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Agee among Golden Halo Award winners



Pictured from left to right are Tom Bowers, Meghan Lively, Christina Agee, Mackenie Mukley and Chris Shelor.

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Among this year's recipients of the Golden Halo Awards from Children's Trust was Salem Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Christina Agee. Children's Trust held the award ceremony on Friday, Nov. 3 at Charter Hall in the Roanoke City Market Building. The event recognizes and celebrates the

"exceptional dedication of individuals who tirelessly champion the cause of child abuse prevention, intervention, and advocacy." Since its inception in 2008, the Golden Halo Awards have been a symbol of appreciation and recognition for the unsung heroes who dedicate their lives to safeguarding the well-being of children in the Roanoke and New River valleys. The event has expanded its reach over the

years to encompass a wider service area, spotlighting the outstanding efforts of local professionals and volunteers who passionately uphold the mission of Children's Trust.

The awards honor individuals who Children's Trust say excel in their commitment to child welfare and protection.

Agee won the Legal/Judicial award. "I am honored and humbled to be a recipient of this year's Golden Halo Awards for legal advocacy," she said. "It is a privilege to be the voice for those who cannot stand up for themselves and I am grateful that I get to work alongside so many amazing people who foster the same passion I have for helping children."

- Other winners included:
- Health & Human Services—Samara Lott, population health planning and improvement coordinator with the VA Department of Health-Roanoke City-Alleghany County Health District
 - Health & Human Services—Lisa Wade, Bedford County Child Protective Services supervisor
 - Law Enforcement—Antonio Hash, Roanoke City Sheriff's Office
 - Judge Trompeter CASA



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Honorable Philip Trompeter, left, and Cristina Agee.

Award—Laurie Gunn, CASA volunteer
• Clarine Spetzler Guardian Angel Award—Emily Simpson, forensic interviewer with Children's Trust-Children's Advocacy Center and Jennifer Jones, Attorney.

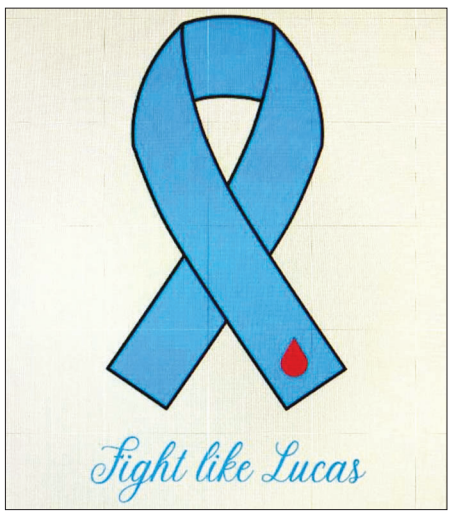
Charles Burke wastes little time in decorating for Christmas



When the Salem Chick-fil-A gets lit up, locals know it's getting time to decorate for Christmas. Since 1995, Charles and Pat Burke have decorated their yard and house with thousands of lights. Burke starts early to set up his display every year. When asked why he decorates he simply said, "It makes me happy." His wife, Pat, decorates the inside of the house which includes seven Christmas trees. Charles sticks to the outside. Walking up to the displays visitors can see the details he has incorporated into each item; the red truck Santa is driving has a stick shifter and dials just like a real truck and in the post office Santa is checking his lists. The display will be up until January so drive by 1943 Burma Road in Salem and check it out.

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Allsports Café owner honors her late son with a Diabetes Awareness Month fundraiser



Lucas Atkins.

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The "Flight like Lucas" ribbon.

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Julie Atkins, owner of Allsports Café, is raising money this month for National Diabetes Awareness Month. Atkins lost her son, Lucas, to Type 1 diabetes in 2021 just months after losing her husband and founder of Allsports Café, Kenneth Atkins. Lucas was a graduate of Salem High School who went on to graduate from West Virginia University where he was a double major in political science and

German. Lucas had a deep interest and studied German as far back as middle school and was an active member of the West Virginia University's German Club. When not away at school, Lucas also worked in the Allsports Café restaurants. To honor her son's fight with diabetes, Atkins is hold a month-long fundraiser at both Allsports Café. Special fundraising events were also held on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Grandin Rd. location and on Diabetes Awareness Day, Nov. 14 at both the Grandin Rd. Roanoke and Main St. Salem locations.



Entries must be constructed of edible materials only.

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Entries will be on view at the Salem Museum.

Salem Museum announces its Gingerbread House Competition

The Gingerbread Festival is a popular annual holiday tradition, featuring family-friendly holiday-themed activities that will fill Longwood Park on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Gingerbread House Competition will be on view at the Salem Museum at the same time. Dozens of unique Gingerbread creations will be on display, crafted by professional master bakers, imaginative six-year-olds and everyone in between. The museum encourages those who are interested to participate.

Gingerbread House Competition rules:

- The creation doesn't have to be a house.
- Each entry must be constructed of edible materials only.
- For a sturdy dough recipe, Google "gingerbread structural dough recipe."
- Base cannot be larger than 20" x 20".
- Entries must be delivered to the Salem Museum on Nov. 24-25 or 28-30 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Entries may be picked up between 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 2, and must be picked up by Dec. 9.

Admission to all Gingerbread Festival events is free. The Gingerbread Festival is presented by the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Sherwood Memorial Park and the City of Salem Parks and Rec Department. Visit SalemMuseum.org for more information about the Gingerbread House Competition and to register.

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DMV2Go: DMV2Go will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Nov. 27.

Mannheim Steamroller: Chip Davis, founder and creator of Mannheim Steamroller, will celebrate over 35 Years of his annual Christmas concert tour during a Sunday, Dec. 3 performance at 7 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. It is the longest running concert tour in the entertainment industry. Tickets can be found at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at Ticketmaster.com.

Simone Paterson — “ULTRAVIOLET, A Life of Purpose”: The exhibit runs through Dec. 3 from 1-4 p.m. in the Olin Hall Galleries. Over the past 30 years of practice-led research, Simone Paterson’s art has undergone significant transformations — from photographic self-portraits in Australia to abstracted landscapes and intricate machine embroideries in America. Through her exploration of the intersection between technology and the human condition, Paterson seeks to find meaning in the world around us and from within ourselves, promoting self-awareness and inner peace. Her belief in the power of art to enhance our well-being is showcased throughout the exhibition, which celebrates her personal and artistic journey and her unwavering commitment to purposeful creation. Paterson received a Ph.D. from The University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, and an M.F.A. from Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney University, New South Wales, Australia. She is a retired associate professor and once chair of undergraduate studies in creative technologies and studio at the School of Visual Arts at Virginia Tech. “ULTRAVIOLET, A Life of Purpose” is made possible with support from the Copenhaver Scholar in Residence Grant of Roanoke College, the Joanne Leonhardt Cassullo Center for Art and Olin Hall Galleries.

Amelia Salisbury and Derek Mueller: “Out of Hollow Green Stuff Woven”: The exhibit runs through Dec. 3 from 1-4 p.m. in the Olin Hall Galleries. “Out of Hollow Green Stuff Woven” is an exhibition reflecting two artists’ relationship with a place called Wonder

Hollow. Their images document and trace the daily edges of weather, chart a pollinator’s carousel, and frame as placemats a dream soup of domestic and land-based rituals and wanderings. Together their works represent fragments of a naïve almanac; composed from a selection of uncollated pictures and page spreads. Many works are paired with textual inflections and micro essayistic filaments of narrative. Amelia Salisbury’s works move between digital and analog processes, combining collage, paper cutting, illustration, and several types of print. They center on themes of encountering the land as a novice and regathering the endangered knowledge and traditions of women folk in her familial lineages. Derek Mueller’s works are digital drawings, composites, and illustrations developed in Procreate. They include maps of abstracted topographies; one, above ground, in a bird’s eye view of the land; another, beneath ground, plotting the mysteries of a homemade creek-fed irrigation system.

DMV2Go: DMV2Go will be at the Salem Civic Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 18.

Festival of Lessons & Carols: A Festival of Lessons & Carols with the St. Paul’s Choir and harpist, Rachel O’Brien will be on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 42 E. Main Street, Salem - www.stpaulssalem.dioswva.org.

Salem Stampede Championship Rodeo: Southwest Virginia’s favorite family-friendly event is back for the 56th year. The Salem Stampede Championship Rodeo bucks back into Salem Jan. 5-7 of 2024 with the same non-stop excitement fans have come to love for decades. Tickets are start at \$20 and go up to \$30. They can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Riley Green & Tracy Lawrence: Riley Green, the Academy of Country Music’s new male artist of the year in 2020, is set to make his first appearance at the Salem Civic Center. Green will be joined by Tracy Lawrence and opening act Ella Langley when he hits the arena’s historic stage on March 7, 2024. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and online anytime at www.ticketmaster.com

REO Speedwagon and Rick Springfield: Classic rock and roll hitmakers REO Speedwagon and Rick Springfield are once again joining forces on the road in 2024 and bringing their tour to the Salem Civic Center on Tuesday, March 26. Tickets range in price from \$35 to \$169. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at ticketmaster.com.

Rend Collective: Rend Collective, the popular Contemporary Christian worship band from Northern Ireland, is coming to the Salem Civic Center on Sunday, April 7, 2024, for a night of uplifting and upbeat praise music. The band is an eclectic collection of multi-instrumentalist performers who have produced two No. 1 albums on the Christian charts and produced a song of the year in “Counting Every Blessing.” Tickets, which can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at ticketmaster.com, start at \$28 and go up to \$48.

Dustin Lynch: “Kill the Cowboy” tour: Country musician Dustin Lynch will perform at the Salem Civic Center on Friday, April 12, 2024, as part of his “Killed the Cowboy” tour with special guest Skeez. Tickets start at \$35.50. Lynch first appeared in Salem in 2015 when he starred on the final day of the Blue Ridge Music Festival at Salem Stadium. He was just starting to crank out hit songs back then, but he now has eight No. 1 songs, four top-5 albums, 10 gold and platinum certified singles, and he has tallied over 5.4 billion cumulative global streams. His sixth studio album is “Killed The Cowboy.”

