and leaders joined me there to discuss successes and challenges in higher education, including the need to ease the costs of higher education, without non-college grads bailing out the student loan debt of others.

Engaging with our Nation's future generation of leaders is always a favorite opportunity of mine, whether it be reading to students, talking to government classes, or speaking at school events. I was proud to visit 15 schools throughout the district this year, and look forward to meeting more of our incredible young people this coming year.

One of my privileges as your Representative is to highlight the incredible achievements of VA-06 residents on the House floor. Whether it be high school or college sports championship wins, volunteer and charitable recognitions, or paying tribute to those who have served, I have been proud to recognize constituents' many accomplishments this year.

Visiting small and large businesses across the district serves as a reminder that government must not obstruct but foster economic growth. This past year, I had the opportunity to tour 32 local businesses up and down VA-06, like BWXT Technologies in Lynchburg and Modine Manufacturing in their newly renovated Rockbridge facility. All of our hardworking businesses are critical to job creation and economic growth, and I'll continue fighting in Washington to ensure they can thrive.

One of my greatest honors is meeting with Sixth District Veterans. Whether it be in local VFWs or in large gatherings, such as for Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and 9/11 remembrance ceremonies, it is always a privilege to thank, recognize, and fight for those who fought for us.

Meetings with Constituents in Washington

Engaging with constituents in the people's House of Representatives and hearing their concerns is always a great reminder of why I came to Washington. I enjoy listening to constituents' views on the issues that are most important to them, and hearing how I can best represent and advocate for their priorities in these very halls.

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

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Open letter to teachers: You matter

This past weekend, my son played in his first hockey Jamboree. This type of event has everything a kid could dream of: competition, dance tunes playing nonstop, tables full of snacks, and camaraderie and friendship. My child had the opportunity to play five hockey games and several hours to skate, compete, and play with his friends. There was locker room laughter, games of tape roll hockey, and endless fist bumps. Still,

the biggest smile I saw all day was when my son saw his teacher in the crowd. She had decided to come watch and support a few of her students and spend her day huddled around a frigid ice rink. During one of his games, his teacher was near the bench where players rest during line changes. During every single line change of the game, my son walked right by the bench to stand with his teacher and excitedly chat away his

two-minute break. Having his teacher there meant the world to him. Teachers matter. They always have, and they always will. A teacher's ability to influence a life is unmatched, and my son's smile when he spotted his teacher from the ice is evidence of the positive influence his teacher has on his life. Teachers deserve the world. But, for now, this teacher got one big, sweaty, hockey hug.

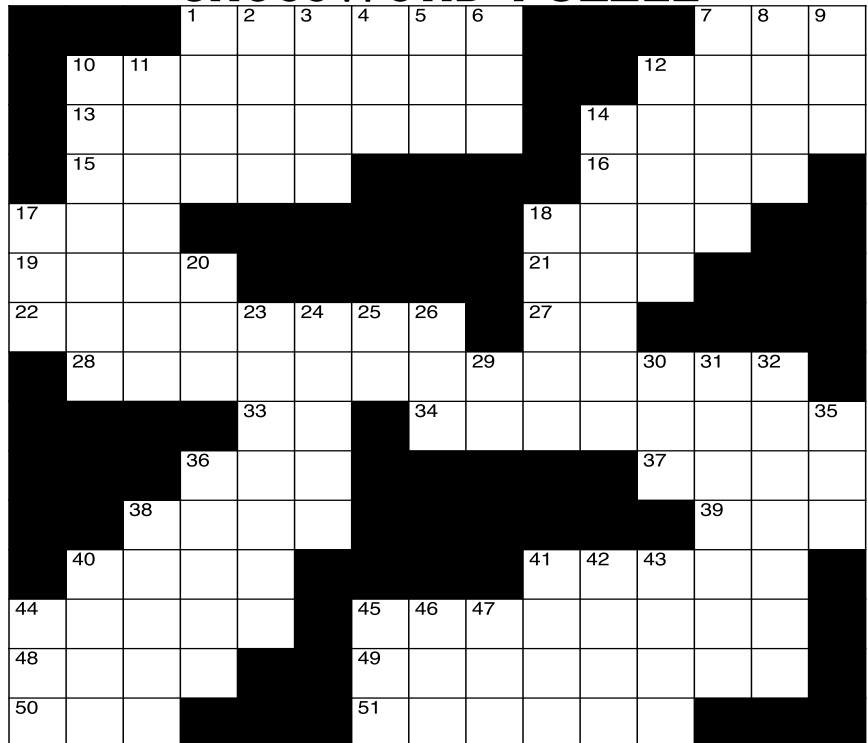
-Mallory Graham



SUBMITTED BY MALLORY GRAHAM
Gideon Graham is pictured with Mrs. Foster, first grade teacher with Salem City Schools.

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| 7. Bulgarian mountain peak | 34. In a way, vanished | 2. Classical portico | 29. Megabyte |
| 10. Group of important people | 36. Afflict in mind or body | 3. As a result | 30. Ribonucleic acid |
| 12. South American nation | 37. Egyptian Sun god | 4. Bird | 31. A place to put your feet |
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| 14. ___-Castell, makers of pens | 39. Egyptian unit of weight | 6. Autonomic nervous system | 35. We all have our own |
| 15. Perlman and Seehorn are two | 40. Be the source of pain | 7. Dish with food on a stick | 36. Partner to "oohed" |
| 16. Early medieval alphabet | 41. Esteemed award | 8. City northwest of Provo | 38. African nation |
| 17. Legislator (slang) | 44. Partner to pains | 9. C. European river | 40. Breezed through |
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Pictured from left to right are Darren Glass, board-certified general and bariatric surgeon, Franci Sifers, bariatric coordinator, and Kelleigh O'Toole, bariatric dietitian.

LewisGale was recently accredited by MBSAQIP

LewisGale Medical Center announced this week that its bariatric surgery center has been accredited as a Comprehensive Center by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP), a joint Quality Program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

The MBSAQIP Standards, Optimal Resources for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, ensure that metabolic and bariatric patients receive multidisciplinary medical care, which improves patient outcomes and long-term success. MBSAQIP-accredited centers offer preoperative and postoperative care designed specifically for patients with obesity.

