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## Chamber holds 2022 Annual Meeting and Economic Outlook Update

*Update given by local economic development leaders*

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The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Meeting and Economic Outlook Update last Friday, Jan. 27 at Roanoke College's Colket Center.

"Good morning, everyone. Thank you for joining us today. I've had the pleasure of serving as the president of our chamber for this past year and I'm very proud of the work that we've done to connect businesses to communities in Salem/Roanoke County," Ashley King, director of general services for Roanoke County, said.

She recognized the various individuals who have contributed to the chamber over the past year, including members of the board of directors, committee members and ambassadors. Later, she recapped some of the major events the chamber held in 2022, including the Annual Meeting and Economic Outlook Update, Annual Business Awards Breakfast and Annual Gingerbread Festival.

King also introduced Amanda Livingston, who joined the chamber in October as its new executive director. "We are very lucky to have her serving our membership," King said. "In a very short time, she has demonstrated great drive and passion for our chamber."

She added that Livingston's ability to connect with others and create personal relationships has already provided the chamber with a "strong growth in membership and sponsorships."

### Attorney General update

Matt Hall, a community liaison officer with the Office of Attorney General of Virginia, spoke about his office's local and statewide efforts.

"I wanted to give you an update on what we've done over the past year. We've launched one of the largest crimefighting programs in the history of the Commonwealth of Virginia. We've launched Operation Ceasefire."

He went on to explain that two prosecuting attorneys

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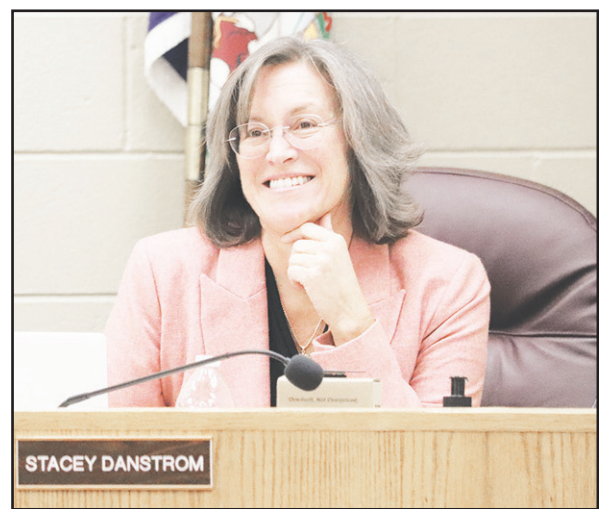


PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM  
**Danstrom is pictured during the January meeting of the Salem City School Board.**

## Danstrom discusses first few weeks on Salem School Board

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Stacey Danstrom is the newest member of the Salem City School Board, having been appointed by the Salem City Council late last year. Her first School Board meeting as a member was on Jan. 11.

Originally from the Houston, Texas area, she attended Texas A&M University in the 1980s.

She moved to Salem from Chicago in 1993. She came to the area because of her work with the railroad, first with Southern Pacific, then Norfolk Southern. Her work for the railroads focused on marketing and sales.

In April of 2000, she left her railroad job to stay home with her children.

She grew up in the public school system. "It was a natural for us that our kids would go to a public school," she explained. Her children are 25, 24 and 21, all of which attended the public schools in Salem.

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An economic outlook update was provided during the meeting by Tommy Miller, from left, John Hull, Landon Howard and Megan Baker. Gene Marrano moderated the panel.



PHOTOS BY AILA BOYD  
The meeting was held at the Colket Center at Roanoke College.

## William Dabney's story to be shared as part of Salem Museum's Speaker Series

*Forest Jones to discuss his award-winning essay*

William Garfield Dabney was one of many African American soldiers who participated in the landing in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, France, but his story was hidden for years. He explained that, for years, he didn't talk about his experiences because nobody would believe him, so he just stopped talking about it.

On Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m., author and historian Forest Jones will share Dabney's story as part of the Salem Museum's Speaker Series. The program will be presented on Zoom only. The Zoom link will be available on the museum's web site, [salemuseum.org](http://salemuseum.org), on the morning of the talk.

Dabney was an African American WWII veteran who lived in the Roanoke Valley. He had been part of the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion, the only all-black unit in the D-Day landings. Sixty-five years after the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, he was awarded the French Legion of Honor for his heroics on D-Day.

The upcoming talk is based on Jones' award-winning essay, "William G. Dabney: I wasn't afraid of the D-Day Invasion, but I didn't think I'd come out alive." Out of over 2,800 submissions, "Writers' Digest" awarded Jones an honorable mention for his nonfiction essay about Dabney in its 2022 Annual Writing Competition.

Jones and his brother Anton had interviewed the then-94-year-old Dabney shortly before his death in 2018.

Jones taught history and world geography for 10 years and was a school principal for 12 years. He currently is the director of administrative services for Salem City Schools. He was a finalist for the 2018 Bloody Scotland Pitch Perfect International Crime Writing Festival Contest. Set in Belfast, Northern Ireland, his short story 'Whatever You Say, Say Nothing' was shortlisted for the 2019 Fish Short Story Contest. He is currently working on his first adult thriller.

-The Salem Times-Register



Dabney



Jones

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## Vietnam veteran receives Purple Heart 53 years later



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT  
**Sixth District Congressman Ben Cline congratulates Patrick Ramsey for getting his Purple Heart. Cline's office was responsible for getting the award through channels.**

**Meg Hibbert**  
Contributing writer

When he was 17, Marine recruit Patrick Ramsey was shot in the head while rescuing other wounded Marines in Cam Lo, Vietnam. Fifty-three years later, he got his Purple Heart Award.

"I fell through the cracks," Ramsey said simply. Recently he


sought the help of Sixth District Congressman Ben Cline and his staff to get the overdue medal.

"I wanted to do it for the family," Sgt. Ramsey explained, after Lt. Col. Joel Fraker pinned the award over his left breast. "Congressman Cline pushed the buttons, but Christine Broughton,

field representative in his Roanoke Office, set up the buttons for him," Ramsey added.


He thought back to that early morning in Cam Lo. "It was Sept. 16, just after 0500. North Vietnam Army regiments were attacking. I was the squad radio operator for Lima Company in the 3

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# Briefly: Salem News In Brief

**King Tut Event:** Almost exactly 100 years ago, Howard Carter discovered the remarkable tomb of King Tutankhamun, who ruled Egypt from approximately 1333 to 1323 BCE. Tucked away in the Valley of the Kings, Tutankhamun's tomb was almost untouched by time or tomb robbers, so it gives us a priceless window into the past. Egyptologist Jacquelyn Williamson examines the life and times of Tutankhamun as revealed by the evidence preserved in his tomb. Williamson will share slides and images and review the social and religious imperatives that influenced the beautiful objects of art in this uniquely preserved tomb. Tut's famous golden objects, such as his mask and sarcophagi, also reveal the scandalous heritage of this famous boy-king who was erased from Egypt's own history only to find immortality in the modern world. The event will be Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Colket Center's Pickle Lounge.

**Darwin Day Speaker Series: "Discovering Dinosaurs: the Science of Finding Ancient Giants":** The event will be on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome to the 2023 Darwin Days Speaker Series. Alexander Hastings, the Fitzpatrick Chair of Paleontology at the Science Museum of Minnesota, will talk about his dinosaur-hunting adventures. The link to the Zoom can be found here: <https://roanoke-edu.zoom.us/j/85226913686?pwd=bWNDYUlqV0pOUTJGZjlVVFU2aGZaUT09#success>.

**Ainsley Carry:** Memorials, Monuments, and Memory Lecture: The event will be on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m. in the Wortmann Ballroom in the Colket Center. Ainsley Carry is the author of "Washington Next? Disputed Monuments, Honorees, and Symbols on Campus." In this book, Carry tackles a difficult administrative challenge: negotiating memorial disputes on campus. Providing a climate where all students, faculty and staff can thrive is critical to any world-class university. Commemorative landscapes are an increasingly important function of learning environments. Campus memorials are deeply rooted in an inescapable American history that includes colonization, slavery, segregation, eugenics, lynching and massacres. Carry's work invites readers to discuss this dark past as a part of memorial negotiations.

**Pink Triangle Legacies:** Coming Out in the Shadow

of the Holocaust: The event will be on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Logan Gallery in the Bank Building. Historian Jake Newsome will tell the dynamic and inspiring history of the LGBTQ+ community's original pride symbol by tracing the transformation of the pink triangle from a Nazi concentration camp badge into a widespread emblem of queer liberation, pride and community. Drawing from unexplored archival sources and original interviews, Newsome showcases the voices of LGBTQ+ Holocaust victims and a rich tapestry of queer lives who found meaning in the pink triangle in a post-Holocaust world. The presentation will be followed by Q&A and a book signing.

**Darwin Day:** The event will be on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Massengill Auditorium. The 2023 Darwin Days Speaker Series is for everyone! Brooke Haiar, chair of environmental sciences and sustainability at University of Lynchburg, will speak about the Bighorn Basin. Her talk, "Tails from the Bighorn Basin: the Dinosaurs of the 2 Sisters Quarry, Wyoming" will showcase her firsthand accounts of hunting for dinosaurs in the United States. Haiar is a recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Medal for Excellence in Natural History Education from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Theatre Roanoke College Winter Production: "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde:** The event will be Feb. 23- 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Olin Theater. It is directed by Danielle Barre. Jack and Algernon are both trying to woo their lady loves. The two charming young ladies – sophisticated Gwendolen from the city and naive Cecily from the country – are in love with Earnest Worthing. But there is no such person as Earnest Worthing. Gwendolen thinks Jack is Earnest, and Cecily thinks Algernon is Earnest. Each girl swears that she could never love a man who wasn't named Earnest. In the midst of all this confusion comes Lady Bracknell, who doesn't like the idea of anybody loving anybody. Wilde unwinds this knotty affair into one of the favorite comedies of English literature. Tickets are \$7 for general admission or \$5 for seniors/students. Tickets are available by calling 540-375-2333 or by emailing [boxoffice@roanoke.edu](mailto:boxoffice@roanoke.edu).

**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 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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The Salem Planning Commission will meet on March 15 at 7 p.m.

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

## POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of January 24, 2023 – January 30, 2023

| Arrested On | Name                  | Age | Charges                                |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----|--|
| 01/24/2023  | William E. Wright     | 49  | Violation of Probation                 |
| 01/24/2023  | Chelsea L. Stafford   | 29  | Failure to Appear                      |
| 01/24/2023  | Timothy M. Rickerson  | 63  | Failure to Appear, Criminal Trespass   |
| 01/24/2023  | Dimitrios R. Holmes   | 44  | Possession of Controlled Substance     |
| 01/25/2023  | Marie C. Sublett      | 40  | Violation of Probation                 |
| 01/26/2023  | Eric R. Hickman       | 51  | Contempt of Court                      |
| 01/26/2023  | Christen D. Chenoweth | 41  | Public Intoxication                    |
| 01/27/2023  | Elbert L. Hudson      | 58  | Fugitive From Justice                  |
| 01/29/2023  | Hunter A. Richardson  | 20  | Carrying A Concealed Weapon            |
| 01/29/2023  | Christen D. Chenoweth | 41  | Public Intoxication, Criminal Trespass |
| 01/30/2023  | Antonio R. Johnson    | 28  | Violation of Probation                 |

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of January 24, 2023 – January 30, 2023

| DATE REPORTED | LOCATION                | OFFENSE REPORTED |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 25-JAN-2023   | 900 BLK Bird Ln         | Grand Larceny    |
| 25-JAN-2023   | 1200 BLK W Main St      | Grand Larceny    |
| 27-JAN-2023   | 1000 BLK E Riverside Dr | Burglary         |
| 29-JAN-2023   | 500 BLK E 4th St        | Grand Larceny    |

## SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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### Wooden Water Pipe from the 1870s

Have you ever seen a 150-year-old water pipe? Neither had the staff at the Salem Museum, but that is exactly what this is! You can see it now at the Salem Museum.

