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LewisGale Medical celebrates opening of Level II NICU

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Officials with LewisGale Medical Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony last week to celebrate the opening of its new Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), also called a special care nursery at the facility. The unit opened to patients on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Encompassing 3,000 square feet, the state-of-the-art NICU features six bassinets with the space to expand as needed. The NICU treats medically-fragile, premature infants and full-term newborns with infections, breathing difficulties, growth restrictions, and maternal health concerns. They will be treated on-site by board-certified

neonatologists and neonatal nurse practitioners 24/7.

"Today's long-awaited celebration is not only an incredible milestone, but a victory for moms and babies across southwest Virginia," said Alan Fabian, LewisGale Regional Health System market president. "This underscores our commitment to providing care for our patients, especially women and children throughout their lives. The NICU is yet another example to our dedication to meet the growing needs of our community."

Construction on the \$2.5 million project lasted about a year, LewisGale said. The highly secured area, officials

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The celebration was held on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

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Salem kicks off the Christmas season with parade



COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM

The City of Salem's annual holiday celebrations returned early this month. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and Christmas Parade opened the month of activities on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. on Main Street.

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SAEM receives 2023 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Awards for 'Faith-Based' Agency



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Gov. Youngkin presents the 2023 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award "Faith Based Agency" to Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries board members, Cindy Neathawk, chair, and Carey Harveycutter, treasurer. Also pictured is Cliff Yee, chairman of the Virginia Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism, and First Lady Youngkin.

Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries (SAEM) was recognized as the recipient of the 2023 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards for "Faith Based" Agency last month. The annual awards program spotlights the outstanding efforts of individual volunteers and organizations, contributed on behalf of citizens throughout the commonwealth. "The resilience, generosity, and commitment of these volunteers exemplifies the best of Virginia," said Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

SAEM is a gathering of lay and pastoral representatives from Salem and western Roanoke County churches and local service agencies, working to strengthen community resilience by encouraging collaboration in the areas of food, clothing and educational resources. With the support of countless volunteers, SAEM offers elementary and middle school meal programs and school gardens as well as Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet.

SAEM provides nutritious and wholesome breakfast and lunch for at-risk elementary school children in Salem and western Roanoke County through the weekend Area Churches Together (ACT) backpacks program, serving 145 students, as well as the "Summer

Feed and Read" program, which provided more than \$32,000 in Kroger gift cards to over 170 families for the purchase of meals for elementary school children during the summer months. SAEM also partners with local schools to provide food pantries and school gardens for students who may face food insecurity, allowing access to healthy foods with a "student-choice" design.

"For the past 13 years, Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries has raised funds to provide nutritious and wholesome breakfast and lunch items," said nominator Rev. David R. Drebes. "Each year, the challenge is ever greater!"

"We are blessed to have the support and partnership of many churches, community organizations, local businesses, and community members that support our missions and ministries to the Salem community" said Garry Lautenschlager, secretary, Board of Directors. "To be recognized as the statewide recipient for Volunteerism and Community Service is a testament to our commitment to "love your neighbors as yourself."

-The Salem Times-Register



Gary Hollis is going against Jeopardy champions again

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Dr. Gary Hollis is tackling Jeopardy again. The Roanoke College chemistry professor will match wits with other champions this Friday, with in a Champions Wildcard Tournament. The program will air on WDBJ-TV at 7:30 p.m.

A watch party open to college students, faculty, staff and friends is planned at the college's Wortman Ballroom that night just before Jeopardy comes on.

Hollis is an inveterate trivia player, known around the Roanoke Valley in trivia competition circles and other games such as chess and Pokemon Go.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Hollis said it was mid-September when he was asked if he wanted to come back.

"I said 'Of course I want to come back.'" He flew to Culver City, Calif., Nov. 5 for two days of competition with 107 other Jeopardy champions. "In the Championship Wild Card Tournament, there were four groups of 27 people. Then there are the quarter finals with three games in the semi-finals," Hollis explained.

"Four make it to the Tournament of Champions" he added.

Hollis isn't saying how he did. People will just have to wait until Friday night to find out. "I haven't even told my son," he said, "and he lives with me."

"It was quite an honor to be asked to return," Hollis said.

When he was on Jeopardy in 2021 for the program's first-ever Jeopardy! Professors' Tournament, he prevailed in his initial matchup against professors from Vanderbilt and Pennsylvania State universities in order to advance to the tournament's semifinals.

"I just like playing in those quiz competitions," Hollis said. During the Hollywood writers' strike, there were no people to write questions he said.

He has taught chemistry at Roanoke College for 28 years, teaching organic chemistry 1 and 2, corresponding labs and a senior capstone course basic education known as Inquiry.

Friday when the program airs is the last day of classes - with exams still to come. "I will be able to end the semester with my students in a watch party," said Hollis.

What he likes about teaching at Roanoke College, he explained, "is our college is a wonderful place to get an education. Faculty are here because they want to teach." He added that students also get to assist professors with research, if they want.

Roanoke resident Hollis is originally from Bessemer City, N.C., and earned his undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D degrees from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

He said he is looking forward to the watch party Friday evening because he hopes his students, members of his College Lutheran Church, his Pokemon Go and golf buddies and others with whom he matches wits in Trivia. "And the president's office is paying for light refreshments," he added.



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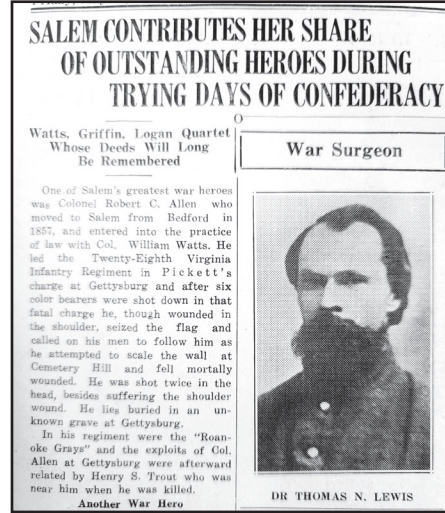
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

SALEM CONTRIBUTES HER SHARE OF OUTSTANDING HEROES DURING TRYING DAYS OF CONFEDERACY

Watts, Griffin, Logan Quartet Whose Deeds Will Long Be Remembered



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES
 From the 1938 centennial edition of *The Times-Register*

One of Salem's greatest war heroes was Colonel Robert C. Allen who moved to Salem from Bedford in 1857, and entered into the practice of law with Col. William Watts. He led the Twenty-Eighth Virginia Infantry Regiment in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg and after six color bearers were shot down in that fatal charge he, though wounded in the shoulder, seized the flag and called on his men to follow him as he attempted to scale the wall at Cemetery Hill and fell mortally wounded. He was shot twice in the head, besides suffering the shoulder wound. He lies buried in an unknown grave at Gettysburg.

In his regiment were the "Roanoke Grays" and the exploits of Col. Allen at Gettysburg were afterward related by Henry S. Trout who was near him when he was killed.

Another War Hero
 One of Salem's most distinguished sons and a civil war hero was Col. Robert Henry Logan who was born in the town of Salem on July 10, 1839. He entered

West Point as a young man and would have graduated from that place in the class of 1861 had he not resigned a few months before graduation to serve his native state. He served as an instructor at Lynchburg and later took part in the campaigns in West Virginia and Kentucky and still later in Virginia and Maryland. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in command of the 45th Virginia Regiment. He was wounded in three engagements and captured once but escaped. Three times were horses shot from under him, once at Fort Donaldson and twice at Winchester. Following the war he studied law and practiced in Salem. He died December 26, 1900.

Captain Charles B. Griffin who was in charge of the Salem Flying Artillery following the resignation of Captain Abram Hupp goes down in history as the man who fired the last shot in the War Between the States. He was born in Salem on August 29, 1833 and received his early education here, later attending Roanoke College and finally graduating in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He practiced in Salem until he joined the local artillery company.

When war was declared he joined the Salem Flying Artillery as surgeon but when Captain Hupp became incapacitated, he was elected as commander of the company.

Following the war he again returned to his medical practice in Salem but following the war his health was not good. During the four long years of warfare, he suffered many hardships and these sufferings showed their effect on his health in later years. He died here in 1885 and when he was laid to rest the pallbearers were members of that famous company which he led during the civil war.

-Prepared by Lisa King

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Peggy Shifflett, the author of five books about traditional Appalachian life and culture, will launch her newest book with an author talk and book signing at the Salem Museum on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 11 am. Her books are available in the Salem Museum Gift Shop.

"Mountain Women Live On: Life and Legacy of Appalachian Women" chronicles a way of life which was both beautiful and terrible. Shifflett's newest book elicits feelings of love, fear, respect, disgust, and awe as she takes readers on a journey through a bygone era. Her book contains a history of the region, a study of Appalachian culture and folklore, a sociological treatise on the family and a social statement extremely pertinent to today's modern society.

Shifflett was born in the Allegheny Mountains west of Harrisonburg. She is a graduate of James Madison University and Texas A&M University, where she earned her Ph.D. Now living in Salem, Shifflett is retired from Radford University where she served as professor of sociology and the chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. She has been a long-time volunteer at the Salem Museum & Historical Society, currently serving as the president of its board of directors.

Shifflett has written four other popular books about her experiences growing up in Appalachia.

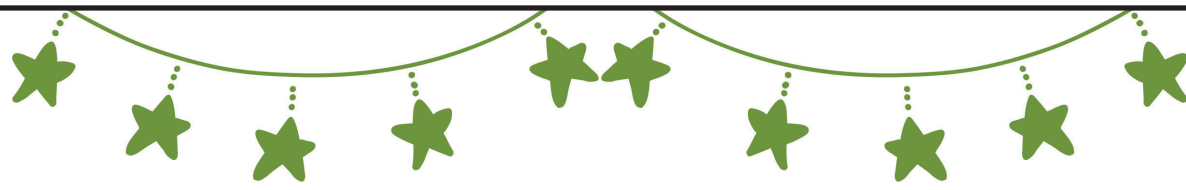
"The Red Flannel Rag: Memories of an Appalachian Childhood" won the 2005 Shenandoah Valley Folk Life Award for the preservation of Shenandoah Valley history.

Mom's "Family Pie: Memories of Food Traditions and Family in Appalachia" tells of hunting, gathering, and preserving seasonal food. Recipes and stories of family and food from the best cooks in Peggy's community are included.

"The Living Room Bed: Birthing, Healing, and Dying in Traditional Appalachia" focuses on the life cycle of traditional Appalachian families.

"On the Way to Toe Town: Learning, Curiosity, Rebellion and Play in Traditional Appalachian Childhood" describes the games and toys of traditional Appalachia.

-The Salem Times-Register



Holiday Home Tour

4 local homes open for you to tour - 10 am - 4 pm

Tickets Available at the Marketplace

Cost: \$20 per person (\$15 per HFI Member)

MARKETPLACE

Free Art & Craft Show Held at Fincastle Baptist Church

7330 Roanoke Road - 9:30 am - 3 pm

Saturday, December 9th



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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

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.

Veterans Town Hall: The Salem VAMC will host a Veterans Town Hall meeting Thursday, Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. in the Bldg. 5 Auditorium. Hospital leadership and representatives from the Veteran's Benefits Administration will be on hand to answer questions on a one-on-one basis. If you have a question you'd like addressed at the meeting, or if you won't be able to attend but would like to submit a question for response, please email your question to: vhasampublicaffairs@va.gov. Be sure to include your first/last name and an email address to receive a response to your question. Please do not include any personal, health information.

