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## Chris Dorsey hired as new city manager

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Contributing writer

Chris Dorsey says he is excited to start his new adventure as Salem city manager.

The 60-year-old coming from Tennessee will start the job on Jan. 2. Monday night Salem City Council officially hired Dorsey and introduced him to the community.

His starting salary will be \$195,000.

Salem's seventh city manager since Salem grew overnight from a town to a city comes from Chattanooga, Tenn. He takes over from Jay

Taliaferro, who served the city for 32 years, the last four as city manager. His salary was reported as \$208,749.

"Leading Virginia's Championship City is an incredible honor, and I am looking forward to working with the mayor and City Council to keep Salem moving forward," Dorsey said. "Most importantly, I am excited to meet the many employees I will be working with in the various departments. They are the ones on the front-line taking care of our citizens and visitors



CITY OF SALEM PHOTO  
Chris Dorsey will start Jan. 2 as Salem's new city manager.

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## East Salem Elementary's Matthew Frick named 2024 Teacher of the Year



COURTESY PHOTO

Salem's 2024 Teacher of the Year is a former custom cabinetmaker who now spends his time building foundations for first graders at East Salem Elementary School.

"I am completely floored and honored by this recognition," Matthew Frick said. "I work with some of the most amazing people I have ever met anywhere and for them to believe in me and have this kind of faith in me is unbelievable."

Frick has been at East Salem for 10 years honing his craft and earning the respect of those co-workers and his admiring students.

"I am honored because I have so much respect for my peers," he said. "I have never worked with people who have so much heart, love, and selflessness

as the folks I have met while teaching at East. This is my second home."

How Frick found his way into this East Salem home was anything but routine. The Delaware native was working for a German Baptist family's cabinetry business in Roanoke County when he decided to make a complete career switch. He enrolled in the master's program at Staunton's Mary Baldwin University and successfully obtained his education degree at the age of 40. He applied to work in Salem but knew that his chances of getting hired were slim without any classroom experience.

"Honestly, I had kind of given up at that point," he said. "But on the Friday before the first teacher workday, Salem gave me a call because their enrollment numbers had increased to the point where they needed another teacher. By then, most educators were already in place, but I was still looking."

He was hired on a Friday and started the following Monday in the school division that was his first choice from the beginning. Frick had done several internships in the Roanoke Valley while pursuing his master's degree through the continuing education center including a memorable stint in Bronwyn Thomas' second grade class at South Salem Elementary.

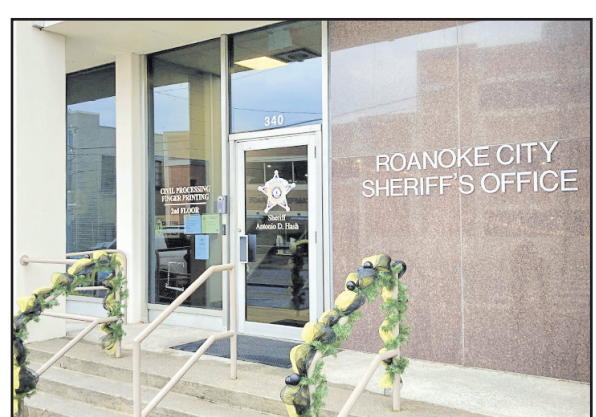
"I learned so much from her in that one week," he said. "That was one of my best experiences and a big reason why I knew I wanted to be in Salem."

But he quickly discovered that working with power tools was much different than communicating in PowerSchool. Shaping a room full of 6-year-old kiddos would require different approaches, practices, and plenty of patience.

"I was lost the first couple of weeks; I mean, I was really lost," he said. "But when I look back, I think about all the amazing people from that school who jumped in and helped me with my room and brought me materials. The entire school made sure I was ready for opening day."

Frick is now one of the most respected teachers in the entire school. In addition to serving as a mentor and sounding board for his fellow educators, one of his greatest strengths is his culturally responsive

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Roanoke City Sheriff's Office

## Roanoke College has expanded Inside-Out Partnership

Roanoke College has announced that it has expanded a unique community partnership that breaks down barriers and deepens the community's understanding of one another.