This wooden pipe is from approximately the 1870s, when Salem installed its first water plumbing. These pipes ran underground along the same lines that the modern pipes run today. Despite its age and material, look at how

clean cut the hole in the middle is.

This section of pipe was found along South College Avenue when some construction was being done on the road. Thanks to the City of Salem Water Department for this fun donation.

This water pipe is currently on display as part of the Salem Museum's feature exhibit "Cheers for 30 Years: the 30-Year History of the Salem Museum."

"Cheers for 30 Years" celebrates the Salem Museum's 30th anniversary with a look back at artifacts and the stories they tell, now preserved in the museum's collections. Some favorite, but rarely seen, objects are on display. The Salem Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and located at 801 E. Main St. The Salem Museum opened in the Williams-Brown House in 1992.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

# ROANOKE COUNTY ESTABLISHED MARCH 30, 1838

## John F. G. White, Salem Merchant, One Of Most Active In Seeking New Division

From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*  
Roanoke county has been said to have been in turn a part of Orange, Augusta and Botetourt counties, but during the years when this county was a part of Orange county, which was from 1734 to 1738, there were no permanent white settlers here. Orange county was formed from Spotsylvania county in 1734, and 1738 West Augusta county was formed from a portion of Orange county. As a part of Augusta county the

history of this section begins, and during all the trying years when the Indians were raiding the frontier this county was a part of Augusta and a real frontier community.

### Botetourt County Created

In 1769 an act was passed creating the new county of Botetourt and this county was organized in February of 1770. For sixty-nine years what is now Roanoke county was a part of Botetourt county and while the boundary lines of Botetourt

were changed during that time this county was not affected by such changes.

As this section of the state began to become more thickly populated in the late twenties of the nineteenth century, a movement for the creation of a separate county in the region washed by the headwaters of the Roanoke river took place.

In the session of 1829-1830 a bill was introduced to form

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# Chamber

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have been allocated to cities to prosecute violent crimes, including gun-related crimes. He pointed to two attorneys who have been hired to prosecute such crimes in Roanoke.

Other initiatives Attorney General Jason Miyares has priorities that Hall pointed to include youth violence intervention and preventative opioid addiction education.

"We have to get this right," he said. "We really want to educate folks that one pill can truly kill with fentanyl."

## Economic outlook update

An economic outlook update was delivered via a panel of local officials, including Tommy Miller, Salem's director of economic development, John Hill, executive director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership, Landon Howard, president of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, and Megan Baker, Roanoke County's economic development director.

It was moderated by Gene Marrano, editor of Valley Business FRONT and reporter/anchor for WFIR.

Baker started her role in late October. She said, "I came into a very vibrant and active community. We have the Board of Supervisors that have set some great priorities for Roanoke County." Right now, she said, she's taking stock of the economic development situation in Roanoke

# Danstrom

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Due to the fact that she stayed home, she was able to be involved in various community activities while her children were in school.

Danstrom said that she started thinking about pursuing a School Board appointment once she became an empty nester. Having been involved in the schools before, she thought about how she could give back and serving on the School Board presented itself. A parent at a volleyball game suggested the idea.

At first, she was reluctant to pursue the idea because her husband is close to retirement age and she wasn't sure about adding on another commitment.

"I thought: 'You know what, why not?' We're people who have tried to give back to the community where we could, so I threw my name in the hat," she explained.

Throughout the interview and appointment process, she said she was impressed by the other candidates. "This is good for Salem because there seemed to be quite a few

County but is looking forward to what 2023 has in store for the county.

One area of focus she touched on for the upcoming year is a review of how the county markets itself to outsiders, including businesses.

Howard said, "2022...I'll tell you the first quarter was not that great because of this thing called COVID, but we've recovered. The last numbers I've seen, we've had \$117 million in total revenue for our hotels and if you compare that to 2019, it's exactly even. That revenue has recovered."

However, room demand, he said, is still down roughly 11%. His agency is forecasting that leisure in the region in 2023 will be up compared to 2019.

"We're back! And we're excited about that," he said.

Hull noted that his agency was involved in the announcement of eight new site developments last year. The impact of those announcements, he said, "exceeds any level in the last five years."

"We've had a really strong year," he said. The announcements account for north of \$200 million of economic impact and 435 jobs. "Our opportunity pipeline is double what it was pre-pandemic times. Lots

of interest. Lots of activity."

Miller, who joined Salem in the first half of 2022, noted there has been a considerable amount of economic development-related activity in the city over the past year.

"I came onto an office empty for about two years. I thought I was going to spend a lot of time working on a strategic plan, but there has been a lot more work I'm excited about," he said.

Some of the projects he has been involved in over the past year included streetscape developments, a new hotel, an announcement about the former Valleydale site and restaurant coming into downtown and building relationships with existing businesses.

## Upcoming event

Towards the end of the meeting, Livingston noted that one of the chamber's next events will be on Feb. 17 at 7:30 a.m. The "Business Advocacy Breakfast Series 1: Breakfast with our Congressmen" event will be in the WDBJ7 Community Room. Reps. Morgan Griffith and Ben Cline will participate in the meet and greet.

She ended the meeting by saying, "We have a lot to look forward to. We really encourage you to participate and get involved."

candidates," she said.

Since joining the board, she has toured the various schools in the division. "It was wonderful to see a lot of teachers and neighbors. I recognized a lot of faces at the schools, which was a nice thing," she said.

Danstrom said she has been absorbing an "overwhelming amount of information." She said the process has instilled in her a greater appreciation for the other members on the board and those who served before her.

"The acronyms alone...I feel like I need an acronym dictionary. There are so many programs and so many grants. It's overwhelming the amount of information," she noted.

Additionally, she said she has been "overwhelmed" by the support she has received by other board members and Superintendent Curtis Hicks.

For the time being, she said she's trying to learn as much as she can about how the division and board function.

One of the areas she'd like to focus on while on the board is literacy. She was 28 years old when she realized that her grandmother couldn't read or write. "She could write her name. She knew her address. She couldn't read a book," Danstrom said. "That's near and dear to me."

She's also interested in the mental health aspect of the school division. "You aren't just pressured by the academic part. The social part also can be very stressful," she said she observed by having children go through the education system.

Danstrom said that although Salem is a closeknit community, she hopes it will continue to be open enough to benefit from new perspectives and ideas going forward.

"We want the educators to be able to come to the board and speak freely. We want to always keep the lines of communication open," she said. "I hope that this position will allow me to give back to the community that has served our family and our children so well."

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

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a distinct county here, and in 1831 such a bill passed in the lower house of the general assembly but it was killed in the upper house. The reason given for the failure of that body to pass the measure was that the representation in the assembly would be altered in such a way that the constitution of the state was violated.

## Never Give-Up Spirit

However, residents of this section were persistent in their demands that they be permitted to form a new county. Leading the fight for the new county were citizens of the growing town of Salem since the formation of a new county would not only give this section a number of advantages it did not enjoy before that time, but it was foreseen that Salem would be the county seat. At that time a trip to Fincastle, the county seat, required a whole day and local citizens naturally wanted greater convenience in transacting legal business.

According to local historians John F. G. White, a prominent local merchant, was the most active in pushing the demand for the formation of a county. Montgomery county was active in opposition to the move and the residents in the upper portions of Botetourt county naturally resented the idea.

When John McCauley, a former representative in the house of delegates from Montgomery county, moved to this county, he was enlisted in the fight and he spent some time lobbying for the measure. When the 1838 legislature assembled it was presented with a petition from residents of this locality giving twelve reasons why a new county should be formed. The petition was as follows:

## Reasons Why County Needed

1st. Because that portion desires to be made into a new county, form a separate and distinct community, being bound together by geographical position, as also by interest and feeling.

2nd. Because the people are on the subject perfectly and wholly united in the bounds of the petitioning district.

3rd. Because nearly fifteen hundred freemen and seven hundred voters demand it; they being a clear majority of the county; and it is presumable that a large portion of the residents are neutral.

4th. Because in their present situation they are measurably debarred the privilege of freemen, disenfranchised and have recently had an odious land tax of fifty per cent laid upon them for the exclusive benefit of a remote and minor part of the county, including Fincastle, the county seat, without their consent and to their entire prejudice.

5th. Because of the unjust and improper influence of Fincastle on other portions of the county, making those parts "hewers of wood and drawers of water".

6th. Because of the ability of this portion of Botetourt to form a county as it is shown by the commissioners books to have paid into the treasury nearly eighteen hundred dollars.

## Size and Wealth

7th. Because of the size, population and wealth of the petitioners districts, as it is in point of territory from north to south upward of thirty miles and from east to west upwards of fifteen. In population nearly 6,000 and admitted to be immensely wealthy.

8th. Because in granting their requests you do them but sheer justice, invade no one's rights and leave the present seat of justice in the center of a dense population, territory about twenty-four square miles.

9th. Because it is emphatically a Roanoke country, the whole of it being or nearly all of it being washed by the Roanoke or its tributaries.

10th. Because of the great distance of many of the petitioners from the present seat of justice.

11th. Because it will put an end to the legislation on this long mooted and vexing question and at once enable those two communities to agree as neighbors, which they cannot do whilst belonging to the same household.