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 Skeeze. 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 5.5 billion cumulative global streams. His sixth studio album is "Killed The Cowboy."

Public meetings:

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

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.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

It's the first of December, so it's time to start thinking about what presents you want to give this year. I have always preferred gifts that require a little thought. Even if that thought is to what store I want a gift card from. Starbucks nope, PetSmart yes, please! What do you get the person who has everything? We all have people in our lives who are difficult to shop for, whether it's because they have everything they need, or their interests and preferences are hard to pin down. I have found that most people like food gifts. Whether that gift is homemade, or store bought. My friends and I try not to give gifts that we have to dust. One type of food gift is a meal kit. A breakfast basket could have a box of pancake mix, maple syrup, coffee, jam, granola, and fresh fruit. You could give a basket of favorite snacks for movie watching. Mason Jar gifts include homemade mixes for teas, soups, and cookies. A box of homemade cookies or candy is always a great gift. Fruit baskets are another good gift if you need a present in a hurry. Food is a wonderful thing to give to friends, a thoughtful message that conveys comfort and nourishment. Gifts in a jar are one of the easiest to create, and one of the most loved gifts to receive! There's nothing quite like getting a jar full of a delicious snack mix. One of my favorite things about giving snack mixes as gifts is that a little goes a long way and takes very little time to make. Jar mixes of soup are handy to have when you need a quick snack and no groceries. Just add boiling water and eat.

Debbie's churro snack mix

Ingredients:

- 4 cups rice Chex cereal
- 4 cups corn Chex cereal
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- ¼ cup light corn syrup
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line 1-2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Place cereals in a large bowl and set aside. Combine sugars and cinnamon



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in a medium bowl and set aside. Combine brown sugar, butter, and corn syrup in a medium saucepan over medium heat and bring to a boil. Cook, stirring continuously, for 1 minute. Remove mixture from heat and stir in baking soda, then pour over cereals. Toss until evenly coated and transfer to lined baking sheet. Sprinkle cinnamon sugar mixture over the cereal. Bake for 6 minutes, then flip cereal over and cook for another 2-3 minutes or until cereal is golden brown. remove from oven and let cool, then break up cereal and store in an airtight container.

Potato soup mix

Soup Mix Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients:

- 1-3/4 cups Instant Potato Flakes
- 1-1/2 cups Instant Dry Milk Powder
- 3 tsp Chicken Bouillon Powder
- 2 tsp Dried Minced Onion
- 1/2 tsp Celery Salt
- 1/4 tsp White Pepper
- 1/4 tsp Dried Thyme
- 1/8 tsp Turmeric
- 1 tsp Dried Parsley Flakes
- 1 TBLSP Dried Chives

Instructions:

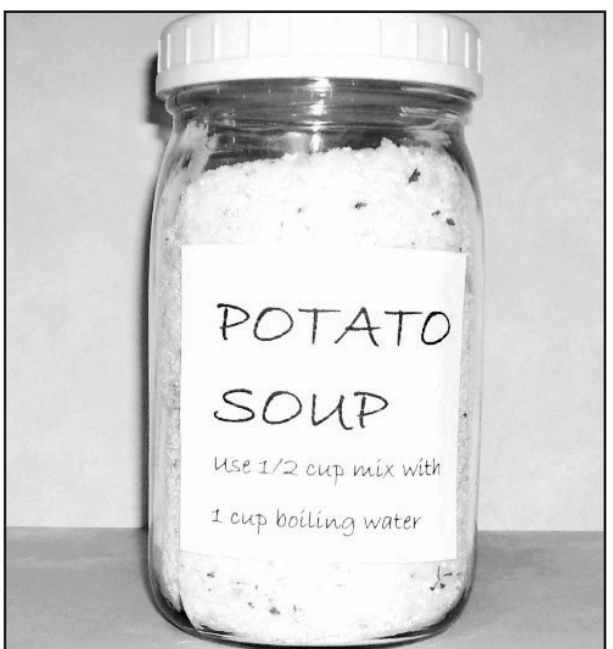
Stir together all the ingredients.

Store the mixture in a jar with a tight fitting lid.

To make the soup: Boil one cup of water and then stir in ½ cup of the soup mix. Add any additional salt & pepper to the prepared bowl of soup as needed.

Notes:

To make a vegan option: Substitute soymilk powder for the dry milk powder, substitute a couple cubes of vegetable bouillon for the chicken bouillon, and add a couple tablespoons of nutritional yeast.



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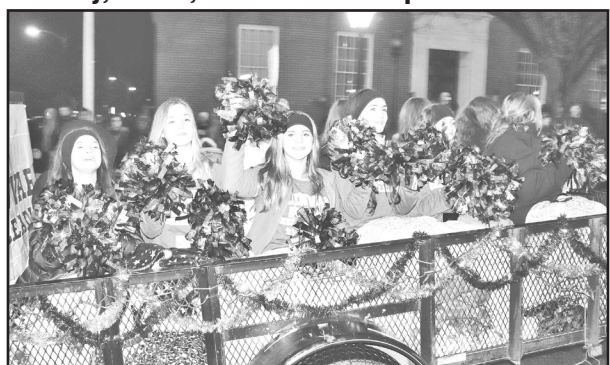
Parade

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COURTESY OF THE SALEM-ROANOKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Salem Parks and Recreation Department, the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce and the Salem Museum presented this year's Gingerbread Festival at the Salem Museum & Longwood Park on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM

Various floats made their way down Main Street during the parade.



COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM

A Salem Crafty Christmas was held at the Salem Farmers Market on Saturday, Dec. 2.



COURTESY OF THE SALEM-ROANOKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The festival featured culinary creations, children's activities, vendors, the holiday train and Santa.



COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM

Salem Mayor Renee Turk and Salem Vice Mayor Jim Wallace rode together during the parade.



COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM

Over 40 crafters and vendors had handmade crafts, artisan items, greenery, baked goods, cheeses, eggs and many more items available for holiday shopping.

Libraries launch new mobile app

Roanoke Valley Libraries, consisting of libraries in Botetourt County, City of Roanoke, City of Salem, and County of Roanoke, announced this week it has launched a new app, RVL Mobile, allowing patrons to take a Roanoke Valley Library with them on the go.

RVL Mobile features:

- Digital library card
- Catalog searching
- Manage library account and holds
- View and register for library events
- Mobile checkout
- Library hours, locations and services
- Meeting room bookings
- Online learning resources

With the app, patrons will have a one-stop-shop for library needs, including reading eBooks and eMaterials. The app works on phones and tablets. It can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

-The Salem Times-Register

Full-time Radiologic Technologist

Monroe Health Center is seeking a Full-time Radiologic Technologist for our Craig County Health Center in New Castle, VA. Position requires current Virginia license, experience in a clinic setting is ideal. Ability to work in a busy environment, experienced with Electronic Medical Records, good communication skills, ability to establish a good rapport with patients and staff. Great Benefit package includes, 11 paid holidays, paid time off, Anthem health insurance, Paid long term disability, life insurance, and WV Public Employees Retirement System. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8am to 4:30pm. NO Weekends. Please send completed employment application and resume to Monroe Health Center, P.O. Box 590 Union, WV 24983, Attn: Stephanie Aliff, HR Director, or by e-mail at saliff@monrohealthcenter.com You can obtain an Employment application at any of our locations or it can be downloaded at www.monrohealthcenters.com. We value diversity - in backgrounds and in experiences. Monroe Health Center is an equal opportunity employer.

OPINION

Roanoke College's IPOR releases Holiday Spending Report

Inflation may have slowed since this time last year, but that doesn't necessarily mean Virginians will ramp up their spending this holiday season. In fact, more than one-third of Virginians say they plan to reduce their holiday spending in the face of lingering high prices.

Almost two-thirds of Virginians plan to spend at least as much this holiday season as last year, and the average anticipated expenditure is essentially unchanged (\$900.) The rate of price growth (inflation) is much slower than a year ago, but the high price level is putting the reins on spending. More than 70% of Virginians expect higher prices this holiday shopping season. Changes in the distribution of planned spending relative to a year ago vary across household income levels. Seventy percent of households earning more than \$100,000 a year will spend at least as much as they did in the 2022 holiday season. Planned spending is lower this year within households earning less than \$100,000 per year. Thirty percent of upper-income households plan to reduce holiday spending compared to 38%-39% of middle- and lower-income households.

Given that most Virginians will spend at least as much

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as last year, how much will they spend? More than 68% of Virginians will spend up to \$500 during the 2023 holiday shopping season on gifts for others, up five percentage points from the 2022 season. Just under half of respondents plan to spend between \$500 and \$1,000, down more than six points relative to last year, although there are modest gains in those planning to spend \$1,000 or more.

Spending over the holiday season falls into three categories: gifts, experiences (including entertainment at home and socializing away from home) and non-gift purchases (including holiday decorations and home

furnishings). On average, Virginians plan to spend \$501 on gifts for others, \$211 on experiences and \$188 on non-gift purchases, for a total of \$900, down \$6 from 2022.

Changes in relative prices contribute to the shift in types of purchases. For example, the prices of televisions, smartphones, smart home assistants, toys/games and sports equipment are down 9.4%, 12.0%, 5.7%, 3.9% and 2.5% year over year, respectively. In contrast, tickets to sporting events, music subscriptions, apparel and jewelry rose over the same period by 25.1%, 5.4%, 2.6% and 3.7%, respectively. Even goods with increased prices, if less than the overall inflation rate (3.3%), may seem like deals. Wrapping those gifts will also cost more, with the price of gift wrap increasing by 5.8% over the year.

Upper-income households plan to spend more than those earning less. Households earning more than \$100,000 anticipate spending almost \$1,400 this season, with \$793 for gifts for others and \$337 for experiences. This compares to their planned spending of \$1,700 last year; the \$300 reduction in year-over-year planned

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IPOR at Roanoke College releases new poll

The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College interviewed 686 adult residents of Virginia between Nov. 12 and Nov. 20, 2023, in a survey of public attitudes related to national political anxiety, satisfaction with democracy and trust in governmental institutions. The survey has a margin of error of 4.31%.

Approval, Favorability, and Directions of Virginia and Nation

Virginians' approval of Gov. Glenn Youngkin and President Joe Biden remains approximately the same as our most recent polls in August and May, with 52% of Virginians approving of the way Youngkin is handling his job as governor and 37% approving of the way Biden is handling his job as president. Biden's approval rating is down a few points since August, but it is within the poll's margin of error. The percentage of Virginians who believe things are generally on the wrong track in Virginia and the nation remains stable from our last poll, with 43% reporting that things are on the wrong track in Virginia and 74% reporting that things are on the wrong track in the nation. As for the legislatures at the national and state levels, 14% of

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Virginians approve of the way Congress is handling its job and 45% approve of the way the Virginia General Assembly is handling its job. The approval rating for the General Assembly has dropped about five points since May of this year. Finally, approximately 63% of Virginians say they at least somewhat closely followed the General Assembly elections held earlier this month, though only about a third (32%) of Virginians think the results of the elections will make a difference in getting things done in Richmond.