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

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The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

Happy Thanksgiving from the Salem Museum! While most families this week are serving their turkeys on a platter, the Salem Museum has an example of an unusual use for these plates on display.

Walter Biggs was a local artist who was well known for his illustrations and his depictions of local landmarks. He often used turkey platters as his unconventional paint palettes. He would put the pigments around the rim of the dish then mix them in the center of the plate. This platter in the Museum even shows colors used in paintings from the Museum’s collection.

You can see this turkey platter turned paint palette used by Walter Biggs on display now at the Salem Museum.



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It is on view in the permanent exhibit “Small Town to ‘Biggs’ City: The Hometown Art of Walter Biggs.” Explore this gallery to see some of Walter Biggs works, and see if you

can find paintings that may have been done with the turkey platter on display. The Salem Museum is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday and located at 801 East Main Street.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

HAMLET KNOWN AS GISH’S GROWS INTO PROGRESSIVE VINTON

Recent Town Manager Form Of Government Brings Many Advantages To County Community

Hamlet Known As Gish’s Grows Into Progressive Vinton

MODERNIZER



Marvin J. Anderson, who came to Salem in 1921 and during his six years as editor here did much to modernize the plant; he installed the first linotype

Recent Town Manager Form Of Government Brings Many Advantages To County Community

The history of Vinton as a settlement probably begins with the establishment of Gish’s Mills but the Glade Creek vicinity was one of the most thickly settled sections of this area at the time of the Revolutionary war. As the main road leading to the Carolinas was close to Glade Creek the lands about that creek were among the first in this county taken up by the pioneers.

Mark Evans had settled at Big Lick in about the year of 1742 and he was one of the first if not the first settler in the county. His mill on the Roanoke was the first grist mill to be established any place in this vicinity.

The history of the Gishes is closely associated with the history of Vinton but the record is not clear as to the first Gish who settled in that vicinity. In 1797 a permit was issued to Christian Gish to operate a grist mill on Tinker’s Creek and the

FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*

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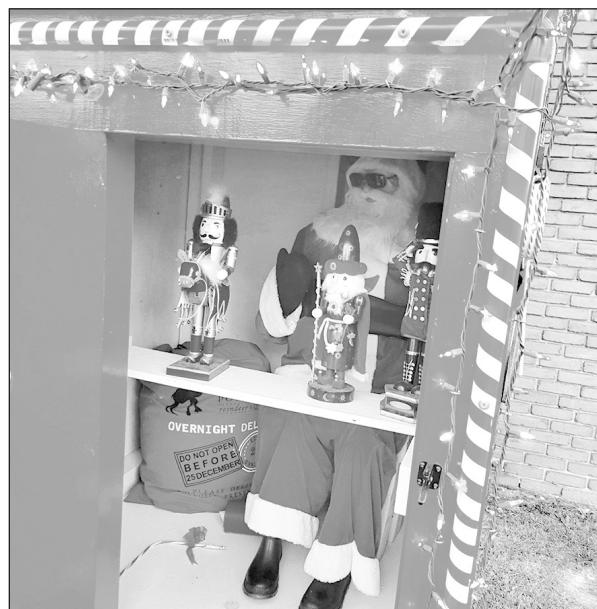
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Charles Burke

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Happy Thanksgiving! Betsy and I are going to a friend's house for turkey day. My friend orders her Thanksgiving meal from Cracker Barrel. It has been her go to meal for several years now. She will send me home with a leftover plate and all will be good. According to a Harris Poll, the majority of Americans prefer Thanksgiving leftovers to the actual meal. Almost eight in ten Americans agree that the second helpings of stuffing, mashed potatoes, and pie beat out the big dinner itself. I didn't believe this, so I googled it and fell down a rabbit hole and found out about the first frozen dinner. In 1925, Clarence Birdseye developed a machine for freezing packaged fish. Then Maxson Food Systems used Birdseye's technology to freeze meals for airlines in 1945 but did not get to market them in stores because the owner of Maxson died. According to company history, the Swanson Company transformed how Americans ate dinner; all because of Thanksgiving turkey. According to the company, a Swanson salesman thought of the idea of frozen dinners in late 1953 when he saw that the company had 260 tons of frozen turkey left over after Thanksgiving, sitting in ten refrigerated railroad cars. The railroad cars refrigeration worked only when the trains were moving, so Swanson had the trains travel back and forth between Nebraska and the East coast until they could figure out what to do with the turkey. Swanson decided to pair the turkey with holiday staples like cornbread stuffing and sweet potatoes in frozen, portioned aluminum trays designed to be heated in the oven. Betty Cronin, Swanson's bacteriologist, helped the meals succeed with her research into how to heat the meat and



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vegetables at the same time while killing food borne germs. This new American convenience was a commercial success. In 1954, the first year of production, Swanson sold ten million trays. These 98-cent meals were a hit with kids and busy households. In 1986, the Campbell Soup Company invented microwave safe trays which cut meal preparation down to minutes. This week's recipe is for a casserole with all the flavors of Thanksgiving. You can make it with chicken or turkey, I use rotisserie chicken. Refrigerated ready to eat Bob Evans mashed potatoes is faster than making my own. I also use jarred gravy instead of homemade. Can you see a theme here? Use what you like the taste of. Leftovers work great but I like this casserole in January too so I use whatever's easiest. And yes, I have frozen it to reheat later.

Thanksgiving dinner casserole

2 Tablespoons Butter or margarine
2 cups mashed potatoes

1 box stuffing mix (I use Stovetop cornbread)
2 cups cooked turkey breast chopped
1 cup turkey gravy (or a 12oz jar)
½ cup dried cranberries or cranberry sauce

Instructions
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 casserole dish.

Prepare a box of stuffing according to package directions.

Prepare mashed potatoes using two potatoes and your favorite mashed potato recipe.

Add the mashed potatoes to the casserole dish and spread them out to form an even layer.

Spread 1/3 of gravy over the mashed potatoes.

Add the chopped turkey to the casserole along with salt and pepper.

Spoon another 1/3 of gravy over the turkey.

Add the stuffing on top of the turkey layer and press it down to make an even layer.

Top with the last 1/3 of gravy and ½ cup of dried cranberries.

Bake for 30 minutes and 350 degrees.

Average price for a Thanksgiving meal in Virginia is \$91.30

RICHMOND—As the cost of consumer goods continues to trend upward, so has the price of a Thanksgiving meal.

According to an informal survey conducted by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the average cost to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal for 10 is \$91.30, or \$9.13 per person.

The survey's menu consists of turkey, ham, stuffing, sweet potatoes, russet potatoes, rolls, carrots, celery, cranberries, green beans, peas, milk and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

A meal without ham, russet potatoes and green beans costs \$66.88, or \$6.68 per person.

This year's statewide average increased by \$17.39—a 24% increase—from the 2022 average of \$73.91 for a 10-person meal.

Prices reported by volunteer shoppers were collected between Oct. 25 and Nov. 6—before major retailers began offering holiday discounts, promotional sales or coupons.

This year, the average per-pound price for a whole frozen turkey during the data collection was \$2.18. But on Nov. 8, when one major supermarket chain ran its weekly sale ad, consumers could buy a whole frozen turkey for 39 cents per pound.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Nov. 10 retail report indicated that the Southeast region's average price for an 8- to 16-pound whole frozen turkey was \$8.87 per pound, down from \$1.43 per pound in the Nov. 3 report. The Nov. 10 report also said 66.9% of Southeast stores were running sales promotions, versus just 13.8% in the Nov. 3 report.

"Although turkeys are plentiful in Virginia and across the country this year, with the state's production up 5.5% from a year ago to 15.4 million birds, there has been a trend of retailers waiting to run promotional prices and sales closer to the holidays," noted Elijah Griles, VFBB commodity specialist. "This is consistent with this year's Thanksgiving dinner survey findings."

This is the 20th year Virginia Farm Bureau has conducted the survey, which is based on an annual survey organized by American Farm Bureau Federation. Volunteer shoppers checked prices online and in person at 45 grocery stores throughout the state.

The VFBB survey showed the average cost of a 16-pound turkey was \$34.86, or \$2.18 per pound. This represents a 24% increase in price versus the 2022 average of \$1.76 per pound.

The Farm Bureau survey discovered the average price for a 4-pound boneless ham was \$18.45, while last year the

average price for a 4-pound bone-in ham was \$10.24.

"There's a significant price difference between boneless and bone-in ham, which could easily explain the large increase this year," Griles explained.

Consumers pay more for boneless hams because it costs more to produce them due to the processing involved, like deboning and packaging.

As for the other ingredients for a traditional Thanksgiving meal, the survey showed that a gallon of whole milk was \$3.47; frozen peas, \$1.77; frozen green beans, \$1.84; three pounds of sweet potatoes, \$3.06; a 5-pound bag of russet potatoes, \$4.13; fresh celery, \$1.91; fresh carrots, \$1.17; two pie shells, \$3.43; whipping cream, \$3.47; canned pumpkin pie filling, \$4.21; fresh cranberries, \$2.43; stuffing mix, \$3.30; and a dozen dinner rolls, \$3.80.

Most items increased in price versus 2022 values except for sweet potatoes, russet potatoes and whole milk, which were all less than last year.

The locality with the highest average cost for a traditional Thanksgiving meal was Powhatan County at \$124.84. The locality with the lowest average cost was the city of Richmond at \$57.93 for a 10-person meal.

Inflation continues to affect families across the country, including the nation's farmers.

"Although there is a great deal of volatility and unpredictability in both production costs and marketing of agricultural products, farmers are efficient and effective at what they do and they persevere to provide food for our tables in Virginia, across the nation and around the world," noted VFBB president Wayne F. Pryor.