The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, an initiative originated at Temple University, was introduced in the Roanoke City Adult Detention Center (RCDC) for the first time this semester. This is the second location that college faculty has joined with to offer the innovative, on-site program that brings together people who are incarcerated ("insiders") with traditional Roanoke students ("outsiders") to learn alongside one another in a semester-long course.

"This program is groundbreaking," said Roanoke City Sheriff Antonio Hash, who became impressed with the work after attending a class certificate ceremony in neighboring Roanoke County last fall.

"I saw its amazing impact," he said, adding that the collaboration benefits both college students and inmates who are embracing a journey of healing and rehabilitation. Sheriff Hash was moved to start the process of bringing the program to Roanoke City, which is the largest locality in the region, as part of his office's comprehensive, anti-recidivism initiative, (R.)I.G.N.I.T.E.

Inside-Out was first brought to Roanoke College in 2019 by Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Daisy Ball. It's operated since then at the Roanoke County/Salem Jail and remains one of just a handful of such programs across the state.

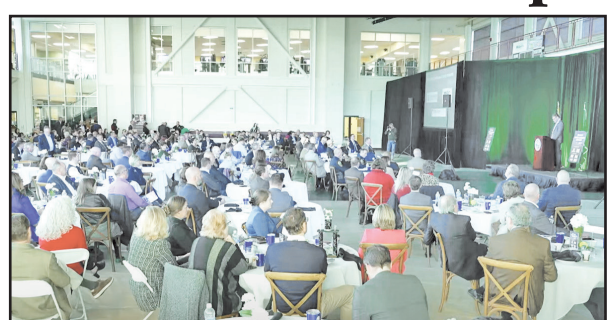
The non-traditional circumstances of the courses (college-level classes conducted in jail facilities) and the chance to engage in deep discussions about issues of faith, justice and societal change (all topics of past Inside-Out classes) have helped students on both sides bust stereotypes and see the world through a new lens.

Insider students in RCDC said they went into the program nervous about taking on the course. But the weekly class sessions became a highlight for them as they were challenged to grow and approach issues from new perspectives.

"Programs like Inside-Out are a silver lining behind the clouds," said one insider, adding that such opportunities are a crucial part of the path toward starting a new life and "honestly and

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## Martha Hooker's State of the County address touts triumphs and talks future goals



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Contributing writer

In a concise and insightful address, Martha Hooker, chair of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, painted a vivid picture of Roanoke County's current triumphs and future targets during the State of the County address on Dec. 5. Hosted by the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce at the Green Ridge Recreation Center, the annual event highlighted significant accomplishments and outlined ambitious goals across economic development, recreation and transportation.

**Economic triumphs:**

Martha Hooker commenced by branding Roanoke as an inviting hub

for families, outdoor enthusiasts, career seekers, and business ventures. Reflecting on 2023, she highlighted significant economic achievements.

Wells Fargo's announcement of a \$87 million investment to expand its Plantation Road customer support center, is a major milestone. With the creation of 1100 jobs, Wells Fargo will become Roanoke County's largest employer. Earlier this year, the Galen College of Nursing, opened inside the Mettis Plaza in the Oak Grove Center. The 34,000 square location "represents a \$4 million investment, bringing new job growth and more than 100 plus more students to this high visibility corridor," Hooker remarked. Vistar Eye Center opened a 26,000 square

foot facility that gives citizens top eye health care. The realization of these institutions cements Roanoke County's commitment to exceptional education and the advancement of health care.

**Infrastructure advancements:**

Wood Haven Technology Park received a boost with an \$820,000 award, spearheaded by Congressman Morgan Griffith's efforts. Coupled with \$670,000 from the Western Virginia Water Authority, this marked another stride in economic advancement by adding water utilities to Wood Haven.

**Healthcare impact:**

Carilion Mental Health's \$11.5 million investment in Tanglewood Mall

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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.

**"Winterfest Beach Bash":** Salem's annual "Winterfest Beach Bash" is coming back in February of 2024 with the legendary "Band of Oz". The 2024 version of this entertaining indoor beach party will take place on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. inside the Salem Civic Center arena. This is the 17th straight year that the Hall of Fame band has been selected to showcase its talents for this popular wintertime party. Tickets for the group's appearance went on sale at 8 a.m.