Virginians' favorability ratings for key political figures such as Youngkin, Biden and former President Donald Trump also remain somewhat stable from

the last Roanoke College poll. Approximately 50% of Virginians report a favorable impression of Youngkin, while 39% report an unfavorable impression. At the national level, 39% of Virginians report a favorable impression of Biden, which is a four-point drop from our last poll in August. About a third (33%) of Virginians report a favorable view of Trump. We also asked Virginians about their impressions of the U.S. Supreme Court, with 42% reporting a favorable view of the court.

As we have reported before, there are substantial partisan gaps in Virginians' attitudes, including 51- and 54-point gaps in Youngkin's approval and favorability ratings, 67- and 74-point gaps in Biden's approval and favorability ratings, and a 64-point gap in Trump's favorability rating. These gaps also appear in Virginians' attitudes about the direction of the nation (35-point gap) and favorability rating of the U.S. Supreme Court (28-point gap).

2024 Republican Nomination and Potential General Election Matchup

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 - Manage Library Account and Holds
 - View and Register for Library Events
 - Mobile Checkout
 - Library Hours, Locations, and Services
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 - Online Learning Resources

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December Library Programs

Monday, Dec. 11, 2-3:30 p.m. GIGGLES & GRINS; For ages 55+. Join us for a fun, interactive, humorous program in the Salem Public Library Meeting Room. To register, call the library (540-375-3089) or go online to salemva.libcal.com. Giggles & Grins is an interactive, humorous program of jokes, funny stories, video clips and a short comedy play. Join in the fun or just sit and listen. Bring your favorite joke or short funny story on a piece of paper. Refreshments will


be provided.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DMV Connect; Closed for lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Walk-ins only. No appointment needed.

3:30 p.m. Middle School Book Club: The Titan's Curse

Thursday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to noon: Puzzle and Board Game Swap: Bring gently used jigsaw puzzles/board games to swap! Donations of puzzles and games are being accepted now if you aren't looking to swap.

Friday, Dec. 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE; Salem Public Library Meeting Room. Please make appointments online at: www.redcrossblood.org

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2024 Literary Pet Calendar
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- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Chop up
 5. Ones who utilize
 10. Sings with closed lips
 14. South American hummingbird
 15. Serves as a coxswain
 16. Liquor distilled from coconut or rice
 17. Spur
 18. Senile
 19. Tanzanian people
 20. Cruel
 22. Boxing's "GOAT"
 23. Yokels
 24. London soccer team
 27. Chinese chess piece
 30. Supervises flying
 31. 007's creator
 32. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
 35. A spider makes one
 37. Liquefied natural gas
 38. Opaque gem
 39. Brazilian palm
 40. Periodical (slang)
 41. You might step on one
 42. Marvin and Horsley are two
 43. Partner to cheese
 44. Unpleasant smell
 45. Field force unit (abbr.)
 46. Fashion accessory
 47. Cool!
 48. Time zone
 49. Songs to one's lover
 52. German river
 55. Go bad
 56. Sword
 60. Very eager
 61. Leaf bug
 63. Italian seaport
 64. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
 65. Member of Jamaican religion
 66. Large wading bird
 67. Carries out
 68. Eternal rest
 69. It holds up your head-words
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Not low
 2. Small water buffalo
 3. A mark left behind
 4. Archaic form of have
 5. Fiddler crabs
 6. Popular Hyundai sedan
 7. Depart
 8. Making over
 9. Midway between south and southeast
 10. Arabic masculine name
 11. Type of acid
 12. Popular 1980s Cher film
 13. Outdoor enthusiasts' tools
 21. Chinese city
 23. "Star Wars" character Solo
 25. The bill in a restaurant
 26. Old, ugly witch
 27. Burn with a hot liquid
 28. To claim or demand
 29. "A Doll's House" playwright
 32. Involuntary muscular contraction
 33. Pea stems (British)
 34. Double or multiple fold
 36. No longer is
 37. Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)
 38. S. American plant cultivated in Peru
 40. Cloth or fabric
 41. Flanks
 43. Disfigure
 44. Angry
 46. Baltic coast peninsula
 47. Large, flightless birds
 49. Plants of the lily family
 50. Medieval Norwegian language
 51. Polio vaccine developer
 52. Not soft
 53. Exchange rate
 54. Voice (Italian)
 57. Baseball's Ruth
 58. Famed guitarist Clapton
 59. Take a chance
 61. Wife
 62. Elaborate handshake

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spending is mainly on experiences rather than gifts and other holiday expenditures. Comparatively, households earning less than \$50,000 plan to spend \$276 on gifts for others, \$93 on experiences and an additional \$131 on non-gift purchases. Like the higher-income groups, the change in the distribution for lower-income groups from last year is away from experiences and towards gifts and non-gift purchases.

More than one-quarter of households say they plan to start shopping earlier this year than a year ago, while more than half plan to start around the same time as last year. In 2022, more than a third started shopping earlier than the previous year. This indicates that over the last few years, consumers have spread their spending over a more extended period in the face of higher prices. Respondents this year plan to do about 58% of their shopping online, down significantly from 2021 (70%) but up from last year.

Analysis

"Planned holiday spending appears on pace with the 2022 season, with less than 20% of Virginians planning on spending more than they did last year," said Dr. Alice Louise Kassens, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics and Senior Analyst at the Roanoke College Institute

for Policy and Opinion Research. The average Virginian plans to spend about \$900 between gifts for others, experiences and other non-gift purchases, essentially unchanged from a year ago. Overall price growth is down considerably over the last year, but price levels are historically high, with wage growth only recently outpacing price growth, giving consumers increased purchasing power. More than 70% believe prices will be higher this holiday shopping season than last year. Of those Virginians who plan to spend less, more than 80% cite prices or personal finances as the reason. The distribution of planned spending amount has changed since last year, with more Virginians planning to spend on the lower end (no more than \$500) or upper end (more than \$1,000) than in the middle range (between \$500 and \$1,000). Additionally, the distribution of planned purchase categories has changed, with more going toward gifts for others and less on experiences like concerts and socializing away from home. This redistribution is likely due to shifting relative prices. Focusing on consumer preferences for lower price-point gifts or offering deep discounts may be advantageous for businesses in this holiday season."

Over half of spending will be on traditional gifts

Average planned holiday spending by type (Virginia, \$)

Type	Amount
Gifts	\$501
Experiences	\$211
Non-gift purchases	\$188

Experiences include entertainment at home and socializing away from home. Non-gift purchases include clothing for family and self, holiday decorations, and home furnishings.

Table: Alice Louise Kassens, Ph.D. • Source: Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research • Created with Datawrapper

Most to start shopping around the same time as last year

Planned timing for holiday shopping compared to last year (Virginia, %)



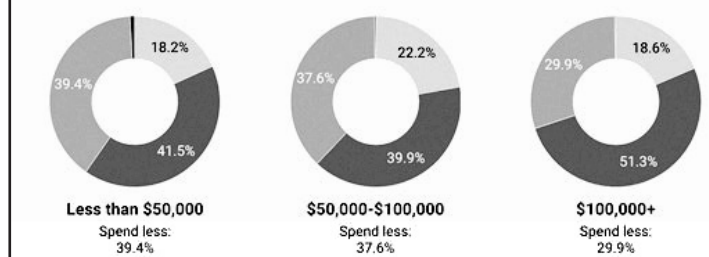
Weighted mean responses to: "Have you or are you likely to start your holiday shopping earlier this year compared to last year, around the same time, or later?"

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Reduced spending largely among households earning less than \$100,000 per year

Seventy percent of upper-income households will at least spend the same amount as last year on gifts for others this holiday season, down 5 points from 2022

Legend: Spend more (light grey), Spend the same (dark grey), Spend less (medium grey), Not sure/Don't know (black)

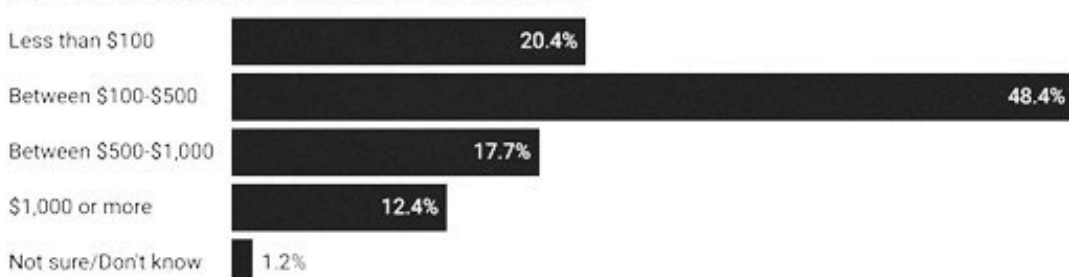


Weighted mean responses by household income to: "And regarding the upcoming holiday shopping season, how will your total holiday spending compare with last year's holiday season? Spend more, spend the same, or spend less?"

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Most Virginians report plans to spend up to \$500 on gifts

Planned spending on others this holiday spending, %



Weighted mean responses to: "And regarding the upcoming holiday shopping season, which of the following categories best describes how much you plan to spend on holiday gifts for others this year?"

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Political Anxiety Increases

Dissatisfaction with national politics increases overall and among partisans

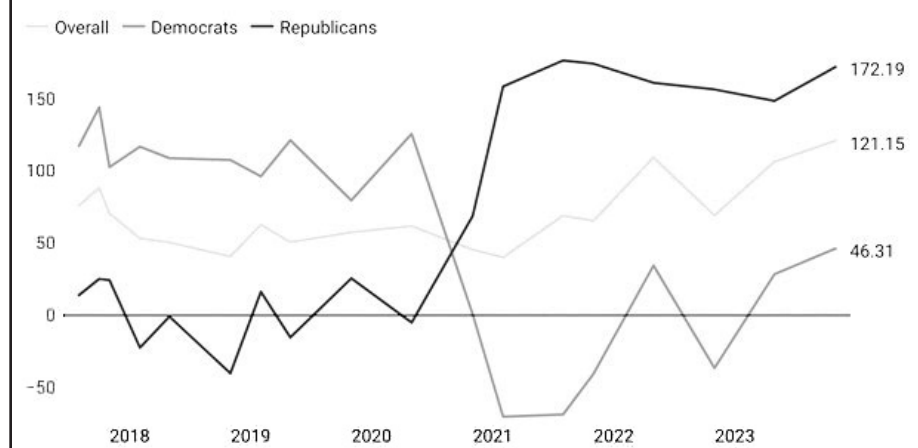


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The Roanoke College Poll continued measuring Virginians' opinions about the current race for the Republican presidential nomination, including who they would most prefer to be the Republican candidate for president in 2024. With former Vice President Mike Pence suspending his presidential campaign earlier this fall, we provided survey respondents with an updated field of candidates based on recent national polling, including Trump, Ron DeSantis, Chris Christie, Nikki Haley, Vivek Ramaswamy and Tim Scott. Although he has still not entered the race, we also included Youngkin in the list of candidates.

Trump maintains a commanding lead of 51% as the first choice among self-reported Virginia Republicans, followed by DeSantis at 14%, Haley at 10%, Youngkin at 10% and the rest of the candidates in single digits. While Trump's level of support increased about four points from our last poll in August, Haley has seen the most significant shift in support since the August poll (+8% as a first-choice candidate). We also asked Virginians to report their second-choice candidate for the Republican nomination, where the results showed a more competitive field. Approximately 26% of Republicans reported DeSantis as their second choice, followed by Youngkin (19%), Haley (17%), Trump (15%), Ramaswamy (10%), Scott (3%) and Christie (3%).