Consumers do have some options for lowering their Thanksgiving meal costs, Griles said. They can compare store prices, look for special promotions and buy store brands rather than name brands.

Nationally, American Farm Bureau Federation's survey found the average cost of its classic Thanksgiving meal for 10 was \$61.17, a 4.5% decrease from \$64.05 in 2022. The basic AFBF survey does not include ham, russet potatoes and green beans. With these items included in the AFBF findings, the national average cost for a traditional meal was \$84.75, 8% lower than the cost in Virginia.

Veronica Nigh, senior economist for AFBF, noted that turkey prices nationally were down 5.6% because of the reduction in avian influenza cases.

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59 Salem students are attending Virginia Western this fall thanks to public/private funding partnership

The college is holding CCAP scholarship information sessions

ROANOKE — More than 600 students are attending Virginia Western Community College tuition-free this fall, thanks to the private-public community partnership that funds the Community College Access Program (CCAP).

Since 2008, public localities and private donors have united in support of CCAP, which is the largest "free college" program at a Virginia community college. CCAP provides up to two years of tuition for recent high school graduates who meet program requirements, as funding allows. More than 4,200 Roanoke Valley students have participated in the program as of fall 2023.

"We are so excited to celebrate CCAP's 15th anniversary this fall. What began with a 'What if?' has truly grown into a communitywide commitment to making college possible," said Deborah L. Petrine, chair of the Virginia Western Community College Educational

Foundation, a nonprofit affiliated with Virginia Western Community College that administers the program.

Roanoke region high school seniors may apply for the fall 2024 CCAP scholarship now through Feb. 1, 2024, at virginiawestern.edu/ccap. Applicants must also apply to Virginia Western and complete the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) by the same date.

Those interested in learning more about CCAP are invited to attend upcoming in-person and Zoom information sessions. Drop-in sessions are scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 13, 2023, and Jan. 17, 2024, at the Roanoke EnVision Center, 2607 Salem Turnpike N.W. in Roanoke. No advance registration is required for the drop-in sessions.

To see a schedule of Zoom information sessions, which require advance registration, visit virginiawestern.edu/

CCAP.

To stay up-to-date on important CCAP application deadlines, financial aid workshops and more, sign up for text alerts by texting "CCAP2024" to 877-235-2279. (Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help; message and data rates apply.)

For more information about CCAP, see virginiawestern.edu/ccap or contact Carolyn Payne, CCAP Coordinator, at (540) 857-7544 or cpayne@virginiawestern.edu.

SALEM CCAP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

1st year

Hannah Ahlers, Christopher Christley, Rosemary Cuddy, Isaias Delacruz, Jennifer Diaz, Bari Elmore, Madison Foutz, Micyle Gentry, Megan Gunnell, Jocelynn Harlow, Madison Hickerson, Hailey Johnson, Zachory Kroll, Selyin Lainez-Gamez, Carter Logan, Noah Lucas, Rayna Luz, Anna

Mayo, Dakota McGlothlin, Leslie Mohler, Alexis Morris, Joshua Moulse, Aaliyah Nicholson, Mary Grace Passmore, Krish Patel, Sydney Price, Elvin Ramos, Steven Richardson, Soren Roberts, Diego Rondon Vieras, Xavier St. Amour, Sharan Thomas and Conner Williams

2nd year

Taylor Arons, Hunter Bayne, Emma Blevins, Otoniel Bobe Cummings, James Convery, Isabella De Lieto, Thomas Delby, Ayden Desperman, Alexandria Folden, Sarah Jones, Joshua Kiser, Sean Laughlin, Anesline Lumile, Owen Mossor, Catherine Pugh, Andrew Puthenpurackal, Vance Richards, Elena Sable, Collin Scaggs, Harrison Smith, Connor Weeks, Alyssa Winters and Addison Wolfe

3rd year

Malak Altawel, Zachary DeSouto, Josie Phillips

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 Like many others, my heart has been breaking over the violence in the Holy Land. I wrote my representatives in Congress and asked them to join the 18 House members and one senator, Sen. Dick Durban (D-IL), who have called for a ceasefire in Palestine. Today, Nov. 14, hundreds of federal employees signed an open letter calling on President Biden to "urgently demand a ceasefire" and the de-escalation of the conflict through the release of hostages and provision of humanitarian aid. They called on him to restore "water, fuel, electricity and other basic services; and the passage of adequate humanitarian aid to the Gaza strip." More than 1,000 USAID employees have signed a similar plea.
 Yet I was disappointed when I heard back from Senators Warner and Kaine and Rep. Cline. They support Israel,

regardless. But two wrongs don't make a right. What I pray for is a quick, just resolution that will allow all families in the region to live without fear of violence, hunger, or displacement. I want all Palestinians to be free from abuse and tyranny and I hope that the apartheid regime of Israel will be dismantled.
 The Oct 7 Hamas attack was not unprovoked. With no negotiations for an end in sight, conditions in Gaza's open-air prison must have become intolerable. Gaza has been under an Israeli military blockade since 2005/2006 when Hamas was elected to govern it over the PLO, by winning a plurality of votes over other factions. Gazans voted in Hamas mainly because Fatah had become corrupt, had failed to negotiate relief, and had become complicit with Israel in continuing the occupation. Hamas has provided social services during the blockade to the 2.2

million people, most unemployed, all struggling, while living in a strip of land from which they cannot escape. Today, 40% of Gaza's are under the age of 14 and have never voted for anyone at all.
 Our U.S. government is directly funding and supplying weapons for a massacre that's killed over 11,000 Palestinians, including over 4,000 women and children, and displaced hundreds of thousands. Violence has also increased in the West Bank, with over 170 Palestinians killed by the Israeli army and Jewish settlers since Oct. 7, and thousands of Palestinians have been rounded up, beaten, humiliated and imprisoned. Israel seeks control over the rest of Palestinian land. Its illegal Jewish settlements, restricted military zones, closed highways and army compounds have already seized over 60% of the West Bank, turning Palestinian towns and

villages into ringed ghettos.
 Israel, of course, has Palestinian citizens, but it has over 65 laws that discriminate directly or indirectly against them, as well as those living in the occupied territories. In the last weeks, identity-based hatred - racism, antisemitism, and anti-Muslim bigotry - has increased dramatically around the world. No one should be subjected to violence because of who they are, where they're from, or who they worship. As a Christian, I stand against racism and support our Arab-American, Muslim, and Jewish neighbors. And I urge all my Salem neighbors to ask President Biden and our representatives in Congress to stop supporting this war against Palestine and demand a ceasefire.
 Sincerely yours,
*Michael Bentley
 Salem*

John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home to hold Annual Candlelight Remembrance Service

The holiday season is full of trees and trimmings, caroling and gifts, wonder and joy; but for families who have recently lost a loved one, it can also be a difficult time of grief and heartache. For this reason, John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home will host its Annual Candlelight Remembrance Service on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in their chapel.
 "We understand the grief journey that many families go through after losing someone they love," said Cathie Thomas, president of John M. Oakey and Son. "Perhaps there is no time of the year when we are more aware of the empty space our dear one has left behind than during the holiday season."
 Dr. Michael Curry, leader of Amazing Grace Global Impact Ministry, will share an inspirational message of healing and hope to help families prepare their hearts for a holiday season following a loss. "Walking through grief can be a difficult and uncertain trek," explained Dave Vanderpool, manager, "especially for families who are experiencing the first holiday season absent of someone they love."
 The beautifully decorated historic home is all set to warmly welcome families inside to share memories and to light candles of remembrance in honor and memory of loved ones lost. "We want to emphasize that this is a

special service for the community and not just for families that we have served this past year," said Thomas. "All are welcome."
 The reading of the poem, "The Four Candles" is always a meaningful part of the service after which guests are invited to light a candle of remembrance for their dear ones.
 "We have orchestrated a meaningful service which we hope will be of comfort to families," said Thomas. The John M. Oakey and Son family has a special gift for each guest as a memento of gratitude for allowing them the privilege of caring for their family during a most difficult time. "Each family we serve is special to us and becomes part of our family," explained Thomas. "We are so grateful for the faith and trust bestowed upon our funeral home by our community."
 Immediately following the service, families are invited to stay for a time of fellowship and light hors d'oeuvres.
 Holiday traditions are special at John M. Oakey and Son and the staff would like to invite the community to participate in one of their own by honoring the memory of a loved one on the Lights of Love Memorial Tree. This too is not just for families who have called upon John M. Oakey and Son this past year, but all are welcome to place a "light of hope, joy and peace," on the tree to shine throughout the holiday season.
 For more information about the candlelight service or to add a loved one's name to the Lights of Love Memorial Tree, at no charge, call 389-5441 or email info@johnmoakey.com



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Lights of Love Memorial Tree.

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established any place in this vicinity.
 The history of the Gish's is closely associated with the history of Vinton, but the record is not clear as to the first Gish who settled in that vicinity. In 1797 a permit was issued to Christian Gish to operate a grist mill on Tinker's Creek and this mill was probably not a great distance from Vinton.
Gish's Were Prominent
 When this county was formed in 1838 the Gish's were prominent in the Vinton section as the court records show a number of transactions involving this family. Some of these early records are interesting and are as follows:
 David Gish, Sr., had three tracts of land of 185 acres, 39 acres and 61 acres and 120 poles. The first two tracts are listed as being on Glade Creek and the last one on Roanoke River. This was the only description given of his land. His tax on this land was \$2.92.
 John Gish had 87 acres, 52 acres, 71 acres and 59 acres and 29 poles, all on Roanoke River which

the tax was \$1.81.
 David Gish, Jr., had 200 acres, 44 acres, 54 acres and 24 acres and 18 poles, all on Glade Creek for which the tax was \$3.47.
 Taxable property was listed for John Gish as being one slave who had reached the age of 16 years, two slaves under the age of 16 years and six horses. The tax on these was listed as \$1.38.
 David H. Gish had listed as personal property only one horse on which the tax was eight cents.
 David Gish, Sr., had two adult slaves, two slaves under the age of sixteen and seven horses for which the tax was \$1.76.
 On June 22, 1838, the court records show that David Gish was appointed surveyor of the road from the turnpike near David Gish's to the Botetourt County line and that he with the other tithables be requested to put the road in shape and keep it in repair.