"To earn the MBSAQIP designation, LewisGale Medical Center is meeting essential criteria for staffing, training, facility infrastructure, and protocols for care, ensuring our ability to support patients with severe obesity," said Darren Glass, board-certified general and bariatric surgeon with LewisGale Physicians. "The bariatric program also participates in a national data registry that yields semiannual reports on the quality of its processes and

outcomes, identifying opportunities for continuous quality improvement."

LewisGale Medical Center said its commitment to quality care begins with expertly trained staff and the leadership of an experienced bariatric surgeon. The program is tasked with continuous review of surgical data as they improve the structure and expertise necessary to provide safe, high-quality care to all metabolic and bariatric patients.

"Patients seeking surgical treatment for obesity and its related conditions have a high-quality choice for receiving care at a nationally accredited program that meets the highest standards for patient safety and quality in the greater Roanoke Valley," said Alan Fabian, market president and chief executive officer at LewisGale Medical Center. "This national recognition for excellence in bariatric surgery is yet another example of our commitment to offer the highest quality care close to home."

After applying for MBSAQIP accreditation, centers undergo an extensive site visit by an experienced bariatric surgeon who reviews the center's structure, processes, and clinical outcomes data. Centers that earn accreditation are awarded a specific

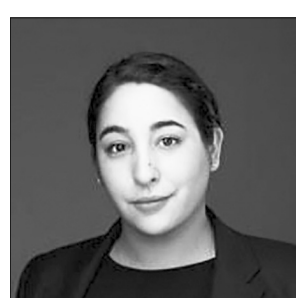
designation level, depending on how many patients it serves annually, critical care capabilities, the types of procedures provided, and whether it provides care to patients under the age of 18.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates about 93 million adults in the United States are affected by obesity and that number continues to increase. Obesity increases the risks of morbidity and mortality because of the diseases and conditions that are commonly associated with it, such as type II diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and cancer, among other health risks. Metabolic and bariatric surgery has proven to be effective in the reduction of comorbid conditions related to obesity. Working together, the ACS and the ASMBS have developed accreditation standards for metabolic and bariatric surgery to assist patients with obesity in identifying centers that provide optimal patient care.

For more information on weight loss surgery options and free informational seminars at LewisGale Medical Center, visit HCAVirginia.com or call (540) 772-3620.

-The Salem Times-Register

Salem-Roanoke County Chamber hires communications coordinator



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Benevise

The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce announced last week that it has hired Lucie Benevise to be its new communications coordinator. Her first day with the chamber was Jan. 4.

"She is a versatile, enthusiastic designer

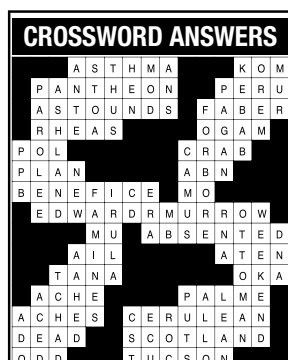
in UX/UI design. She is highly skilled in marketing, interaction design and has a deep interest in social innovation," Amanda Livingston, executive director, said. "Lucie is a SME in digital marketing and designing visual assets for web, digital ads, branding, print media and email newsletters and campaigns. Lucie brings a wealth of creativity and knowledge of web design, branding and user interface design."

Livingston noted that members should be on the lookout for improvements to the overall look of the chamber's materials and a stronger online and social

media presence due to Benevise's arrival.

Benevise, who holds an undergraduate degree from Yonsei University in South Korea, lives in Salem with her firefighter husband and 11-month-old daughter.

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Literary Pet Calendar for sale at Salem Public Library

Stereotypically, libraries and librarians are associated with cat ownership to the degree that we sometimes joke about using it as an interview question. In ancient libraries and museums, cats had the job of mousing to protect priceless manuscripts from being eaten and destroyed. In fact, the first record of cats being used for rodent control in libraries occurred in Ancient Egypt in the Library of Alexandria and are credited for generating the idea of putting library materials in alphabetical. Petsis, a sub-librarian at the Library of Alexandria was adopted by a cat he named Myeo who earned his keep by mousing. More cats were added, and Petsis tallied the daily kills of all the cats in the library. He discovered it was easier to keep track of the sheets of parchment with the cat's names if they were alphabetized. He then realized that the scrolls in the library could be made more accessible if they were in alphabetical order.

While cats are a popular choice among staff, we all have our share of dog owners on staff as well as those who have sheep, chickens and rabbits as pets. A staff favorite is Peanut, a dog adopted as a puppy by Library Director Ann Tripp at the beginning of the

Library (FOSL). Get yours while they last and let us know if you are a cat or dog owner.

Salem Library a drop-off location for LOA Soup for Seniors Drive

The Salem Public Library is once again a drop-off location for The League of Older Americans (LOA) annual Soup for Seniors Drive. Help provide a hot meal on a cold day and remind thousands of seniors in need that the community has not forgotten them. The library will be collecting donations through Feb. 6.

What is Needed Most:

- Low-sodium and nutritious soups
- Canned meats (such as tuna)
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Crackers
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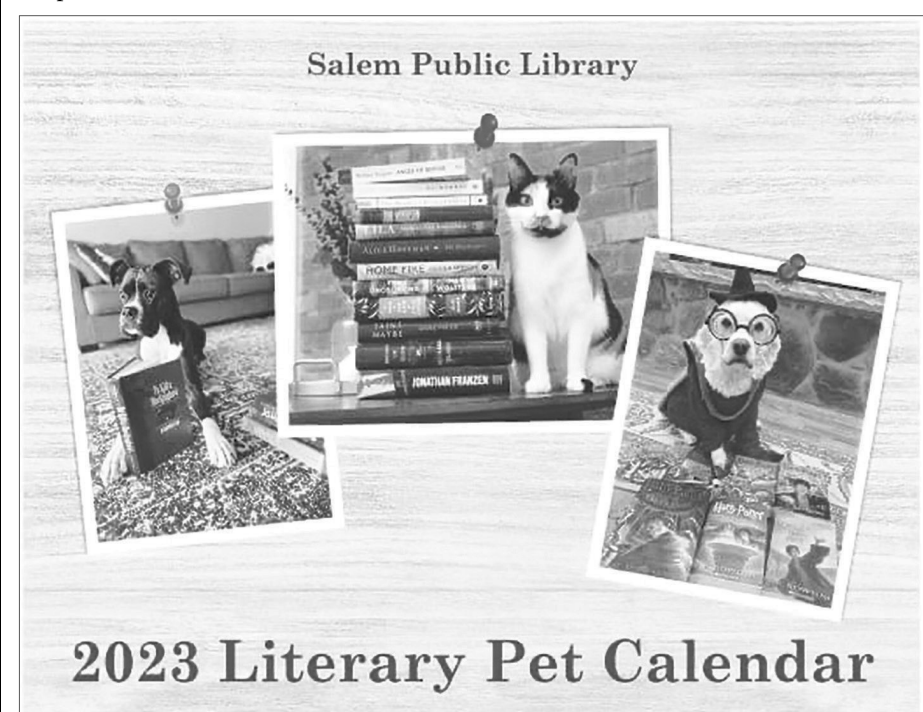
LOA also needs volunteers to assist in various ways with this event (540-345-0451)

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pandemic, who frequently visited the library when it was closed to the public. Peanut personally greeted each staff member when he came to work.