Looking ahead to the 2024 presidential election, we asked Virginians who they would vote for in a hypothetical matchup between the two parties' leading candidates. Biden leads Trump by about four points at 48% to 44%, which is a continued drop from his 9- and 16-point leads we reported in our August and May polls, respectively. Looking at a breakdown by party identification, while both Biden and Trump have solidified support among Democrats and Republicans, respectively, our poll finds that Biden no longer has an advantage among independents. Biden and Trump are currently splitting independents at 46% each. We also asked Virginians whether they would consider voting for an independent presidential candidate

if Biden and Trump are the party nominees in 2024. Approximately 45% of Virginians said they would consider an independent candidate, while 53% said they would not. Looking at the results by party identification, 56% of independents said they would consider voting for an independent presidential candidate.

Issues in Virginia and Nation

The Roanoke College Poll again asked Virginians what they feel is the most important issue facing Virginia today. A plurality (42%) of Virginians cited the economy, jobs or inflation as the most important issue in the commonwealth, though the percentage citing inflation has dropped about seven points from December 2022. (Note: full report on Virginia Consumer Sentiment expected next week.) The percentage citing abortion as the most important issue is up six points from our February poll earlier this year (11% now, 5% in February). Issues related to crime (11%) and education (12%) were also cited by about one in 10 Virginians as the most important issues facing Virginia. The percentage of Virginians who think other issues are most important remained relatively constant at 5% for climate change, 4% for immigration and 3% for voting/elections. There were no respondents who cited COVID-19 as the most important issue facing Virginia, which continued a downward trend over the past few years.

We also asked Virginians for their opinions on a range of public policy issues, such as the issue of abortion. Approximately 89% of Virginians think abortion should be legal in at least some cases. Since the last time we measured this in August of this year, the percentage who think it should be illegal in all cases is down four points and the percentage who think it should be legal in some cases is up five points.

Political Anxiety

Since 2016, IPOR has been tracking Virginians' national political sentiment using an index of political anxiety, which is constructed using six questions that measure Virginians' attitudes about (1) trust in the national government, (2) citizens' ability to influence government, (3) whether their side has been winning

more often than losing, (4) satisfaction with how government is working, (5) whether the country's best years are ahead or behind, and (6) whether Americans are united or divided in facing our most important challenges. We last reported results of the political anxiety index in our May poll.

IPOR's Political Anxiety Index has a maximum possible value of 300 and minimum possible value of -300, with higher values representing greater degrees of national political anxiety. The graph below displays trends in the Political Anxiety Index from 2017 through our current November 2023 poll, including the overall trend and the trend disaggregated by party affiliation. For additional party differences on the six questions, see the selected crosstabs at the end of the topline document linked at the end of this release.

As reported previously, party differences in national political anxiety often reflect party control of the White House. In other words, Virginians tend to report higher levels of political anxiety when the current president is not aligned with their political party. Republicans (red line) currently report a higher degree of anxiety in our index, which has remained relatively stable during the Biden administration. Democrats (blue line) currently report a lower degree of anxiety, but with an approximately 80-point increase since our November 2022 poll. While overall national political anxiety (grey line) has remained relatively stable for most of the time IPOR has tracked the index, there has been a gradual increase of approximately 80 points since early 2021.

Satisfaction with Democracy, Trust in Institutions and the Election Campaign

IPOR is partnering with Dr. Matthew Bergman, formerly of the University of Vienna and joining Corvinus University as assistant professor, to measure the public's satisfaction with democracy, trust in governmental institutions and attitudes about campaign messaging.

On a 10-point scale, Virginians were overall more satisfied with how democracy works within the state (6.3) and their city or counties (6.4) than in the nation overall (5.1). There were notable party differences between these. On all three measures, Virginia Democrats had notably greater satisfaction than Virginia Republicans, with independents in the middle. At the national level, this difference was most stark, with Democrats having 0.9 greater satisfaction than Republicans. This drops to 0.4 greater at the local level. While back in August, Democrats were only 0.2 more satisfied at the state level, they now are 0.7 more satisfied, likely the result of the legislative elections going in their favor.

Regionally, those living in Southwest and Central Virginia are the least satisfied with the way the democracy works at the country level while those in Northern Virginia and Southside are the most satisfied. At the state level, Tidewater is the most satisfied while Southwest Virginia and Southside are least satisfied. Such differences suggest

that the underlying dynamics of the public's satisfaction with democracy differ when they are asked about their national- versus state-level satisfaction.

After the elections, we also asked Virginians if they have noticed any advertisements related to political campaigns. Approximately 74% or our respondents, up from 55% in August, recalled seeing some sort of campaign advertisement. Of these, only 19% recall seeing a positive advertisement while 65% recall seeing one that was negative, which is up from 50% in August. Approximately 5% thought that the ad has both positive and negative aspects. Respondents were also asked the topics that were covered in the advertisement, including 53% who said that the topic was related to a candidate's competence or character and 37% who said that the focus was on an issue or specific policy. The ads were moderately memorable such that 51% of respondents were able to recall information contained in the ad (up from 44% in August), with many respondents reporting how they did not appreciate the attacks contained therein and that the topic of abortion seemed to be the most pressing, followed by crime and parents' rights.

Analysis

"Virginians' attitudes about the direction of Virginia and the country remain mixed, yet stable," said Bryan Parsons, senior political analyst at IPOR. "This is also true in their approval and favorability ratings for political figures like Youngkin, Biden and Trump. With that said, partisanship continues to shape the way Virginians evaluate key political figures and events."

"As far as the Republican presidential nomination process goes, Trump maintains a commanding lead over the rest of the Republican field. While the Republican presidential field is heating up with numerous debates, as well as some candidates — like Nikki Haley — seeing a modest rise in support in our poll, these dynamics do not seem to be affecting the most constant feature of the Republican nomination race so far; that is, Trump continues to be widely popular within the party and remains the favorite for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination."

"The takeaway from this poll is that partisanship continues to shape Virginians' views on everything from the direction of Virginia and the country to positions on key issues in public policy. There are substantial partisan differences in national political anxiety, but the common thread is that national political anxiety has seen a modest increase over the past year or so. Our poll results add to the evidence of the depths of polarization in American politics."

"While the national values on satisfaction with democracy are similar to our results in August, the state and city/county values increased slightly. This is consistent with our understanding of the impact of elections on satisfaction with democracy. The state and local elections remind citizens of the democratic process and their ability to keep politicians that they like and replace those they do not," explained Matthew Bergman.



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Modifications included adding features to represent walking aids, hearing devices, insulin pumps and more.

Toy Like Me at Roanoke College readies hundreds of inclusive toys for holiday deliveries

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Students, faculty and community volunteers at Roanoke College recently came together to prepare hundreds of toys that will be donated to local children with disabilities and medical conditions as part of the eighth year of the Toy Like Me at Roanoke College initiative.

Inspired by the work of a 2016 disabilities studies class, Toy Like Me at Roanoke College modifies action figures, dolls, stuffed animals and more to represent children who too often aren't seen to be themselves reflected in the world around them.

The modified toys are donated to schools, hospitals and families. This year, the program anticipates it will be able to give away more than 400 toys thanks to generous donors who've contributed to the Toy Like Me fund: roanoke.edu/GiveToyLikeMe

Donations are increasingly vital as rising prices make toy purchases more expensive, organizers said. In addition to donating, supporters helped the program by volunteering to assist with modifying toys. The most recent modification date took place from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the Bast Center.

No prior experience or specialized skills was required for participants. Toy Like Me provided instruction and supplies. Modifications included adding features to represent walking aids, hearing devices, insulin pumps and more.

"Without our incredible supporters and partners, we wouldn't be able to reach so many children," said Frances McCutcheon, a lecturer at the college and founder of Toy Like Me at Roanoke College. "We're grateful to be part of a community that understands what a powerful difference it can make in a young person's life to feel seen and included and valued."

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said, features infant security and constant monitoring of babies' heart rates, respiratory rates, temperature and blood pressure. Radiant warmers, incubators, and open cribs are also featured, as well as assistance in breathing including a ventilator or other oxygenation methods.

"We are excited to welcome a Level II NICU to the hospital's services and are grateful for the overwhelming support we received from the public, patients, physicians, legislators, and local and state government



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Construction on the \$2.5 million project lasted about a year.

to make this possible," said Compton Biddle, Board of Trustees chair. "It's a beautiful space that allows the hospital

to provide the intensive level of care mothers and children in our region deserve."

V DOT ROADWATCH

Interstate 81
I-81 SLOW ROLLS FOR UTILITY WORK ADJACENT TO INTERSTATE – On Tuesday morning, December 5, with an inclement weather date of Wednesday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., drivers can expect a slow roll to be in place for up to 15 minutes on northbound and southbound I-81 for utility work being performed next to the interstate. The slow roll will be performed just north of the Ironto rest area at mile marker 130.1. In addition, the on-ramp at Ironto onto northbound I-81 will also be blocked during the same time.

I-81 & ROUTE 11 BORING
- Mountain Valley Pipeline is currently performing boring operations of 329 feet across Route 11 near Appar Drive. Expected completion in late 2023/early 2024. There are no impacts to traffic.

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

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OBITUARY

Catron, Nellie Tarter

Nellie Tarter Catron, age 97, of Salem, VA, passed away the morning of Monday, November 27, 2023 at Excellence Senior Living Center in Orlando, FL. She was born February 26, 1926 in Wythe County, Virginia, the daughter of the late John Shuff and Elsie Etter Tarter. Nellie retired from Rowe Furniture in 1989, and spent her retirement enjoying Holiday Rambler travel with her late husband, Charles, gardening and canning, and spending time with her grandchildren in Orlando, Florida. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a longtime member of the Locust Grove Methodist Church in Salem, VA.



grandson Travis Catron and wife Lyndsey of Orlando, FL; great-grandchildren Ezekiel and Collins Catron; nieces, nephews, and many extended family and friends.

A graveside service will be held at the Mount Ephraim Church in Crockett, Virginia, on Saturday, December 2 at 11:00 am with Pastor Steven Alderman officiating.

The family will receive friends after the service at the Mount Ephraim Church with a light lunch at Nellie's request.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest a memorial donation to the American Horticultural Society or Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.

In addition to her parents, Nellie was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Christopher, and son, David Chris; sister, Elise Grace Walters, and brother, John Robert Tarter.

Living her memory are daughter-in-law, Debbie Catron, of Orlando, FL; granddaughter Elise Catron of Orlando, FL;

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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. 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.

LANE CLOSURES: Beginning December 10, nighttime alternating lane closures are possible on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

ROUTE 605: From November 27 through December 1, alternating lane closures and flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for paving operations and work overhead on the bridge.

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.

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.

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.

State of the County Address held



SCREENSHOT

Roanoke County held its annual State of the County address Tuesday morning at the Green Ridge Recreation Center on Wood Haven Road in Roanoke. The event was hosted by the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce. Board of Supervisors Chair Martha Hooker, pictured, delivered the address. A full article on the address will appear in the Thursday, Dec. 14 issue of The Times-Register. -Aila Boyd

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BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 7th and Florida Streets, Salem VA. Pastor: Roger D. Counts, 540-389-3818. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - 447 Dalewood Avenue, Salem, 986-0062, Pastor Carl Goodman. Coffee Bar 9:00 a.m., Connect Groups 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Children & Student Ministry 5:00-6:30 p.m.; Thursday 7:00 pm Young Single Adults, Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 10:30, Lifegroups meeting throughout the week. www.lbcva.com.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2721 12 O'Clock Knob Rd., Salem, Pastor: Clay Dalton; Sundayschool, 9:45AM, Sunday morning worship, 11:00AM, Sunday evening, 6:00PM, Wednesday evening, 7:00PM.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH - 4339 Daugherty Road, Salem, Greg Irby, Pastor, Church: 380-3567; Home: 389-7240, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship Services 11:00AM & 6:00PM, Mid-week Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00PM, www.templebaptch.com.