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CLUES ACROSS
 1. 1965 PGA Champion David
 5. Pesetas (abbr.)
 9. So. Am. treeless grassland
 14. A fencing sword
 15. Do over, as of a house
 16. Confederate general Richard S.
 17. Seamen
 18. Honey bee genus
 19. City in central Poland on the Mleczna
 20. E. M. Forster novel
 23. Jenny __, Swedish soprano
 24. Illumined
 25. Escargots
 28. Surgical clamp
 33. Maize
 34. Ngerlud is the Republic's capital

CLUES DOWN
 1. Denotes change of position
 2. So. Am. armadillo with 3 bands of bony plates
 3. About aviation
 4. Repairing worn shoes
 5. Decapods
 6. Having moderate heat
 7. Almost horizontal entrance to a mine
 8. Somalian shilling (abbr.)
 9. Penetrable
 10. To be in store for
 11. People of ancient Media
 12. A way to work the soil
 13. Air-launched missile
 21. 1/1000 of an inch
 22. __ Mater, one's school
 25. Old English poet or bard
 26. Persian wheel used to raise water

35. __ Jima, WW II battlefield
 36. Master copies
 39. Jack of little fat
 41. Apple or lemon meringue
 42. Actress Zellwegger
 43. At this place
 44. Remunerations
 46. Removes writing
 48. Fit out a ship with sails, etc.
 49. Elinor __, British novelist
 50. M. Ali's famous boast
 57. Damascus is the capital
 58. Worldly rather than spiritual
 59. Winglike structures
 60. Indicating silence
 61. Myanmar monetary unit
 62. 100 = 1 tala
 63. Translucent, greenish variety of chalcedony

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Roanoke College students embrace technology, societal and economic changes with Deloitte's Future of Work Institute

Sixty-five percent of children in elementary school now will end up working jobs that do not yet exist today, and members of Generation Z are likely to experience nearly two dozen job changes between the ages of 18 and 34.

Some college students (and their parents) may find this outlook terrifying, but a group of Roanoke College students who participated in Deloitte's Future of Work Institute™ last month now have the knowledge to tackle the changing job market with confidence, not fear.

In the two-day workshop, students were immersed in the technological, social and economic trends that define the world of work they will enter upon graduation, and they learned how they can navigate and adapt to disruption in their career journey. The workshop was hosted by Deloitte, the largest professional services network in the world, in collaboration with Roanoke College's center for Purpose, Life, and Career Exploration (PLACE).

Since it was co-created in partnership with 10 colleges and universities in 2021, more than 25 organizations across the nation have hosted the institute, but Roanoke is one of the first liberal arts colleges to host the program, which was held on Oct. 5 and 6.

"I decided to attend because I

knew Deloitte was a very prestigious organization," said Luke Kovats '25, who is studying business administration, "and because educating myself on the future of work and learning how I can better prepare my skillset for the future is invaluable for the longevity of my career. I have been exploring different career paths, and I wanted to learn more about the opportunities for new jobs that may arise."

More than 30 Roanoke College students were accepted into the institute, including business, sociology and pre-law majors. One member of Roanoke's first MBA class also attended the workshop, which was led by certified Deloitte facilitators Patrick Brugh and Re'Neesha Thomas. Brugh said the Roanoke College students were an excellent audience for the Institute.

"Roanoke's national reputation as a liberal arts college was on full display in the Future of Work Institute," he said. "Students were engaged in debate, open minded and curious, and eager to dissect the various ways that they and others might live their lives in the future of work."

The institute's core curriculum is grounded in life design principles and built around the Future of Work, helping students to understand the evolution

of work, the workforce and workplace over time – and how that impacts their workforce journey. It focuses on human skills including empathy, written and verbal communication, curiosity, logical reasoning, emotional intelligence, adaptability and resiliency, and problem solving, which are a timeless asset to members of the workforce as they navigate inevitable disruption.

Students also participated in two supplemental modules focused on artificial intelligence (AI) and cybersecurity. The AI module covered the latest AI tools, their uses and possible AI-related careers. The module turned out to be the liveliest discussion of the institute, with students expressing a keen interest and some misgivings about the role of AI in the future of work. Kovats said that by the end of the workshop, he felt better about incorporating AI into his career journey.

"The program did a really good job explaining how the culture of work is changing and the impact that AI will have on jobs. While AI may replace many autonomous tasks that humans currently do, it will not replace the soft skills we possess, such as empathy or critical thinking," he said. "I learned which soft skills I am more proficient at, and which ones I need to work on. The program

helped assuage any potential fear around AI and its implementation and focused on showing participants how to emerge successful into a workforce that will be heavily using AI."

Thomas said she enjoyed the passion with which students discussed artificial intelligence and ultimately embraced its possibilities. "The next generation of leaders from Roanoke College believe that advances in technology present us with the opportunity to build a brighter tomorrow for everyone," she said. "These students are committed to shaping the future of work by combining human potential with intentional innovation."

Meghan Jester, director of career exploration at Roanoke, said, "It was truly inspiring to witness our students immerse themselves in the captivating domains of the future of work, the ever-evolving dynamics of the workplace, and the transformation of the workforce. They left this program with newfound inspiration and a refined proficiency in harnessing their unique human skills within the realm of the professional world. PLACE is immensely grateful to have integrated the Future of Work Institute into the array of career-preparation opportunities available on campus this fall."

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Roanoke College students participate in a group activity as part of the Deloitte Future of Work Institute on Oct. 6.



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Certified Deloitte facilitator Patrick Brugh leads Roanoke College students in a discussion about career preparation during the Deloitte Future of Work Institute.

V DOT ROADWATCH

Interstate 81

I-81 & ROUTE 11 BORING SCHEDULED - Mountain Valley Pipeline is expected to perform boring is tentatively scheduled across I-81 near MM 130.11 between October 26 and November 17.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 - The \$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 underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to 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 traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

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

TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140: Expect a quick merge into traffic onto Thompson Memorial from the southbound exit ramp of exit 140. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.

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

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. 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 for Summer 2024.

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. 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.

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.

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.

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 170 to 89, 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

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 County

SIDEWALK PROJECT ON SOUTHBOUND WILLIAMSON ROAD IN HOLLINS AREA - Work is underway on a project to construct new sidewalk along the section of southbound Route 11 (Williamson Road) between Plantation Road and Peters Creek Road. Drivers in the Hollins

area can expect periodic right lane closures on southbound Williamson Road between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. As work progresses, occasional nighttime lane closures also will be scheduled. The sidewalk project is expected to be completed in summer 2024.

STARKEY ROAD AND BUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD ROUNDABOUT - A road project to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Route 904 (Starkey Road) and Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) is in progress. The new roundabout is now open to traffic and drivers should be aware of the new roundabout configuration. There will be occasional flagging operations in place between the 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the intersection of Starkey Road and Buck Mountain Road, drivers should still expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic for final paving, additional concrete pouring and pavement marking until the project is finished. Final completion is expected in late spring 2024.

LANE CLOSURES WITH FLAGGING OPERATIONS: Lane closure times of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. have resumed due to school now being in session.

ROUNDABOUT: The roundabout configuration has been set up. This means drivers should continue around the circle without turning left and that drivers in the circle have the right of way.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN ROANOKE AREA - Blue Ridge Parkway will be repairing slope failures and road closures with detours may be in place. Visit their website at www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm for more information.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE - Mountain Valley Pipeline is expected to begin full construction again by mid-July. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the remainder of the project (with a tentative completion date of February 2024) to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is February 2024.

PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Botetourt County

ROUTE 650 UTILITY CLOSURE - Route 605 (Coaling Road) will be closed between Route 652 (Mountain Pass Road) and Route 765 (Derek Drive) on November 8.

ROUTE 658 CLOSURE FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT - On November 13 through November 15, Route 658 (Davis Road) will be closed at house number 564 for a pipe replacement between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. There is no outlet for the residents beyond the pipe replacement location. The project is expected to be completed by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15.

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Long before the name of Vinton was adopted the place was successively known as Gish's Mills, Gish's Mill, and Gish's. The Gishes operated a mill on Glade Creek and one on Wolf Creek. David and John Gish were the owners of the mills.

Some years later I. W. Vinyard became the owner of Gish's Mill at Vinton, but the place was still known as Gish's when it was made a flag stop on the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad. Before the Civil War William Gish operated a store near the flag stop where a box car served as a depot.

Just after the surrender of Lee at Appomattox the box car depot was burned during a raid made by Stoneman's calvary in this vicinity.

Depot Is Erected

Captain Gish was engaged in the mercantile business here after the war and he was most active in building up the town. He donated land for a depot and induced the railroad company to erect a depot. In 1878 the original town site was laid out into lots and sold to the highest bidder. A number of houses were built and soon there was a thriving community at that place. One of the first enterprises was a tannery which was operated by John W. and Edward M. Jones. Not only were boots and shoes made here but harness was made for the farmers in the immediate section.

At a mass meeting held there in 1884 it was decided to incorporate the place and to change the name. The name of Vinton was decided upon, and this name was agreeable to all. The first syllable of the name was derived from the name of I. W. Vinyard who had long been a prominent resident of the place, and the last syllable was taken from the last syllable of the name Preston.

On March 17, 1884, the General Assembly passed an act which established Vinton as a town and the act was entitled "An act to change the name of the town of Gish's, in the county of Roanoke and to incorporate the same."

Under the act which established the incorporated town the following officials were named: Samuel H. Pollard, mayor, with B. A. Jones, R. S. Funk, I.W. Vinyard, Geo. T. Walker, John Mcfalls and P. B. Stevens as councilmen.