The Salem Public Library conducted a literary pet photo contest in 2022 with the winners featured in the library's 2023 Literary Pet Calendar designed by the Youth Librarian Emily Metrock. The calendar is now available for sale for \$10 as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Salem



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Airport Commission hires new general counsel

ROANOKE – The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission (RRAC) recently announced the hiring of Eric H. Monday as its new general counsel. He will assume his new role around Feb. 1.

Monday previously served as city attorney of Martinsville and as general counsel for the Blue Ridge Regional Airport since 2003. Additionally, he served as Martinsville's assistant city manager since 2019 and as Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) compliance officer since 2003. He also served as county attorney for the Patrick County, between 2004 and 2008.

Monday received his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1995 and prior to that, he

earned a bachelor's degree in history and foreign affairs from the University of Virginia in 1992.

In addition to providing counsel and legal services, Monday will serve as FOIA and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance officer and will manage staff performing procurement, contracting and leasing functions.

In announcing the hiring of Monday, Mike Stewart, RRAC executive director, commented, "Eric's 20 years of dedicated and committed service as General Counsel to Martinsville and the Blue Ridge Regional Airport, along with his other profoundly broad experience, make him uniquely qualified for this role." He continued, "Eric

not only has extremely impressive credentials and experience, but he also displays a passion for doing things right, and for doing the right things. I think his personality will be a great fit and I look forward to the positive impact his leadership will have on our team!"

Stewart also expressed the commission's appreciation to Sam Darby of Glenn Feldmann Darby & Goodlatte for his service as general counsel, saying, "He has not only been an integral part of the Commission team for years, but for me personally, Sam has been a trusted advisor, a great resource for information, and I consider him a good friend."

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VWCC to conduct 3 open houses at Roanoke EnVision Center

Public encouraged to stop by and learn about college offerings at new Northwest Roanoke outreach location

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College invites the public to tour its new outreach location at the Roanoke EnVision Center at any of three open houses in January:

- Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Virginia Western faculty and staff will be on hand to share information about short-term training for in-demand jobs, resources that help students outside of class (such as bus fares and a campus food pantry), applying for a Community College Access Program (CCAP) scholarship and other sources of financial aid.

The Roanoke EnVision Center is located at 2607 Salem Turnpike, N.W., in Roanoke.

“We look forward to hearing what the community would like to see us offer,” said Dr. Milan Hayward, Virginia Western’s vice president of career and corporate training. “The open houses will be casual events where we invite people to stop by, grab a bite to eat and learn about each other.”

Food and beverages will be provided at the open

houses. Registration is required; see the attached flyer with a QR code to scan and register.

The Roanoke EnVision Center is operated by the Roanoke Redevelopment & Housing Authority with support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is housed in a newly renovated building that was the longtime home of the Melrose Branch Library. It sits adjacent to Lansdowne Park, Roanoke’s largest public housing development.

EnVision Centers are supported across the United States, including six others in Virginia. However, the Roanoke location is the first college satellite to be located on public housing in the commonwealth. EnVision Centers aim to offer HUD-assisted families access to support services that can help them achieve self-sufficiency. They are built around four pillars: economic empowerment, educational advancement, health and wellness and character and leadership.

Other community partners based at the Roanoke EnVision Center include: Carilion Clinic, with community health workers on-site; The Harvest Collective and Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, which have helped plant a

youth community garden facing Salem Avenue; Family Service of Roanoke Valley, which provides full-time mental health wellness; and the Roanoke Financial Empowerment Center, which offers professional, one-on-one financial counseling at no cost to Roanoke residents. The building houses a training room, a classroom, a telehealth suite and client meeting rooms.


Virginia Western’s main campus on Colonial Avenue currently serves more than 4,000 students. The college also offers classes and job training at the Claude Moore Education Complex in Gainsboro, the Franklin Center for Advanced Learning and Enterprise in Rocky Mount and the Greenfield Training and Education Center in Daleville. It was a founding partner in the RAMP business accelerator in downtown Roanoke.

The Roanoke EnVision Center is open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (540) 983-9210.

To learn more about Virginia Western at the Roanoke EnVision Center, the college says to contact Dr. Hayward at (540) 857-6680 or email mhayward@virginiawestern.edu.

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WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Minister Neil Richey, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 PM.

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Salem Parks and Recreation spring signups thru February 5

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You can sign up online at the link "Salem Spring Sports", by phone at (540) 966-6900 (M - F 8:30AM - 12:00PM or 1:00PM - 4:30PM), or IN PERSON at 925 UNION ST. (M - F, 8:30AM - 12:00PM and 1:00PM - 4:30PM).

For questions, contact the Salem Sports Office at athletics@salemva.gov or (540) 375-4094.



Big winner for the final Salem Times-Register football contest will be announced the week after the Super Bowl. Hope you picked Georgia Monday night!!

The Salem Mayhem of the Professional Box Lacrosse Association will be home Saturday night for a game against the Charlotte Bootleggers. Face off is 7 pm at the Salem Civic Center and tickets are now available at the Civic Center or on line.

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Spartans wrestle at home tonight



Salem's Linkin Callahan, on top, is on his way to a championship win over Joshua Holt of Jefferson Forest.