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)
BETHEL BAPTIST - 1601 S. Colorado St., Salem, Pastor Hilton Jeffreys, 389-2376, Sunday: Connect Groups meet at 9:30am; Worship Service starts at 10:30am. You can stream live with us at 10:30am on Facebook, YouTube, our App & Website (www.bethelbaptistva.com). Tuesday mornings we have Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.; Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm we have TeamKid for kids 3 years old through 5th grade, Amplify Youth (6-12th grade), Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study and then our College & Young Adult Bible Study at 8:00pm.www.bethelbaptistva.com

MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev. Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sundays: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed:7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST - 703 Hemlock Road N.W. Roanoke, 342-6492. Roy E. Kanode, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Awanas 5:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.; Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m.; Praiz Kidz 6:00 p.m.; Family Night Activities 6:30 p.m. website:www.ridgewood-baptist.com.

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - Salem Campus: 1226 RedLane Extension, Salem, 387-3200, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. North Campus: 7640 AlpineRoad, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. Southwest Campus: 3585 Buck Mountain Road, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. www.fcclife.org.

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST/ CHRISTIANCHURCHES
DALE RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW Roanoke, 24019; office: 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Ladies class

Salem WORSHIP DIRECTORY

- Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Visit our new web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net, it's updated each week from local, national and international sources with news of interest to Christians. Take a video tour of our facilities. Read articles taken from the word of God that apply to our lives today. View a new sermon each week. Dale Ridge is reaching out to the Roanoke/Botetourt area with the good news of Jesus Christ. Come join our plea to return to the Bible. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe in the Holy Spirit is a gift, given to every Christian when we respond to the Gospel as taught in the context of Acts 2 and emphasized in verse 38. We believe Jesus is the only means of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Is this your time to make a choice? (John 16:13) Have you been looking for a church family that's led by the Holy Spirit into all truth? (John 13:35) You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. Follow the advice of Philip when he told Nathanael about Jesus in (John 1:46) "Come and See."

SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST - 401 West Main Street. 540-389-2400. Minister Taylor Plott; 10:00am Sunday Bible Study; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office.

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

CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH - 955 Bird Lane, Salem, Va 24153, 389-5639. Pastor: Scott Hudson. Sunday School 10:00AM, Worship 11:00AM; Bible Study 6:00PM.

CHURCH OF GOD/CLEVELAND SALEM CHURCH OF GOD - 600 Craig Avenue, Todd Stiffler, Pastor, 387-2068, Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship and Kids Church 10:30 am, Wednesday Bible Study and Classes at 7:00 pm. www.salemcog.church

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831. www.firstchristiansalemva.com. Adult and Children Sunday School - 9:30 am, Worship - 10:30 am. Nursery Provided for both. Everyone welcome

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 2931 West Main Street, Salem - Pastor Matthew Cox - 380-4636 - website: www.flccsalem.org. Sunday: 9:30am Adult Study Group, 10:30am Worship, Youth & Children's Church. All are welcome!

ECKANKAR
ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

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

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

FOURSQUARE
theBRIDGE SALEM CHURCH - 4335 West Main Street, Salem. 540-404-1414 | bridge.salem@icloud.com • www.salemva.church Saturday service, 6pm (Nursery & Kids Church available). Mail: PO Box 1954, Salem. Twitter/ Instagram: @thebridgesalem Joey Lyons, Senior Pastor | joey@salemva.church | 540-831-9864

INDEPENDENT
RESTORATION CHURCH - a Community on Mission Following Jesus into the World - 10:10am Sundays at the Salem YMCA - 1126 Kime Lane, Salem - 540-384-1601 - www.restorationsalem.org. Watch Live at: YouTube: Restoration Church-Salem, VA. Facebook: RestorationChurchSalem

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 226 South Broad Street, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. SundaySchool 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship Service11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and PrayerMeeting 7:00 PM.

SHILOH BAPTIST- 201 South Market Street, Salem, Rev. Adrian E. Dowell, H) (389-0409). Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. (All classes) via zoom and conference call line. Wednesday Adult Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in person for adults, children and teens. Adult class is also streamed on Facebook. Men's Bible Study Saturday at 7:00 a.m.(Zoom). Saturday Intercessory Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. (conference call line). Sunday Women's Bible Study Class at 8:30 p.m. (Zoom). In-person Worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. or worship with us on line via Facebook. Church office can be contacted for additional information.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
CHRISTIAN LIFE INT'L - 1 CLI Way, Salem, Ryan Linkous, Pastor, 343-3801, Sunday Worship Service 10:15 AM, (Children's Church and Nursery) Wed, MidWeek Service (Adult, Awaken Youth, Mpat Girls & Royal Rangers) 7 PM. Nursery Provided.Email: office@clchurch.org. Find us on facebook.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 41 East Main Street, Salem, VA . 389-3881. Come worship with us, Pastor, Rev. Chris Vogado, and our Associate Pastor, Rev. Janet Chisom each Sunday at 11:00 AM (10:00 AM from Memorial Day - Labor Day). In- Person Sunday School is 9:30 AM (9:00 AM Memorial Day - Labor Day).You may still worship with us online live at www.salempres.org, or Facebook, or YouTube. During in-person worship, masking for health reasons is optional.

UNITED METHODIST
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Pastor Alan Combs, Traditional Worship - 8:45am, Sunday School - 9:45am, Genesis Contemporary Worship 10am; Traditional Worship - 11:00am. www.fumcsalemva.org.

LOCUST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 3415 Locust Grove Lane, Salem, 540-315-0881, Pastor Mike Sanborn. Each Sunday Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.

To list your church, contact Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or email advertise@ourvalley.org

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The Salem Times Register has openings for afternoon/evening shift work including labeling and bundling newspapers for delivery. No experience necessary. Hours may vary. Will train. \$12 per hour. Contact Christine, Circulation Manager, Salem-Times Register (540)389-9355 or email customerservice@ourvalley.org

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 50 BERRY RIDGE RD, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 17, 2020, in the original principal amount of \$173,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200000244. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on January 12, 2024, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE BUCHANAN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 3.00 ACRES, BY SURVEY, WITH METES AND BOUNDS AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY CHRISTOPHER N. MCMURRY, L.S., DATED AUGUST 28, 2008, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 45, PAGE 35. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwswales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees,

Legals - Botetourt County

LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwswales.com. VA-365831-1.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 366 Bridge Street N, Buchanan, VA 24066

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$53,680.00 dated December 1, 2015 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on December 14, 2015 as Instrument Number: 1504503, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on January 2, 2024 at 10:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SURVEY OF HEARTHLAND SUBDIVISION, PREPARED BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, C.L.S., DAIED JULY 3, 1991, OF RECORD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 14, AT PAGE 73. Tax ID: 22559. TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$5,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 23-008417) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orland PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orland.com The Vendor auction.com will be used in conjunction with this Sale. Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

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Legals - City of Salem

DIVORCE NOTICE

Granville County Civil Court in Granville County, NC will be hearing a plea for the decree of divorce for which suit is pending and as filed by Larissa L. Peluso-Fleming of 4010 Pastor Lane, Wake Forest, NC 27587 (petitioner/wife) versus Andrew Taylor McDonald of 1619 Valhalla Court, Salem, VA 24513 (defendant/husband) The defendant must enter a defense to such pleading within 30 days after the date of receipt of divorce filing as delivered by the Roanoke County Sheriff's Department. Should the defendant fail to make a defense within that time period, the plaintiff shall apply to the court for relief.

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on December 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of E2ST John, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 68 St. John Road (Tax Map # 155-2-2.1) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.
2. Consider the request of Poindexter SW Florida, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 2105-2121 Apperson Drive (Tax Map # 281-1-2.2) from BCD Business Commerce District to HBD Highway Business District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Deputy Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2032: An Ordinance Vacating a Public Utility Easement on Land Located at 215 Cork Drive. The proposed ordinance request is to release the Town's interest in a Public Utility easement located at 215 Cork Drive.

Ordinance 2034: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code Section 18-401 Pertaining to the Surcharge for Certain Industrial Wastes. The proposed ordinance establishes a surcharge to be imposed on industrial sewers for discharges of BOD and TSS in excess of the levels contained in normal wastewater under the terms of an approved Discharge Permit.

Ordinance 2039: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code Sections 22-221 and 22-222 Pertaining to Tax Exemptions for Elderly and Disabled by Increasing Income and Asset Limits. The proposed ordinance will increase the eligibility limits for income and net worth for elderly or disabled persons. This will align with recent changes to Montgomery County's income and net worth limits.

Ordinance 2042: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate an Additional \$194,000 of the Virginia Department of Health Lead Inventory Grant Funds to the Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund. The Town has received an additional \$194,000 from the Virginia Department of Health Lead Inventory Project and these funds must be accepted and appropriated to the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget of the Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.

Legals - Montgomery County

Ordinance 2043: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate \$76,680 of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds from the Department of Energy to the General Capital Improvement Fund.

Ordinance 2043 will accept and appropriate \$76,680 of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds from the Department of Energy to the General Capital Improvement Fund.

Ordinance 2044: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate \$406,038 in VDOT Primary Extension Paving Funding and \$168,750 in VDOT Primary Extension ADA Funding to the General Capital Improvement Fund.

All persons affected by or interested in these ordinances above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

Legals - Roanoke County

LEGAL NOTICE

Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Seeking Applicants to Fill Vinton District Vacancy

The Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County is searching for candidates to fill the vacancy in the Vinton Magisterial District as the result of P. Jason Peters' election to the Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue.

The person appointed shall be a qualified voter of the Vinton Magisterial District and hold office until a special election in November of 2024.

The person elected at the special election will serve the remainder of Mr. Peters' term, which expires December 31, 2025. If any qualified voter in the Vinton Magisterial District would like to be considered for the vacancy, please mail or email a 300-word essay on why you want to be the Supervisor for the Vinton Magisterial District and why you feel you are qualified to serve to the Chief Deputy Clerk at the following address or email by January 1, 2024. Deborah C. Jacks Chief Deputy Clerk to the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors 5204 Bernard Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 Telephone: 540-772-2003 Email: djacks@roanokecountyva.gov or December 26, 2023 Deborah C. Jacks Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE

Maa Vedai 6 LLC, trading as JENNIFER GROCERY, 1312 Patterson Ave SW, Roanoke, Roanoke City, VA. 24016.

Legals - Town of Vinton

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Specialty Establishment Application-Convenience Grocery Store, Wine, Beer, Consumed Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Haresh Chaudhari, Only Member.

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

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Class 1 & 2 football state championships at Salem Stadium Saturday; 50th Stagg Bowl is following week and Yellow Jackets are still alive

Salem Stadium will be busy with championship football action the next couple weeks with high school and college games taking the field.

This Saturday, December 2, the stadium will host Virginia High School League championships for Class 1 and Class 2 teams. Undefeated Radford will take on Riverheads at 11:30 am followed by Essex against Galax at 5 pm.