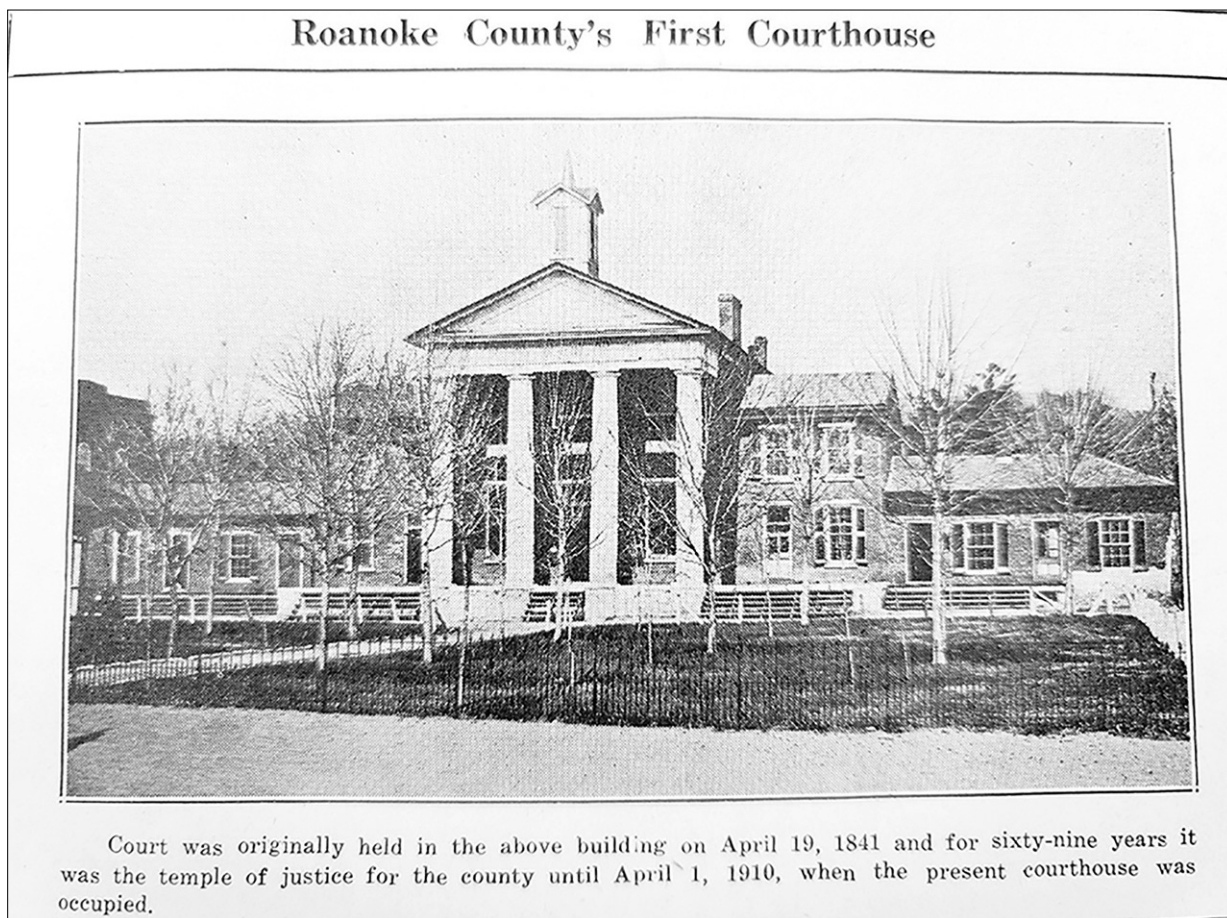
12th. Because of the universally admitted propriety and expedience of the measure, by all who pass through the rich and beautiful section.

This petition was the culmination of a campaign which lasted almost ten years before the legislature saw fit to grant the demands of the people of Salem and vicinity.

It was on March 30, 1838, that the act was passed creating the county of Roanoke and this statute read as follows:

## Act Passed March 30, 1838

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That all that part of the county of Botetourt lying next to and adjoining the counties of Montgomery, Franklin and Bedford in the southwestern part thereof, and contained within the following boundary lines to wit: Beginning at a point on the Blue Ridge, in a line which divides the counties of Bedford and Botetourt, thence northwest to the house now the residence of



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John Bonsack on Glade Creek, so as to include said Bonsack in the new county, thence and line to the house of Thomas Barnes, including said Barnes in the new county, and so as to leave John W. Thompson in the county of Botetourt, thence a straight line crossing the Catawba valley at a point one mile due north of Mrs. Garwoods', thence crossing Craig's creek (passing the house of John Spessard on Craig's creek so as to leave the said Spessard in the old county) to the top of the mountain which divides the water's of Craig's creek and Sinking creek, thence westwardly along the top of the mountain to the point where the lines of Botetourt, Montgomery and Giles county meet, thence with the line which divides the county of Botetourt from the county of Montgomery, to the point at which said line joins the line of Franklyn county, thence with the Franklyn and Botetourt line to the point at which said line joins the Bedford line, thence with the Bedford line to the beginning, shal form one distinct and new county and shall be called and known by the name of Roanoke county".

## Commissions Named

A commission composed of Albert G. Pendleton of Giles county, Hamilton Wade of Montgomery county, Samuel McCamant of Grayson county, Daniel Mills of Kanawha county and William Campbell, state senator of Bedford county, were appointed as a commission to meet within sixty days after May 10, 1838, to select a site for the new county buildings. Their pay for such services was to be four dollars per day for such time as they served.

To lay out the boundary line between Botetourt and Roanoke one man from each county was named together with a resident of Montgomery county. These men were William Anderson of Botetourt, John F. J. White of this county and Archibald Goody Kountz of Montgomery county. Later court records show that they were paid \$45.31½ for this work.

In the act providing for the establishment of the county it was provided that Roanoke county be permitted to send one delegate to the lower house and in 1840 Henry Snider was elected as the first representative from this county. It was provided that Roanoke county remain in the same senatorial, congressional and electoral district as Botetourt so that a state senator was not elected from Roanoke county until 1842 when John McCauley was chosen to serve in the

capacity.

## \$2.50 First Tax

It was further provided in the act that the court of Roanoke county was to provide for the payment of the property and the building of new county buildings. The following June the court fixed a tax of \$2.50 upon each tithable for the expenses of operating the county and the expense of building a new courthouse and jail. On April 5, 1839, the legislature passed an act providing that the court of Roanoke county should not purchase more than two acres of land and that the tax for such land and buildings be not more than thirty cents on each tithable in the county to pay for the same.

The original act provided that the sheriff of Botetourt county collect all back taxes from the residents of the newly formed county. It also set the dates for the holding of court.

Eighteen justices of the peace were appointed by Governor Campbell as follows: E. McClanahan, N. Burwell, W.C. Boyer, Lewis Harvey, Wm. McDermed, James Kyle, John H. Griffin, Thomas Fowler, E. Thomas, A. Reynolds, A. Smith, John F. J. White, Joseph Wade, G. W. Shanks, Michael Miller, Thomas Tosh, John McCauley and John R. Richards. They were given the power to select a place for holding court and they met on May 21, 1838, at the tavern of Benjamin Faris. This tavern was located where the Presbyterian church now stands and the building was owned by Charles Dillard.

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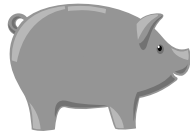
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**Ben Cline**  
Congressman

American families received another reminder of the past years of uncontrolled Washington spending as the United States hit its national debt limit of a staggering \$31.4 trillion. As America stands on the brink of default, Congress must ensure that any increase to the debt ceiling is paired with reasonable budgetary reform measures that will address our out-of-control path. It is always good to be back in Virginia's Sixth District where I had the opportunity to swear in new officers of the Rockbridge County Volunteer Fire-Rescue and EMS Association, speak to the Staunton Kiwanis Club, and tour the Virginia Farm Show at Augusta Expo. Finally, I was pleased to meet with students at Stuarts

Draft High School, and present the state champion cheer team with a plaque of my tribute to them on the House floor recognizing their win. As Congress returns to Washington, the new House Republican majority is ready to continue fighting back against the swamp on behalf of the American people.

**Getting Our Fiscal House In Order**  
After years of reckless government spending, the Democrat-led Congress has once again maxed out America's credit card – forcing Congress to face the reality of a rising national debt and undergo debt ceiling discussions. Unfortunately, the Biden administration and Democrats have demanded a debt ceiling increase without implementing fiscal guardrails. That is neither reasonable nor responsible. Under one-party rule, Democrats had every opportunity to address the debt ceiling and enact bipartisan fiscal reforms. Instead, President Biden and Democrats in Congress went on a \$5 trillion deficit spending binge that led to record-high inflation, soaring interest rates, and a staggering \$31.4 trillion national debt. Interest payments on our debt are projected to triple over the next 10 years, reaching

\$1.2 trillion and crowding out investment in other important programs.

Congress's responsibility to meet our country's financial obligations goes beyond just raising the debt limit – we must not allow debt to spiral and destroy our children's future. Rest assured, Republicans are working in good faith to pair a debt ceiling increase with spending reforms that will prevent another debt crisis from impacting the American people. Instead of refusing to negotiate, Democrats need to work with Republicans on ways to reduce the debt and ensure Washington starts living within its means so that future generations of Americans will inherit the same freedoms and opportunities we did. The most significant deficit measures and budget reforms have historically been attached to debt ceiling legislation, and I'm hopeful we can reach a bipartisan agreement like we've done in times past.

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.

## Roanoke Region receives green light, funding for 26-mile scenic rail trail

Virginia's biennium budget was finalized this past June, and with it comes funding for trails. A new rail trail running through Botetourt and Craig counties—the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail is one of five priority trails identified by the General Assembly to receive support from the appropriation.

The Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail will parallel Craigs Creek and run 26 miles from New Castle in Craig County to Eagle Rock in Botetourt County. It is anticipated to be a gravel trail that utilizes existing railbeds and some shared roadways. Funding will go toward bridge repairs and preparing the trail surface; a multi-use trail for walking, running, biking, and horseback riding, that provides opportunities for residents and visitors to engage with the scenic beauty of Craig and Botetourt counties and Virginia's Blue Ridge.

"People will be able to enjoy this unique and historical scenic trail with ease," says Jessie Spence, chairman of Craig County Board of Supervisors. "The Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail will be an outstanding asset to Craig County, Botetourt County, and the region. It will be one of the most scenic, if not the most scenic, trails in the commonwealth."

"The Virginia Creeper Trail, a similar trail to the proposed Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail, generates \$2.3 million annually for its rural local economy when adjusted for inflation," says Delegate Terry Austin who was instrumental in securing funding for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail. "I very much look forward to how this trail will benefit the community and will open the door for more business opportunities like bike shops, coffee shops, restaurants, and lodging—all these ventures and more will be possible with the influx of trail users."

"Craig and Botetourt counties are home to some of the most beautiful natural assets in all of Virginia, and the trail will give people the opportunity to experience it firsthand," says Pete Eshelman, director of outdoor branding for the Roanoke Regional Partnership. "This is truly a transformational project that will have direct economic benefit for the communities while also adding to the region's growing list of outdoor assets that make it a desirable place for businesses and talent to locate."

"Local law makers, officials, and outdoor stakeholders have been working diligently for years to secure funding for this project," says Dr. Richard Bailey, Botetourt County Board of Supervisor. "We are extremely appreciative that Delegate Austin recognizes the importance of this project, shares our vision, and was able to secure funding for the trail." At their September 2022 meeting the

Commonwealth Transportation Board authorized up to \$1 million dollars to the trail to support pre-construction planning activities. Both Botetourt and Craig counties have formed citizen committees to assist with the planning phase. These committees will help mitigate citizen concerns and assist the localities in recognizing and addressing potential issues. The citizen committees will share additional information and plans as they are developed.

Woody Lipps, chair of the Craig County citizen committee says that "While this is an exciting and unique opportunity, this project is still very much in the planning phase and will be for the next several months. We know there will be a lot of questions, but right now we don't have a lot of answers, so we ask people to be patient as we work with VDOT to develop a plan that respects the residents along the trail while also showcasing the beauty of both Craig and Botetourt counties."

Roanoke Regional Partnership assisted Botetourt County and Craig County with securing funding for planning efforts through the Virginia Department of Transportation, and Delegate Austin has been instrumental in providing trail funding to support advancing this new trail asset. Thanks to their diligent efforts, the region is poised to see another trail asset created that will continue to make Virginia's Blue Ridge a premier location to live, work, play, and visit.

