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Stave & Cork offers patrons winery experience in downtown Salem

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

Bobby and Susan Baker, Salem locals, fulfilled a longtime dream by opening Stave & Cork, their winery and noshery, on Sept. 13. Inspired by Bobby's graduate school days and fueled by their shared love for winery visits, the establishment offers a unique downtown Salem experience. "When Bobby and I were dating, we would spend our weekends traveling and visiting wineries all over Virginia," Susan recounted.

"It's been an evolution of putting the pieces and parts together," said Bobby. The idea has grown into a total culinary experience unlike any in downtown Salem.

Stave & Cork, a culmination of research and education, stands out as a total culinary experience bridging the gap between full restaurants and local breweries. The philosophy centers on viewing wine as



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Offering 12 wines monthly, Stave & Cork encourages patrons to feel like they're at a winery, emphasizing the experience over a typical wine bar.

a storyteller, with carefully curated flights showcasing narratives spanning regions and cultures.

Operated like a winery tasting room, Stave & Cork invites patrons to enjoy themed wine flights curated

by Susan, covering local, domestic, and international selections. "Internationally, we try to stick with a country, we've done Italy and France and we just finished Spain and we're going on to Australia," Susan said, "we try to move people around and expose them to new varietals." Susan added.

The ambiance is deliberately minimalistic, emphasizing talking while sipping over loud noise and distractions. Bobby said, "we want the focus to be the wine and the conversation, we don't want the focus to be on some game on the tv." Susan added that they want the customers to feel like they can come in and sit with their friends and families and have wine and chill.

Open Wednesdays through Thursdays, Stave & Cork provides a gastronomic escape with a curated menu featuring paninis named after local natural wonders, such as McAfee Knob and Tinker Cliffs.

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The check was presented on Dec. 21.

LewisGale Medical Center donates \$20K grant to Feeding Southwest Virginia Hospital also donates 1,000 lbs. of canned food during parent company's food drive

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LewisGale Medical Center awarded a \$20,000 grant and almost 1,000 pounds of canned goods to nonprofit Feeding Southwest Virginia.

Pamela Irvine, CEO and founder of Feeding Southwest Virginia,

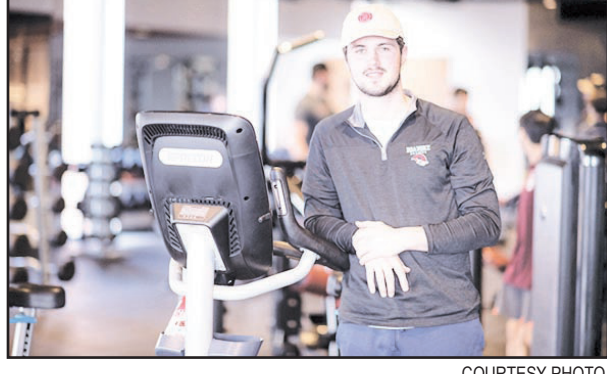
said "We are very grateful for the donation and the 1,600 pounds of food from LewisGale and the HCA Healthcare Foundation. Feeding Southwest Virginia knows food is medicine, and we are excited to strengthen our relationship with LewisGale and HCA."

Hospital colleagues earned the

donation funds by winning both first place in its divisional food drive as well as second place in an enterprise-wide food drive sculpture contest hosted by the hospital's parent company, HCA Healthcare.

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Roanoke College senior prepares for bike ride from Seattle to Washington, D.C.



VanOrden

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With just one semester left before graduation from Roanoke College, Connor VanOrden '24 is pondering the usual questions: Will he find a job after graduation? Where will he live? Is he fit enough to ride a bike all the way across America?

Well, that last question may be a bit unusual, but that's because VanOrden has chosen to attempt an extraordinary feat during his first summer after college. As a cyclist on the Journey of Hope, which raises awareness and money for people with disabilities, VanOrden will ride a bike from Seattle, Washington, to Washington, D.C., with fellow Pi Kappa Phi brothers from around the country.

"Since the moment I heard about the ride when I was a freshman, I knew I wanted to do it before I graduated or the year after," VanOrden said, "so it's always been on my radar and something that I really

want to be a part of."

Journey of Hope is a program through The Ability Experience, a philanthropic initiative of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Every summer, 100 brothers from chapters around the nation cycle across the country on three different routes, pedaling a combined 12,000 miles across 32 states. They ride an average of 75 miles per day, stopping in communities along the way to visit with disabled residents and spread a message of acceptance and understanding.

VanOrden, a native of Gloucester, is earning a degree in health and exercise science at Roanoke. He plans to become a physical therapist and has interned in a PT clinic, so The Ability Experience mission resonates with him. He also comes from a family that includes former military, police and firefighters, so public service has always been one of his values.

Although nobody in his family is permanently disabled, VanOrden and his father and sister, Gary VanOrden '86 and Kathryn VanOrden '20, have all been temporarily impaired by athletic injuries. For Connor, a former lacrosse player, it was a torn ACL that left him depressed and on the sidelines.

"My athletic trainer, who was doing my PT, was a godsend," he said. "It was just a great experience with him because it took me out of a pretty bad place. I want to be that kind of role model for people to just keep pushing and find a way through."

VanOrden knew he wanted to join a fraternity at Roanoke because his dad, who was a Pi Lam, had

See **Roanoke College**, page 3

Salem Museum announces events for first half of 2024

The Salem Museum has numerous events and exhibits planned for early 2024. The Museum invites everyone to attend. Located at 801 East Main Street, Salem, Virginia, the Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and admission is free.

An American Flyer Winter Express

The Museum's holiday model train display has been extended through Feb. 3. For the past seven years, Jim Burke has generously shared his childhood American Flyer model trains with delighted Museum visitors. The layout changes and grows every year. This year, the display expanded to three tracks, including a tiny N-scale train. The layout is full of surprises with unexpected creatures and characters playing in the snow. This will be the last year for the Burke family trains. Don't miss this classic—and imaginative—American Flyer layout!

Hometown History: Salem's Forgotten Beginnings

The Museum's Main Gallery Feature Exhibit continues through March 23. Scattered throughout Salem are many locations that have either been replaced or forgotten after years of development. Hometown History uncovers these historic locations and their often-forgotten stories. Exhibit designer Alex Burke, Salem Museum's Assistant Director, describes this exhibit as "a walking tour without the walking." Salem residents will enjoy learning the history behind dozens of sites they pass by every day, and out-of-town visitors will discover the history that gives Salem its unique character.

Glenvar High School and Middle School Student Art Show

From April 9 through May 9, the student show features artwork, both 2D and 3D in a variety of media, by numerous talented Glenvar students.

Speaker Series:

The Salem Museum's Thursday evening Speaker Series programs will be held on Zoom in January, February and March to avoid any inclement winter weather. Zoom links will be posted on the Salem Museum's website: SalemMuseum.org. Programs will return to in-person in Spring.

Geologic History of the Blue Ridge Mountains

Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The Blue Ridge Mountains are among the oldest mountains on planet Earth, with a fascinating story to tell. Dr. Jonathan Tso, Geology Department Chair and Associate Professor at Radford University, will describe the geologic processes that shaped the landscape we see and enjoy today.

"An American Noah"

Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. B. Scott Crawford will share his insights into Gilbert Stuart's iconic portrait of George Washington, which is known as the Lansdowne Portrait. Stuart incorporated imagery of Noah and the Flood into the portrait, imagery which provides insights into how Stuart presented Washington, as well as Washington's vision for the nation. Crawford holds a Master's in Colonial American History and currently serves as President and CEO of Virginia 811.

Patrick Henry of Red Hill

Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Red Hill in Brookneal, Virginia is the Patrick Henry National Memorial. Patrick Henry's last home and burial site, Red Hill preserves the legacy of Patrick Henry, regarded as the Voice of the American Revolution. Patrick Henry Jolly, Patrick Henry's fifth great-grandson, will share Patrick Henry's story and his contributions to America's Independence.

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

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.

"Winterfest Beach Bash": Salem's annual "Winterfest Beach Bash" is coming back in February of 2024 with the legendary "Band of Oz". The 2024 version of this entertaining indoor beach party will take place on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. inside the Salem Civic Center arena. This is the 17th straight year that the Hall of Fame band has been selected to showcase its talents for this popular wintertime party. Tickets for the group's appearance went on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Salem Parks & Recreation Department, 620 Florida Street. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the show or you can purchase a table of eight for just \$80. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays from Dec. 12 - Feb. 2. This event is often a complete sell-out, so those who are interested are encouraged to get their tickets early. For additional ticket information, please contact the Salem Parks and Recreation Department at 540-375-3057.

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, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

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

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



Signed footballs from 2023 Stagg Bowl COURTESY PHOTO

On December 15th a time-honored tradition returned to Salem as the 50th annual Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl was played in Salem Stadium. A part of this tradition is the team signed footballs associated with the game. Leading up to

the game, the players and coaching staffs of each team sign a football to give to the City of Salem as thanks for hosting the event. They continued this practice this year, with Cortland and North Central both signing a football.

The Stagg Bowl

is the name given to the NCAA Division-III Football National Championship game. Salem has hosted the most Stagg Bowls of any location since its founding in 1973. Salem hosted the Stagg Bowl for the first time in 1993, for the 21st

Annual Stagg Bowl game.

The signed footballs pictured here are from the 2023 Stagg Bowl, recently signed by champion Cortland and runner-up North Central. They are now on display at the Salem Museum.

Thank you to the City of Salem for bringing them to the Museum for visitors to enjoy.

The Salem Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and located at 801 E. Main St.

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Blessings for a Warm and Peaceful New Year

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Blessings from the John M. Oakey & Son family. We would like to wish our families and friends a "light" of hope, joy and peace during the Holiday Season and the coming New Year.