This should be a great doubleheader. Radford is 14-0 and Riverheads is 13-1 and has won 13 straight after falling to Central of Woodstock in the season opener. Riverheads had won three straight Class 1 championships before moving to Class 2 this

season.

Essex is undefeated at 14-0 and will take on 10-4 Galax. The Maroon Tide earned a trip to the big game with a win over George Wythe in the Region 1C championship and a 49-36 win over Honaker last week.

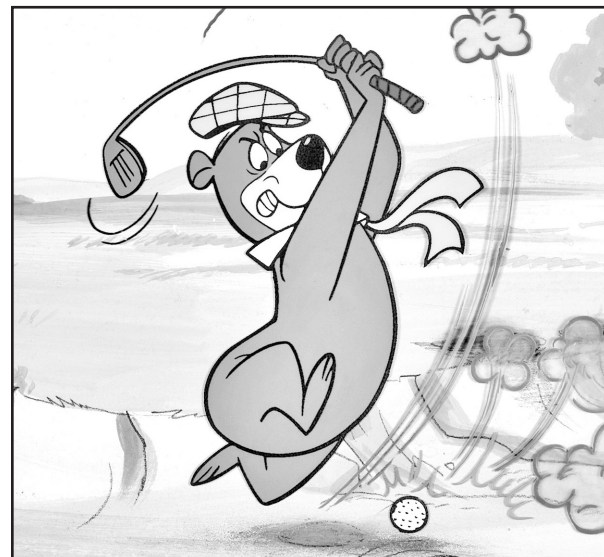
When the high school champs are decided the college teams take over, as Salem will be the host for the 50th Stagg Bowl on Friday, December 15. The NCAA Division III championship trophy will be lifted by one of four teams as semifinals are held this weekend.

Randolph-Macon is hoping to be just the second Old Dominion Athletic Conference team to make

the Stagg Bowl, as Bridgewater was in the 2001 game in Salem and lost to Mount Union, 30-27. Randolph-Macon is 13-0 after beating Johns Hopkins, 39-36, in a quarterfinal Division III game in Baltimore last weekend.

This Saturday at noon Randolph-Macon will host Cortland with a trip to Salem on the line. The other semifinal game will find North Central of Illinois at Wartburg in a Saturday game in Waverly, Iowa.

Tickets are now on sale for the Stagg Bowl at the Salem Civic Center. High school championship tickets for Saturday's games must be purchased on line at the GoFan site.



Only one BooBoo for Yogi

Hugh "Yogi" Roberts was not your average contestant as he missed just one game this week to win our weekly football contest. With the win he's in line for a pic-a-nic basket full of goodies from our two main sponsors.

Yogi was close to having the second perfect score of the season. He went into the Sunday 4 pm games without a loss but slipped up by picking the Eagles over the 49ers, as San Francisco dominated in a rematch of last season's NFC final. For his big week Yogi will receive the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's, as well as the \$20 gift certificate from Macado's.

For our "19th Hole" question Bobby Kiker was closest to Salem's 31-21 win over Tuscarora in the Class 4 state football semifinal last Saturday. He'll get a free day of golf at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street for having faith in the local Spartans.

This week, we'll run it back with Salem's state Class 4 championship game at Liberty University Saturday. The Spartans will take on Phoebus of Hampton at 11:30 am for all the marbles, and for some lucky contestant it will be for a day of free golf. Put your prediction in the space provided for a chance to win our "19th hole."

This week we included all six state championship games. We have lots of local flavor as Salem is joined by three other teams from our area. Galax will take on Essex in the Class 1 final and Radford will meet Riverheads in Class 2, both at Salem Stadium Saturday. In Class 3 Liberty Christian will play Lafayette at Liberty University following the Salem game.

Two more weeks of the contest after this one. The final contest comes out the week before Christmas and will include all the big bowl games and your chance to pick the Super Bowl winner.

—Brian Hoffman

Salem, Glenvar track teams run at Liberty

The Salem High indoor track team opened the season last weekend with an appearance in the Liberty High School Kickoff meet at Liberty University. Salem had some good performances in a big meet.

In the girls' meet the top runners included Genelle Balthazar in the 55 dash, Erin Armistead in the 300 and 500 meter runs and Leah Johnson in the 1,000 meters. Boys' top performances were Julian Morton in the 55 and 300, Austin Prosser in the 1,000 and 1,600 and Nazerer Miller in the 500 meters.

Salem will be back at Liberty for a meet this weekend and Glenvar will also run in that meet, the first of the season for the Highlanders.

MAROONS HOST TRACK MEET

The Roanoke College indoor track team will host their first local meet of the season this weekend when the Bast-Cregger Invitational is held at the Cregger Center Indoor Fieldhouse in Salem. The meet will be held on Friday and Saturday.

The Maroon indoor team opened the winter season with a meet in Lynchburg last weekend at the Liberty Kickoff event at the Liberty Indoor Track Complex on the campus of Liberty University. For the men, Brady Fowler placed 12th overall in the 200m, leading all Division III athletes with a time of

22.42 seconds. Elijah Bolich came in 29th.

In the 60m hurdles preliminary round, Daniel Graham posted a time of 8.94 seconds to finish 19th. Brandon Heffinger and Victor Cardwell crossed the tape in 34th and 35th place in the 400m, recording times of 53.27 and 53.59 seconds.

In the women's meet Kaitlyn Nguyen finished seventh overall in the high jump with a mark of 1.58m. Haylee Gamble led all Division III runners in the 200m, landing in 18th place with a time of 26.22 seconds. Mikayla Hefferon placed 21st in the 400m, logging a mark of 1:01.85.

RC wrestlers open ODAC season with match at Shenandoah Univ.

The Roanoke wrestling team took to the mat in two different locations last weekend, sending wrestlers to both the Blue Jay Classic in Elizabethtown, PA and the New Standard Invitational in York, PA.

In Elizabethtown Kyle Lee won the 174 pound bracket with four wins in four matches. Corey Messick was second at 133 while Dustin Smith took a third at 141 pounds.

In York, Mark Samuel went 5-0 at 141 to win his weight class. Jacob Cherry took second at 165, winning four of five bouts, and Mac Cafurello was third at 125, winning five of six.

The Maroons are back on the mat for their first dual of the season tonight when they travel to Winchester to take on Shenandoah in an ODAC match. Starting time with the Hornets is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Look for the best coverage of the state football game in the ST-R next week.



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Left, Salem's Khamari Garner catches a long pass just before halftime. Right, Wilson Rakes(#50), Chris Cole(#9) and Coen Logan(#4) combine to stop a Tuscarora ballcarrier at the line of scrimmage.

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tion with their offense, averaging 44 points a game over 14 games, Phoebus also has a strong defense. They've shut out eight of 14 opponents and in two other games they've allowed only a safety. In 14 games the Phantoms have allowed a total of 44 points.

The Phantoms will be looking for their third straight state championship under Jeremy Blunt, who is in his 12th year as coach. The last two have been in Class 3, before Phoebus moved to Class 4 for this year's high school sports calendar. Last year the Phantoms defeated Heritage of Lynchburg, coached by former Salem player Brad Bradley, 48-7 to win the Class 3 championship. In 2021 they beat Liberty Christian in the Class 3 final, 22-14.

Salem has played Phoebus three times, but those games are ancient history. The Spartans played the Phantoms in the first three years of Salem High School, winning 18-14 in 1977, 21-2 in 1978 and losing 21-6 in 1979. Phoebus opened in 1976, one year before Salem High.

Like Salem, Phoebus has gone on to create a rich football tradition. They won seven state championships in a span of 11 years from 2001 to 2011 and made the final in 2018, losing to Heritage. In all, they've been to 10 state championship games, winning nine. Salem has been to 13 state championship games, winning 10. To say that two storied programs will meet on the gridiron in Lynchburg this Saturday would certainly not be an understatement.

The 13-1 Spartans come into Saturday's game on a 13 game winning streak, counting the forfeit win against Blacksburg. Last week a stout defense and a solid running attack were the key in the win over Tuscarora, as Salem senior Peyton Lewis rushed for four touchdowns and 373 yards behind the blocking of the offensive line "Mules."

The game was tight until late in the final quarter. After a scoreless first quarter the Spartans gave the ball up on downs on the Tuscarora 12 yard line on the first play of the second period. The Huskies then put on an 88 yard drive that resulted in a 35 yard touchdown pass on fourth and long with 9:41 remaining in the half.

Salem was quick to answer. Less than two minutes later Lewis broke free in front of the Tuscarora bench and ran 62 yards to tie the game, 7-7, with Wesley Cross' extra point.

That's the way the game stood at the half, but not without some excitement. With less than a minute to play the Huskies had the ball on their side of the field and Holter used timeouts to stop the clock as the Spartan defense forced a three and out. After a punt and change of possession Salem had 20 seconds to work with and the ball on the Tuscarora 46. At that point quarterback Eli Taylor hit Khamari Garner in stride at the 10 and Garner was tackled at the four with 10 seconds still on the clock as Salem lined up and spiked the ball.

After the officials consulted the clock was set at four seconds to the dismay of Holter, who still had a time out left and thought there should be more time on the clock, giving him a chance to run a play and still call a time out if the Spartans didn't get in the end zone.

"I thought there should have been more time," he said. "We couldn't run a play and still call a time out, if we needed one, in four seconds."

So, Holter sent out the field goal unit to try and take the lead at the half, but Cross' 22 yard attempt hit the left upright and bounced back, leaving the game tied at 7-7 as both teams headed to their half-time spots behind the opposite end zones.

It didn't take Salem long to take the lead in the second half. The Spartans got the ball first, and on the second play of the half Lewis found a big hole on the right side of the line. He popped through virtually untouched and from there it was a race to the end

zone. There was no catching the state sprint champion as he pulled away for an 81 yard touchdown run and Salem's first lead of the game.

Lewis scored on a direct snap, something Salem had been working on the second half of the season.

"That gives us three good backs out there and a double tight end, and getting an extra man to the point of attack is a big advantage," said Holter. "We'd been mixing it in there three or four times a game in the second half of the season."

Tuscarora came roaring back after the score. They drove to the Salem 10 where they had first and goal, then after two losses they passed to the one. On fourth down the Spartan defense came up big, stopping the Huskies less than a foot from the goal line.

The euphoria on the Salem side lasted just one play, however, as the Spartans fumbled on first down to give the Huskies another chance. This time they were able to get in and tie the game at 14-14 with 5:20 to go in the third quarter.

Again, Salem was quick to answer. With the running game in full attack mode the Spartans moved to the four, where Lewis scored his third TD with 1:13 to go in the third quarter. With that score Salem would lead for the rest of the game.

Salem's defense held on the ensuing possession, and when the Spartans got the ball back they drove for a killer TD with Lewis taking it in from the 18 at the 8:46 mark. Still, the Huskies weren't done as they hit on a 36 yard TD pass three minutes later and there was still plenty of time with 5:31 on the clock.

Lewis was up to the challenge once again, as yet another long run moved the Spartans to the red zone. On fourth down and 2:35 to go Cross was called on to kick a 25 yard field goal and he hit it right down the middle to put the lights out.

"That three was extremely important because that made it a two score game," said Holter. "We have a lot of confidence in Wesley Cross and I had no second thoughts that he wouldn't make that field goal. You know he's the only four year starter on the field for us."