-Roanoke Regional Partnership

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## Taxes, electric bills and elections

Tuesday marked one week until the 2023 General Assembly's Crossover Deadline when each chamber must finish work on the vast majority of bills from their own chamber. The Virginia Senate is moving at a slower than usual pace with 435 bills still in committee that must pass the full Senate by next Tuesday or automatically die.

**Fully Eliminating the Grocery Tax**  
In the 1970s, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Henry Howell campaigned on eliminating the Virginia grocery tax created by a Democratic Governor and Democratic legislative super majorities in 1966. In the intervening years, countless Democratic legislators have been elected to the General Assembly pledging to eliminating the grocery tax. Four Democratic "trifectas" and seven Democratic Governors later, Governor Glenn Youngkin signed the final version House Bill 90 brought forward in 2022 by Delegate Joe McNamara and myself that eliminated the state portion of the grocery tax.

Delegate McNamara and I advocated full repeal of the grocery tax with backfill for the localities and the House of Delegates voted on a bipartisan

landslide of 88-1 to do just that, but Senate blocked the full repeal. Delegate McNamara and I respectively brought Senate Bill 850 and HB1484 this year to finish the job and fully repeal the grocery tax with a backfill for localities. My SB850 was defeated by the Democratic supermajority on the Senate Finance Committee, but thankfully HB1484 advanced from the House Finance Committee. I remain cautiously optimistic that the General Assembly will do the right thing and fully repeal the grocery tax while keeping localities whole.

**Increasing the Standard Deduction**  
More than four in five Virginia income tax payers use the standard deduction while filing their Virginia income taxes. Last year, Delegate McNamara and I successfully worked with Governor Youngkin and a bipartisan coalition of our colleagues to raise the standard deduction and provide more than \$400 in tax relief to couples filing jointly with the standard deduction. Delegate McNamara's HB2319 further increasing the standard deduction and lowering the tax

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**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. Shed tears  
5. Luxur jewelry designer  
10. Goddess of wisdom  
12. Convert into a particular form  
14. Working-class people  
16. It borders Canada (abbr.)  
18. A princess can detect its presence  
19. Red-brown sea bream  
20. Defunct retail empire  
22. Vase  
23. Demeter's equivalent  
25. Monetary unit of the Maldives  
26. French and Belgian river  
27. Small amount  
28. High schoolers' test  
30. Animal's foot  
31. Some is red  
33. Per \_\_\_: each  
35. Swedish jazz pop duo  
37. Plate for Eucharist  
38. Train line  
40. Russian pop duo  
41. Stake  
42. Plant by scattering  
44. Female sibling  
45. City of Angels hoops- (abbr.)  
48. Popular cookie brand  
50. Group of Niger-Congo languages  
52. A team's best pitcher  
53. Vomits  
55. 19th letter of Greek alphabet  
56. Men's fashion accessory  
57. Its capital is Pierre (abbr.)  
58. Expensive cut of steak  
63. Popular James Cameron film  
65. A \_\_\_: relating to knowledge gleaned from deduction  
66. Kids' snow toys  
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**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Global public health agency  
2. Snake-like fish  
3. Midway between north-east and east  
4. Dabbed  
5. TV show  
6. Folk singer DiFranco  
7. Canadian flyers  
8. Of the dowry  
9. Commercial  
10. The act of imitating  
11. Equipment used to broadcast radio or TV signals  
13. Lands of an emir  
15. Swiss river  
17. Island  
18. Monetary unit of Afghanistan  
21. One who surrenders under agreed conditions  
23. Garfield is one  
24. A baglike structure in a plant or animal  
27. Small boats used in the Black Sea  
29. Small savory Spanish dishes  
32. Body part  
34. Touch lightly  
35. Popular grilled foods on a stick  
36. \_\_\_ Hess: oil company  
39. Antelope with a reddish coat  
40. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt  
43. Pink Floyd's Roger  
44. Short and thick  
46. Small, sac-like cavities  
47. Performer \_\_\_-Lo  
49. Entrails of animal used as food  
51. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician  
54. Where construction is done  
59. Chap  
60. Investment vehicle  
61. Often mixed with tonic  
62. Holiday beverage egg \_\_\_  
64. Against

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rate on taxable income above \$18,000/year from 5.75% to 5.5% successfully passed the House of Delegates and is now before the Senate Finance Committee. Increasing the standard deduction is the broadest and best way to provide tax relief to working Virginians and hopefully we are able to obtain bipartisan support again.

## Making Sure Every District has a Legislator

Every district in Virginia should have a legislator during the General Assembly. Unfortunately, then-Governor Ralph Northam denied about 200,000 Southwest Virginians a Senator during the 2021 General Assembly when he delayed the special election after Senator Ben Chafin's passing for 83 days. Just weeks before that, then-Governor Northam determined Delegate Jennifer Carrol Foy's vacancy in a strong Democratic district in Prince William County should be held in 28 days so the Democratic House Caucus would not be shorthanded.

On Monday, the Virginia Senate unanimously passed my SB944 requiring special elections to fill a vacancy in the membership of the General Assembly be held within 30 days of the vacancy if the vacancy occurs or will occur between December 10 and March 1. The bill now heads to the House of Delegates.

## Should Legislators Fundraise while Voting on Legislation?

Legislators are rightfully banned from fundraising during the Regular Session. Unfortunately in recent years we have had legislators voting on legislation from the clubhouse of their campaign golf fundraiser and actively sending out fundraising requests from their chamber desk while considering legislation during special sessions. My SB946 seeks to ban fundraising while legislating and would prohibit legislators from campaign fundraising on any day the General Assembly is scheduled to meet during a Special Session just like during the Regular Session. The bill was reported to the floor on a bipartisan 12-2 vote by the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee and was scheduled to be considered on Monday but was delayed by another legislator in the middle of debate. Hopefully it will pass today, but we shall see.

## Your Ever Increasing Electric Bill

While captive electric rate payers are paying increasingly high electric bills, the Senate Democratic Leader has introduced SB1265 that is designed to further increase electric monopoly investors' profits at the cost of higher electric bills. The Senate Commerce and Labor Committee advanced SB1265 on Monday meaning the

legislation should be up in the full Senate in a few days when there are dozens of other significant bills on the Senate floor. At the same time the monopolies' written legislation is advancing, the superstacked committee overwhelmingly defeated my bills that would have returned significant authority to the State Corporation Commission and allowed any competition. Sadly, the committee vote suggests monopoly legislation will fly out of the Senate.

Thankfully, any legislation would have to come through Governor Youngkin's desk. He continues to distinguish himself as the rare Virginia Governor interested in defending the interests of captive rate payers. As the debate on this legislation continues, I would encourage anyone with concerns about electric bills to share them with the Governor.

## Watch YOUR Government and Track Legislation

Every floor session of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates is livestreamed on the internet. At those links, you can also watch committee and subcommittees. The full text, summaries, fiscal impact statements, and votes for every bill are available on the Legislative Information System.

-Sen. David Suetterlein  
District 19

# Hard named to Elon's President's List

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# Virginia Western Educational Foundation announces new board members

ROANOKE — Katherin A. Elam and Stephen W. Lemon have joined the Board of Directors of the Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation as at-large members.

Elam retired in 2022 as the longtime president of Junior Achievement of Southwest Virginia. Lemon is an attorney and principal at the firm of Martin, Hopkins & Lemon, P.C.

The volunteer board guides the educational foundation's mission as an independent nonprofit organization supporting student scholarships, faculty development and endowment initiatives at Virginia Western Community College. Board members are the driving force behind Virginia Western's Community College Access Program, a successful public-private partnership that provides up to three years of tuition to eligible students. CCAP celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2023, having served 3,856 students to date and provided \$9.1 million in tuition assistance.

As of 2023, the educational foundation is led by: Deborah L. Petrine, chair; Russell Ellett, vice chair; Tammy Moss Finley, secretary; Chris Carey, treasurer; William Farrell II, immediate past-chair; and college President Dr. Robert H. Sandel. John R. Francis is the chair of Virginia Western's Local Board.

-The Salem Times-Register



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COURTESY PHOTOS

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### Cook First Clerk

After meeting on May 21 at the tavern the justices proceeded to organize the county by selecting officials. Five candidates, William M. Cook, Frederick Johnston, William C. Bowyers, Joseph Logan and James Taylor sought the position as clerk of court and four ballots were necessary before the selection of William M. Cook was made. On the fourth ballot he received ten votes to eight for Johnston after the other candidates were eliminated.

For the office of sheriff Elijah McClanahan, Nathaniel Burwell and Thomas Fowler were nominated according to law and the governor appointed McClanahan. For coroner Madison Pitzer and Henry Frantz were nominated but it is not on record that either of them ever qualified for this office.

Under the act authorizing formation of the county the eighteen justices of the peace were given the power to select a place for holding court until such time as a courthouse be erected and they selected the place of James Huff which was located on the lot between the present post office and Oakley building. Three rooms upstairs, one room downstairs and the cellar were rented to the county for the purpose of holding court for the payment of seventy-five dollars per year. It was ordered that Huff erect a back stairs to this building for which the county would reimburse him.

### First Court Held

In this place the first court of law was held in Roanoke county on May 24, 1838. Further organization work was done at this meeting. Armistead Neal was appointed as commissioner of revenue while Leroy Campbell and Aaron Barnes were appointed as constables. The first lawyers admitted to practice were Edward Johnston, John T. Anderson, Francis

Henderson, Alexander Ethridge, James Watts and John B. Logan. James Watts was the first commonwealth attorney for the county court.

### Original Session Records

Proceedings of that first session are still available at the office of the clerk of court and while the writing on the court book is faded it can still be read.

The first legal record to be placed on the books after the recording of the routine organization minutes was the following which was dated May 24, 1838:

"A deed of trust from Peter Carvin to Peter Smith and David Nininger, trustees for Jacob Smith, was proven in court by oaths of Aaron Barnes, Jacob Burke, and John H. Gish, the witnesses thereunto subscribed and ordered to be recorded."

At a meeting of the court on June 21, 1838 the payment of \$400 to John H. May for property on which to build a courthouse was recorded. The further sum of \$2,000 was also appropriated at this session as the court had held that the county pay \$2,000 each year to defray the expense of erecting a courthouse and jail.

### Present Courthouse Site Bought

On the tax record the name of John H. Gay is found as being a resident of Missouri. The property which he sold the county is where the present courthouse is located.

It was at this meeting that the court ordered \$2.50 on each tithable for county expenses and ordered May to be paid \$400 for his lots. In view of that fact it seems a little strange that the legislature the next year should pass an act limiting the purchase of ground to two acres and place the tax limit at thirty cents per tithable.

At the May term of court a commission composed of

William Peyton, Edwards Watts, William Langhorne, John E.J. White, William Williams, Henry Snider and Armistead Neal were appointed as commission authorized to investigate the matter of securing plans for building a courthouse and jail and report to the court. They made their report to the court on August 22 but what report they made is not recorded as the only notations on the record were that a report was made. However, a commission composed of William Peyton, Edward Watts, Henry Snider, John McClauley and Frederick Johnston was authorized to go ahead with the matter of letting a contract for the erection of the buildings and it was empowered to make minor changes in the original plans.