This act read as follows:

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That the Town of Gosh's, in the county of Roanoke, as the same heretofore has been or may hereafter be laid off into lots, streets, alleys, shall be made a town corporate by the name of the town of Vinton, and by that name shall have and exercise the power conferred upon towns by the fifty-fourth chapter of the Code of Virginia of 1873, and of all laws now in force or that hereafter may be enacted for the government of towns of less than five thousand inhabitants.

2. The boundaries of the said town shall be: Commencing at the crossing of First Street and Washington Street, in said town, and extending therefrom one-half mile north, south, east and west, and embracing the area contained therein.

3. All lands contained in this area, and used strictly for farming purposes, shall not be liable to taxation under this corporate law.

4. Samuel H. Pollard is hereby appointed Mayor of said town, and B. A. Jones, R. S. Fund, I. W. Vinyard, Geo. T. Walker, John McFalls, and P.B. Stevens are hereby appointed councilmen thereof—any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business. The said Mayor and Council shall have power to levy such taxes as they deem necessary for the purpose of said corporation, as is allowed by existing laws; provided that no tax upon the real land personal property in said

corporation shall exceed ten cents on the \$100 value thereof, except that on petition of three-fourths of the freeholder in the corporation the council may levy a tax not to exceed the amount named in the said petition, and they shall have power to appoint a Sergeant, and such other officers as may be necessary and fix their salaries.

5. The said Mayor and Councilmen above named and appointed in this act shall remain in office until the first day of July 1885, and thereafter until their successors shall be elected and qualified according to law—the term of which shall be two years, and no person shall be eligible to be a member of this council except that he be a freeholder.

6. This act shall be in force from its passage.

Vinton Mayors

Others who have served as mayor of Vinton are in the order in which they served: G. T. Walker, Henry Franklin, Giles Gunn, W. S. Pollard, J. E. Saunders, H.H. Walker, J.H. Scott, A. O. Stone, J.H. Scott, J.H. Saunders, J. W. Reynolds, H.H. Dowdy, J. W. Reynolds and J. H. Moseley, the last named being the present mayor of the town.

Now Vinton is an important school center and the William Byrd high school in that town is one of the finest institutions of its kind in this section of the state. In the Vinton schools the total enrollment is 1,664 this year which the distribution is as follows: elementary school, 670; junior high school, 251; senior high school, 593; colored school, 150.

Vinton is an excellent residential town and many of those who work in Roanoke live in this suburb. It is a section where there are not many people very rich and few that are destitute as the majority of Vintonites belong to the great middle class. Many of the people there own their own homes and for that reason take an interest in the welfare of the town.

No Crime

Vinton boasts of the fact that crime in the town has always been very low and that not a murder has ever been committed by a Vinton man in that section since the town was organized in 1884.

This town has some fine churches which are well attended, the denominations being represented are the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches. Strong lodges are maintained there by the Masons and the Old Fellows.

One of the most significant actions taken by the people of the Town of Vinton since its establishment more than a half a century ago was the institution of the town manager form of government which went into effect September 1, 1936.

A survey made of the work during the past two-year period shows that Vinton is rapidly progressing as a community and great strides are expected during the near future.

The Fire Department is rendering the most efficient service, and except for one fire where the alarm was late in being sent in, the losses were small during the past year. The department is composed entirely of volunteers who give their time freely. One man sleeps in the station house so that some one is available at all times to receive alarms and go with the fire equipment when needed.

When the present Council took office, seven notes, totaling \$10,630, were outstanding. These were consolidated, a lower rate of interest secured, and the main note has been reduced to approximately \$10,000. Other outstanding obligations of \$3,000 have also been paid.

The total bonded indebtedness of the town on September 1, 1936, was \$135,000 in two issues,

one of \$50,000 made January 1, 1914, due in 1946, and bearing 6 per cent interest. This has been reduced to \$48,000. The other issue of 1935 in the sum of \$100,000 bearing 5 per cent interest and due January 1, 1955. This issue has been reduced to \$84,000 through the purchase of \$16,000.

In order to retire bonds when due a sinking fund has been set up, and 25 cents of every dollar collected in taxes goes into this fund, which now amounts to \$28,177.

Water Income

For the fiscal year of September 1, 1935, and ending August 31, 1937, the total income from the water department was 9,531.29, and expenses \$11,882.60, divided as follows: operating expense, \$5,709; interest on bonds, \$1,680; meters, \$1,289; extensions, \$1,350; depreciation, \$2,445.

For the six months since August 31, 1937, total income has been \$6,663 with an expense of \$6,624.

One hundred and forty-seven meters have been installed with the result that the average cost of water the past six months is approximately \$80 a month less than the average cost in 1935-36.

Other Improvements

In other ways a number of improvements have been made. Curb and gutter and sidewalk already started was completed on Sycamore and Washington Streets, a total of 2,100 feet of curb and gutter and 1,200 feet of sidewalk. Since this work, 4,000 additional feet of sidewalk has been completed, and as much more is scheduled to go in. Approximately 3,000 lineal feet of 8-inch, and 1,000 feet of 6-inch sanitary sewer with service connections and manholes have been installed.

Nearly 4,000 lineal feet of water mains have been laid, and several dead ends connected. A total of 86 street signs have been installed. In the past year, 6,000 tons of trash were collected and disposed of.

A considerable amount of work has been done on the streets. 260 tons of patching material has been used, and 1,200 square yards of dirt next to pavement has been built up with crushed rock and sand and oiled with road oil.

The town has also had installed 696 lineal feet of storm drain, 12 catch basins and nearly 2 miles of ditches.

Here are some other improvements made recently:

Remodeling and painting of the municipal building, installation of folding seats in the courtroom; enlarging the treasurer's office.

In the building line, three new residences have been constructed, 24 homes have been remodeled, one office building has been erected and two additions made to existing plants. Town officials point to a great need for four and five-room houses and a large apartment in the town.

The town has also participated in a community garden project, has established a community center and has sponsored a supervised playground at Leggett field. A supervisor and staff for the field were furnished by the National Youth Administration. Average daily attendance at the playground is 175.

Proud now of the transportation service in the town are the town officials. With express bus service to Roanoke and new streetcars on the line, it is possible to leave the town at ten-minute intervals for Roanoke, where a large portion of the Vinton residents are employed. From the center of Vinton to the center of Roanoke takes 15 minutes by bus or street car.

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Roanoke College professor addresses international audience at D.C. museum



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Stella Xu, Roanoke College's John R. Turbyfill Professor of History, was invited to speak at the Old Korean Legation Museum in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy of the museum.

History Professor Stella Xu was invited to share a unique part of Roanoke College history during a Nov. 4 lecture that attracted diplomats, international relations scholars and the descendant of a Roanoke alumnus who rose to become a key figure in Korea's independence movement in the 1900s.

Xu, coordinator of Roanoke's East Asian Studies concentration, has led multiple research trips to Korea and worked to uncover the college's remarkable historical ties to that nation. Her talk was hosted by the

Old Korean Legation Museum in Washington, D.C., a cultural facility housed in the historical home of Korea's legation or diplomatic mission.

Xu's lecture examined the legacy of Roanoke's third president, Julius D. Dreher, who opened the college's doors to international students and cultivated a partnership with Korean diplomat Ye Cha Yun — an unusual move for a small college in the postbellum South.

Roanoke enrolled its first Korean student in 1894 and

went on to host more than 30 others, establishing itself as a "headquarter" institution for the first generation of Korean students to pursue a college education in the United States between the 1890s and 1930s.

Xu described Dreher's efforts as a form of grassroots diplomacy with ripple effects that stretched far beyond the borders of Roanoke's campus. Korean students who matriculated here during that period included Prince Eui-hwa, second son of the emperor, and Kim Kyusik, who became a national leader in Korea.

In 2022, Virginia's Department of Historic Resources erected a historical marker honoring Kim and his connection to Roanoke. Kim's grandniece, In Ku Kim was among those who attended Xu's talk.

Other guests on hand for the talk included members of the modern-day Korean Embassy and scholars studying international relations. Roanoke student Cameron McDonald '24, who's done research work with Xu, was also able to attend. McDonald, an international relations major, is currently working and studying in D.C. as part of the Washington Semester program.

Xu serves as Roanoke's John R. Turbyfill Professor of History. Her work has brought students opportunities to do research overseas and take part in international competitions. Her most recent research team is currently working on a podcast about their trip and findings.

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2. Consider amending Chapter 66, Article I, in General, Section 66-7, Nonconforming signs and 66-9, Removal of signs no longer advertising existing bona fide business, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs.
3. Consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-208.2, 106-214.2, 106-216.2, and 106-218.2, pertaining to permitted uses; Section 106-216.3 pertaining to site development regulations; Article III Use & Design Standards, section 106-304.21 pertaining to short term rentals; section 106-316.3 pertaining to accessory uses, residential; Article IV Development Standards, section 106-404 pertaining to parking requirements; section 106-406 miscellaneous provisions pertaining to storage containers; and Article VI Definitions and use types, section 106-600 pertaining to definitions of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM,

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104
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Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: The Adoption of a Minor Child Under Eighteen Years of Age, to be known as SERITA DANIELLE TICKLE
By: MILDRED ANNE TICKLE, FRED LEE TICKLE, JR.

The object of this suit is to obtain an adoption of the minor child, Serita Danielle McLemore, by your petitioners, Mildred Anne Tickle and Fred Lee Tickle, Jr., husband and wife. An affidavit having been made and filed, pursuant to Virginia Code § 8.01-316 (1950), as amended, showing that the biological father, Kenneth McLemore (aka Kenneth Lee Sturdivant), despite the exercise of due diligence on behalf of Petitioners, could not be personally served

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with legal process for this action and his last known address is unknown, though he is known to be residing in and around the Montgomery County, Virginia area.