Down 10 the Huskies were cooked, and Lewis served up the final blow with an interception with just 1:35 to go. Tuscarora had no time outs left and the Spartans ran out the clock in victory formation, then celebrated with the many fans who made the three and a half hour trip from Salem to enjoy the win. Salem had as many fans at the game as the local Tuscarora team did, and you can expect a huge crowd as well this week at Liberty University.

As mentioned, Tennessee bound Lewis finished with 373 yards on 30 carries, averaging over 12 yards a carry. He had a UT towel hanging from his waist and Volunteer fans had to be excited about his performance Saturday.

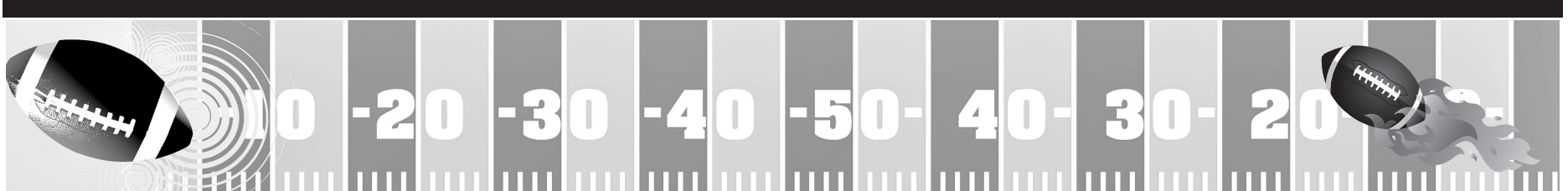
Jayveon Jones, playing on a sore ankle he injured in the region playoffs, sucked it up and gained 30 yards on 11 carries and did a good job blocking out of the backfield. Josiah Persinger had one carry for six yards and Taylor threw the ball just three times with one completion, the bomb to Garner just before the half.

On defense Georgia commit Chris Cole led the team with 11 tackles, including eight solos. Jaelyn Allen had eight total tackles with six solos, a sack, and two tackles for losses. Persinger, Lewis and Dontay Davis had eight tackles each and Wilson Rakes and Chris Martin had seven each for the Spartans. Quinton Dillard had five tackles with two sacks and two tackles for losses.

Salem wore white shirts and white pants for the Tuscarora game, and they'll wear that same combination this weekend in Lynchburg. Holter lets the seniors decide what to wear and they like that combination.

Tickets for the game are now on sale at GoFan and nice weather is predicted. It's Salem against Phoebus and if you're a high school football fan you couldn't ask for anything more.

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The 19th Hole (see story)

Maroons look to pick up first ODAC wins

The Roanoke College men will try to get on the winning side of the ledger and pick up an ODAC win or two this week when they play a couple basketball games. The Maroons are home to Guilford Wednesday and at Virginia Wesleyan Sunday.

Roanoke comes into the week at 3-3 after dropping their first two conference games of the season. Ferrum squeaked out an 84-82 overtime win at the Cregger Center in Salem last Wednesday, followed by a 79-71 loss to Shenandoah on Saturday in Winchester.

The Maroons led early at Shenandoah, jumping ahead 14-7 in the early going. The Hornets battled back to take a four point lead at the half

and slowly built up their lead to as many as 12 with 7:31 left in the game. A Hornet jumper with 3:54 on the clock put the hosts up by 15 before the Maroons began to cut down the lead. Roanoke would get the lead down to six with 16 seconds left before SU settled in for the 79-71 win.

Justin Kuthan led Roanoke in scoring with 23 points and he also pulled seven rebounds. Marcus Morgan had 16 and Zach Rosenthal scored 13 for the Maroons.

After this week's games the Maroons will be off until December 19 when they play in the two-day Catholic Classic at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Yellow Jackets sting Roanoke women

The Roanoke College women saw their record fall to 3-3 and their Old Dominion Athletic Conference mark drop to 1-2 with a loss to Randolph-Macon last Saturday at the Cregger Center in Salem. The visiting Yellow Jackets took a 47-41 win.

Both teams suffered through a cold shooting night. It was nearly four minutes into the game before either team scored, as Peyton Kirchner of RC broke the ice with a free throw. The Jackets then went on an 11-2 run to take a lead.

The game was tied at 17-17 at the half and

close the rest of the way. Randolph-Macon took a 31-24 lead going into the final period. The Maroons would outscore RMC over the final 10 minutes, 17-16, but it was not enough to overcome the deficit as the visitors left with the six-point win, 47-41.

Alexa Kulakowski led the Maroons with 18 points. Roanoke will try to get back on the winning side this week when they host Randolph College on Wednesday, followed by a trip to Eastern Mennonite on Saturday for a 2 pm start.

Middle School hoop teams play today

Both the Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School basketball teams will be in action today. The Glenvar teams will be at Covington Middle School while the Lewis girls host William Byrd and the Wolverine boys take on Byrd Middle in Vinton.

All four played on Monday of this week. The Lewis boys beat Read Mountain, 51-15, in Salem. Lewis led by 13 at the half and dominated the paint as Zion Honaker and Aiden Poff had big games.

"Read Mountain is very well coached and we had our hands full," said Lewis coach Adam Rutledge. "We weren't dialed in to start the game and it was close for the first half. Our challenge to the players at halftime was, can we play the best half of basketball defensively in the second half? The players responded by only allowing two points in the second half."

The Lewis girls were at Read Mountain and took a 22-17 win. Jayla Wood led the team with nine points and eight rebounds while Elizabeth Keffer had big three pointer in the third quarter and had five points.

"We dug ourselves a hole in first half, but a lot of that was due to the improved play of Read Mountain," said coach Nat Franklin. "We got back to playing good defense, sharing the ball, and limiting our turnovers in the second and pulled out the win."

The Glenvar teams both played Radford on Monday. The boys dropped a 50-38 decision to the host Bobcats. Parker Doolan led the Highlanders with 13 points while JD Williamson had 11 and Landon Rakes scored eight.

The girls, who had lost to Radford at home the first time around, pulled out a 26-17 win. Leading scorer for the Highlanders was Ashante Byrd with 8 points while Scarlett McCall had five.

"Great win for our Highlanders," said coach Tiana Byrd. "Our girls came out and played hard all night. We fought through their full court man to man defense and finished on our end."

All four teams are back in action next Monday. Glenvar teams go to Floyd while the Lewis boys host Hidden Valley and the girls are at Hidden Valley.



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Zion Honaker goes to the basket for Andrew Lewis Middle School.

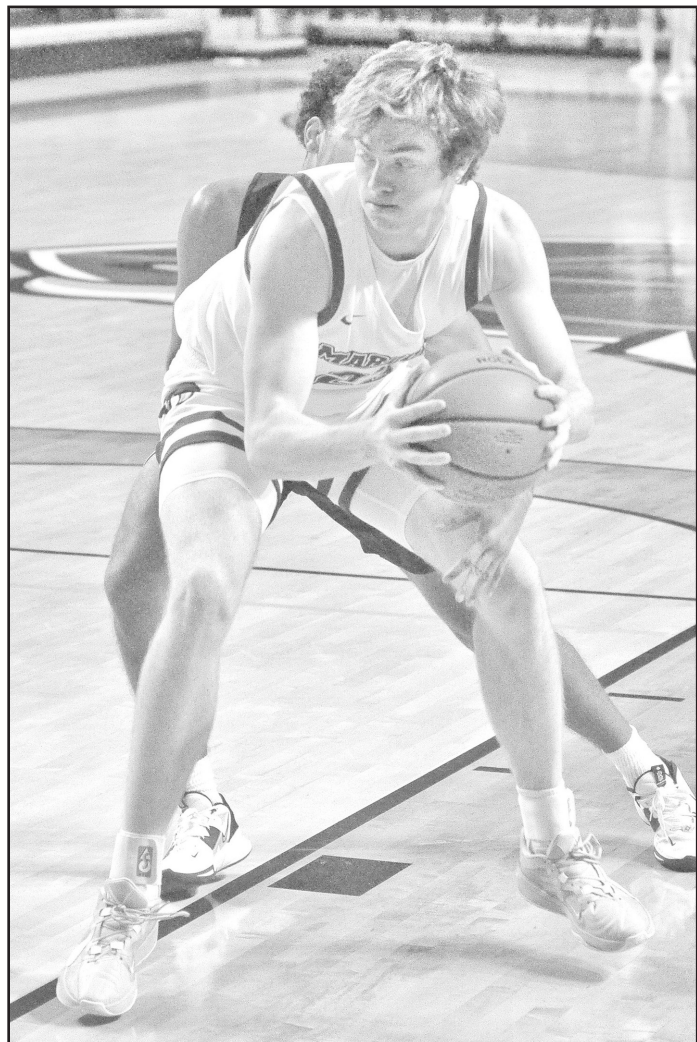


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Porter Stanley of Roanoke College posts up against Ferrum.

HS swim season opens

The Salem High swim team hit the water in competition for the first time last week at the Salem YMCA in a meet against Hidden Valley.

The Salem boys beat the Titans, 96-54, but the girls lost to a very strong Hidden Valley team, 103-54. The overall score was 157-140 in favor of Hidden Valley.

"It was a fantastic meet, there were many close races," said Salem coach Mary Ann Fleenor.

Top scorers for the Spartans were as follows:

Boys 200 Medley Relay: Zach Easter, Joren Poush, Carter Biscotte and Carson Tucker.

Boys 200 Free: Andis Hamden

Boys 50 Free and 500 Free: Joren Poush

Girls 50 Free and 100 Breast: Eliza Fleenor

Boys 200 Free Relay: Zach Easter, Joren Poush, Carter Biscotte and Davis Griffith

Boys 100 Backstroke: Zach Easter

The Spartans were back in the water on Tuesday of this week against William Byrd and Alleghany but results were too late for publication.

"We are excited after one week in the water and not having to make any cuts during tryouts," said Fleenor. "Our team has hit the water looking fast and strong already. Our senior leadership is great with Eliza Fleenor, Emma LaFountain, Karina Rueda Alvarez, Joren Poush, Zach Easter and also seniors Lacy Barnes, Davis Griffith, Carson Tucker and newcomer JR Sheffey will play a huge role in our team's spirit and success."