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enriches healthcare in the Route 419 corridor, drawing 800 weekly visitors. The Route 419 Corridor also saw growth with the addition of new retailers, Chili's, Skechers, Chophouse and Popeyes, contributing to the county's strategy for revitalization.

### Transportation initiatives:

Addressing transportation, Hooker detailed ongoing projects valued at \$320 million, including the ongoing widening of Route 81, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail pedestrian bridge, and the near completion of the Buck Mountain Road roundabout. There are also a number of transportation studies, stemming from the approval of the route 460 Land Use & Connectivity Study, aimed at road safety and aesthetics.

### Recreation flourishes:

The popular McAfee Knob Trailhead Shuttle provided over 1500 rides in 2023, receiving extra funding for expansion in 2024, with new stops planned in Salem and near the Dragon's Tooth trailhead parking lot. Noteworthy projects, such as the West Roanoke River Greenway, reinforced Roanoke's commitment to outdoor adventure. Other worthy mentions are Explore Park's hosting of the USA Cycling race. This event

brought in more than 200 athletes and volunteers, and made a positive economic impact of over \$2 million. The Successful T-rex Tavern Stage Summer Music Series brought in more than 9,000 people to see life size animatronic dinosaurs and an additional 12,200 guests came to the music concerts. Last but not least, 53,000 visitors came to the park last winter to see the award-winning Illumilight.

**Tax Reduction and Future Plans:** The Board of Supervisors approved historic tax reductions in 2023, saving citizens and businesses nearly \$8 million. This marked the first change in personal tax since 1982 and the first change in real estate tax since 2007. Looking ahead, Hooker unveiled the County's 200 plan, outlining goals for community planning areas and future projects. Plans for 2024 include a runway extension at Roanoke Blacksburg Regional Airport and the Route 419 and Route 220 Diverging Diamond Interchange construction. Expanding internet access to rural communities stands as another pivotal goal for next year.

**Elevating education:** A top commitment is the board's dedication to ensuring a

safe and secure learning environment. In the past 15 months alone, Roanoke County has secured an impressive \$1.1 million, earmarked to fund 16 school resource officers. Beyond safety, the educational endeavors have been recognized with notable accolades. Roanoke County schools was the recipient of the Virginia Innovative Practice Exemplar Award. Furthermore, collaborative efforts with Roanoke City and Salem public schools have resulted in the joint reception of the prestigious Virginia Innovative Practice Award. These recognitions foster innovative and effective teaching practices that set a benchmark for excellence.

In an April signing ceremony, the board solidified a groundbreaking agreement with Roanoke County public schools, securing a funding allocation of \$130 million. This historic commitment demonstrates dedication to providing resources and a foundation enriching education. The visionary projects in the pipeline include the construction of a state-of-the-art career and technical education center, along with the strategic renovation of Glen Cove and WE Cundiff schools. These initiatives reflect a proactive approach, ensuring educational facilities evolve to meet the dynamic needs of all students.

**A prideful reflection:** In her concluding remarks, Hooker expressed pride in the collective achievements of the past year. She emphasized the importance of working together to embrace opportunities, fostering growth, and sharing in the prosperity of the community.

**Salem Museum Spotlight**

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

### Public meetings:

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Jan 8 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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|--|--|
| December 14th: 1:00pm-3:30pm                                 | December 23rd: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm |
| December 15th: 1:00pm-3:30pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm                 | December 24th: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm                 |
| December 16th: 7:45pm-10:45pm                                | December 26th: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm |
| December 17th: 1:30pm-3:30pm                                 | December 27th: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm |
| December 18th: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm                 | December 28th: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm |
| December 19th: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-3:30pm                 | December 29th: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm |
| December 20th: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm | December 30th: 11:00pm-1:30pm                                |
| December 21st: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm                 | December 31st: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-6:00pm                 |
| December 22nd: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm | January 2nd: 11:00pm-1:30pm                                  |
|  | January 3rd: 11:00pm-1:30pm                                  |
|  | January 4th: 11:00pm-1:30pm                                  |
|  | January 5th: 11:00pm-1:30pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm   |
|  | January 6th: 2:00pm-5:00pm, 7:00pm-10:00pm                   |

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## SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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### Signed footballs from 1993 Stagg Bowl

A time-honored tradition returns to Salem this weekend as the 50th annual Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl will be played in Salem Stadium on Friday night. The Stagg Bowl is the name given to the NCAA Division-III Football National Championship game. Salem has hosted the most Stagg Bowls of any location since its founding in 1973. It is a large part of Salem's heritage as "Virginia's Championship City."