**IT IS OUR MISSION TO BUILD A BRIDGE OF TRUST,
COMPASSION, RESPECT AND A LASTING RELATIONSHIP
WITH OUR FAMILIES DURING THE MOST DIFFICULT OF TIMES.**

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Who wants to start a new year off on the wrong foot? Even if you're not superstitious, I think there's no harm in having a little fun with traditions that have been followed around the world for centuries. Who couldn't use a little more health, happiness, and prosperity? In the South, black-eyed peas, greens, and cornbread represent pennies, dollars, and gold, so eating them together on New Year's will keep your purse full all year long. Noodles are another good luck food. The longer the noodle, the longer the life. Pigs are big and they root forward (rather than backward like chickens), and lentils expand a ton when cooked—they both represent abundance and progress in the New Year. For just good fortune, try the Spanish tradition of eating 12 good luck grapes at midnight on New Year's Eve—one for every month of the year. In Ireland, one tradition involves banging bread against a door frame to chase away bad luck, while another invites good luck in by sharing the bread with friends, loved ones, and neighbors. You could also eat round sweets like donuts, cookies, and cakes to bring your luck full circle. Oranges are believed to bring good luck and happiness. The Chinese words for orange and tangerine closely resemble the words for luck and wealth. People from around the world will eat traditional New Year foods as the clock strikes midnight in hopes of bringing a little more luck and good fortune into their lives. Happy New Year!

Black eyed pea salad

Ingredients:

- 1/4 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 c. red wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 medium red onion, finely diced
- 2 (15-oz.) cans of black eyed peas, drained and



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Contributing Writer

- rinsed
- 1 red bell pepper, finely diced
- 1 medium tomato, finely diced
- 4 scallions, sliced
- 1/4 c. fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/4 c. fresh basil, chopped

Directions:

Step 1

In a large bowl, whisk the olive oil, vinegar, salt, and a few grinds of fresh black pepper together. Stir in the red onion.

Step 2

Add the beans, red pepper, tomato, scallions, parsley, and basil.

Step 3

Stir to combine and let sit for at least 30 minutes before serving. The longer it sits the better the taste.

Honey Cinnamon Oranges

Ingredients:

- 2 oranges
- 2 Tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Directions:

Peel the oranges and slice into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Place on a serving platter.

Mix honey and cinnamon in a small bowl.

Drizzle the honey mixture over oranges. Enjoy!



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POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of December 12, 2023 – December 18, 2023

Arrested On	Name	Age	Charges
12/12/2023	William H. Jeffries Jr.	48	Obstructing Justice
12/13/2023	Che'Nelle M. Bailey	33	Contempt of Court
12/15/2023	Eddie D. Lawson	74	Public Intoxication

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of December 12, 2023 – December 18, 2023

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
12-DEC-2023	2600 blk W Main St	Grand Larceny
16-DEC-2023	1800 BLK W Main St	Illegal Use of Credit Cards, Obtain Money by False Pretense

Governor announces continued labor market strength, moderate job growth in November

RICHMOND – Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced last week that, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (“LAUS”, or “the household survey”), the labor force in Virginia continued growing in November by 9,331 to 4,624,846, the number of employed Virginians increased by 47 to 4,492,761 while the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased 0.2% to 2.9%.

“While more Virginians are working than ever before and participation in the labor force continues to climb, this month’s flat jobs report suggests the cautious approach we’ve taken in our economic outlook remains appropriate,” said Youngkin. “Since day one our economic agenda has resulted in aggressive growth in labor participation and job creation, and we must take bolder steps, as my budget laid out this week, to unleash opportunity for all Virginians.”

The labor force participation rate,

which measures the proportion of the civilian population age 16 and older that is employed or actively looking for work, increased to 66.9 percent in November, which is the highest labor force participation rate experienced in Virginia since March 2012.

According to BLS LAUS, Virginia’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November increased by 0.2 percentage points to 2.9 percent, which is 0.3 percentage points below the rate from a year ago. The labor force increased by 9,331 to 4,624,846; and the number of employed Virginians increased by 47 to 4,492,761 as the number of unemployed residents increased by 9,284 to 132,085.

“Over the last year, all regions of the Commonwealth have seen employment growth,” said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater. “However, with 254,000 job openings in the Commonwealth, our commitment remains with providing the tools Virginians need to improve their

job situation and our employers with employees to fill these jobs.”

“Through our innovative framework, we are driving Virginia’s economy for the jobs of today leading to the future,” said Secretary of Commerce Caren Merrick. “We are encouraged by the number of Virginians continuing to seek job opportunities and to be an active participant in strengthening the vitality of the Commonwealth.”

BLS publishes an additional employment figure from its Current Employment Statistics Survey (“CES” or “establishment survey”). The CES survey uses payroll records of establishment employers and is designed to provide a count of jobs under which the employer pays unemployment insurance. The LAUS survey is based on household interviews conducted each month for the Bureau of Labor Statistics and provides comprehensive data on the labor force, including those who are employed and unemployed. Establishment survey data reflects changes for updated seasonal adjustment factors, and industry classification conversions (NAICS), as part of the annual benchmarking process.

The household survey only distinguishes between whether a person is employed or unemployed, whereas CES counts each employee that is on an employer’s payroll. CES excludes business owners, self-employed persons, unpaid volunteers and private household workers, and those on unpaid leave or not working because of a labor dispute.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment data is produced for eleven industry sectors. In November, eight experienced over-the-month job gains, one remained unchanged, and two experienced a decline. The largest job gain occurred in Government (+2,000) to 743,000. The second largest job gain occurred in Leisure and Hospitality (+1,300) to 409,700. The third largest job gain occurred in Education and Health Services (+1,100) to 584,900. The other gains were in Construction (+900) to 214,000; Information (+600) to 71,100; Financial Activities (+400) to 217,500; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+400) to 671,100; and Manufacturing (+100) to 246,800. Miscellaneous Services remained unchanged.

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For this year’s “Healthy Food for Healthier Tomorrows Food & Nutrition Drive” contest, hospital colleagues used approximately 800 canned vegetables and nearly 150 boxes of stuffing to construct a human-sized “Etch A Sketch.”

“Our colleagues continually show up for our patients, their families, and our communities,” said Amy Woods, chief nursing officer. “We are elated to make a significant donation to such a worthy organization that helps our friends, families, and neighbors.”

For this year’s “Healthy Food for Healthier Tomorrows Food & Nutrition Drive” contest, hospital colleagues used approximately 800 canned vegetables and nearly 150 boxes of stuffing to construct a human-sized “Etch A Sketch.” The structure weighs more than 800 pounds and was one of three national winners selected to receive an additional grant to a local food bank.

Feeding Southwest Virginia was founded in 1981 and commemorates over 40 years of fighting hunger and

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changing lives through community partnerships. The food bank has a network of 380 partner programs in a 26-county, nine-city region that provides food or meals to those in need. “We are grateful and honored by this gift from LewisGale Medical Center and the HCA Healthcare Foundation,” said Bob Frampton, chief operating officer of Feeding Southwest Virginia. “We’ve had a longstanding partnership with the hospital, and these funds will not only strengthen our organization but also benefit our community.”

Food insecurity, the lack of consistent access to enough food to have an active, healthy lifestyle, affects one in nine American families. The United States Department of Agriculture reports that 17 million U.S. households were food insecure at some point in 2022.

Roanoke College

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a great experience and remains close to some of his fraternity brothers. VanOrden, who just finished a stint as president of Pi Kappa Phi at Roanoke, said the fraternity has already been one of the tightest bonds he’s experienced in his life. Since he decided to do Journey of Hope, he has received overwhelming support from members outside his own chapter, including many of the men who participated in Journey of Hope in the past.

“It doesn’t matter what age you are; it doesn’t matter what you look like or what you believe in. We’re all out there together biking, and there’s something about that unity that will last forever,” VanOrden said. “And I’m so excited to get out there with those guys and just meet them and become their best friend.”

That Pi Kapp support is extending into the fitness center, where VanOrden is doing specialized training five days per week to prepare for his cross-country adventure. Although none of his Roanoke fraternity brothers are doing the ride, several are hitting the stationary bikes, going for runs or spending time in the weight room with VanOrden to keep him motivated and feeling supported.

Each Journey of Hope cyclist must raise at least \$6,500 to participate. A

small portion of that sum covers meals and lodging, although most of that is provided by friends and organizations along the route. The lion’s share helps fund grants to support the disabled community.

VanOrden is near the front of the pack in donations, which he has raised mostly through word of mouth and social media. But he hasn’t reached the finish line yet — he aims to raise at least \$7,500, which would help cover the cost of a bicycle for his trip. He would be delighted to donate even more than that to the cause.

To contribute, visit VanOrden’s fundraiser page or mail a check to The Ability Experience at 3701 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC, 28273. Be sure to write “Connor VanOrden” on the memo line.

“Throughout the whole thing, I’ve been trying to let people know that anything, whether it’s a monetary donation or advice that they can give, or even spreading the message of what The Ability Experience is as a philanthropy, is helpful,” VanOrden said. “I appreciate anybody and everyone who even considers helping me out along the way.”

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OPINION

Last week, House Republicans continued to fight against the obstructionism and business-as-usual attitudes of Senate Democrats and the Biden White House. We successfully passed legislation I introduced to restore some accountability to the unelected bureaucracy that makes up most of the federal government. We also voted to require the president and his administration to comply with the impeachment inquiry being conducted by the House. We also celebrated the 387th birthday of the National Guard. As folks across the sixth district are celebrating over these next several weeks, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas from my family to yours.