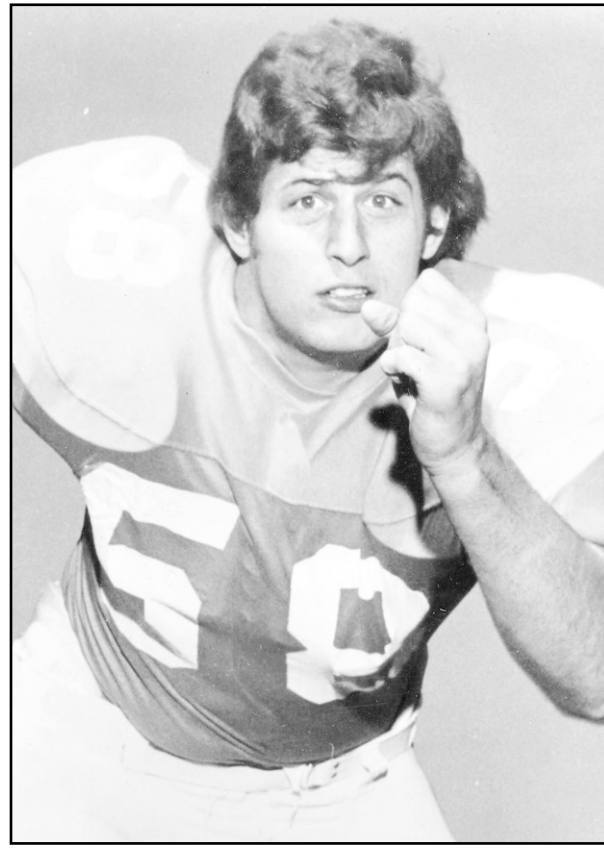
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The Salem High wrestlers finished ninth among 24 teams in the 43rd annual LCA Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Liberty Christian Academy in Lynchburg last weekend.

"It was a very tough tournament," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "We ended day one in first place and fell to ninth place at the end of day two."

Salem had three place winners, led by Linkin Callahan who finished first at 190 pounds. Linkin pinned Joshua Holt of Jefferson Forest in 1:28 in the championship match to run his record to 15-4 on the season. Salem had two second place finishes, Caden Thomas at 132 and Yuvaraj Singh at 175.

Salem now has 14 wrestlers with winning records as the Spartans celebrate their "Senior Night" tonight at 6 pm when they host William Fleming and Cave Spring.



Charlton Webb, who passed away December 31 at age 69, was a standout lineman for Andrew Lewis High School and the University of Tennessee.

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but the Glenvar lost the remaining matches to end the dual five points behind Cox at 39-34. Cox ended up finishing fourth.

In round two Glenvar faced a strong Skyline team, who would end up losing to Riverbend in the final, 41-25. Riverbend was the Class 5 runner-up last year and Skyline was the Class 3 runner-up. Skyline defeated Glenvar 65-16.

"Skyline has six or seven ranked wrestlers competing right now so they are a really solid team," said Cline.

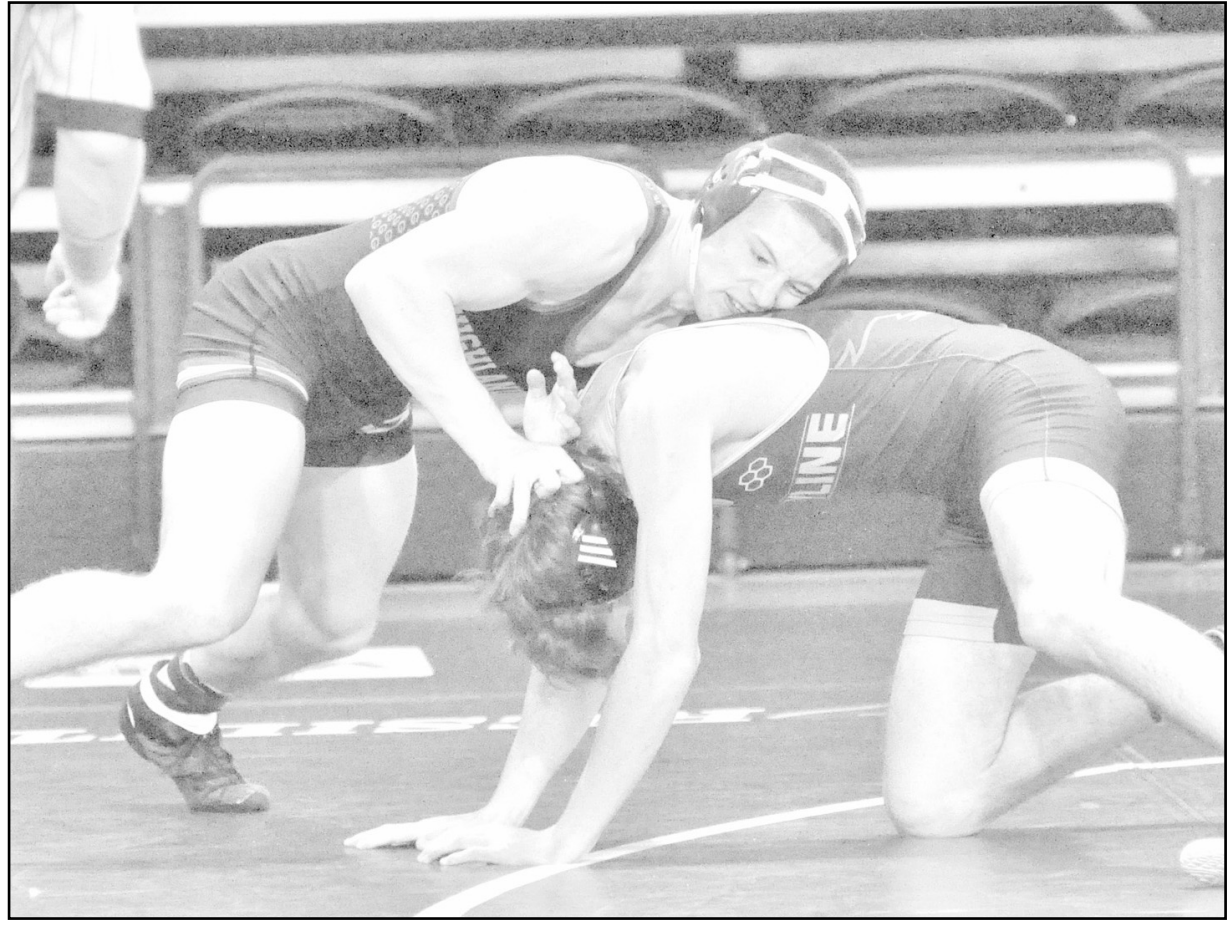
After losing those two matches the Highlanders didn't make the championship bracket, moving on to the consolation pool. Glenvar bounced back to beat Alexandria, 66-16, in their next match, then lost to Riverheads, 51-27, in the Highlanders' last match of

the day.