It is further ORDERED that this Order shall be published once a week for (4) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, serving the Montgomery County, Virginia, the locality of father's last known whereabouts, and contemporaneously posted in a conspicuous location at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Enter this 1 day of November, 2023.
Robert M.D. Turk, Judge
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Legals - Town of Vinton

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design concept plans, site specific remediation/redevelopment plans, and marketing materials to be created for each site, with the hope of engaging potential developers to consider taking on the redevelopment project. Section 15.2-2507 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, requires any locality to hold a Public Hearing in order to amend its budget when any such amendment exceeds one percent (1%) of the total expenditures shown in the currently adopted budget. Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607. Antonia Arias-Magallon Administrative Manager



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SALEM FOOTBALL

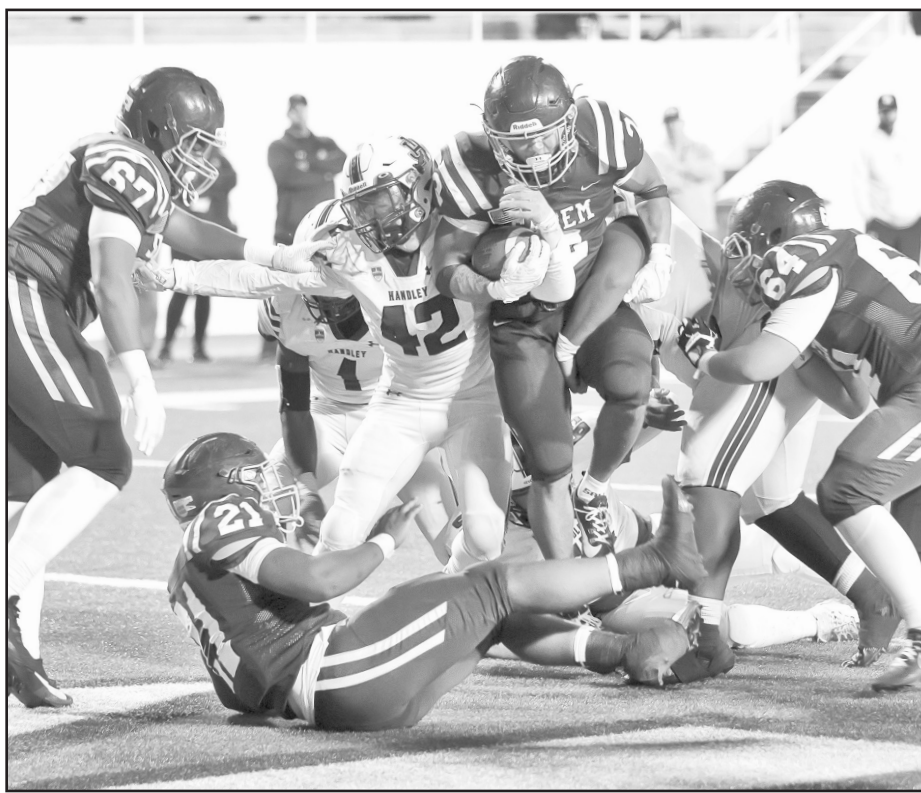
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Spartan red zone. After getting stopped on the one Handley fumbled a snap, and Salem's Josiah Persinger scooped it up and ran 98 yards to the end zone. A penalty negated the touchdown and moved the ball back to midfield, but the Spartans scored on that drive for a 21-0 half-time lead and were never threatened thereafter.

The Spartans finished with 206 yards rushing, including 113 by Peyton Lewis on 18 carries. Jayveon Jones returned from an ankle injury to rush for 64 yards and both he and Lewis had touchdowns as Salem controlled the line of scrimmage despite a size disadvantage.

"I thought our offensive line grew up," said Holter. "They played physical with a good pad level against a big team. The two kids on the left side of their line combined for 660 pounds."

Eli Taylor completed



Peyton Lewis(#2) scores for Salem behind the blocking of Dorian Vance(#67), Jayveon Jones(#21) and Joseph Doyle(#64).

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five of 10 passes for 64 yards, including touchdown strikes to Jaelyn Allen and Josiah Moyer. Khamari Garner had two receptions for 33 yards. Wesley Cross was six-for-six on extra points.

On defense Allen, Chris Cole, Coen Logan

and Chris Martin had six tackles each to lead the Spartans. Cole had a "pick six" and Garner had two interceptions for Salem.

The winner of Friday's game will advance to the state Class 4 semifinal against

the winner of the Region 4C championship game between John Champe and Tuscarora, hosted by Tuscarora in Leesburg. On the other side of the bracket Varina is at King George in Region B and Warhill is at Phoebus in Region A.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Winners for the football contest appearing in the November 16 edition will be announced in the November 30 paper due to early Thanksgiving deadlines, as some of the games were still being played when the sports section had to be finished.

This week's contest is included in this edition and winners for both weeks will be announced next week. For this week's "19th Hole" question give me your prediction for the big Virginia Tech-Virginia game on Saturday. Put the score and winner in the space provided and the closest to the actual score gets a free day of golf at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street.

-Brian Hoffman



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NC State's KC Concepcion reaches for the pylon to score a touchdown in Saturday's 35-28 win over Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. The Hokies are at UVA Saturday.

GLENVAR FOOTBALL

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regain the lead. Nate Johnson blocked the extra point and that would be big as Glenvar fell behind, 13-7.

The Highlanders exploded for 24 second quarter points, beginning with a 27 yard field goal by Carl Muse that cut the lead to 13-10. Gretna would score twice in the period but Dawyot threw two touchdown passes to Peyton Deel and one to Shane Gibson to hold a 31-27 lead at the half.

After all that scoring in the first half, neither team scored in the third period. Glenvar then increased the lead on a TD run by Gibson, set up by a Dawyot to Joey Loder connection over the middle. Gretna answered with a 70 yard bomb to make it 38-34 with just under four minutes on the clock and no one was heading for the exits at that point.

After taking the kickoff Glenvar attempted to run out the clock, but a fumble gave the Hawks one last chance. They moved to the GHS four yard line, but were denied when Anderson made a game-saving tackle. Then Gretna had one last chance from the one,

but Cooper Mullins made the tackle just outside the goal line as the clock ran out.

"They tried that 'tush push' play and we had them stopped, but the whistle didn't blow and he spun out," said Clifford. "Cooper made the tackle on the spin out and that was the last play of the game."

"We had so many players step up and make crucial plays," Clifford continued. "We were down in the second quarter and our kids showed what I call 'doggedness.' They just refused to give up. They had that 'not on my watch' mentality that really exemplifies our program."

Dawyot had what could have been his best game at Glenvar in a big time atmosphere, completing 17 of 25 passes for 274 yards and rushing for 45 more. Deel had five receptions for 105 yards and two scores, Anderson had four catches for 81 yards and a TD and Gibson had a rushing and a receiving touchdown.

Mullins had an interception on defense and Johnson had the big extra point block, making a field

goal moot on Gretna's final drive.

With that win in the books the Highlanders look toward Radford, who is undefeated and hosting Friday's Region 2C championship game. The Bobcats beat Glenvar, 36-3, in a previous meeting at Highlander Stadium, but that wasn't indicative of this Glenvar team.

"It was a very disappointing game but one game's not going to define our season," said Clifford at the time. "It was disappointing because we didn't play like we're capable."

If the Highlanders can win at Radford on Friday no one will care about that regular season game, much like in 2014 when the Highlanders lost to Giles in the regular season, 33-0, then beat the Spartans in the playoffs and went on to win the state championship. That team had "doggedness" like this one.

"We're going to do our best this Friday," said Clifford. "Life is short. We're just lucky to be one of the teams still practicing on Thanksgiving and playing in a community like we have here in Salem."

Fun ways to enjoy the start of winter



FILE PHOTO

Winter begins on December 21, 2023, and ends on March 19, 2024. Many people lament the arrival of winter, perhaps thinking the colder temperatures and shorter hours of sunlight will compromise their chances to have fun. Even though particularly chilly thermostat readings or stormy conditions can hamper some plans, when people dig deeper they may find that even the coldest days present opportunities for enjoyment.

When winter begins, the following activities can make for an entertaining way to celebrate the arrival of the season.

- Build a snow creation. Use the first significant snowfall of the season to organize a snowman, snowwoman, or snow-animal-making event or contest. Waterproof gloves are a necessary piece of equipment, as are buckets for moving snow, shovels, carving and shaping tools (which can be plastic cutlery), and accessories to dress up the final product.
- Go sledding on the best hills. Sledding is a popular wintertime activity that doesn't require too much equipment. Sleds can be purchased at sporting goods stores or toy stores. Sledgers of all ages should consider wearing helmets to protect against injury if they will be traversing especially steep hills.
- Host a winter block party. Many cities and towns across North America participate in WinterFest events, which run the gamut from food and craft festivals to sporting events. Individuals can take cues from these type of activities and plan neighborhood festivals right

on their streets. Neighbors can wheel out their fire pits or utilize outdoor propane heaters to keep spots cozy. Hot cocoa and cider stations and warm treats can keep everyone from feeling too cold. Electric slow cookers can keep everything from soups to chilis to stews warm and participants can enjoy a buffet of hearty foods.

- Visit an ice rink. Whether a rink is indoors or outside, ice skating is a quintessential wintertime activity. Skaters of all skill levels can take to the ice and enjoy some exercise and laughs. Check local rink schedules to take advantage of open skate times when hockey games or practices are not dominating the ice.
- Mark the winter solstice. The winter solstice, also known as the start of astronomical winter, is the shortest day of sunlight on the calendar. It occurs when either of the Earth's poles reaches maximum tilt away from the sun. In the Northern Hemisphere, this occurs on December 21, 2023. Because there will be only roughly seven hours of daylight, take steps to make the fact that the sun will set at its earliest a little easier to swallow. Kids can run around outdoors with glow sticks, while adults can deck their homes in twinkle lights if they are not decorated for Christmas. Lanterns, campfires and candles can be lit, and everyone can gather outdoors to chat and socialize.