Limiting Executive Overreach and Providing Accountability in Rulemaking

Too often, costly regulatory burdens are initiated and issued by unelected career bureaucrats, rather than an individual appointed by the President, and confirmed by the Senate. That is unacceptable, which is why last week the House passed my H.R. 357, the Ensuring Accountability in Agency Rulemaking Act. This bipartisan legislation would rein in unelected career bureaucrats' power to impose regulations and provide greater accountability to taxpayers in the rulemaking process. Passing this common-sense bill brings us one step closer to a government that's for the people, by the people.

NDAAs

Earlier this year, the House passed a version of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (NDAAs), which I supported, that was the most pro-life, pro-America defense bill in recent memory, prioritizing supporting our troops at home and protecting our national interests abroad. Unfortunately, the final version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAAs) that Congress passed last week contained



Ben Cline
Congressman

very little of these measures. The legislation did not end taxpayer funded abortion and transgender surgeries, and it did not combat the harmful regulations imposed by Biden's climate police.

While making sure that we have the best trained military in the world is vital, this defense funding bill is loaded with radical, woke policies and renews the intelligence agencies' authority to spy on Americans without a warrant. That is why I could not in good conscience support this bill. Rest assured, I will never stop fighting to uphold conservative values and defend our constitutional freedoms.

Delivering the Answers the American People Deserve

For the past several months, the American people have seen evidence that outlines President Biden's involvement in his family's foreign business dealings. As elected officials, we have a duty to provide the accountability and transparency that Americans demand and deserve.

That is why House Republicans passed H. Res. 918, which ensures the American people will receive answers. This resolution directs the committees to continue their investigation as part of an existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach President Biden.

I fully support the impeachment inquiry, and I will

continue to follow the facts wherever they lead.

Expanding Milk Choice in Schools For Healthier Kids

Whole milk is a healthy option for our kids, yet federal mandates have banned schools from serving it for the past 13 years. What's worse, the Biden Administration has proposed not only continuing to limit milk options to fat-free and low-fat types, but also prohibiting students from drinking flavored milk until high school.

Big Government has no business dictating what milk your child can drink. That is why House Republicans passed H.R. 1147, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2023, which would give schools the option to serve all types of milk, including whole and 2 percent. This is a big win for parental and students, as well as our dairy farmers who provide nutritious milk we enjoy.

Happy 387th Birthday United States National Guard

In recognition of 387 years of the National Guard, we honored the resilience, service, and unwavering commitment of our guardsmen to our great Nation. Throughout the years, the men and women have stood tall, facing adversity with bravery, and demonstrating what it means to serve others. To the National Guard, thank you for being "Always Ready, Always There."

Recognizing Our Interns

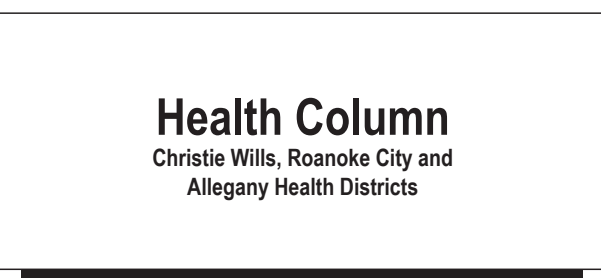
Every semester, we are blessed with the greatest interns to serve the people of Virginia's Sixth District. We applaud each and every one of them for doing a fantastic job in our DC office and wish them nothing but success in their future endeavors.

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

You can quit your way – tobacco cessation support

Sometimes stopping something can be as hard as challenging yourself to start something new. If you are thinking about quitting tobacco and would like some help for a fresh start in the new year, a quitline might be just what you need to succeed.

Quit Now Virginia (800-QUIT-NOW) provides free telephone- and web-based tobacco cessation coaching to all Virginians over age 13 who are interesting in kicking their nicotine habit, as well as people looking to help a loved one to quit. A range of coaching services is available for all tobacco usage: cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vaping, and smokeless tobacco products like snuff, snus, and dip. Access to tobacco cessation medication known



as "nicotine replacement therapy (NRT)" is also available, usually in the form of patches or gum.

Tobacco products work by rapidly delivering nicotine to your brain. Over time, nicotine changes how your brain works by making it used to having nicotine around. When you stop smoking, your brain can become irritable. You may have trouble concentrating or sleeping, experience strong urges to smoke, or just feel uncomfortable. These "withdrawal" sensations can last for some time, making it challenging to quit, but the great news is that they will improve after a few weeks.

Quitlines provide free coaching to help you adjust to not having tobacco in your system. Quit coaches are trained to help people succeed, and are typically available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They understand what you are going through because many of them used to smoke themselves. Coaches will help you on your journey as good listeners, providing encouragement and offering helpful tips.

Quit Now Virginia can support you to quit your way: whether you prefer one-on-one coaching sessions

with a trained coach using phone, text, or online chat, or whether you prefer being with others through online group coaching. Thanks to personalized coaching and tracking, as well as tools for in-the-moment urge management, programs like this have been shown to help people break their nicotine habits.

Coaching services through Quit Now Virginia are available completely free of charge. Once you are enrolled, quit coaches can help you access medicines that may be beneficial to you, either using your health insurance benefits, or through community programs for people who do not have health insurance. In addition, they can offer tips and support on topics such as:

- How to deal with cravings and withdrawal.
- How to get the right kind of help from your friends and family.
- What websites, apps, and texting programs might help you quit.
- Whether to use quit-smoking medication and how to use it.

You don't have to already be tobacco-free, or even ready to quit before you call the quitline. Quit coaches can help you explore your concerns and doubts about quitting and help you identify new solutions. Even if you don't use tobacco, you may be worried about the health of a friend or loved one who smokes. Quit line coaches can also help you come up with a plan to help them.

If you use tobacco or other nicotine products and are even thinking about quitting for a healthier start to 2024, please know that Quit Now Virginia is there, ready to support you in whatever way works for you.

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Cork

Artisanal charcuterie spreads and an extensive selection of wines round out the fare.

Stave & Cork is not looking to compete with the established breweries and other eateries. What they do is help each other, "we want to support the other businesses on Main Street, we're here to build Salem up, to make it a destination," said Susan. "We consistently get referrals from some of the other businesses downtown

and we do the same back to them," Bobby added.

Patrons should visit Stave and Cork's website for a virtual preview of their offerings. The taste room concept allows customers to explore wines without committing to a full bottle, promoting a travel-like experience.

Offering 12 wines monthly, Stave & Cork encourages patrons to feel like they're at a winery, emphasizing the experience over a

typical wine bar. The community's overwhelmingly positive feedback and a growing number of repeat customers reflect the success of their venture. "If you only come in 12 times a year, you'll get to taste 144 wines in a year," Bobby remarked.

Susan added, "We really want you to feel like you're at a winery, when you come in here, this is not a wine bar, it's an experience, where we're bringing the winery to you."

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 - 1. Product or ___ (abbr.)
 - 4. Zodiac sign
 - 9. S. China seaport
 - 14. Former OSS
 - 15. Early English printer
 - 16. Aphid genus
 - 17. General's assistant (abbr.)
 - 18. Aussies
 - 20. Dissuades
 - 22. Make law
 - 23. Drench
 - 24. Soak in a liquid
 - 28. Male child
 - 29. It cools your home
 - 30. Small constellation
 - 31. To call (archaic)
 - 33. Explores beneath the Earth
 - 37. Commercial
 - 38. W. hemisphere organization

- 39. You can find it in a can
 - 41. "Land of the free"
 - 42. 36 inches
 - 43. Footwear
 - 44. Challenges
 - 46. They hold things together
 - 49. Of 1
 - 50. Partner to flow
 - 51. Not connected by kinship
 - 55. Worries
 - 58. Garlic mayonnaise
 - 59. A way to take by force
 - 60. Legendary English rockers
 - 64. Your consciousness of your own identity
 - 65. Fencing swords
 - 66. Silly
 - 67. Actor DiCaprio
 - 68. Encircles with a belt
 - 69. Mails a message

- 70. Longing

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Horse mackerels
 - 2. It can be viral
 - 3. Prickly plants
 - 4. Consciousness
 - 5. Type of sarcoma
 - 6. Tax collector
 - 7. Sun up in New York
 - 8. One who scorches
 - 9. Influential psychotherapist
 - 10. Situated at an apex
 - 11. Communicative
 - 12. Forearm nerve
 - 13. Former CIA
 - 19. Folk singer DiFranco
 - 21. Employee stock ownership plan
 - 24. Large-scale
 - 25. School environment
 - 26. Remove
 - 27. Male parents
 - 31. Large rodent
 - 32. Weighed down
 - 34. Held tightly
 - 35. ___ route: going there
 - 36. Exclamation of surprise
 - 41. Courteously
 - 45. Lying down
 - 47. Judge
 - 48. Forcefully took
 - 52. Loosely compacted sediment
 - 53. High mountain
 - 54. Portable conical tents
 - 56. Cereal grass
 - 57. Dining utensil
 - 59. Thoughtful
 - 60. Helps you walk
 - 61. Indicates near
 - 62. Midway between northeast and east
 - 63. Local area network

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Youngkin unveils 'Unleashing Opportunity' budget



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Youngkin is pictured while unveiling his budget proposal.

RICHMOND— Last week, Gov. Glenn Youngkin unveiled his proposed “Unleashing Opportunity” budget during a presentation to the General Assembly’s Joint Money Committee. The budget proposal, his office said, modernizes Virginia’s tax code and bolsters investments in job growth, workforce development, needed behavioral and mental health support for Virginians, safe communities, good governance measures and ushers in the largest education budget in Virginia’s history.

“Today, I am proud to present our ‘Unleashing Opportunity’ budget as part of a bold, necessary path forward. Virginia is on the verge of winning the fierce competition among our peer states for jobs, innovation, residents, and opportunity,” Youngkin said. “Unleashing Opportunity means allowing Virginians to keep more of their hard-earned money, being prepared to take good jobs with a great education, in safe communities, where they can find the resources they need when they need them, in a state that understands what taking care of God’s natural resources means, with a

government that works efficiently for all Virginians.”