### Move Into New Building Apr.19, 1841

While plans for erecting the new court building were being worked out court was held in the Huff building and on August 23 we find the first record of a grand jury session. John Etzler and David Nininger were indicted for selling spirits without a license and they were bound over to court. Henry Frantz was the foreman of the first grand jury and these two true bills were all that were brought at that session.

On September 20 is found the first record of an actual trial and this was a petty case involving breach of the peace. Reuben Rutherford was placed under \$50 bond and William Stuart was placed under a like bond to keep the peace. The complainant against Stewart was Mary Rutherford. This is the first case in which there is any record of testimony being given.

It was almost three years after the county was formed that the new courthouse was ready for use. Court records show that the new building was used for holding court for the first time on April 19, 1841.

-Prepared by Lisa King

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# V DOT ROADWATCH

**INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141** – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

**UPCOMING LANE CLOSURES:** 24-hour lane closures northbound are being scheduled for upcoming bridge repairs. Dates and times are still being determined.

**TRAFFIC SHIFT ON WILDWOOD ROAD:** Expect a traffic shift with narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

**WORK ZONE SPEED:** With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

**RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

**LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141. Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136.

Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

**I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY** – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

**SLOW ROLLS:** A slow roll operation may be in place daily, Monday through Friday, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**ROUTE 605:** Alternating lane closures and flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

**LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

**SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

**I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays

**INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD**– Bridge work is underway on Route 11 (Williamson Road). Intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue are still possible. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above may still be required utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. Expected completion Spring 2023.

**I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

**I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY**– Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

**ROANOKE CITY 13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR** – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2-mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot-wide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023.

**TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE:** Northbound traffic will be switched to the northbound lane of 13th

Street. Southbound traffic will still be detoured around the work zone.

**ROANOKE COUNTY BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURE** – The Blue Ridge Parkway will be repairing slope failures and a culvert failure at mile marker 127.9. A 15-mile stretch of the Parkway, mile marker 121.4 to 136, will be closed to all uses including cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. Detour signs to detour traffic around the Bent Mountain section of the Parkway will be in place. Traffic will be rerouted to Route 220 south to Route 419 north to Route 221 south. Traffic traveling north on the Parkway would be reversed. The detour is expected to be in place until 2023.

**BOTETOURT COUNTY DALEVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT FOR FIELDSTONE DEVELOPMENT ACCESS** – Lane closures northbound and southbound on Route 220 in Daleville will be in place for construction of a median with crossover, a right turn lane and a new traffic signal. This work is associated with construction of the Fieldstone Development. Lane closures will be set up on various days in early 2023.

**ROUTE 11 BUCHANAN BRIDGE PROJECT** - A construction project on the Route 11 Bridge in the Town of Buchanan is underway. Water Street is closed for the duration of the project and drivers should expect periodic lane closures with flagging operations to be in place during daytime hours. Message boards are present to alert and update drivers. Expected completion in summer 2023.

**ROUTE 611 (GREYLEDGE ROAD)** – A 1.5 mile section of Route 611 (Greyledge Road) is closed due to flooding that damaged the roadway. Extensive repairs will be needed and a detour will be in place. There is no estimated time for the road to reopen.

**CRAIG COUNTY ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MEADOW CREEK** – Temporary signals control traffic across the bridge and will be in place throughout the project. Construction will begin on the northbound side of the bridge and once completed, work will switch to the southbound side. In addition, a section of Route 646 (Allen Street) between Route 650 and Route 311 will be closed during construction and a signed detour will be in place. All traffic will be detoured to Marshall Street and Kanawha Street to access either 311 or the homes located off Allen Street. Speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph in the work zone with a width restriction of 9 feet. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra travel time through the work zone. Weather permitting, the bridge is expected to be open to traffic by the late spring 2023.

**TRAFFIC SWITCH:** Traffic is using the southbound lane to the northbound lane while work continues. Southbound lanes are closed. Temporary traffic signals will continue to direct traffic and message boards will notify drivers.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY ROUTE 8 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS** - Work will soon begin to construct Pedestrian Improvements on Route 8 in Riner. The work zone will begin at the intersection with Route 669 (Union Valley Road) and will end at the current site of the Atlantic Union Bank. Drivers should expect lane closures with flagging operations between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through the start of the project until May 24, end of the school year. Once the school year is complete, lane closures will expand in hours to 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Expected completion is late summer 2023.

## OBITUARIES

### Julg, Mary Ann Bell

Mary Ann Bell Julg, 68, of Sun City, Az., but formerly of Salem, Va. and Copper Hill, Va., went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023. Born in Roanoke, Va. to the late Leslie Pierce and Edith May Matkins Bell on June 17, 1954, she is also preceded in death by her aunt and guardian, Betty H. Bell.

Mary Ann was a gifted and well-loved educator who retired after 34 years of teaching in the Allegheny County and Roanoke City public school systems. The Blacksburg High School graduate earned a bachelor's degree from what is now Longwood University and a master's degree from Radford University. Mary Ann's retirement allowed her to spend invaluable time with her grandsons, first in "Big Sky Country" in the great state of Montana and most recently in Arizona. In her spare time, Mary Ann loved to quilt and watch her grandsons play sports and participate in school activities. Above all, she adored her family; she was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

Those left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Charles Julg; children, Charles L. Julg and his wife, Chastity, of Gastonia, NC; Kelli McDonald and her husband, Greg, of Peoria, AZ; grandsons, Hank



McDonald and Walt McDonald; siblings, Doug Bell and his wife, Arlene, Rodney Bell and his wife, Karen, Virginia Martin, Susie Bell Johnson and husband, Glenn, Mike Bell and wife, Carol, Pam Reed and husband, Robert, and Jackie Triplett and husband, Bill; uncle and guardian, E. Stephen Bell and his wife, Rose Anne, as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family welcomed friends on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the chapel of John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home, Salem. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at 11 a.m., at Locust Grove United Methodist Church, in Salem, with Pastor Ben Lockhart officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Locust Grove United Methodist Church, 3415 Locust Grove Ln, Salem, VA 24153

The family would like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the staff of Stoneridge Hospice, in Phoenix, AZ, for the compassionate care given to both Mary Ann and family during this difficult time. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.johnmoakey.com.

## Purple Heart

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rd Marine Division.”

Several of his buddies were hit, and Ramsey left the foxhole to look for others who needed help. That's when he was shot in the back of his skull by enemy fire.

After time in the hospital, Ramsey returned to active duty. The 3rd had shipped out of Vietnam, he said, and his record jacket was sent from one division to another, he explained. “They knew I was wounded but there was nothing in my record jacket to say that. I did not have the time in the country to be pulled out of Vietnam,” he added.

Ramsey served a total of 10 years. When he left Vietnam in May 1970, Ramsey went on to serve another eight years, in Okinawa, the Middle East and Asia, he said.

Back in the states, Ramsey worked as a commercial electrician in North Carolina, and ultimately, MT Electric hired him and moved him to Roanoke. He was retired on total disability in 2004.

Since then, Ramsey has been active in the Roanoke Moose Lodge 284.

Whitney Kingston of Salem, senior regent of the Women of the Moose, made a special presentation to Ramsey “for his service to your fellow veterans.” It was a \$200 check made out to Ramsey's favorite charity, Wellness for Warriors in San Antonio.

Ramsey explained Wellness for Warriors “has been providing supplies and services veterans need, ranging from waters to air purification systems, locating specialists for veterans with foot problems and other



**Ramsey gets hugs from his daughters, Carri Bonner and Melissa Buchanan.**

things.”

After reading the Purple Heart commendation certificate, Congressman Cline said, “It's an honor for me to be here. Mr. Ramsey has given to his country and his community.”

Referring to helping Ramsey get the Purple Heart, Cline's field representative added, “We do constituent services like this on a daily basis.”

Forty people were gathered at the lodge to congratulate

Ramsey. Among them were his two daughters, Melissa Buchanan who lives in Pleasant View, and Carri Bonner of Columbus, Ohio, as well as three of Ramsey's grandchildren, Alex, Isabelle and Ethan.

Participants included master of ceremonies Andrea Spence, daughter of Lodge President Matt Spence. Andrea Spence also opened the ceremony by singing the National Anthem.



**PHOTOS BY MEG HIBBERT**  
**Marine Sgt. Patrick Ramsey is pinned with the Purple Hearts he earned after being wounded in Vietnam 53 years ago. Doing the pinning is Lt. Col Joel Fraker on Jan. 28 the Roanoke Moose Lodge 284.**





# Mayhem box lacrosse season is over after four games

The Professional Box Lacrosse Association has announced that all remaining games across the league will be postponed, abruptly putting an end to the Salem Mayhem's season after just four games.

Individual and season ticket holders will be refunded at the location where their tickets were purchased. Season ticket holders will be contacted and will receive a full refund for the duration of the season.

"We made a difficult decision to postpone the remainder of the inaugural season," said owner and CEO Carmen Kesner. "Our vision is to implement a fast, physical, safe, and exciting experience for our fans and players. We believe we have been able to create this experience, but we feel there are elements we need to improve upon. For that reason, we are halting the season to re-organize the league and team operations."

The league plans to come back next year and part of the reorganization comes with the appointment of Brad Bryant, the new Chief Executive Officer.

"I'm excited about what is in store for this league," said Bryant. "My goal is to take Mr. Kesner's

concept to the next level and create a sustainable product for years to come that both the players and the fans can be proud of."

Wendy Delano, Director of Civic Facilities for Salem, hopes the Mayhem can be part of the new group and continue to play at the Salem Civic Center. The first two home games for the Mayhem were well received with encouraging crowds.

"I can't speak for what happened in other markets, but as a whole our team did pretty good during the couple of games that we did have," said Delano. "The games were fun and fast-paced and the fans seemed to enjoy them. My understanding is that the league is basically doing a 'reset' and will be coming into the 2024 season with a solid plan that will take care of the fan base and the players. We enjoyed having the Mayhem at the Salem Civic Center and look forward to talking to them about the 2024 season."

The Salem Mayhem was 0-and-4 with 10 games remaining on its schedule but the team was competitive. The team lost their final game in Elmira by just one goal, 15-14, and their last home game was a two-

goal loss to Charlotte, 19-17, that went to the final minute before it was decided.



The Mayhem played two games in Salem in front of enthusiastic crowds. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

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# Tigers edge Maroon men in thriller

The Roanoke College men's basketball team fell to fourth place in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference standings with a loss to Hampden-Sydney last Saturday. The Maroons dropped a 57-51 decision to the Tigers in the C. Homer Bast Center in Salem.

With the loss the Maroons fell to 8-3 in conference games and their losses were all to the three teams ahead of them, Randolph-Macon, Guilford and Hampden-Sydney. The Tigers improved to 10-1 in the ODAC with the win and trail only

11-0 Randolph-Macon in the standings. Third place Guilford is 9-2.

The Maroons trailed 29-21 at the break, then Roanoke held the Tigers scoreless for the first 5:39 of the second half while pulling back within three thanks to layup by U-Edosomwan at 17:35. A made free-throw by Kasey Draper got the Maroons within one at 39-38 with 7:42 left in the game and a Justin Kuthan layup gave Roanoke its first lead of the game at 40-39 with 7:18 on the clock.

The game was tight the rest

of the way. A jump shot by U-Edosomwan pulled the score even at 49-49 with 1:52 left, but the Tigers made eight free-throws to close out the game, 57-51.