Winter begins on December 21, 2023, and there are plenty of ways to celebrate this fun, if sometimes frigid, season.



FILE PHOTO

Fresh air pays dividends, even when it's cold

The great outdoors beckons millions of people each spring, summer and fall, but far fewer individuals spend as much time outside in winter. However, spending time outdoors can help to improve mood just as much when the mercury drops as it can when temperatures are warm.

The United Kingdom-based Mental Health Foundation reports that nature helps to generate positive emotions such as calmness, joy and creativity. The MHF also notes that connectedness with nature has been linked to lower levels of poor mental health, particularly depression and anxiety.

Tips to kick the common cold

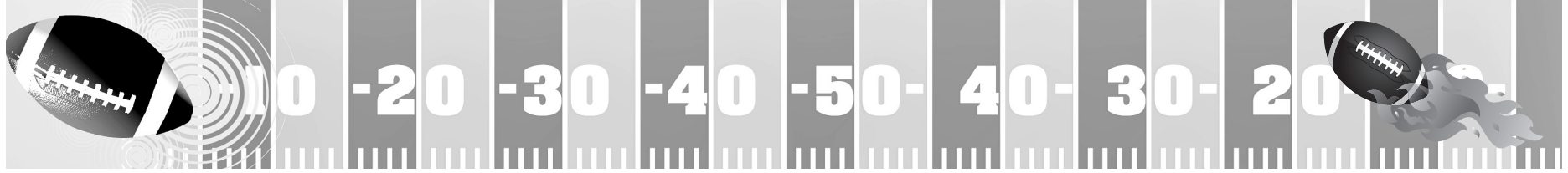
The common cold is appropriately named. According to the American Lung Association, adults get an average of two to four colds per year while children typically get between six and eight colds annually. Colds indeed seem an inevitable part of life, and that may be even more so during winter.

Though colds can strike at any time, Johns Hopkins Medicine notes that the increased incidence rates of colds during cold seasons like fall and winter may be attributable to the increased amount of time people spend indoors. Extra time indoors means individuals spend more time in tight quarters with other people, which is notable because colds are highly contagious. There might not be a way to avoid colds this winter, but Johns Hopkins notes there are some strategies that can help treat a cold and potentially lessen its severity.

- Hydrate. A concerted effort to stay hydrated can help your body fight the cold and potentially make you feel better by easing congestion. When a cold strikes, make sure you drink plenty of the right fluids, which include water, decaffeinated tea with lemon, and broth. Caffeine can cause dehydration, so avoid coffee and caffeinated teas and sodas. Throat-soothing warm liquids like tea and broth can serve dual functions for those whose colds include a sore or dry throat.

- Gargle with salt water. Though it may seem like an old wives' tale, gargling with salt water can effectively alleviate the pain and swelling of a sore throat. Johns Hopkins recommends a saltwater gargle with about one teaspoon of salt per cup of warm water.
- Utilize a humidifier. Johns Hopkins notes that cold air holds less moisture than dry air. Dry air can worsen symptoms associated with sore throat, so a humidifier can be used to make indoor air more moist and therefore more soothing to a sore throat. Johns Hopkins also reports that dry nostrils are more vulnerable to viruses, so employing a humidifier in winter may help your body more effectively fend off cold viruses.
- Get plenty of rest. Sleep helps to strengthen the body's immune system, making it more effective at fighting off and overcoming the cold virus. Johns Hopkins recommends adults get between eight and 10 hours of sleep when they come down with a cold.
- Avoid unproven 'treatments'. Some cold treatment techniques are ineffective at combatting cold viruses. Johns Hopkins notes that antibiotics are designed to treat bacterial infections, not viruses. In addition, there is little evidence suggesting zinc and vitamin C have any impact on cold viruses.

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**The 19th Hole
(see story)**

Roanoke College men win Frankie Allen Tip-Off Tournament

Piedmont wins Jean Beamer Tourney as Maroons take 3rd

Balls were bouncing all weekend at the Roanoke College Cregger Center as the Maroons played host to two collegiate basketball tournaments. The Roanoke men won the Frankie Allen Tip-Off Tournament and Piedmont University of Georgia won the women's Jean Beamer Tip-Off Tournament.

The men's tournament opened on Friday evening and Roanoke went first, taking a 77-55 win over Brooklyn College. The Maroons raced to a 45-17 halftime lead, then opened the second half with a 7-0 run to win going away.

RC's Zach Rosenthal led all scorers with 16 points, draining four three-pointers. Justin Kuthan shot six-for-seven from the floor and had 13 points while Joshua McClary had a dozen points, eight assists and five rebounds.

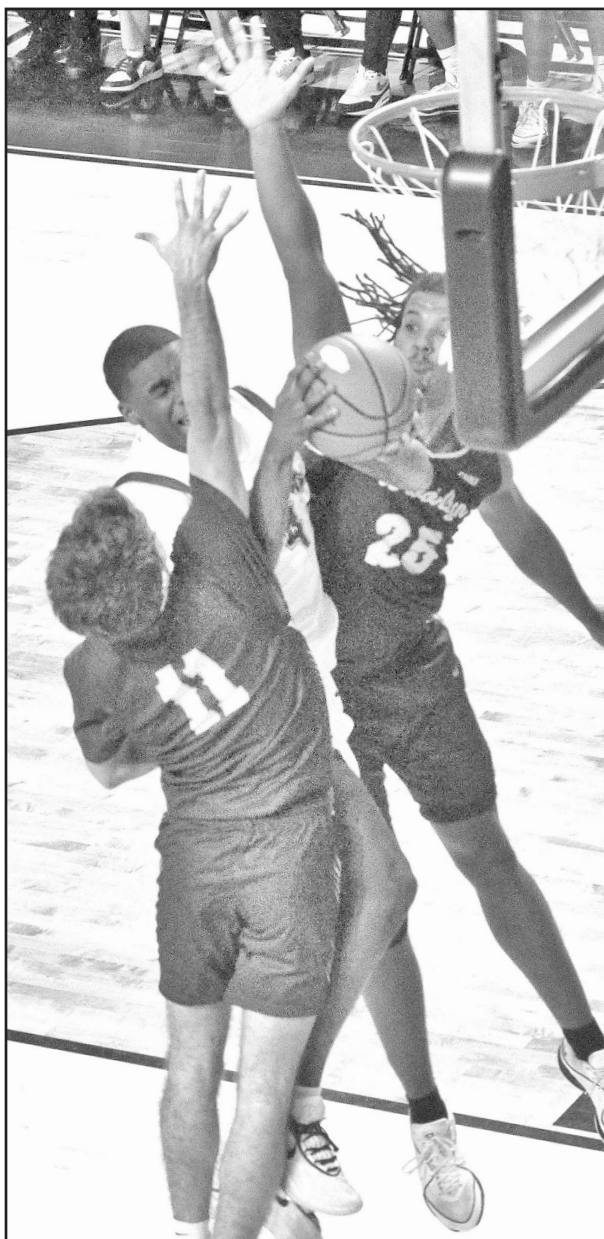
Berry College beat Southern Virginia in the other semifinal Friday to set up a Roanoke-Berry championship game on Saturday afternoon, and the Maroons won that game, 79-58, to win the Frankie Allen championship.

The Maroons went up early again in this one, taking a 39-22 lead at the half. Roanoke had four players in double figures as Joshua Morse led the way with 18 points, Rosenthal had 17, Marcus Morgan had a baker's dozen and Trent Dawson came off the bench to score 12. McClary had nine points and six assists and Kuthan had eight points and 10 rebounds. McClary was named tournament MVP and Dawson was also named to the all-tournament team.

The Jean Beamer tournament opened on Saturday and Roanoke played the first game, dropping a 63-61 heartbreaker to Stevenson University of Maryland. Roanoke led 36-29 at the half but the Mustangs drew even after three quarters, outscoring Roanoke 19-12 in the period to make it 48-48 heading into the final stanza. The teams battled down the stretch before Stevenson scored a layup with five seconds remaining to break a 61-61 tie and pull out the win.

Jacquelyn DeJesse led the Maroons with 14 points, including a dozen in the first half. Alexa Kulakowski had 11, Lauren Keel scored nine and Madison Nereu led the Maroons with nine rebounds.

Piedmont University defeated Greensboro in the second game, then won the tournament on Sunday with a 74-50 win over Stevenson. Roanoke played in the consolation game Sunday and the Maroons picked



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Left, Josh McClary of Roanoke College is hammered as he goes to the basket in RC's win over Brooklyn Friday. Right, Lauren Keel of the Maroon women's team takes it to the hoop against Stevenson on Saturday.

up their first win in three tries with a 73-49 win over Greensboro. Rose Sande led way with 15 points, Kate Littlejohn had 11 and Kulakowski had 10 for the Maroons. Nereu was named to the all-tournament team.

The women were scheduled to return to the floor

in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday of this week with a game at Gallaudet. On Wednesday, November 29, they're at the University of Lynchburg for an ODAC game.

The RC men are now 3-1 and they won't play again until November 29 when they host Ferrum.

High School winter sports seasons begin next week

The Virginia High School League winter sports seasons officially begin next week and Salem and Glenvar teams will be competing in a variety of sports.

Action begins on Monday, November 27, with the Glenvar girls hosting Hidden Valley in basketball.

On Tuesday of next week Salem has a swim meet at the Salem YMCA against Hidden Valley and there's a quad wrestling match at Glenvar. Salem will host William Byrd in a wrestling match on Wednesday, November 29, and Andrew Lewis and Byrd Middle will battle in a preliminary team match.

A week from today, on Thursday November 30, the Glenvar boys open their basketball season at Hidden Valley. Then on Friday, November 1, Salem High basketball opens with the boys at Northside and the SHS girls at home to the Vikings. The Spartan wrestling team will be at Sherando for a

dual match and Glenvar plays William Byrd in basketball, with the boys at home and the girls at Byrd.