Budget measures

Youngkin’s proposed budget supports critical initiatives, including:

Tax reform

- Provides Virginians an additional \$1 billion in tax relief over the biennium
- Cuts income tax rates for all Virginians by 12%
- Enables low-income Virginians to claim an enhanced Virginia Earned Income Tax Credit, equal to 25% of the federal EITC on top of their 12% individual tax rate cut
- Modernizes Virginia’s tax code and diversifies the tax base by closing the big tech tax loophole and increasing the sales and use tax

Unleashing opportunity

- Invites and challenges our General Assembly members to eliminate the personal property tax on vehicles.
- Unleashes \$100 million to grow high-wage high-tech jobs in Virginia’s emerging “Research Triangle” focused on biotechnology, life science and pharmaceutical manufacturing industries.
- Provides \$150 million to bring state IT systems into the 21st century

Further drive excellence in education

- Proposes the largest education budget in the history of the Commonwealth, with a record \$24 billion investment in our public schools with a nearly \$1 billion increase to support our teachers, students, and parents compared to the previous budget.
- Provides \$60 million in ongoing support for Lab Schools to help

the operating costs of new and innovative schools throughout the commonwealth

- Allocates \$40 million to establish the “Diploma Plus” program, to help ensure that every student can obtain an industry-recognized credential in a high-demand field.
- Appropriates \$17 million for campus safety and security in coordination with the State Police’s Fusion Center
- Provides a one percent bonus for K-12 for state funded instructional and support positions.
- Supports reading specialists with \$61 million over the biennium; a \$53 million teacher bonus, on top of the 2% early raise in teacher salaries, starting next month that carries into 2025, and another \$122 million supporting a 2% raise in 2026

Ensuring a quality environment for our children and empowering working parents

- Provides over \$448 million for the “Building Blocks for Virginia Families” initiative to provide high quality early childhood programs for low income families.
- Ensures that the families of the 27,000 children, currently at risk of following the discontinuation of federal pandemic relief funds, will have alternatives available for their childcare needs.
- Provides \$25 million in funding for an incentive grant program to create early learning hubs in partnership with our institution of higher education and localities.
- Allows greater capacity at our

childcare centers by continuing the successful use of greater flexibility relating to child-to-staff ratios.

Right help, right now

- Delivers more than \$335 million to help meet the Governor’s promise to eliminate the Priority 1 wait list for Developmental Disability Waiver slots.
- Allocates more than \$138 million dollars as part of the Right Help, Right Now initiative, allowing more money for start-up expenses of additional new crisis centers, increasing the number of mobile crisis units, offering student mental health services, and increasing the pay for hard-to-fill roles in our state mental health facilities.
- Improves the safety, security, and quality of our long-neglected state mental health facilities with nearly \$60 million in repairs and upgrades at the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Safe communities and bold blue line plan

- Advancing the Bold Blue Line Initiative, the Governor’s budget provides nearly \$26 million to address compression for law enforcement, \$18 million for law enforcement recruitment and wellness, and allocates \$33 million for increased salaries for deputy sheriffs and regional jail officers.
- Appropriates \$25 million in FY 25 and \$18 million in FY 26 for return the Lawrenceville Correctional Center to state management

-The Salem Times-Register

FROM THE ARCHIVES

ROANOKE COLLEGE LEADS SECTION FOR 85 YEARS

Founded At Mt. Tabor Nearly A Century Ago-Enrollment Near 400 Today

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

All the drama and romance of higher education in the South has been packed into the life story of Roanoke College, the beginnings of which reach themselves back into the pioneer days of Southwest Virginia.

Roanoke College did not spring from some great endowment fund left in the interest of higher education by some philanthropic soul, and it was not a milestone in the slow process of state-supported higher education in Virginia. This college, now one of the most select of the smaller independent institutions of learning in the South, sprang up as a result of a dream in the mind of a country preacher, David F. Bittle.

It is nearly a century ago that David Bittle, pastor of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church in Augusta County, decided that there was need for a school for young men in his section. Pastor Bittle was a man of action as well as a dreamer, so in 1842 he put his idea to the test, with the aid of another young preacher, C. C. Baughman, who had resigned a pastorate at Jefferson, Md., due to an affliction of the throat.

With about a dozen pupils entered on its roll the school began under the name of “Virginia Institute”. The first building was a one-storied structure, soon to be followed by a second, a two-storied affair with four rooms. Land and building materials were contributed by parishioners of The Rev. Bittle and some little monies were furnished by more distant friends of the enterprise.

Walked Three Miles To Church

In this simple fashion the dream of David Bittle became fact, however humble the beginning. On Sunday the boys walked three miles to Mt. Tabor Church to attend services. To secure their mail at the Middlebrook post office a tramp of similar distance was necessitated. Life was simple for them, but it was wholesomely pleasant. The homes of the parishioners were thrown open to them, and the friendly interest of the people of the County was an inspiration both to the students and to the heads of the school.

Time passed and the school grew, spurred on by the virile personality of Pastor Bittle and the thorough scholarship of The Reverend Baughman. The work of the institute caught the attention of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia. In May 1843 the Synod took action to establish, with the cooperation of the Synod of West Virginia (now a part of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia), a classical school. The group looked with pleasure on the promising work already being done at Virginia Institute, and the school received subsequently the support of the Church. At first considerable discussion revolved around the matter of location, two sites being considered—one at Churchville the other at Mt. Tabor. The latter was finally decided upon, probably due to the decided advantage the buildings and school offered.

Transferred To Church

Details of the transfer of the school from independent to church hands are lacking, but the annual report of the school was made to the Synod in 1844 and showed considerable progress in curriculum offerings and an increase in the number of students to the total of seventeen.

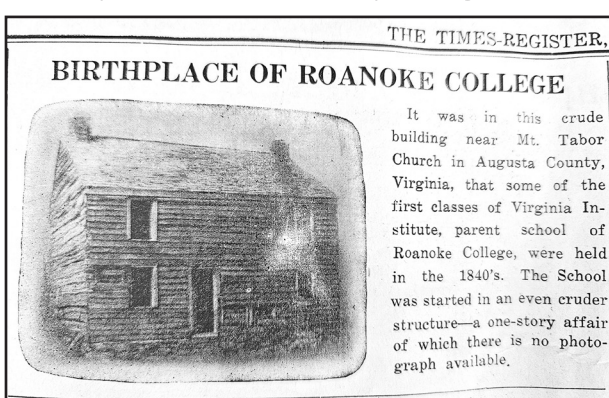
In 1844, The Reverend Bittle severed his connection with the school in order to accept a new parish at Middletown, Maryland. The work of directing the struggling institution was carried on by the Reverend Baughman. To strengthen the school and to dignify its work it was deemed wise to apply for an act of incorporation by the Legislature of Virginia. This was done and on January 30, 1845, the Virginia Collegiate Institute was incorporated. The action resulted in stronger support and the stimulation of interest by leading citizens throughout the Valley and the Synod of Virginia.

Though the infant institution continued to grow, it soon became evident a better location would be to the advantage of its program of growth and improvement. Among the situations recommended was Salem, Virginia, described as “beautiful for situation.”

Moved To Salem

Finally, the decision was made, and in 1847 the school was moved to the little town that nestled by the water of the Roanoke and the mountains of Southwest Virginia. A Newton wagon, the dry land schooner of that day, transported the principal and his belongings and those of the school to the new home. The entry into Salem was anything but pretentious.

However, kindly relations were established quickly and fine friendships, the kind that have been the fertile soil on which the college has grown, soon sprang up. Four acres of land were purchased from W. C. Williams, and the contract was let for the first building. The contractor, Benjamin Deyerle, laid the brick of the front of the building with his own hands, perhaps somehow



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knowing that he was building the physical foundations of a great college. Since some time would elapse before the new building would be completed, first classes were held in an old, dismantled Baptist Church, then standing within the present limits of East Hill Cemetery. That continued through the first summer term in Salem. The winter term and subsequent ones were conducted in the Presbyterian Academy at the other end of town.

The published catalogue for 1848-49 reported forty names on the roll for the school. The mess club system prevailed making the matter of board a most inexpensive one for the students. Instruction was given by The Reverend Baughman, the principal, and his assistant, John E. Herbst.

In the autumn of 1848, the new building was occupied. It presented a pleasing picture to those who had known the school from the beginning; built of substantial brick, it rose three stories above the basement. This building now stands, being the middle section of the present Administration Building. In 1849 another interesting development was the planting of trees on the campus, the beginning of what today is the grand old grove on the front campus.

Form Literary Societies

1850 saw two literary societies—for so many years a vital part of the work from the institution-formed. The Ciceronian and the Demosthenian societies immediately gathered unto themselves a tremendous interest and stimulated a fine rivalry in the speech arts.

A marked increase in students, especially from other states, became evident in 1851, and it was in this year that the west wing of the present Administration Building was erected. With the increase in students and the improvement of the general circumstances of the school also came other problems. One of them was the proposal to incorporate it as a college.

Those who favored such a move felt that it was only a feeder for colleges as maintained, while others felt that a change would not be to any advantage. From some of the members of the Board of Trustees came strong opposition.

But finally, the decision was made, and a bill was introduced in the Legislature of Virginia by John McCauley, then representing Roanoke County, and on March 14, 1853, the act was passed and Roanoke College came into existence as a chartered institution.

That same spring The Reverend Baughman, who had rendered such faithful service both as teacher and as principal of the Institute, resigned to become the head of The Hagerstown Female Institute.