U-Edosomwan led RC with 14 points, Kasey Draper had a dozen and Justin Kuthan had 10. Kuthan had a dozen rebounds and U-Edosomwan grabbed 11 boards.

The loss dropped RC to 15-5 overall and the Maroons were scheduled to host Lynchburg on Wednesday. This Saturday Averett is here for a 4:30 pm tip-off.

# RC women beat Eagles for 3rd straight win

The Roanoke College women won their third straight game and improved to 14-5 overall with a 60-56 win over Bridgewater at

the C. Homer Bast Center last Saturday. With the win the Maroons tied Bridgewater for fifth place in the Old Dominion Athletic

Conference standings with 8-4 conference records each.

Roanoke trailed 24-22 at the half but the Maroons opened the third quarter on an 11-1 run that was capped by a Rose Sande layup at 5:07 that gave Roanoke a 33-25 lead. A Sayre Brandstatter three pointer extended the lead to 39-31 and another three by Brandstatter with just nine seconds left in the quarter put the Maroons on top 46-35 as the teams headed to the final period.

The Eagles began to slowly chip away at the Roanoke lead, pulling within five at 57-52 with 2:30 left in the game. A Bridgewater layup with 25 seconds left made it a one-possession game at 59-56. With :22 left on the clock Sande made one of two free throws and the Eagles missed a three pointer with five seconds left as the Maroons came away with a 60-56. Sande scored 21 points to lead all scorers while Brandstatter finished with 13.

The Maroons were scheduled to host Ferrum on Wednesday and Saturday Randolph-Macon is here for a 2 pm game at the Bast Center, home for the Maroons for the rest of this season due to a damaged floor in the Cregger Center.



Kasey Draper of Roanoke College drives to the hole in last Saturday's game against Hampden-Sydney at the Bast Center in Salem.

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Rose Sande of Roanoke College threads a bounce pass to a teammate in women's hoop action at the Bast Center.

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## Sunday is deadline to sign up for Spring Youth Sports

Salem Parks & Recreation Spring youth sports signups will cut off this Sunday, February 5. Spring sports include boys' soccer for ages 6-11, coed t-ball for ages 6 & 7, baseball for ages 7-14 and softball for ages 7-17.

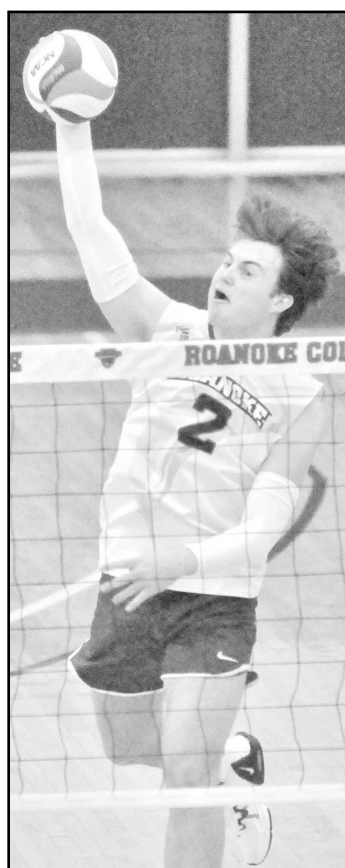
You can sign up online at the link "Salem Spring Sports", by phone at (540) 966-6900 (M - F, 8:30AM - 12:00PM or 1:00PM - 4:30PM), or IN PERSON at 925 UNION ST. (M - F, 8:30AM - 12:00PM and 1:00PM - 4:30PM).

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

## ALMS spring sports practice

Tryouts for spring sports at Andrew Lewis Middle School will begin on Wednesday, February 15th. This includes baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer with boys and girls track practice to begin on March 1st.

To participate middle school students must sign up on the Andrew Lewis webpage and have a physical on the Virginia High School League (VHSL) form dated after May 1, 2022. The form must be on file in the main office at Andrew Lewis before participating.



CJ Kingston hits a spike for Roanoke College.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## RC men shut out two in volleyball

The Roanoke College men's volleyball team won two matches in Frederick, MD last week, sweeping Hood College and Immaculata by 3-0 scores each.

Roanoke opened with a 25-15, 25-15, 25-8 win over Hood. Logan Chappell led the Maroons with eight kills, three aces, and two assists.

Against Immaculata the Maroons won 25-23, 25-13, 25-12 to improve to 2-0 on the day and 4-3 on the season. Roanoke finished the match with 45 kills to just 20 for Immaculata. The Maroons were led by Conner Tyson's 10 kills and four aces.

The Maroons will be back on the road Saturday to take part in the one-day Randolph-Macon Invitational on February 4. Roanoke opens with a match against Cal Lutheran at 11 am and follows up with a match against Eastern at 1 pm.

# Maroons sweep wrestling honors

After facing off against some of the top competition in the country at the 2023 Pete Wilson Invitational, a pair of Roanoke wrestlers have been named the ODAC Wrestlers of the Week. Mac Cafurello (125 lbs.) was named the ODAC Light Wrestler of the Week with teammate Mahlic Sallah (184 lbs.) being selected the ODAC Heavy Wrestler of the Week. It is Sallah's second ODAC Wrestler of the Week honor this season.

Cafurello went 7-1 at 125 lbs. over the weekend, reaching the podium and finishing third. He opened with a win over Jase Van Pelt of Cornell College by decision 7-3 before dropping his lone match of the tournament to Kie Anderson of Concordia-Moorhead. Cafurello then won six in a row with a win by tech. fall over Julian Long of Nebraska Wesleyan (17-0, 4:08), Adrian Samano of Ferrum by 9-4 decision, Tyler Klein (#2 Upper Midwest Region) by 10-4 decision, Cody Merwin of Cortland State with a 9-7 decision, and a 3-1 decision over Jack Stanley of Mount Union, who is ranked #12 nationally and #3 in the Central region.

Sallah went a perfect 5-0 to claim the title at 184 lbs. He opened action with a pair of falls over Isaac Sell (Muskingum) and Stephen Watson (Wheaton). In the quarterfinals he won by major decision over the #4 wrestler in the Mid East region, Brian Torres of Cortland State, 11-3. Sallah then won by a 6-1 decision in the semifinals over #5 in the Central region, Gavin Layman of Ohio Northern. In the title match, he won over Niall Schoenfelder of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a 5-2 decision. Layman is ranked #6 nationally and #3 in the Upper Midwest region.

The Maroons travel to Ferrum tonight, February 2 for an ODAC dual with the Panthers at 7 pm.

# ADAM WARD CLASSIC BASKETBALL

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Association. To date, the Adam Ward Classic has contributed over \$80,000 dollars to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Adam Ward Classic Committee will be making donations to the Make a Wish Foundation and Special Olympics in Adam's honor.

"The money generated from this event will provide scholarship opportunities for high school students who were deemed Adam-like during their high school careers," Smythers said. "Salem High School is honored to once again host such a worthy event for such a special young man."

The Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, which has been supporting charitable causes for decades, has been instrumental in making the event a success each year.

"This is a great way to honor Adam Ward's memory, as well as all of the others who have been touched and affected by his passing," said Salem's Jerry Spangler, the WVBOA Commissioner. "I think Adam would be pleased we are doing this through the game of basketball."

To learn more about sponsorship or scholarship opportunities interested persons can contact Smythers (gsmythers@salem.k12.va.us), Spangler (jspangler1129@gmail.com), Hank Lutton (HankLutton@gmail.com), Drew Barrett (d Barrett@salem.k12.va.us) or Chris Williams (cjdubya@gmail.com).

This year's event will feature 11 different games on two days in two gyms. Tickets are \$10 for each day of the classic for adults, \$5 for ages 5-9 and kids under 5 are free. VHSL passes will not be honored for either day of this charitable event.

Both Friday games should be very competitive. In prior games, on December 5th, the Salem girls beat Glenvar at Salem High, 41-34, while the boys played at Glenvar the same night with the Highlanders taking a 63-53 decision.

All four teams played Tuesday, with Salem teams meeting Cave Spring and Glenvar hosting a girls-boys doubleheader against Floyd. Salem's boys dropped a 65-36 decision to the Knights in Roanoke County to fall to 9-11 on the season while the Spartan girls won at home, 54-45, to improve to 14-6.

Both Salem teams played Blacksburg in a doubleheader on the road last Friday. The boys dropped a 58-36 decision to the Bruins while the girls won the opener, 52-39, behind a double-double by Summer Bayne, who had 17 points and 10 rebounds. The Salem girls also played in the "Rock the Ribbon" event at Rockbridge High School on Saturday afternoon and won 53-30 over host Rockbridge as My'la Green dropped 21 on the Wildcats.

Glenvar's teams dropped a doubleheader to two strong Floyd teams on Tuesday. The girls opened with a 64-44 loss to the Buffalo Gals to even their

record at 10-10 for the season. Last Thursday at home the Highlanders fell to Alleghany, 49-30.

In Tuesday's second game at Glenvar the Floyd boys improved to 15-4 with a 66-54 win over the Highlanders after Glenvar led at halftime. That dropped Glenvar to 12-8 and snapped a four game winning streak for the green and gold boys, who won at Alleghany last Friday, 60-52.

"That was their senior night and it's always a tough place to play," said Glenvar coach Cliff Bordewisch of the win at Alleghany. "We're hoping all of these close games will help us as we turn an eye towards the postseason."

The Salem and Glenvar boys and girls will all wrap up the regular season next Tuesday, February 7. Salem's boys will host Pulaski and the girls will play the Cougars in Dublin. Glenvar's boys will host Three Rivers District leader Radford while the girls play at Radford.

## ADAM WARD CLASSIC SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 3 - SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

6:00 p.m. Glenvar vs. Salem (Varsity Girls)  
7:45 p.m. Glenvar vs. Salem (Varsity Boys)

### FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 3 - GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL

6:00 p.m. Salem vs. Glenvar (JV Boys)  
7:45 p.m. Salem vs. Glenvar (JV Girls)

### SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 4 - SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

10:00 a.m. William Byrd vs. George Wythe (Boys)  
11:45 a.m. Auburn vs. Narrows (Boys)  
1:30 p.m. Carroll County vs. LCA (Girls)  
3:15 p.m. William Fleming vs. West. Albemarle (Boys)  
5:00 p.m. Cave Spring vs. LCA (Boys)  
6:45 p.m. Northside vs. Radford (Boys)  
8:00 p.m. Patrick Henry vs. Lord Botetourt (Boys)

# Glenvar is 2nd, Salem is 4th at Highlander Invitational

The Glenvar High wrestlers were second and the Salem team was fourth in the annual Highlander Invitational wrestling tournament at Glenvar High last Saturday. Grundy High was the team winner among 14 teams in the last tournament before the big post-season events.

The Highlander Invitational included teams from Class 1, 2, 3 and 4 and provided some top-notch competition as the wrestlers honed their skills for a run at their respective state events.

"This is the first year since 2020 that the Highlander has been at full capacity so it was nice to see the event back to what it was before the pandemic," said Glenvar coach Jason Cline. "It wasn't just the number of teams but the level of competition this year was also really good. We had over 40 individuals in the tournament that are ranked in the top five in their division. This tournament is always our last regular season event before Regionals. We like to have a good showing at this tournament, in front of the home crowd, to cap off the season and our seniors last time wrestling in the home gym."