"Overall a great event," said Cline. "We wrestled really well in our first dual, but struggled to find consistency in the matches that followed. It was great to see where we stand against some of the best Virginia has to offer."

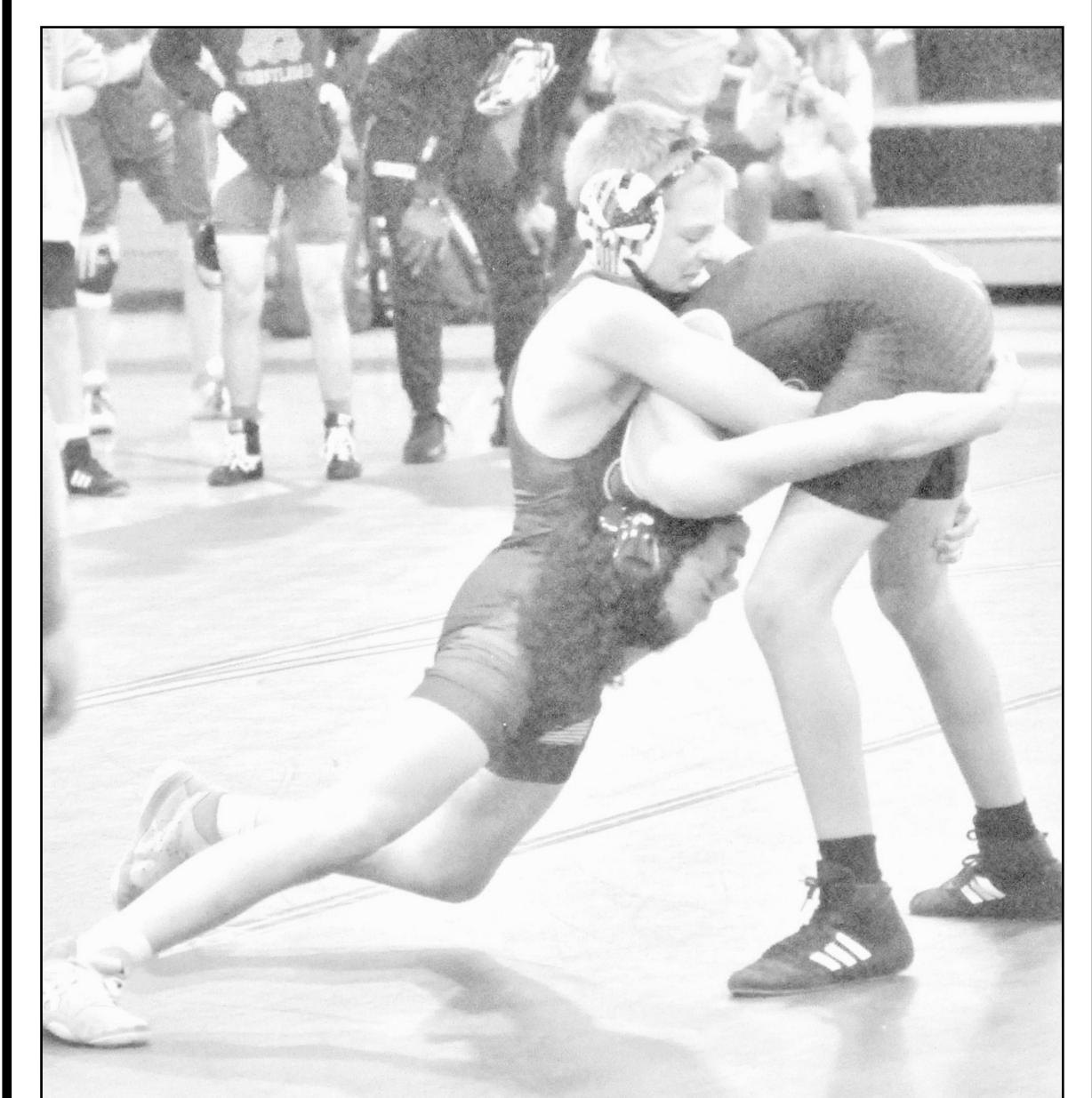
Ethan Flowers won all four of his matches on Saturday while Alan Vu, Joey Loder and Trey Lawrence all finished 3-1 on the day. River Smith, Mason Hylton and Wesley Heltzel split four matches and Jake Cline was 1-0 before coming down sick and not being able to continue.

The Highlanders were scheduled to host Lord Botetourt on Wednesday in a dual match following a middle school match between Read Mountain and Glenvar Middle School. It was also "Senior Night."



Glenvar's Ethan Flowers(left) battles Aiden Boyles of Skyline High in an Old Dominion Cup 175 pound match Saturday. Flowers pinned Boyles in 1:36 and won all four of his matches at RC.

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Lewis downs Glenvar in Middle School wrestling

The Andrew Lewis Middle School wrestlers defeated Glenvar, 54-19, in a tri-match at the Glenvar Middle School gym last week that also included Blacksburg. Above, Glenvar's Hayden Henderson(left) tangles with Marquis Toney of Lewis. The middle school season will conclude with the valleywide Northside Invitational on January 21.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Webb was all-time great for Wolverines

Charlton Webb, one of the best players ever to wear the Andrew Lewis High School blue and white, passed away on New Year's Eve as the result of a stroke. He was 69.

Webb was the starting center for Lewis as a sophomore in 1971, playing in the famous "Remember the Titans" state championship game against T.C. Williams. As a senior he was rated the number two college prospect in Virginia and went on to play for the University of Tennessee. Webb played three years for legendary Volunteers' coach Johnny Majors and made the UT All-Decade team of the 1970s at offensive left guard.

After his senior year Charlton played in the Blue-Gray Game, the Hula Bowl and the Japan Bowl. Prior to the National Football League draft he was invited to attend the Philadelphia Eagles pro day but a bad back ended his career. He returned to Knoxville and had three discs removed from his back. He continued to live in Tennessee, working for the Federal Government in Oak Ridge.