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College was held on June 3, 1853. Their main task was to elect a president to head the new development in the life of the school. Their thoughts turned to the determined and yet well-balanced personality of David D. Bittle, and he became their choice.

The first faculty was as follows:

The Reverend David F. Bittle, president and professor of Intellectual and Moral Science; S. C. Wells, professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy and Henry G. VonHoxar, professor of Ancient and Modern Languages and Literature.

September 1, 1853, found 38 students enrolled; during the 1937-38 session 397 carefully selected students were on the books of the registrar.

During the Civil War the growth of the young college was halted. The clay of the campus felt the hard tread of soldiers. Food was scarce, and educational starvation was not the only fear that gripped the stout heart of the college president. He bought and he begged food to feed his boys, and he argued military authorities into letting him keep the doors of the school open despite war that shook Virginia’s hills. Roanoke was the only Virginia college to remain open throughout the period of the War; Military drill was, however, a part of the daily route of older students.

For twenty-five years Dr. Bittle labored for the college. Through his energetic leadership, its scope was broadened, and the foundations of future progress laid securely. In 1878, Dr. Bittle died suddenly while in the midst of his duties. The Bittle Memorial Library is his monument—such a library had been one of his fondest dreams.

Present Library

The main part of the present library building was dedicated during the presidency of Dr. Julius D. Dreher, who began his work as director of the fortunes of the college in 1878. He, too, served for twenty-five years. He died October 9, 1937, in Clearwater, Fla., and maintained at the age of ninety-one and lively interest in the progress of the college.

During the presidency of Dr. Dreher, the South was still suffering from the ravages of the Civil War. Money was scarce. Financial collapse shadowed the struggling institution. But the new president was not dismayed. He traveled throughout the country, enlarging the territory from which the college drew its students and telling its story to people of means who became its generous friends. In a period of great crisis, Dr. Dreher was a leader of practical vision.

The next great leader of the college was Dr. John Alfred Morehead, and under his direction the college plant was modernized and enlarged. The curriculum was also expanded to meet the needs of a changing age, and additions were made to the teaching staff. Roanoke College was now fighting its way to the front among institutions of higher learning in Virginia.

New Conditions

New conditions were surrounding the college. Big Lick was no longer a village, but in its stead a “magic city” had come to be. The growth of Roanoke City and its emergence as one of the principal metropolitan centers of Virginia presented new challenges to the administration of the school. Dr. Morehead was a builder, and he was greatly responsible for placing the college in a position to meet the challenge of the new city which had grown up at its door.

In 1919 Dr. Morehead, heeding the call to a broader field of service, resigned from the presidency. He had accepted vast responsibilities as director of agencies of relief to Lutheran peoples in the war-stricken area of Europe. His services to world Lutheranism and world religion during the dark days of the World War brought him the acclaim of kings. Later he became president of the World Lutheran Congress and served in many other international religious capacities. Finally, worn out from his arduous labors, he came back to Salem, the town of his college, and there he died June 1, 1936.

The present leader of the college, Dr. Charles J. Smith, came to his post in 1929. A graduate in the Class of 1901, the new president brought to the campus an energetic leadership and a practical grasp of the opportunities and challenges that confronted the college. Under his direction new buildings have been erected, the endowment and scholarship funds have been greatly increased, and the curriculum has been expanded and diversified to meet the needs of specialization, especially in the scientific fields. The most modern equipment has been provided in the laboratories, the gymnasium, and the theater.

Dr. C. J. Smith

Since Dr. Smith became president, the present athletic field has been established, with its quarter mile track, playing field, and well-appointed tennis courts. The new gymnasium, one of the most complete in the South, was erected in 1930, the Laboratory Theater was established several years ago, the Bittle Memorial Library has been completely refinished and modernized, and the interior of West Hall has been renovated and the building given over entirely to the Physics and Engineering Department. Within the last few years, the west campus has been relandscaped, and a new Memorial Gateway from High Street built, the gift of the Class of 1933.

Today Roanoke has one of the most beautiful campuses in Virginia, its equipment ranks with that of universities, its faculty is admittedly outstanding among smaller colleges of the South, its student body is carefully selected and well distributed in scope. A far cry indeed from the day John McCauley introduced his bill for the chartering of the institution eighty-four years ago.

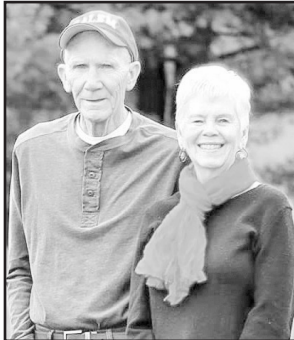
The drama of a near century still goes on. The college that began as a dream within the mind of a country preacher is still advancing to meet new educational opportunities and to spread wider the great circle of its influence.

-Prepared by Lisa King

OBITUARIES

Hatcher, James Donald "Donnie"

Hughes, Amanda Robbins



Kevin Cox, Trenton Wright, Caleb Wright and Haley Patterson; great-grandchildren, Cayden Legra and Roman Legra; and his special nephew, Jimmy Richardson and special niece, Jennifer Crawford.

A graveside service will be held at Sherwood Memorial Park on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Kevin Cox officiating. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be expressed to the Hatcher family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.



Amanda Robbins Hughes, 37, of Greensboro, North Carolina, was called home on December 14, 2023. She was born on May 2, 1986.

Amanda was predeceased by her father, Richard Robbins; grandparents, Fred and Mildred Doyle; and her special nephew, Robert "TJ" Watkins; and two of her beloved fur-babies, Maestro and Beretta.

Surviving Amanda is her husband of 16 years, Nathaniel Hughes. Also left here cherishing her memory are Amanda's mother, Brenda Doyle Robbins (Ken Dalton); sister, Michelle (Greg) Bloom; nieces, Kenzie (Brian) Cuddy and Kristina (Tyler) Harrison; and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and, not to forget, her fur-babies consisting of five dachshunds and a lab, all whom she loved dearly.

Amanda was a 2004 graduate of Glenvar High School in Salem, VA. Upon graduation she attended UNCG where she received a Masters Degree in Music Education while simultaneously receiving

Broad River. She also enjoyed traveling and experiencing new places. She cherished spending time with her family and her dogs but, most of all, her treasured husband, Nathaniel, the absolute love of her life.

It is undeniable that Amanda was brilliant, talented and kind hearted. Perhaps one of her most "distinguished" gifts was her laugh. It went far beyond lighting up a room. When Amanda laughed a past classmate would seek her out from across the restaurant. When Amanda laughed, a tour guide would look back at the group they were leading and laugh harder with her. When Amanda laughed, it was as melodic as her flute playing, crescendoing into a roomful of smiles and the warmth of love. She will be greatly missed by so many.

Per her request, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Doxie By Proxy (a dachshund rescue) at <http://www.doxiebyproxy.org/donate>.

watching the squirrels. Left to cherish his memory are daughters, Sherry Viars, and her husband, Martin, and Donna Wright; sisters, Judy Thacker and Linda Crawford; grandchildren, Kelsey and Jerry Legra, Zachary and Kallie Wright, Kayleigh and

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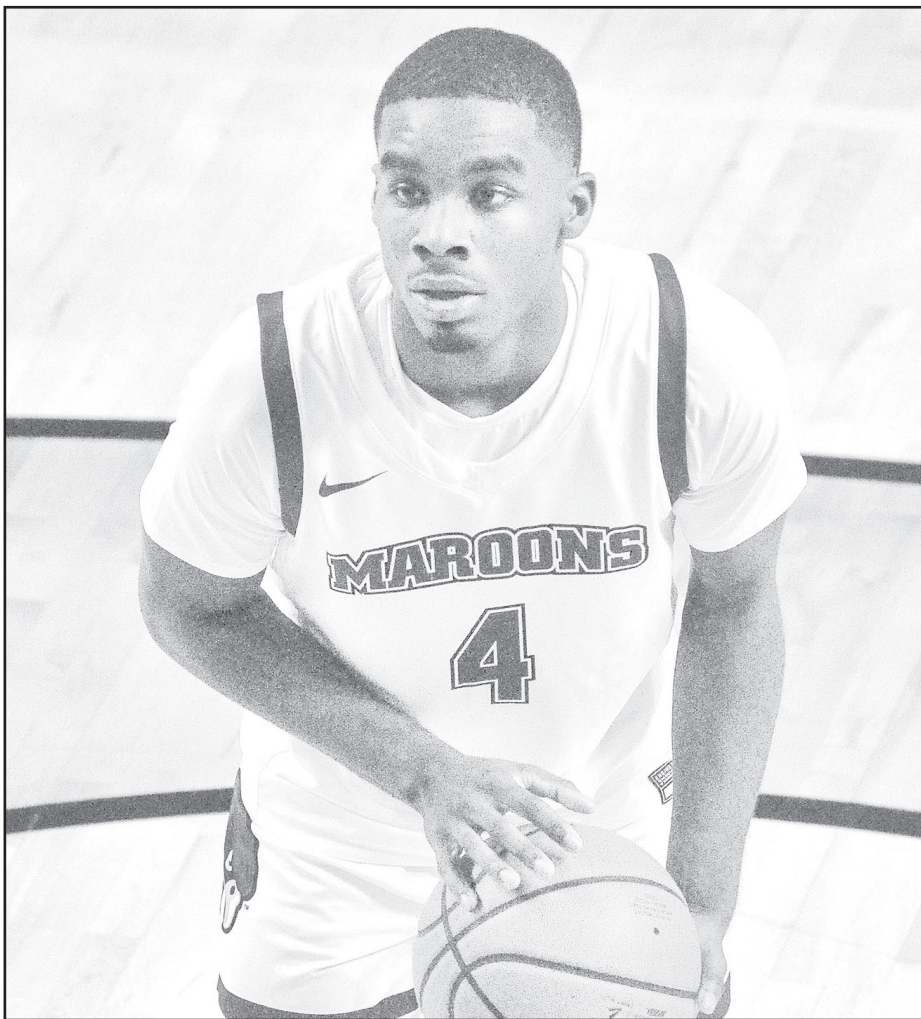


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Josh McClary studies a free throw at a recent Roanoke College game in Salem.