The Highlanders did just that, putting seven wrestlers into the finals and two into the consolation finals. Champion Grundy, Cline's alma mater, had nine

finalists and one consolation finalist.

"Any way you look at it, that is a solid overall team performance," said Cline.

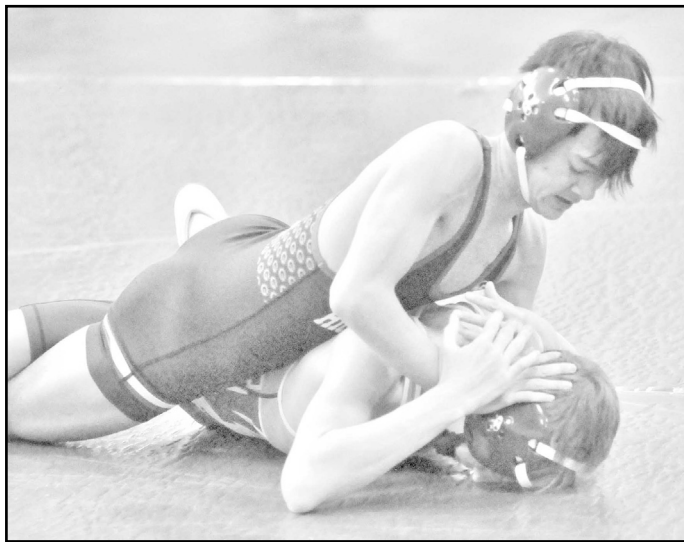
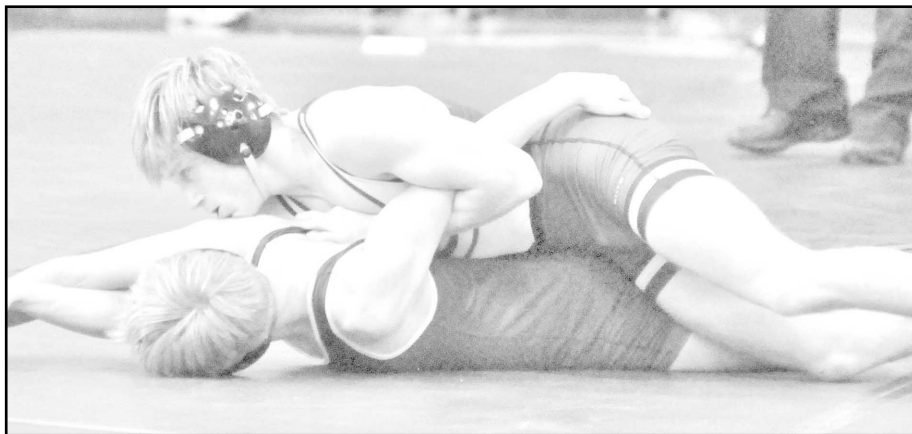
Glenvar had four champions. At 126 the Highlanders were guaranteed a champ with two teammates in the final. Senior River Smith beat teammate Jacob Campbell, a freshman, in the championship match as Glenvar took first and second in the weight class.

Trey Lawrence won at 150 in a very tough weight class. He avenged a loss from last weekend's Big Blue in the semifinals and then won a decision over a number two ranked wrestler from Northside in the finals.

At 157 senior Jake Cline capped off his regular season undefeated at 27-0 with a win over a returning state place winner from Chatham and a win over the top ranked wrestler in Class 1 from Grundy.

Sophomore Chase Miller continued to dominate in his return to the mat at 190 and finished up his regular season as Glenvar's second undefeated wrestler, going 10-0. Chase picked up three solid wins by fall or tech fall leading up to the finals.

Glenvar had two other seconds in addition to Campbell. At 106 Alan Vu held the lead early in his finals match



**Above, Glenvar's River Smith (on top) is on his way to a semifinal win at 126 pounds in last Saturday's Highlander Invitational. Smith finished first. Left, Alan Vu of Glenvar is on top and in control in his semifinal at 106. Alan took a second place in the tournament**

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but got caught on his back and pinned to take home runner-up in the tournament.

At 175 junior Ethan Flowers domi-

nated his Central-Woodstock opponent in the semifinals with a 15-0 technical fall. That was an important win for Ethan because that wrestler is ranked just behind him in Class 2 and someone he may run into at the state tournament. In the finals Ethan faced Grundy's returning two-time state champion, Ian Scammell, and lost a decision to settle for second.

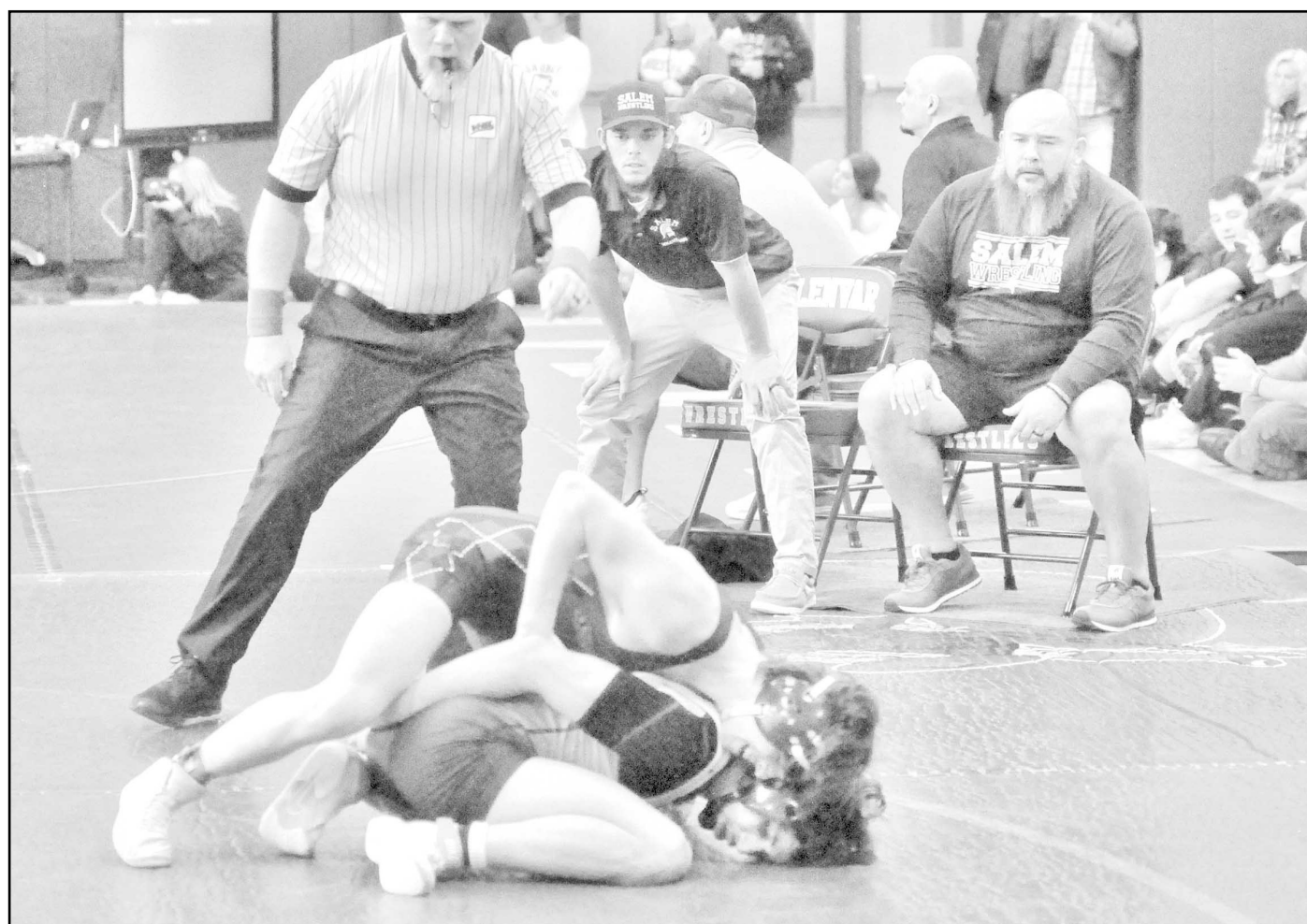
Glenvar had two fourth place finishers. Senior Mason Hylton took fourth in a tough 132 pound bracket and Wesley Heltzel took fourth at 215, falling to the number one ranked wrestler in his weight class in the semifinals.

Salem's top finishers were Haden Smith and Dakota Mcglothlin, who took seconds. Smith made the finals at 138 but lost to a returning state champion from Grundy. Dakota Mcglothlin also lost to a Grundy opponent in the finals at 165.

The Spartans had five wrestlers reach the semifinals, as Braden Armes took a third and both Ty Porter and Thomas Miles finished fourth. Caden Thomas, Brandon Conklin and Uv Singh all finished fifth.

"We were one win away from taking third place," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "I am happy with where we are, and excited to head to Orange County High School to wrestle on Saturday for the Region (4D tournament). We will be a tough team to beat."

Glenvar's Region 2C tournament won't be until February 11 at James River High.



**Salem coaches Matthew Duncan (standing) and Lawrence Van Liew watch Haden Smith (on top) win his semifinal match in last Saturday's Highlander Invitational at Glenvar High School. Smith finished second at 138 pounds.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Region swim meets are at Christiansburg next week

The Christiansburg Aquatic Center will be the site of region swim meets next week. The Region 4D meet, including Salem, will be held on Monday and Wednesday, February 6&8, while Glenvar will be in the Region 1&2C meet a week from today on Thursday, February 9.

Salem and Glenvar were both scheduled to wrap up the regular season on Tuesday of this week. Salem was scheduled to swim Blacksburg at the Salem YMCA while Glenvar was at the Botetourt Y to take on James River, Appomattox and Giles. Results were too late for publication.

The Salem High swim team played host to Franklin County last week and both the girls and boys won at the Salem YMCA. The girls won 63 to 36 and the

boys won 60-48.

First places for the girls included Eliza Fleenor in the 100 Free and 100 Back, freshman Teagan Wood in the 200 Free, Jaedyn Jenkins in the 500 Free and Reec Mangus in the 100 Breast.

Salem's girls also swept the relays. The team of Gracie Michael, Laci Barnes, Jenkins and Fleenor won both the 200 Medley and 200 Free and the team of Elizabeth Cocco, Ashley Kay, Mangus and Wood won the 400 Free Relay.

For the boys, Joren Poush won the 200 Free and 100 Back while Zach Easter took the 500 Free. The team of Walker Peterson, Poush, Thomas Miles and Davis Griffith won the 400 Free Relay.

# Salem, Glenvar athletes fare well at huge Bulldog Invit.

The Salem High boys' track team took second place in the Bulldog Invitational at Liberty University last Saturday. Salem had many personal records along with some regional and state qualifiers in the meet, and Glenvar also had some outstanding performances in the big meet.

"The Bulldog Invitational was the largest Indoor meet I have ever attended in my coaching career," said Glenvar coach Bekka Loder. "There were over 3000 athletes and over 5000 entries."