"He was such a good player for us," said former Andrew Lewis High assistant Dale Foster. "His dad was my high school coach in football, baseball and basketball. He was living in Roanoke and I begged him to move to Salem so Charlton could play for us and he did in the seventh or eighth grade."

Charlton was preceded in death by his father, Sam Webb, a well-known sports official in the area who was a 2007 Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, as well as his mother Louise. He is survived by his sister Whitney and husband Rob Maddox.

17 Roanoke College wrestlers reach the podium in Lexington

The Roanoke College wrestling team saw 17 Maroons reach the podium at the 2023 Jim Crytzer Invitational last Saturday. The one-day event was hosted by Washington and Lee University in Lexington.

Josh Noble claimed the title at 125 lbs. to lead the Maroons, winning both of his matches by fall. Runnerup finishes went to Andrew McDougal at 157, Kyle Lee at 174 and Cam

Cavins at 197 and third place finishes went to Andru Boyd at 149 and Brady Elswick at heavy-weight.

The Maroons were back in action on Wednesday of this week with a match at Southern Virginia and this weekend they head to the Hampton Coliseum for the Virginia Duals.

The next home match for the Maroons is Thursday, January 19, against Greensboro,

First Roanoke men's volleyball game will be Friday in Ohio

The Roanoke College men's volleyball team will play their first games this weekend when they travel to Wittenburg College in Springfield, Ohio for three contests. The Maroons will play host Wittenburg on Friday evening, then play Eastern Mennonite at 10 am Saturday followed by a 2 pm game against Geneva.

The first year Maroons are members of the Continental Volleyball Conference. The nine CVC coaches announced their preseason poll last week with the first year Maroons being picked to finish eighth.

"We are so excited to begin our first season of competition here," said RC head coach Matt Reinsel. "It's a privilege to participate in such a historic and competitive conference for Div. III men's volleyball."

Juniata was picked to win the conference with 58 points and three first-place votes followed by Southern Virginia with 56 points and two first-place votes. Rutgers-Newark claimed the final four first place votes along with 53 points to be selected third. Randolph-Macon (41), Marymount (40), Kean (31), and Elizabethtown (19) were picked fourth through seventh respectively. Roanoke picked up 16 points in the poll, six points ahead of ninth place Eastern Mennonite.

"Looking at the other programs in our conference, I think there is potential for multiple teams in the CVC to be voted into or receive votes in the national poll," add Reinsel. "It will definitely be a year full of tough matches and learning moments for our young squad, but we are taking that as an opportunity to grow."

Reinsel will boast a young team that consists mostly of freshmen, including middle blocker Pierce Faulcon and outside hitter Jackson Rutkowski. One of the more experience players will be junior transfer David Adkins.

The first home game for Roanoke will be Saturday, January 21, at 6 pm against Penn State-Altoona.

GHS girls down River

The Glenvar girls will take on a perennial Three Rivers District power this Friday when they play the Buffalo Gals

at Floyd County High School. The game is scheduled to start at 6 pm and is the first game of a doubleheader with the

boys at the Floyd gym.

Glenvar took a 6-5 record into Wednesday's game at Alleghany after falling to Auburn in Riner Monday, 42-38. With the loss the two teams split the season series, as Glenvar had beaten the Eagles in a close one, 39-37, in the final game before Christmas break at GHS.

"We didn't play well at all," said Glenvar coach Jeff Johnson of Monday's loss. "We just goofed around."

Rhyan Harris led Glenvar with a dozen points.

That loss followed a 50-41 win by the Glenvar girls in a home game over James River at GHS last Friday. Glenvar took the early lead but the visiting Knights battled back to trail just 28-23 at the half, then rallied to tie the game at 35-35 early in the fourth quarter. However, Glenvar hit a hot streak and outscored River 15-6 down the stretch to pull away.

"It was a win but we still made a lot of mistakes," said Johnson.

Rhyan Harris led Glenvar with 20 points and Makenzie Harris had a dozen. Kaelon Thompson blocked 10 shots and had nine points for the Highlanders.

Glenvar's next home game is next Monday, January 16, when Staunton River comes here. The Highlanders will host Radford next Wednesday, January 18.



Glenvar's Jamie Forester scores in last week's win over James River.

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Salem girls host PH on Tuesday

The Salem High girls split their first two games of the new year to take an 8-3 record into Wednesday's game with Lord Botetourt. Results were too late for publication as the Spartans hosted the Cavaliers, who also came in at 8-3.

Salem opened 2023 with a 52-48 win over Northside at Salem High last Wednesday. Freshman Emme Custer had 15 points and six rebounds to lead the Spartans while My'la Green had 14 points and six steals.

"It was a back and forth game overall," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "We tightened up our defense in the second half and made winning plays down the stretch to pull out the victory."

On Friday the Spartans were at Cave Spring as they fell to 2-3 in the River Ridge District with a 57-37 loss to the Knights. Summer Bayne led Salem with seven points and 11 rebounds and Bailey Rider, another freshman who sat the early portion of the season with an injury, had six points and six boards.

"Give credit to Cave Spring, they played a great game and we did not play our best," said Jester. "We're looking forward to having some good practices and preparing for a very tough Lord Botetourt team this week."

Salem will be back in action Friday evening with a game at Pulaski, then the Spartans will host a tough Patrick Henry team at Salem High next Tuesday, January 17.

12-2 Maroons edge Marlins

The Roanoke College men remained undefeated in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference when they pulled out a 65-64 win over Virginia Wesleyan in basketball Saturday. The Maroons are now 5-0 in the ODAC and 12-2 overall.