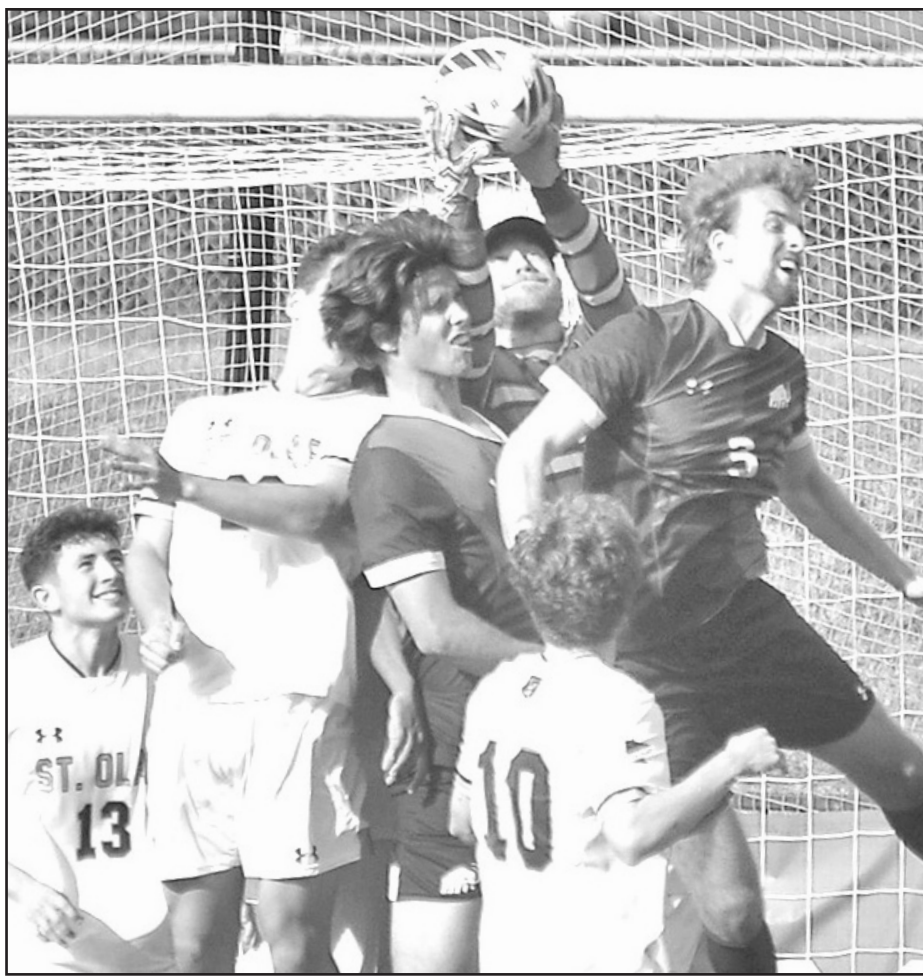
Glenvar has yet to have a meet. The Highlanders will open next Tuesday at the Salem YMCA.

"We have a team of 24 strong with 11 boys, 11 girls and two eighth graders," said Glenvar coach Shannon Hall. "This is the most balanced team we've ever put in the pool."

Glenvar returns Connor Wilkes, who was State Champion in the 500 freestyle and 100 butterfly in 2023 and also anchored the 400 freestyle relay to a state title.

"Our big question for the boys' team is who will fill the fourth spot on the state champion 400 freestyle relay," said Hall. "With three of the four boys returning that fourth spot is wide open. Can the boys improve on their 4th place team finish at states from last year?"

"For the girls the big question is can we improve our 11th place finish at states and who among the new swimmers will step into key spots on relay teams. Coach Daniel and I have our work cut out for us trying to answer these questions."



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St. Olaf, Cal-Lutheran win NCAA soccer championships at RC for 100th and 101st titles won in City of Salem

St. Olaf rallied from a 1-0 deficit to tie the game and then win in overtime, 2-1, in the NCAA Division III men's soccer championship at Kerr Stadium on the campus of Roanoke College Sunday. The women's championship was held Saturday and California Lutheran took a 1-0 win over Washington University to win the NCAA championship. Saturday's championship was the 100th NCAA champ crowned in the city of Salem since the Stagg Bowl was held in the city in 1993. Above, the St. Olaf's keeper makes a save on a corner kick in front of the cage late in Sunday's win, and above right St. Olaf players celebrate as the final horn sounds. Championship 102 will be crowned when Salem hosts the 50th NCAA Football Championship Stagg Bowl on December 15.



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Yerton had 11. Salem's defense wore down the Wildcats as the game progressed.

"I thought our pressure defense slowed them up a little," said Garst. "We wore them down in the fourth quarter and created some turnovers, and we were able to separate."

The Glenvar boys opened at Hidden Valley last Thursday and pulled out a 65-63 win despite having their football players on the court for less than a week. As it turned out Glenvar quarterback Brody Dawyot led the scoring with 23 points and his top receiver on the football team, Reed Hutchison, scored 19 points and had 11 rebounds from his guard position.

"I thought we played fairly well given the circumstances," said Glenvar coach Cliff Bordewisch. "We'd only had three practices with our full team after football finished."

Glenvar raced to an early lead but the Titans wouldn't go away, battling the Highlanders to the wire.

"It was a tight, chippy game down the stretch and we were able to make enough plays to get to 1-0," said Bordewisch.

The Salem girls opened their season with two impressive wins. On Friday at home the Spartans hammered Northside, 68-29. Salem's pressing defense gave the visitors lots of trouble.

"Good start to our season," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "We were able to create some turnovers that led to some easy baskets and build some early momentum."

Emme Custer led Salem with 15 points and seven rebounds. Charli Wynn had 11 points and Bailey Rider had 10 points, 13 boards and seven steals.

On Monday the Spartans played E.C. Glass in Lynchburg in a game between Region 4D opponents and Salem came out on top again, 60-33. Rider led the Spartans with 14 points, Gabby Crawley had a dozen and Ashlyn Adkins scored 10 points.

"Nice road win against a Region 4D team," said Jester. "We came out with great defensive energy from the beginning of the game and that set the tone for us."

The Glenvar girls fell to 0-2 with a 60-13 loss to William Byrd in Vinton last Friday. Atalee Strausbaugh scored five points to lead the young Highlanders.

"We're starting three freshmen," said coach Jeff Johnson. "We're just trying to get better and have fun."

The Highlanders were scheduled to host Auburn on Monday but that game was postponed when Auburn High had no power on Monday afternoon and cancelled all school events.

The Glenvar girls and boys were both scheduled to play Hidden Valley on Wednesday of this week, with the boys at home and the girls on the road. On Friday the Glenvar boys will host Blacksburg for Military Appreciation Night and the girls are scheduled to play at Blacksburg. Vets get in free at GHS Friday with a military ID.

The Salem teams do not have another game until they play at Glenvar Monday.



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Above left, Glenvar's Brody Dawyot throws down a dunk in last week's game at Hidden Valley. Above right, Marvin Fields of Salem goes to the hole and is fouled at Northside. Below left, Audrey Moles of Glenvar drives against William Byrd in Vinton Friday and, below right, Shaniya Robinson of Salem goes to the hole in a win over Northside.



PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Salem's Shawn Jones has his William Byrd opponent in a perilous position.

Spartans edge William Byrd in wrestling season opener

The Salem High wrestling team is off to a good start with a win in a dual match and some tough competition in a weekend tournament.

Salem hosted William Byrd on the Spartan mats last Wednesday and took a 39-36 win. The highlight of the night came early when freshman Derek Bush beat Byrd's Darin Witcher, 12-10, in an exciting come from behind match at 106. Witcher was a state runnerup in Class 3 last season.

On Friday the Spartans wrestled in a team event in Sherando and ran into some strong competition, beginning with a 51-27 loss to defending Region 4A champ Orange County. Salem lost to host Sherando, 66-13, and then John Champe edged the Salemites, 36-33. Salem had the lead going into the final match against John Champe.

"We went three hours to see some Class 4 teams we don't usually see, but two are in our region," said coach Lawrence Van Liew.

Bush supplied a highlight again, defeating two time defending state champ Waylon Rogers of Orange County, 7-6.

This weekend Salem will wrestle in the annual Titan Toughman tournament at Hidden Valley. It will begin at 2 pm Friday and continue Saturday morning through conclusion.

Glenvar wrestlers in big Tennessee tournament

The Glenvar wrestlers opened the winter season with a tri-match against Patrick County and Alleghany last week and picked up two wins. It was the Glenvar debut for new coach Tim Miles.

"I thought we did okay for the first match," said Miles. "I was pleased with freshman Jacob Flowers. He really showed up."

This weekend the Highlanders

will wrestle in the Indian Classic in Kingsport, Tennessee. Miles is looking to find some strong competition for the team and he's scheduled some road trips to get the team ready for the post-season, when it really counts.

"This will be tougher than the state tournament," he said. "Staunton River was the state champion last year and they finished fifth when they wrestled in this tournament."



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Glenvar's Hunter Hollifield is on top and on his way to a win in last week's match with Patrick County.

Andrew Lewis wrestlers defeat William Byrd

The Andrew Lewis wrestlers picked up a dual match win last week when the Wolverines defeated William Byrd, 70-21, in a preliminary the Salem-Byrd high school match at Salem High.

"Unfortunately, Byrd had a lot of forfeits," said Lewis coach Randall Sell. "I thought our guys wrestled really

well. Even in the places where we lost, I felt like our guys are finally starting to run the moves that we have been practicing. This shows that they are starting to have confidence in what we are teaching. We still have a ways to go, but I like the progress we are making."

Winning matches against Byrd were

Dylan Bonet, Gabe Johnson, Nick Baxley, James Fukamoto, James Semones, Keegan Price, and Aaron Gordon. Lewis was scheduled to wrestle at Hidden Valley on Wednesday of this week.

Glenvar has a home match with Ben Franklin Middle School on Wednesday of this week.

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Salem's Peyton Lewis runs for an 81 yard touchdown on the Spartan's first possession of the second half in last Saturday's state semifinal win over Tuscarora.

Spartans play Phoebus in state championship game at LU Saturday

Salem downs Tuscarora, 31-21, in state semifinal in Leesburg to earn 14th trip to state final

The Salem High Spartans are back in the state championship football game for the 14th time in the 47 years of Salem High School. Salem will take on Phoebus High School of Hampton this Saturday at 11:30 am at Liberty University's Williams Stadium.

The Region 4D champion Spartans punched their ticket to the big dance with a 31-21 win over Region 4C champion Tuscarora High in Leesburg last Saturday. Meanwhile, undefeated Phoebus, the Region 4A champ, earned their spot in the final with a 25-13 win over Region 4B champ King George last

weekend. This is the match everyone was hoping to see. Phoebus caught the attention of high school football fans throughout the state when the Phantoms opened the post-season with a 104-0 win over 1-9 Jamestown, the eighth seed in the region. Phoebus threw a long pass at the end of the game to pass the century mark and that didn't sit well with some observers.

Salem coach Don Holter took the high road and didn't comment on that game. However, it's pretty certain that Salem won't need to score 105 points to

win Saturday as the Spartans have a defense that has averaged giving up just over 10 points a game for the entire season.

"Obviously Phoebus has an outstanding football team," said Holter. "They're well-coached and they have good size. They'll be the most talented and most physical team we'll play this season, but that's the way it should be in the state championship game. We're looking forward to the challenge."

While the Phantoms have drawn most of the atten-

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Left, the Salem High defense stops the Huskies on fourth and goal in a big third quarter goal line stand. Right, Jayveon Jones fights for some tough yards.

Glenvar will host Salem in girls-boys hoop doubleheader

The Salem and Glenvar boys' and girls' basketball teams will be going head-to-head in a girls-boys doubleheader at Glenvar Monday. The varsity girls will play at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow at approximately 7:30 pm, and the same schedule will apply as the Glenvar and Salem jayvee teams play at Salem High School on Monday.

The Salem High boys had a tough opener Friday when they took on defending state champion Northside in the Vikings' home game. The Spartans, who are still waiting on some players from the football team to finish their season, hung tough despite falling 63-47. Lucas Yerton led the Spartans with 15 points.

"I thought our guys competed hard," said Salem coach Kevin Garst. "When you play Northside everyone expects them to win, but our guys fought the whole game and played them tough. It was a great opportunity to compete against a really good team early in the season."

On Tuesday the Spartans had their home opener and picked up their first win, downing Rockbridge 67-60. Cam Boles led the team with 14 points and

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Left, Salem's Lucas Yerton scores a bucket in last Friday's season opening game at Northside. Above, Luke Farmer of Glenvar handles the ball in last week's win at Hidden Valley as coach Cliff Bordewisch shouts instructions from the bench.