On the boys side, for Salem, the 4x200 Relay Team consisting of Jonathan Vernon, Josiah Persinger, DaRon Wilson and Peyton Lewis improved their number two national ranking time to 1:27.97s, breaking their previous school record of 1:28.23 which they set on January 7th of this season. This time also stands as a top three performance all-time in the state of Virginia in all divisions.

Also improving their time was the 4x200m Relay "B-Team," consisting of Trenton Moyer, Dominic Wright, Bryson Hill and Isaiah Barlow. They ran 1:32.38 which actually makes this group a top five Relay Team in Class 4 in the VHSL and top 25 in all divisions in Virginia.

Lewis and Persinger had stellar performances in the 55m dash, taking first and second place. Both broke the Salem High school record in the same

event. Peyton ran 6.39 for a new personal best and school record. Josiah's time of 6.40 tied the previous school record and also gave him a new personal best. Wilson also had stellar performances in the 55 hurdles with a time of 8.31 and the High Jump, where he Qualified for the Class 4 state meet with a jump of 6'0".

For Glenvar, Heath Bowker took second in the boys 500 with a personal record time of 1:06.24 out of 245 runners, and he was 15th among 394 runners in the 300 with a time of 36.53. Heath was also a part of the boys 4x200 team with teammates Jackson Swanson, Zach Curfiss and Colby Thompson. That foursome took 14th out of 88 teams with a time of 1:34.38.

Swanson was also 12th in the 55 dash out of 439 runners with a time of 6.68 and Curfiss was 31st out of 245 runners in the 500. Thompson took 28th in the boys 500 out of 245 runners and PR'd in the high jump, clearing 19-06.75. In the 1,000 meters Caeden Bowker took 27th out of 312 runners with a time of 2:42.15. He was top 50 in the boys 1600 out of 295 runners.

In the girls' competition Glenvar's Sydney Loder came in 10th out of 106 runners in the 55 hurdles with a time of 9.00, 11th out of 312 runners in the girls 300 with a time of 42.39, and she competed in the High

Jump for the first time this season and took fourth overall out of 67 jumpers.

The Glenvar girls' 4x800 team qualified for States with a time of 11:14.69. That consisted of Molly McCroskey, Emma Pope, Anna Hall and Joanna Killeen.

For the Salem girls, Sutton Semones put the shot 28' 7.5" to qualify for the region meet. The girls had many personal bests as well.

This Saturday Salem is scheduled to run outdoors in a "Polar Bear" meet at Blacksburg but the coaches were waiting to see what the weather is supposed to be like before committing to the meet. The Region 4D meet is February 18 at Roanoke College.

Glenvar will return to the oval on February 17 with the Region 2C meet, also at Roanoke College.



**Glenvar's Heath Bowker finished second among 245 runners in the 500 meters at Liberty University.**

PHOTO BY BARRY COO

## RC track team runs at Wittenberg Univ.

The Roanoke College indoor track & field team hit the road for the first time this season when they traveled to Wittenberg for the 2023 Steamer Showcase.

In the 400m, Haylee Gamble lowered her ODAC leading time and set a new PR crossing the finish line in 59.26, finishing fourth in the event. Mikayla Hefferon finished sixth in the event with a time of 1:00.06. Gamble also

finished second in the 200m with a 25.89 for a new PR and putting her second in ODAC times this season.

Grace Fowler finished second in the weight throw (14.68m) and third in the shot put (11.52m). Both marks put her second in the ODAC standings in their respective events.

In the men's mile, Cooper Neeble finished 2nd with a time

of 4:18.08. Samuel Crawford broke the Roanoke indoor record in the 400m with a time of 49.49, finishing third at the event, and Crawford also finished third in the 200m with a time of 22.29.

In the men's 4x200m Relay the Roanoke team of Evyn Hughes, a Salem High grad, Jonah Hamman, Dylan Knick and Lorenzo Camobreco finished fifth with a time of 1:35.82.

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## Spartans, Highlanders go head-to-head in 11 game Adam Ward Classic this week

The Salem and Glenvar High School basketball teams will go head-to-head Friday night as part of the annual Adam Ward Classic. The local girls' teams will lock horns at 6 pm with the boys to follow at Salem High, and jayvee teams will play at Glenvar with the boys' leading off.

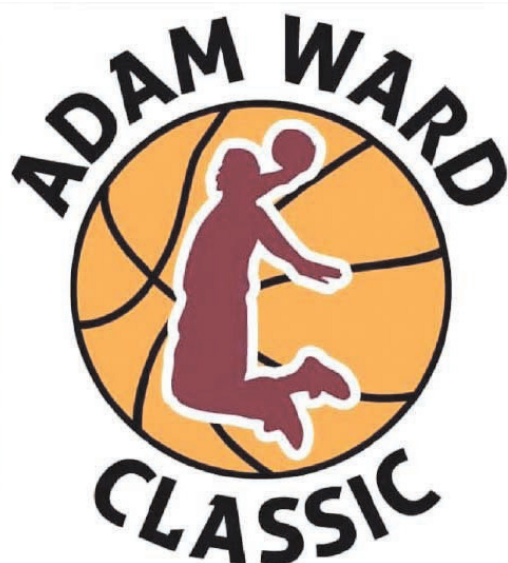
Since 2016, Salem High School, the Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, and the City of Salem have joined forces to honor the memory of Adam Ward by hosting a basketball classic in his honor. Adam was tragically killed on August 26, 2015, while working as a photojournalist for WDBJ-7. The 2007 Salem High School alumnus, who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2011, played football at Salem High School and was an

avid fan and supporter of all types of athletic events his entire life.

"Adam Ward personified the true meaning of a student-athlete," said Grant Smythers, Salem High School teacher and tournament co-founder. "He was a huge sports fan, who loved high school basketball, and the Adam Ward Basketball Classic will highlight some of the best teams in the state of Virginia each season."

The event is being sponsored by various businesses and organizations throughout the Roanoke Valley and the majority of the proceeds from the event will go to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund that is administered by the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni

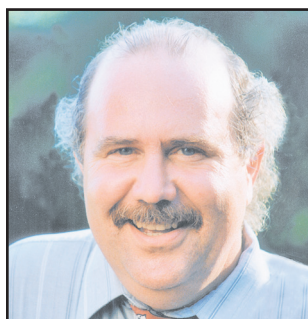
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Left to right; Salem's Cam Boles drives the baseline, Glenvar's Lawson Simmons scores against James River, Glenvar's Mckenzie Harris drives in last week's win over River and Salem's Gabby Crawley floats one to the hoop.

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*Brian Hoffman*



### Morgan wins 200th game

Salem High graduate and University of Virginia basketball standout Richard Morgan recently won his 200th game as head coach at Bluefield College. Morgan has been head coach of the Rams since the 2009-10 season is also an associate athletic director at the Bluefield, Virginia school.

Richard is the all-time leading scorer at Salem High and his older brother, Charlie, is the all-time leading scorer at Andrew Lewis High School, the Salem high school prior to Salem High opening in 1977 for those of you too young to remember. Charlie returned to Salem to coach the Spartans to state championships in 1994 and 1999 before moving on to a successful career at Dobyns-Bennett High School in Tennessee. He is now retired and has taken up golf.

As a three-year starter at the University of Virginia



Richard (left) and Charlie Morgan stand in the Bluefield College gym under a balloon signifying Richard's 200th coaching win with the Rams. MORGAN PHOTO

from 1986 to '89 Richard Morgan finished his career ranked sixth all-time in scoring at UVA with 1,540 points. He also ranked third at UVA in steals (160) and seventh in assists (279). He earned first team All-Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) honors and was named honorable mention All-America by The Sporting News after leading the Cavs to the Elite Eight in 1989.

Following his graduation with a sports management degree, Morgan played basketball professionally for two seasons with the Rockford Lightning of the CBA and overseas with teams in Austria and the Philippines. Before taking the job at Bluefield he served as an assistant to Charlie in Salem and coached the Andrew Lewis Middle School team. He also spent time as an assistant at Appalachian State, was Associate Head Coach at Hampton University and an assistant coach at East Carolina University.

Richard and his wife Sherelle have two sons, Nicholas and Kaleb, and Kaleb is a 6'4" freshman forward on the current Bluefield team. He wears number 11, just like his dad.

### SOBERING THOUGHTS

I thought it was interesting that it became somewhat of a national story when University of Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett was arrested for "Public Intoxication" last weekend. Hey, let's put him in jail and throw away the key.

With all the crazy stuff going on in the world public intoxication has to be on the low end of the crime scale. I'm not endorsing it, but there are a lot worse things you can get arrested for. Just watch the news any day.

We run the Salem Police Report in the paper every week and it never fails that there's a few public intoxications in there. I always read the crime report to see if I know anyone, and if a familiar name pops up with "public intoxication" next to it I figure it's a lot better than shoplifting, brandishing, DUI or any of a number of other illegal activities. It doesn't show criminal intent, just poor judgement.

The reason that Bennett is a big story is because he plays quarterback for the NCAA national champion Georgia football team, and no other reason. Take any other Tom, Dick or Harry at the university and it wouldn't be a big deal other than a line in the Athens Times-Register Police Report.

If you're a student at Roanoke College you can, technically, get arrested for "PI" while walking from Mac & Bob's to your dorm room a quarter mile away. If you're weaving a little bit that's reason enough to get "pulled over" despite the fact you used good sense not to get in a car.

I was listening to the sports talk radio the other day and they were discussing how this would hurt Bennett's chance of getting drafted by an NFL team. Well, if it was Bryce Young or C.J. Stroud how do you think it would hurt their chances? I'm pretty certain it wouldn't hurt at all, because they're much better quarterbacks than Stetson Bennett, who is just hoping to get a shot at playing in the league. I think Alabama quarterback Young would get drafted in the top five picks if he were caught passed out drunk on a bench in mid-town Tuscaloosa.

The moral of the story is, if you're in the public eye you will be judged by a higher standard. What is

no story for some is a big deal for others, and heaven forbid you ruin a possible NFL career by having a little too much to drink on a Saturday night. I'm sure no one from the Chiefs or Eagles were arrested for public intoxication last Sunday night. I guess it's not considered "public" when they pop those corks on national TV.

Again, I'm not endorsing Bennett's behavior, I just don't think it's a national story.

### McClung played in Adam Ward Classic

Mac McClung, who played in the Adam Ward Classic at Salem High School when he was a phenom at Gate City High, will be a contestant in the NBA slam dunk contest over All-Star weekend, February 17-19.

McClung thrilled a packed house at Salem High in the 2018 Adam Ward Classic with his high-flying game. Kids lined the wall under the basket at SHS for the game and McClung didn't disappoint with some thunderous dunks in warmups and a couple more in the game. He drew praise for hanging around after the game to sign autographs and talk to kids for more than an hour in the lobby at SHS.

McClung went on to play college ball for Georgetown and Texas Tech, then signed a contract with the NBA Los Angeles Lakers in 2021 after going undrafted. He played one game with the Lakers and one game with the Chicago Bulls during the 2021-22 season but has mostly been a G-League player. He currently plays for the Delaware Blue Coats, the G-League affiliate of the Philadelphia 76ers, and his high-wire dunking is a big attraction at Blue Coats games.

McClung will be the first player not on a current NBA team to compete in the slam dunk event.



Former Gate City star Mac McClung, who now plays for the G-League Delaware Blue Coats, will be in the NBA slam dunk contest. BLUE COATS PHOTO