The Maroons maintained a seven to nine-point lead for most of the early

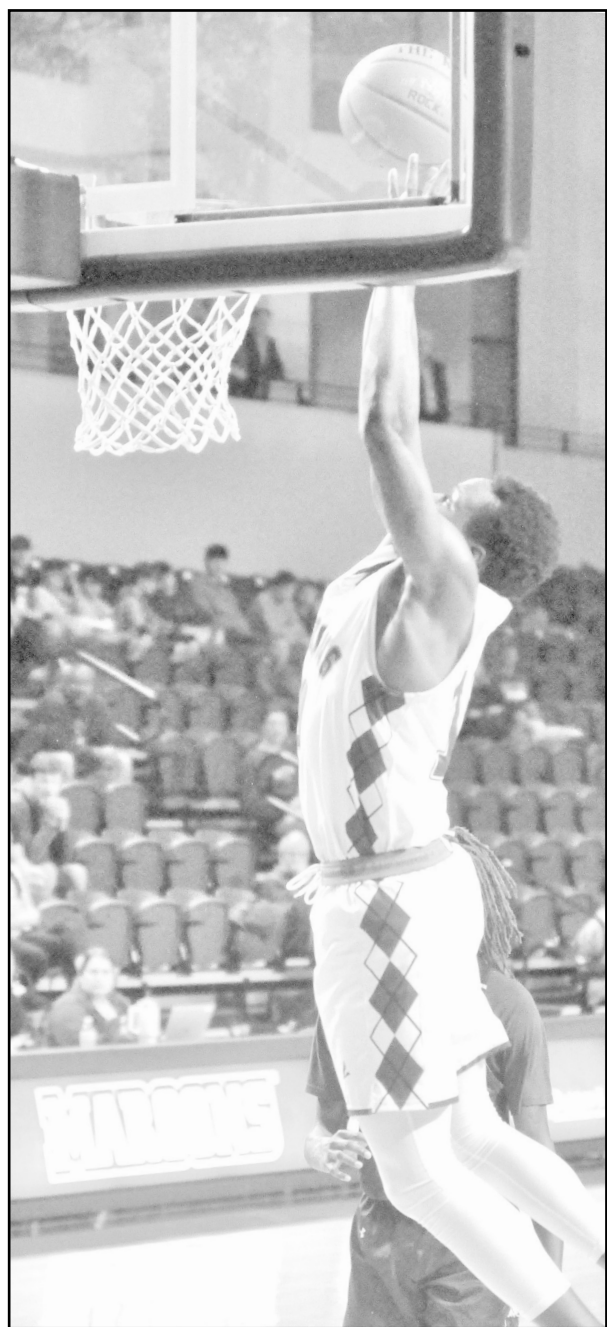
part of the second half with the seven-point advantage with 10:20 remaining in the game. A free throw and a driving layup brought the Marlins within just two with 6:04 left.

VWU went on an 8-5 run over the next 3:40 to pull within one point at 65-64 at 2:28. However both teams missed their final two, shot attempts with Deveaux missing a three-point attempt at the final horn to give the Maroons the victory.

Three Maroons reached double figures led by Justin Kuthan's 17 points. Efoa U-Edosomwan scored 16 points, Tripp Greene had 11 and both Kuthan and Kasey Draper had seven rebounds each in the win.

Last week at home Kuthan scored 19, Draper had 16 and Zach Rosenthal scored 11 as the Maroons took a 74-61 win over visiting Eastern Mennonite at the Cregger Center in Salem. Roanoke led by just a point at the half but pulled away after intermission.

The Maroons were scheduled to play at Averett on Wednesday but results were too late for publication. On Saturday's they'll host Shenandoah at 4:30 pm at the Cregger Center.



Efoa U-Edosomwan of Roanoke College goes high to score in last week's win over EMU.

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Glenvar's Gabe Ford passes around two James River defenders in last week's game in Buchanan.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Ford's three beats Alleghany

The Glenvar boys will be in Floyd County this Friday for a big Three Rivers District basketball game against the host Buffaloes. It will be a doubleheader with the girls, with the varsity boys' game scheduled to begin around 7:45 pm.

Floyd came into the week at 8-3 after hosting their annual Chance Harman Classic on Friday and Saturday of last week, a two-day, 14 game annual event that includes many of the top teams in the area. The host Buffaloes played Union High and took a 61-50 win in the event.

Meanwhile, Glenvar was busy as well with three games in the span of six days against some strong competition. It started with a 63-56 loss at James River last Thursday in a Three Rivers District game. The Highlanders jumped to an 18-1 lead at the outset but the Knights never gave up and tied the game at 43-43 after three quarters, then played strong down the stretch to grab the win.

"We made several tough basketball decisions on both sides of the ball down the stretch and it cost us the game," said Glenvar coach Cliff Bordewisch.

Gabe Ford led Glenvar with a dozen points and Lawson Simmons had 10.

The Highlanders didn't have much time to pout over the tough loss as they were right back in action a night later at Hidden Valley and dropped a 56-49 decision to the Titans. This one was tied at halftime but the host team prevailed in the second half to split the season series.

"Hidden Valley looked much better than they had at home and played up to the moment," said Bordewisch. "We never could find an offensive groove and continued to be inconsistent on both ends. Our team continued to settle offensively and play without energy on the defensive end."

Ty Bolling scored 14 to lead the Highlanders but he was the only double digit scorer for Glenvar.

On Tuesday the Highlanders improved to 8-5 as Ford hit a three-pointer at the end of overtime for a 57-54 win over Alleghany. Gabe hit a long three with a hand in his face for a stunning win at GHS.

Once again, the Highlanders let an early lead slip away. Glenvar led 14-4 after the first quarter, 27-12 at the half and 39-26 after three before the Mountaineers rallied to tie the game in regulation. Ford led Glenvar with 16 points and Dawyot had 11.

"We had 15 turnovers in the second half and we just can't do that," said Bordewisch.

RC women suffer 1st ODAC loss

The Roanoke College women lost their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference basketball game of the season when the Maroons fell to Randolph-Macon last Saturday. The Yellow Jackets took a 60-53 win in Ashland.

The Yellow Jackets jumped out to a 10-2 lead midway through the first quarter before Roanoke responded with a 6-2 run to close out the opening period with R-MC leading 12-8. Both teams found an offensive rhythm early in the second quarter, with Roanoke scoring 14 points and the Yellow Jackets with 17. Unfortunately, neither team was able to score in the final 2:20 of the half after Rose Sande made a jump shot at that time.

The third quarter went back and

forth throughout the period R-MC pushed their lead to 10 points. The Yellow Jackets pushed their lead to as many as 13 in the fourth quarter, but the Maroons responded by going on a 13-3 run to pull within three on a pair of free throws by Nora Schroeder with 27 seconds left. However, R-MC made all four free throws to finish the game and escape with a 60-53 win. Sande had 17 points and Lauren Keel had 13 to lead the Maroons.