Maroons will host Cregger Invitational this weekend

The Roanoke College men's basketball team will host the annual Cregger Invitational at the Cregger Center in Salem this weekend. The four team tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday.

Roanoke will open the tournament with a noon game against Worcester State on Friday, followed by a game between Sewanee and Ohio Wesleyan at 2 pm. A consolation game will be held at noon Saturday and Friday's winners will play for the Cregger championship at 2 pm Saturday afternoon.

The Maroons come into the tournament with a 4-6 record after splitting two games at the Catholic Classic in Washington, D.C. last week. Roanoke won the opener over Eastern University of Pennsylvania, 79-71, on December 19. Joshua Morse led the Maroons with 20 points, followed by Zach Rosenthal with 18 and Justin Kuthan with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

On December 20 the Maroons played for the tournament championship and dropped a 99-72 decision to Catholic University, the host team. Josh McClary led RC with 21 points and Rosenthal had 20.

The loss dropped the Maroons to 4-6 on the season. They're still winless after four Old Dominion Athletic Conference games and they'll look to break into the win column next Wednesday, January 3rd, when they host Averett University at the Cregger Center at 7 pm.

RC women are home to play in Susan Dunagan Holiday Classic

The 2023 Susan Dunagan Holiday Classic basketball tournament will be held this Friday and Saturday at the Roanoke College Cregger Center, honoring the long time Maroon women's coach.

Host Roanoke will open the action on Friday at 5 pm when the Maroons take on York. The second game of Friday's doubleheader will match Hollins University against Lancaster Bible at 7 pm. On Saturday Hollins will play York at 5 pm followed by RC against Lancaster Bible at 7 pm in predetermined matchups.

The Maroons come into the tournament at 6-4 after splitting two games in Tennessee last week at the Nashville Tournament. The Maroons dropped their opener on December 19 against

Central of Iowa, 69-56, as Central outscored RC 20-7 in the third quarter after holding a one-point lead at the half. Madison Nereu had 14 points and Rose Sande had 13 to lead the Maroons and Ingrid Moraes had six rebounds.

A day later the Maroons bounced back with a 61-57 win over North Park of Illinois. Nereu and Sande paced the Maroons again with 14 points each and Jada Steele had a career high 11. Sande also had 15 rebounds.

The Maroons will hit the road next week as they travel to Lexington Wednesday for a 4:30 pm Old Dominion Athletic Conference game with Washington & Lee. They'll be back home Saturday, January 6, to host Virginia Wesleyan at 2 pm.

Maroons hire football DC

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2016) and once as a player (2003).

"My family and I could not be more excited to join the Roanoke College community," said Giancola. "Helping to restart the football program at Roanoke was an opportunity we had a great desire to be a part of. My ties to the Roanoke Valley and Salem areas are strong. I graduated from Virginia Tech, and even did my student teaching here at both Northside High School and Andrew Lewis Middle School. Coming back here to contribute in such a substantial way is amazing. I want to thank Coach Stinespring, our Director of Athletics Curtis Campbell, and the entire community for welcoming us with open arms."

Giancola and his wife, Michelle, have a son, Jonathan, and a daughter, Ophelia.

Draper is Academic All-District in volleyball

The season might have ended, but awards are still coming in for the Roanoke women's volleyball team as Kylee Draper has been named Academic All-District by CSC (formerly CoSIDA).

Draper, a business administration major with minors in accounting and sports analytics, earned a spot with a 3.658 overall GPA. She finished the season with 562 assists, 231 digs, and 32 aces. For her career, Draper has 1,696 assists, 548 digs, 103 service aces and 79 kills.

New assistant lacrosse coach for Roanoke men's team

Roanoke College head men's lacrosse coach Bill Pilat has named Zach Louie as an assistant coach.

Prior to joining the Maroons' coaching staff Louie served as the head coach at fellow ODAC member Ferrum College. He first joined Ferrum's staff as Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach in 2020-21, and was named Interim Head Coach in August 2022. He was then named Head Men's Lacrosse Coach in October 2022.

A 2019 Roanoke College graduate, Louie played in 32 games for a Maroon defense that averaged only 9.64 goals-against per game. He received the Paul S. Griffin coach's award for dedication and leadership to the program at Roanoke.



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Rose Sande of Roanoke College had 14 points and 15 rebounds in the Maroons' win over North Park in Nashville, TN last week.

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Salem wrestlers take 2nd in Big Orange

The Salem "Ironmen" wrestling team finished a strong second to Lord Botetourt in the annual Big Orange Classic in Vinton last week. The oldest continuous wrestling tournament in the Roanoke Valley is hosted by William Byrd High School.

Botetourt scored 248 points in winning the tournament, followed by Salem with 220. Host Byrd was third at 204 and Northside was fourth with 190 points.

The Spartans had three champions in the tournament. At 113 freshman Derek Bush remained undefeated with two byes and three pins, including a 2:58 fall over Devin Rice of Hidden Valley in the championship match. Derek is now 19-0.

Salem finished strong, with championship efforts in the last two weight classes. At 215 Linkin Callahan won the Big Orange title with a 4:31 pin of Northside's Anthony Nolan in the final. Linkin is now 18-1.

Finally, at 285, Andrew Brooks pulled somewhat of an upset when he defeated Cave Spring's Preston Lonker in overtime, 6-4. Andrew won four matches last week to improve his record to 17-2.

Salem also picked up a third place at 285 with Robert Herndon. He lost to Lonker in the semifinal, 2-0, then won the consolation final, 3-2 over Jason Bethea of Bassett.

The Spartans also picked up valuable points with fourth places from Patrick Patterson at 106 and Charlie McDonald at 138. Caden Wright placed fifth at 150 and Tolin Saul took sixth at 165 to score for Salem.

The Spartans are now off until January 5 and 6 when they'll compete in a tournament at Liberty Christian Academy in Lynchburg.

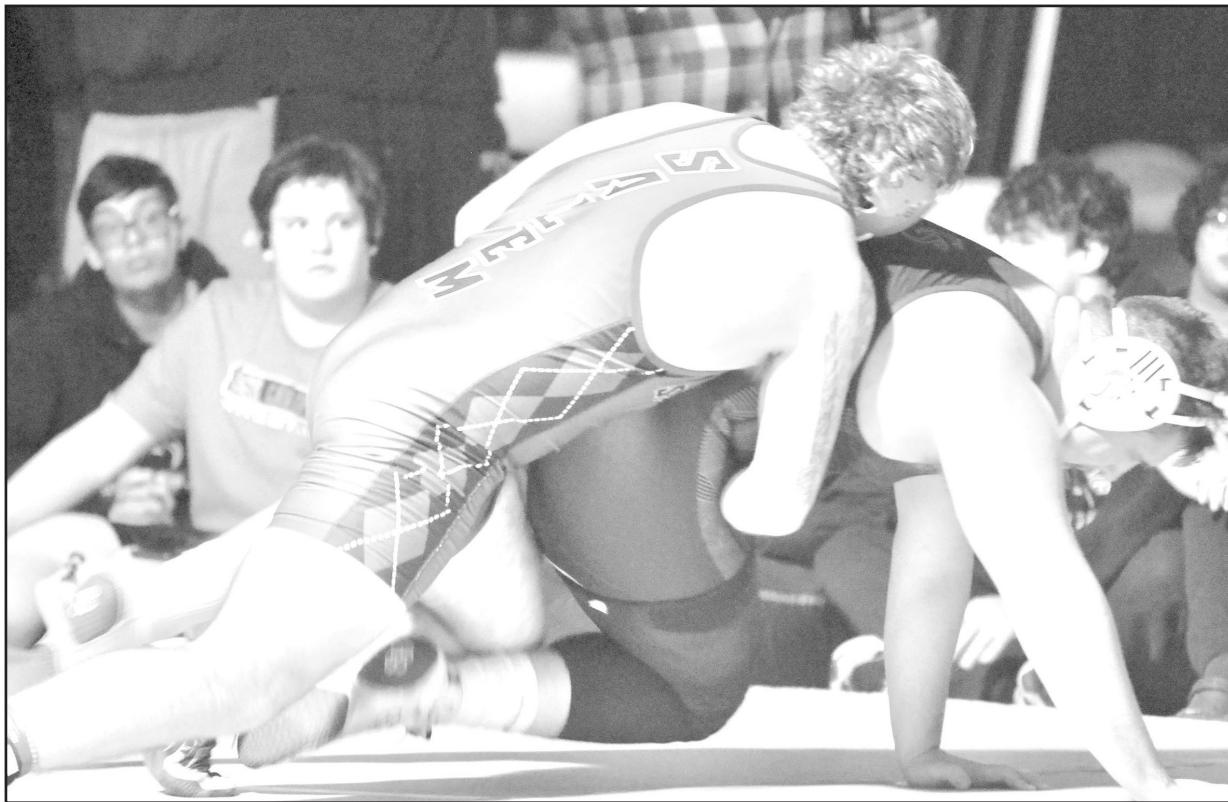


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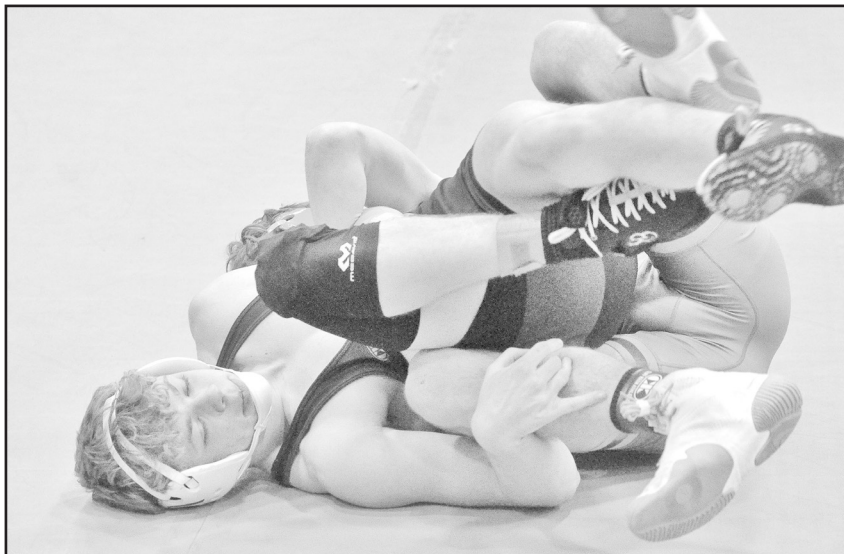