On Saturday, November 2nd, the Salem indoor track team opens with a meet at Liberty University.

Look for more on the winter teams in next week's edition.

Wagner is guest speaker when S-R Baseball Hall of Fame inducts Class of '24

Former Major League Baseball and Ferrum College pitcher Billy Wagner will be the guest speaker for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame's 32nd hot stove banquet and induction ceremony. The banquet will be held at the Salem Civic Center on February 4, 2024, and the Class of '24 includes Tommy Bayrer, Larry Bowles II, Mikey O'Brien and Paul Siple.

Wagner is a 2003 inductee in the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. A 1990 graduate of Tazewell High School, he drew national attention with his mid to high 90s fastball while pitching for Ferrum College. In the 1993 draft the lefty fireballer was the first round, and 12th overall, pick of the Houston Astros. He made his Major League debut in 1995 and in '99 he was the recipient of the Rolands Relief Award, presented to the outstanding closer in the National League. That season he had 39 saves with a 1.57 earned run average and 124 strikeouts in 74 innings.

A seven time all-star, Wagner pitched nine seasons for Houston, two for the Philadelphia Phillies, three with the New York Mets, and also had a stop in Boston before concluding his career with the Atlanta Braves in 2010, saving 37 games in his final season. Wagner finished a 16 year big league career with 422 saves while appearing in 853 games, all in relief. He struck out 1,196 batters in 903 innings and thrilled fans with a fastball that often reached the 100 mph mark.

Bayrer is a Roanoke native and graduate of Cave Spring High School, where he was a standout outfielder. He went on to play at Campbell University and hit .415 his sophomore season before being converted to a pitcher. Throwing in the 90s with a wicked knuckle curveball, he was a 17th round draft choice of the Astros in 2001. He pitched two seasons in the minor leagues for Houston, including a stint with Martinsville in the Appalachian League.

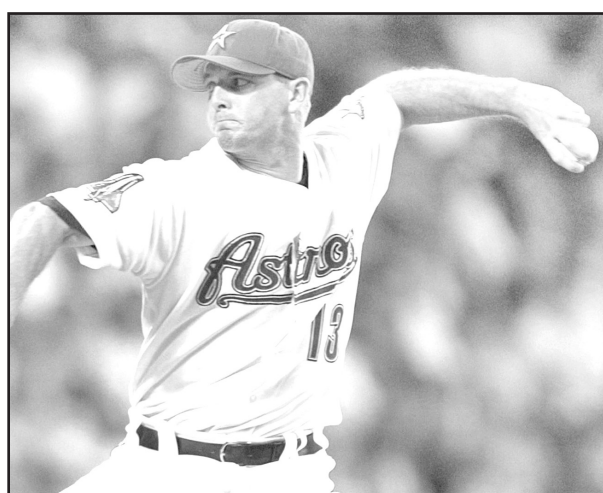
Bowles II is a Franklin County product who was

a standout pitcher and firstbaseman for Franklin County High School, graduating in 1997. He was all-state his senior year and the recipient of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame Ray Bellamy Award as high school Player-of-the-Year. He went on to play at Virginia Tech, where he earned All-American honors in 1999 on the Collegiate Baseball, Baseball Writers Association and Mizuno All-American teams. Larry played for the USA National team in 1998 and was drafted by the Anaheim Angels organization in 2000, where he played one year before his career was cut short by an injury.

O'Brien is another former Ray Bellamy Award winner, earning Player-of-the-Year honors in 2008 after a standout career at Hidden Valley High School. Following that season O'Brien, a righthanded pitcher, was drafted in the ninth round by the New York Yankees. He pitched professionally until 2018 with stints for the Yankees, Orioles, Reds and Rays' organizations, reaching the AAA level in three different seasons. He finished his professional career with a 3.87 ERA over 770 innings pitched, striking out an average of 7.1 batters per nine innings.

Siple, a 1938 graduate of Clifton Forge High School who died in March, 2015, was a player, teacher, coach, professional scout and umpire. A four-year letter winner as a shortstop at Bridgewater College, he competed in the National Semi-Professional playoffs in Wichita, Kansas, then played and managed in semi-pro baseball in leagues throughout Virginia. He coached high school baseball for 24 years and became a professional scout in 1960. Siple scouted for 40 years, first for the Pittsburgh Pirates, then with the Reds and the Phillies. He was also a Virginia High School League umpire for 25 years and is a member of the Bath County High School, Boys Home and Bridgewater College Halls of Fame.

It was also announced that Mike Ruth, owner of the Shoe Doctor and supporter and coach of the Cave



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Billy Wagner pitched 16 seasons in the big leagues.

Spring Little League program since 1997, would be the recipient of the Wayne LaPierre, Sr. Service Award.

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Salem QB, Coach help Raiders go back-to-back

The North Cross football team defeated Blue Ridge, 35-7, on Saturday afternoon to win the VISAA Division II state championship for the second year in a row. The team was quarterbacked by Salem's Brock Miles, handing off in the left photo. Salem's Justin Jones is also a member of the team and Salem's Shaine Miles is the offensive coordinator. Right, coach Shannon Taylor holds up the championship plaque following the win at Willis Field in Roanoke County.

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Above, Salem's Coen Logan(#4) makes the stop at the goal line to deny John Handley a score in last Friday's win at Salem Stadium. Right, Jaelyn Allen catches a touchdown pass for the Spartans.



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Spartans handily defeat Handley, 42-0, to earn spot in Region 4D championship against Glass

It will be a rematch of last season's Region 4D football championship game when Salem and E.C. Glass go head-to-head Friday, only this year it will be in Salem.

The Spartans defeated John Handley, 42-0, last Friday at Salem Stadium to punch their ticket to the region championship while Glass beat Jefferson Forest in somewhat of an upset, 27-20. The third seeded Hilltoppers had to travel to Forest to play the second seeded Cavaliers to earn the trip to Salem this Friday night at 7 pm.

This will be a rematch of last year's region championship, which Glass won at Lynchburg City Stadium, 35-21, in a game that wasn't decided until the final minutes. This year Glass comes in at 9-3 while Salem is 11-1 and in the midst of an 11 game winning streak after a season opening loss to Liberty Christian.

The Hilltoppers have a new coach this year,

as Jamar Lovelace moved from William Fleming to Glass to replace Jeff Woody, who coached the team for the past seven years. Woody left Glass to take the head coaching job at Charlottesville High School in February.

"We're very familiar with coach Lovelace and we know he'll have his team well-prepared," said Salem High coach Don Holter. "They have some darned good football players."

The Hilltoppers have won four in a row since losing to Liberty Christian on October 27. They opened the playoffs with a 38-30 win over Sherando then avenged a prior shutout loss(23-0) to Jefferson Forest last Friday. Their other defeat was a 31-21 loss to Patrick Henry the second week of the season.

Meanwhile, the Spartans have been on a roll. They've only given up seven points in two playoff games and that came when the second team offense fumbled on its' own three yard line in the waning

moments of a 55-7 win over Liberty of Bealton. Last week Handley was touted to have a strong attack, but the Spartan defense pitched a shutout.

"Our defense played well," said Holter. "In fact, I thought we played well in all three phases of the game except for a few times on special teams."

Salem jumped to a 14-0 lead but the Judges were threatening to get back in it with the ball deep in the

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PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Bryan Stinespring was presented as the new Roanoke College football coach Monday.

Stinespring named to coach football at RC

Roanoke College has announced the hiring of former Virginia Tech offensive coordinator Bryan Stinespring as the coach of the new Maroon football program. The announcement was made at a Monday morning press conference at the Cregger Center in Salem.

Stinespring holds over 30 years of coaching experience, including 26 years in a variety of roles at Virginia Tech under legendary coach Frank Beamer. He served as the Hokies offensive coordinator for 11 seasons.

A native of Clifton Forge and graduate of James Madison University, Stinespring's time at Virginia Tech was preceded by stops at Lexington High School and Patrick Henry High before Beamer brought him to Blacksburg.

After his tenure at Virginia Tech, Stinespring returned to his alma mater to help the Dukes reach back-to-back FCS National Title games in 2016 and 2017. He also coached the offensive line and tight ends at the University of Delaware as the Blue Hens reached the FCS Semifinals in the spring season of 2020-21 under coach Danny Rocco, and stayed on at Delaware for the fall 2021 campaign.

Most recently Stinespring served as the Associate Head Coach and Offensive Assistant under Rocco at VMI for the just completed season. He was hired in December of 2022 after serving as the Activities Director for Alleghany County Public Schools and Alleghany Highlands Public Schools.

The Maroons plan to play a jayvee football season in 2024 before joining the Old Dominion Athletic Conference for varsity play in 2025, including eight ODAC games.

Highlanders hold on to beat Gretna, will play Radford in Region 2C final

Glenvar athletic director Jason Murray said it was the best high school game he's ever seen when the Highlanders held on to beat Gretna last Friday, 38-34. The win sends the Highlanders to Radford this Friday for a rematch with the Bobcats, and this time the Region 2C championship is on the line.

Glenvar's game at Gretna last Friday is what they call an "instant classic" on ESPN. Two 9-2 football teams battled until the final play of the game, and it was decided on the one yard line. And up until that point there was no lack of excitement.

"It was just a good, back and forth football game," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "It's a shame someone had to lose."

It didn't take long for the excitement to begin.

Clifford had talked all week about how important it was not to give up the "big play" against an athletic Hawks team,

but on the first series Gretna connected with a 40 yard pass play to take a 7-0 lead. Glenvar then tied the game on a 27

yard TD pass from quarterback Brody Dawyot to Dawson Anderson, but Gretna answered to

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Above, Glenvar quarterback Brody Dawyot looks for room to run behind the blocking of Rhett Henderson(#51). Below, Shane Gibson(#22), Anthony Larosa(#70), Jack Camper(#11) and Reed Hutchison(#7) converge on a Gretna ballcarrier.



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