The loss dropped the RC women to 5-1 in the ODAC and 11-2 overall. Roanoke was scheduled to play at Washington & Lee in Lexington on Wednesday and the Maroons are back home Saturday at 2 pm to host Randolph College at the Cregger Center in Salem.



Eastern Mennonite basketball coach Melvin Felix, a former standout guard for Salem High and Roanoke College, was back in Salem last week to lead his Royals against his college alma mater.

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Salem High relay team has fastest time in the nation

SHS, Glenvar have good day at Liberty University

The Salem High indoor track team had a big day at Liberty University last Saturday. The Spartans participated in the Liberty Premier Invitational in Lynchburg and four boys set a new school and meet record in the 4x200 relay.

The Salem 4x200 team of Jonathan Vernon, Josiah Persinger, DaRon Wilson and Peyton Lewis ran a time of 1:28.23 for a new Salem High record, surpassing the previous school record by 3.2 seconds. That was good for first place among 45 relay teams in the event and it also set a new meet record. The foursome now has the fastest high school indoor 4x200 time in the nation.

Salem had a big day all around at the meet. State qualifying times were met by Lewis, Persinger and Wilson in the 55 Dash, and Lewis' time of 6.40 ranks him first in the state among Class 4 runners while Persinger's 6.46 ranks him second. Wilson is ranked 10th at 6.64 and Vernon met the region standard with a time of 6.83. Dominic Wright also met the region standard by running 6.89.

Lewis also met the state standard in the 300 meters with a time of 36.14 while Vernon, Wright, Wilson and Bryson Hill all region-qualified in that event.

Mitchell Taylor had region qualifying times in the 55 hurdles and the 500 dash and Christopher Cole was a region qualifier in the 55 hurdles with a time of 8.26 for ninth place in the meet. Wright was 21st in the triple jump and Dontay Davis was 22nd in the shot put.

The Salem girls had many season best performances, including five in the 55 dash, six in the 300 dash, two in the 500 dash, one in the 1000 meter run and two in the shot put. The girls' 4x200 relay ran their best time with Genelle Balthazar, Erin Armistead, Zi'Leayah Haynes and Arianna Simon.

This week Salem athletes will be scattered among



Left to right, Salem's 4x200 relay team of Josiah Persinger, Jonathan Vernon, DaRon Wilson and Peyton Lewis ran the fastest time in the nation among high school teams at last week's meet at Liberty University.

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three meets. Some will compete at Roanoke College on Thursday afternoon, some will travel to the Virginia Showcase Meet in Virginia Beach and others will be back at Liberty on Friday and Saturday.

Glenvar High also took 23 athletes to the Liberty Premier Invitational and had some good performances.

"Up to this point in our season this was by far the best competition we've seen," said Glenvar coach Bekka Loder. "It was good to be back on the track since our holiday break. We had 14 athletes set per-

sonal records and Joanna Killeen cut her time by six seconds in the 1000 with a time of 3:32.07, trying to reach her goal of 3:30 to state qualify."

The Glenvar boys' 4x200 relay team hit the track for the first time and ran a state qualifying time of 1:36.18 with the foursome of Jackson Swanson, Zach Curfiss, Avone Noel and Heath Bowker.

"We have a very busy week coming up," said Loder. "Most of the team will attend the RC meet on Thursday and seven athletes will attend the Virginia Beach Showcase this weekend."

Spartans host Pulaski in River Ridge basketball Friday

The Salem High boys' basketball team will be back in action Friday when the Spartans host Pulaski County in the SHS gym. The Spartans are

looking for their first win of the new year after falling to area powers Northside and Cave Spring last week.



Left, Salem's Ryan Coe finds a teammate open under the basket in last Friday's game with Cave Spring. Right, Josiah Moyer collides with Cave Spring's Bayse Bryant on his way to the hoop.

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The Cougars are 3-8 on the season after defeating James River in the Chance Harman Classic in Floyd last week. Pulaski comes into the week at 1-2 in the River Ridge District with a win over Hidden Valley and losses to Patrick Henry and Christiansburg. Salem is 6-8 overall and 1-4 in the district.

"There aren't any easy teams in this district," said Salem coach Kevin Garst. "Pulaski has a couple guys who can shoot it and they're competitive every night."

The Spartans had a tough schedule to open the new year as they took on undefeated Northside and once beaten (by Northside) Cave Spring last week. Against Northside the Vikings swept the season series with a 75-44 win.

The Vikings jumped on top 22-10 after one quarter and coasted to the win. They shot 51 percent from the floor and scored 38 points in the paint. Clayton Davidson led the Spartans with 11 points.

On Friday Salem fell behind 32-14 at the half but outscored the Knights 29-23 in the second half to keep the score respectable with a final of 55-43. The much taller Knights held just a one rebound edge, 27-26, for the game.

"We held them to four offensive rebounds for the game," said Garst. "That's something we've been working on and our kids played hard. They never gave up."

Grant Clemens hit four of seven three point attempts and led Salem with 14 points. Ryan Coe had eight points and seven rebounds for the Spartans as they finished a rough week against two Class 3 state contenders.

"When you play teams like that they expose your weaknesses and you know what you have to work on," said Garst. "You have to play really well just to stay with them, and we keep working to get better."

Next Tuesday, January 17, Salem is at Patrick Henry and a week from tonight the Spartans are at Christiansburg.

Highlanders take on the best at RC

The Glenvar High wrestling team competed in the 12 team Old Dominion Cup dual tournament at Roanoke College last Saturday. The tournament was the first of its kind, put on by the RC wrestling team at the Cregger Center in Salem.

"The Old Dominion Cup was stacked with some of the toughest competition we will see all year," said Glenvar coach Jason Cline. "Six of the top ten teams across all classifications were entered into the twelve team event and we faced two of those top teams in our first two matches at the event."

Glenvar's first match was against 5A powerhouse Cox. Alan Vu, Joey Loder, River Smith, and Mason Hylon all picked up key bonus point wins to get the Highlanders off to a great start and in the middle weights. Trey Lawrence and Jake Cline both picked up solid wins as Jake won a key decision over one of the top ranked wrestlers at 157 in 5A to keep Glenvar in the lead. However, the Highlanders struggled in the upper weights as Ethan Flowers picked up a win

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Glenvar's Wesley Heltzel (right) battles Hunter Pearson of Skyline High in a 215 pound match at Roanoke College Saturday. Heltzel won by pin in 3:32.

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