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Above, Salem's Andrew Brooks is in control in his 285 pound championship match against Cave Spring's Preston Lonker at the Big Orange Classic Saturday. Left, Tolin Saul is tangled up with William Byrd's Stephen Underwood in a 165 pound consolation match, and below Derek Bush of Salem has the upper hand against Devin Rice of Hidden Valley. Bush remained undefeated with a Big Orange championship at 113.

GHS 10th in W. VA

The Glenvar High wrestlers finished 10th among 22 strong teams in the "Fallen Heroes" wrestling tournament in Beckley, West Virginia last week.

The Highlanders had one champion in Chase Miller. Senior Ethan Flowers finished third and his younger brother Jacob, a freshman, took sixth.

"Great learning experience against kids from a tough part of the country," said Glenvar coach Tim Miles. "With missing three starters due to sickness I was pleased with the team's performance."

The Highlanders are scheduled to wrestle in a tournament at Roanoke College on January 5 and 6.

Maroon wrestlers win three of four in Nashville, Samuel is ODAC Wrestler of the Week

The Roanoke wrestling team traveled to Music City for the 2023 Gator 'Boots' Duals on December 16. The Maroons returned to Salem with three wins and a close loss to the fifth ranked team in the country.

The Maroons opened with a 26-16 win over Trine. They beat Elmhurst, 33-8, before falling to fifth ranked Baldwin Wallace, 25-18. They finished strong by edging host Luther College, 20-19.

After going 3-0 on the weekend Roanoke's Mark Samuel has been named the ODAC Light Wrestler of the Week. Samuel opened the weekend with a 19-3 tech fall over Jett Boots of Trine, ranked sixth in the Central Region. In the dual against fifth ranked Baldwin Wallace, Samuel picked up a fall at 1:54 over Robert Palmieri. He closed out action in the Maroons' 20-19 win over host Luther with a major decision over Ryan Cripe, 11-3, who is ranked seventh in the Lower Midwest Region.

Roanoke will be back in action to close out the 2023 portion of their schedule at the Citrus Invitational in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Friday and Saturday.



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Swimmers take holiday break from pool

The Salem and Glenvar swim teams will both return from the holiday break when they hit the water on Tuesday, January 9, to begin their 2024 schedules. Salem will be at Franklin County while Glenvar will swim at the Salem

YMCA.

The Spartans wrapped up the 2023 portion of their schedule at the Salem Y last week, taking on Patrick Henry and Christiansburg. The PH girls and boys both won, and also won the combined

scores with 182 to 92 for Salem and 59 for Christiansburg.

Salem had some outstanding performances as Eliza Fleenor took first in both the 50 Free and 100 Fly. She also swam on the winning 200 meter

relay team with Aubrey Snead, Gracie Michael and Laci Barnes.

For the boys, Joren Poush won the 50 Free and was second in the 100 Breast while Zach Easter won the 100 Fly and was runnerup in the 100 Back.

Glenvar's last meet was December 12 at the Salem YMCA when the Highlanders took on Carroll County and Giles. The boys remained undefeated with an 88-57 win over Carroll and Giles does not have a boys team. The girls, who are now 3-1, beat Carroll, 77-45, and Giles, 70-51. Overall the team set 13 new personal records, three new state championship qualifying times and one new school record last night.

First place finishes for the boys included the medley relay team of Avery Thompson, Landon Cairns, Connor Wilkes and Kees VanGerven. Landon Cairns set a new state qualifying time winning the boys 200 individual medley and he also 100 Breaststroke setting a new state qualifying time and also breaking the school record. Connor Wilkes won the 50 Freestyle and the 100 Fly.

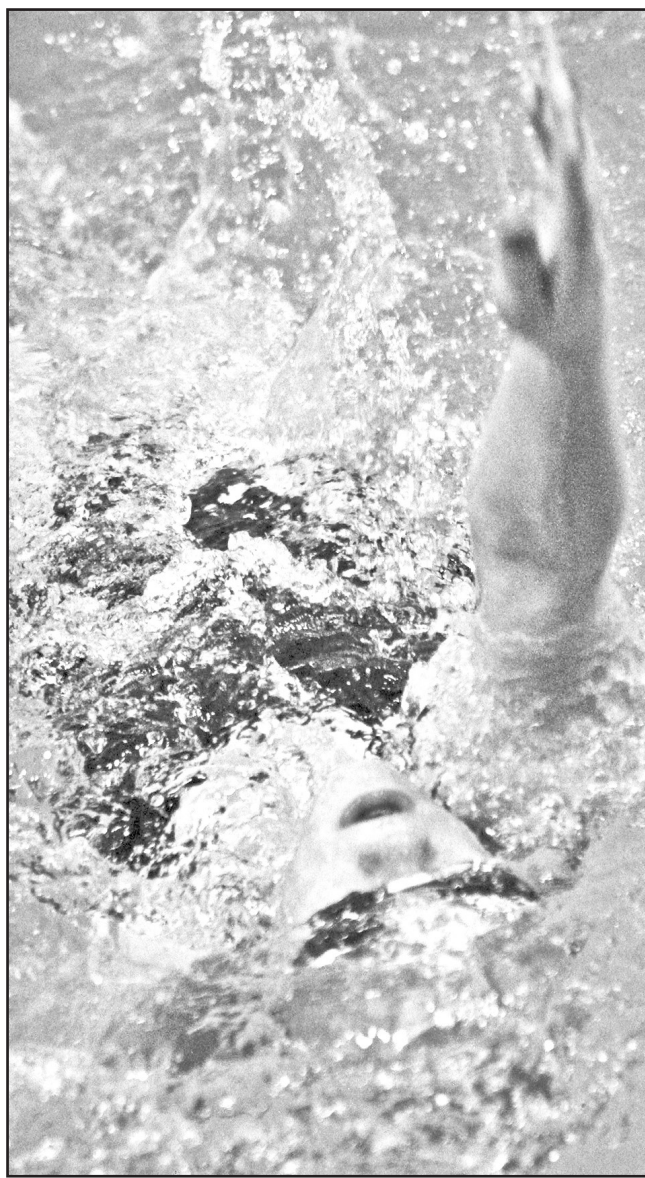
The boys 200 freestyle relay team of Ashton Meadows, Alec McIlwain, Cooper Ermel and Tyler Smith won the event. The boys 400 freestyle "A" relay of Thompson, VanGerven, Cairns and Wilkes won the event

First places for the girls included the medley relay team of Natalie McMahon, Izzy Shearer, Macy McMahon and Chloe Childers. Macy McMahon won for the girls 50 Freestyle and the 500 Free. Natalie McMahon won the 100 Backstroke. Childers won the 100 Breast.

The girls' team of Cockram, Shearer and the McMahon sisters closed the night winning the 400 Free relay for the Highlanders.



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Above, Glenvar's Hannah Street is ready to go in a meet at the Salem YMCA. Right, Eliza Fleenor of Salem swims the backstroke.



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Signing day at Salem High

Salem High School had a "signing day" for Spartan seniors who plan on playing sports in college. The event was held at Salem High on Monday, December 19. Front row seated, left to right, with school and sport are Bailey Stratton(Longwood University-lacrosse), Mackenzie Board(Roanoke College-volleyball), Taylor Davis(Christopher-Newport Univ.-golf) and Emma LaFountain(James Madison University-diving). Left to right standing are Peyton Lewis(University of Tennessee-football), Caleb Furrage(Marshall University-baseball), Chris Cole(University of Georgia-football), Kaiden Garst(Hampden-Sydney-lacrosse) and Andrew Crumpacker(Catawba College-lacrosse).

Salem boys in Wilson Memorial tournament this week, girls are home Friday

The Salem High basketball teams will have a full schedule of games this week while the Glenvar teams won't be playing games but will be practicing to resume play in the new year.

Salem's boys are playing in a four-team tournament at Wilson Memorial High School in Fishersville this week. The Spartans will take on Clarke County tonight, Thursday, at 6 pm followed by a game between Turner Ashby and host Wilson Memorial. On Friday a third place game will tip off at 6 pm with the tournament championship to follow between Thursday's winners.

The Spartans come into the two-day tourney with a 2-4 record after falling to Blacksburg in their last game before Christmas. The Spartans dropped a 60-52 game to the Bruins in Blacksburg on December 19.

The Salem girls played host to Blacksburg that night and remained undefeated with a 69-51 win. The girls were scheduled to play at Magna Vista on Wednesday of this week, followed by a home game with Rockbridge this Friday.

Both the Salem boys and girls will open the new year with a busy schedule next week. They'll play Hidden Valley on Tuesday, with the girls at home and the boys at Hidden Valley. Then, on Wednesday, the boys will host Northside while the girls go there. The week concludes with the boys hosting Christiansburg

on January 5 and the girls heading south to play the Blue Demons in their gym.

Glenvar teams are off this week, returning Wednesday, January 3, when the boys host Carroll County and the girls travel to Patrick County. On Thursday of next week the boys go to Christiansburg

and next Friday, January 5, the girls will host Carroll County.

Glenvar's boys are 2-5 after defeating Christiansburg at home, 58-55, in their last game before Christmas. The girls are still looking for a win after six games.



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Left, Salem's Marvin Fields uses his elbow to create some room in last week's game in Blacksburg. Right, Lucas Yerton goes to the hoop against the Bruins.



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Faith Nance shoots a corner shot for the Spartans.



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- Tuesday, January 23rd, 6:30 pm, Application info meeting RVGS

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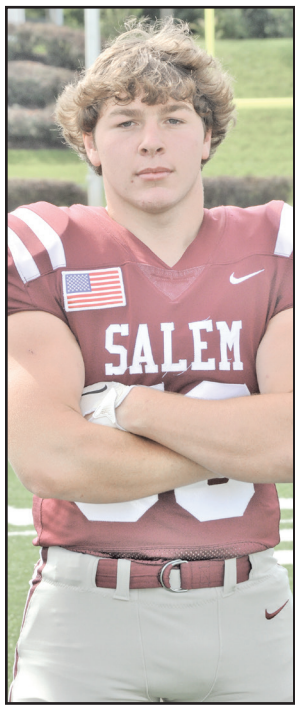
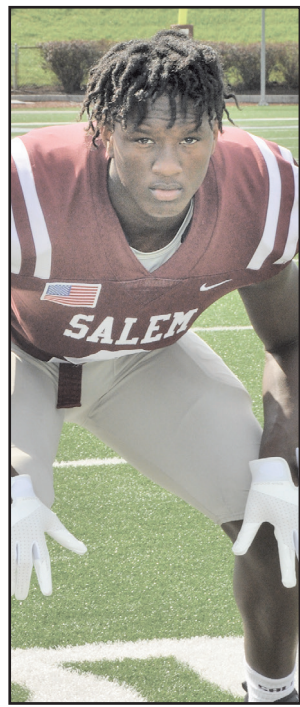
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Peyton Lewis

Chris Cole

Jaelyn Allen

Jackson Bryie

Chris Martin

Wilson Rakes

Six Spartans named to Class 4 All-State football teams

Peyton Lewis is named Class 4 Offensive Player-of-the Year, Cole and Allen also on first team

The Virginia High School League announced the All-State Class 4 football team last week and Salem High School was well-represented. Salem's Peyton Lewis was named the Class 4 Offensive Player of the Year and five other Spartans were named to either the all-state first or second teams.

Lewis, a senior, earned first team honors at both running back and kick returner. The 6'1", 197-pound running back rushed for 2,107 yards on 207 carries, a 10.2 yards per carry average, while scoring 30 rushing touchdowns. The University of Tennessee signee added three receptions for 42 yards and a touchdown, 144 yards on five kickoff returns and 172 on five punt returns and two touchdowns despite teams constantly kicking away from him. In the state semifinals at Tuscarora, Lewis carried Salem to the state title game, rushing for 373 yards on 30 carries and four touchdowns in the 31-21 win. In the state finals, Lewis ran for a game-high 84 yards and a touchdown. Lewis rushed for 3,667 career yards for a 10.3 yards per carry average, 47 rushing touchdowns, and 52 total touchdowns for the Spartans. Lewis is a five-time VHSL Class 4 state champion in track & field, including back-to-back titles in the indoor 55-meter and outdoor 100-meter dashes as a sophomore and junior.

Phoebus senior linebacker Anthony Reddick was named the Class 4 Defensive Player of the Year and Phoebus head coach Jeremy Blunt is the Class 4 Coach of the Year after the Phantoms edged Salem in the Class 4 state championship game, 21-14, at

Liberty University on December 9.

Salem had two first team selections on the Class 4 all-state defense. University of Georgia bound linebacker Chris Cole and fellow linebacker Jaelyn Allen were both named to the first team. Both are seniors.

Second team all-state selections from Salem include junior offensive lineman Jackson Bryie, Allen at tight end, senior Wilson Rakes on the defensive line and senior Chris Martin at defensive back.

The all-state football team consists of 32 players. On offense there is one quarterback; four linemen; one center; three running backs; three receivers; one tight end; one kicker; one kick returner and one all-purpose offensive player. On defense there are four defensive linemen; five linebackers; four defensive backs; one punter; one punt returner and one all-purpose defensive player. Only those players selected to the all-region first-team are eligible for selection to the all-state team. The all-state selection committee comprises eight coaches, with two from each region.

Salem swept the top honors on the All-Region 4D team as Lewis was named Offensive Player of the Year, Allen is the Defensive Player of the Year and Salem coach Don Holter was named Region 4D Coach of the Year.

First team offensive honors went to Lewis as running back and kick returner, Bryie on the offensive line and Allen at tight end. First team all-region on defense are Cole and Allen at linebacker, Rakes on the defensive line, Martin in the secondary and Lewis at punt return.

Second team all-region on offense are senior Ryan Coe at center, senior Jayveon Jones at running back and Rakes on the offensive line. Defensive second teamers are senior Josiah Moyer and junior Josiah Persinger at defensive back and sophomore Coen Logan at All-Purpose.

Senior Wesley Cross was Honorable Mention at placekicker and on defense senior Quinton Dillard and junior Dontay Davis, both linemen, were deemed Honorable Mention.

On the All-River Ridge District team Lewis was Offensive Player of the Year, Allen was Defensive Player of the Year and Holter was named Coach of the Year.

Spartans on the first team All-RRD offense are Lewis at running back and kick return, Coe at center, Bryie on the line, Allen at tight end, Jones as all-purpose back and Cross at kicker.

On defense all-district first teamers are Cole and Allen at linebacker, Rakes on the line, Martin and Moyer in the defensive backfield and Lewis at punt return.

The second team offense includes Rakes and Dorian Vance on the line, Jones at running back and Khamari Garner at receiver. Second team All-RRD defenders are Davis, Dillard and senior Julian Warne on the line while Persinger and Logan were named in the secondary.

The River Ridge District also named "Honorable Mention" and that goes to Moyer at receiver and Martin at punter.

Glenvar's Johnson named all-state on both sides of the ball in Class 2 Gibson, Anderson on 2nd team defense

The Virginia High School League announced its 2023 Class 2 all-state football team and Glenvar had three players honored. Senior Nate Johnson was named first team on the defensive line and second team on the offensive line. Senior Shane Gibson was named second team at linebacker and senior Dawson Anderson is a second team defensive back.

Radford, who edged Glenvar 29-24 in the final seconds of the Region 2C final, dominated the team after going on to win the Class 2 state championship. The Bobcats filled eight spots on either the first or second team while Radford's Landen Clark was named Class 2 Offensive Player of the Year, teammate Charlie Davis is the Defensive Player of the Year and Radford head coach Michael Crist is the Class 2 Coach of the Year. Those three won the same honors in Region 2C and the Three Rivers District.

Glenvar players on the All-Region 2C first team included Johnson on the offensive line, sophomore Cooper Mullins at running back and senior Reed Hutchison at receiver. First team Highlanders on the all-region defense are Johnson on the line, Gibson and junior Jack Camper at linebacker and Anderson in the secondary.

Second team all-region selections from Glenvar are senior Ben Holiday on the offensive and defensive lines, Gibson as all-purpose on offense, junior defensive back Carl Muse, sophomore punter Brody Dawyot and junior Peyton Deel at both punt return and defensive all-purpose.

On the All-Three Rivers District team first team offense went to Johnson and Holiday on the line and Mullins at running back. Defensive nods went to Johnson and Holiday on the line, Camper and Gibson at linebacker, Anderson and Muse in the secondary



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Nate Johnson

Dawson Anderson

Shane Gibson

and Dawyot at punter.

Dawyot is second team All-3RD at quarterback and joining him on the second team offense are senior Anthony

LaRosa at center, Hutchison at receiver and Bryce King at kicker. Deel made second team punt return on the all-district defense.

Maroons add Giancola to football coaching staff

New defensive coordinator was once a student teacher at Andrew Lewis Middle School

Newly named Roanoke College head football coach Bryan Stinespring has begun building his staff as he prepares for the Maroons to begin competition. Stinespring has announced the hiring of Mike Giancola as associate head coach and defensive coordinator for the Maroons.

"I'm very excited to announce Mike Giancola as our Defensive Coordinator and Associate Head Coach," said Stinespring. "In pursuing this hire, Mike checked all the boxes. He is a terrific defensive minded coach whose defenses have consistently been a top tier unit. He has a wealth of knowledge

in the ODAC conference, and is a tremendous recruiter. More importantly, he is a great person. He is detail oriented, and a great asset to me in many areas. I could not be happier to have Mike and his family joining us here at Roanoke College."

Before coming to Roanoke College Giancola spent seven seasons at Bridgewater College serving as the Assistant Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator, while also coaching multiple position groups in his tenure. In his time at Bridgewater the defense was routinely ranked near or at the top of the conference each season, and was recognized

nationally in multiple years in major defensive statistical categories. In the 2019 season Giancola helped lead Bridgewater to a 10-1 record and the ODAC championship.

Before arriving at Bridgewater, Giancola spent six seasons as an assistant coach at Westfield High School in Chantilly, VA. During that time he served as the Defensive Coordinator, Special Teams Coordinator, Defensive Backs Coach and Defensive Line Coach. He is a three-time Virginia 6A State Champion, winning the state championship twice as a coach (2015,

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Mike Giancola