Salem hosted the Stagg Bowl for the first time in 1993, for the 21st Annual Stagg Bowl game. The 1993 game featured the Mount Union Purple Raiders (from Alliance, Ohio) against the Rowan University Profs (from Glassboro, New Jersey). Mount Union won the Championship game 34-24, the first of 13 National Championships they would win at Salem Football Stadium.

Leading up to the game, the players and coaching staffs of each team signed a football to give to the City of Salem as thanks for hosting the event. These signed footballs are pictured here, and on display at the Salem Museum in the exhibit "A Winning Tradition: Salem's Champions Gallery."

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

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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK

There are certain foods associated with the Christmas season. Eggnog, fruit cake, gingerbread, and plum pudding are all iconic foods that we find during the holidays. Since I grew up all over the United States, I have been exposed to a variety of Christmas traditional foods. Each family has their own Christmas food traditions. A few years ago, my mom shared a story from when she was working in a Los Angeles Kroger warehouse at Christmas during the late 70s making fruit baskets. She and another coworker became friends and that coworker, Suzi, gave her some homemade tamales. Suzi told her that her family got together and made tamales only at Christmas. Because they are labor intensive, they were made only for holidays and special occasions. Making tamales during the Christmas holidays is a tradition for many Mexican, Mexican-Texan, and Mexican American families that has been passed down for decades. My mom realized that this was a very special gift and thoroughly enjoyed those tamales and they were one of her favorite Christmas memories years later. After hearing this I found a tamale casserole recipe. Since I grew up mostly in the Midwest, casseroles are my love language. Mom and I shared this casserole on Christmas eve for several years. Feliz Navidad!

## Tamale casserole

### Ingredients:

- 2 lb. 90% lean ground beef
- 1 packet (28g) "McCormick" reduced sodium taco seasoning
- ¼ cup water
- 1 8.5-oz box "Jiffy" corn muffin mix
- 1 14-oz can cream style corn



**Shelly Koon**  
Contributing  
Writer

- 1 4-oz can diced green chiles (drained)
- ½ cup liquid egg whites
- 1 10-oz can "Old El Paso" mild red enchilada sauce
- ¾ cup shredded Mexican blend cheese

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish well with nonstick cooking spray.

In a medium bowl mix the corn muffin mix, creamed corn, drained chiles, and egg whites together with a fork or whisk. Pour into the prepared baking dish.

Bake for about 15-18 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges. Set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, cook the ground beef and taco seasoning in a medium skillet over medium heat until browned. Remove from the heat.

When the cornbread has cooled slightly, use a fork to poke holes in the top. Pour ½ can of enchilada sauce over the cornbread.

Top with the ground beef. Pour the remaining enchilada sauce over the beef. Top with the shredded cheese.

Bake for another 15-20 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

### Notes:

This casserole freezes well. Cook the cornbread base and meat and assemble as directed through the second-to-last step. Cover well and freeze for up to 3 months. When ready to enjoy, thaw overnight in the refrigerator before baking as instructed.

You can also substitute shredded cooked chicken or shredded cooked pork for the ground beef. Prep and bake exactly as directed.

Serve with avocado, sour cream, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, or Mexican rice.



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# POLICE REPORT

## City of Salem Police Department



### Weekly Arrest Report

Week of November 28, 2023 – December 4, 2023

| Arrested On | Name                   | Age | Charges   |
|-------------|------------------------|-----|---|
| 11/28/2023  | Amanda N. Maiden       | 37  | Failure to Appear   |
| 11/28/2023  | Tejah J. Saunders      | 18  | Failure to Appear   |
| 11/28/2023  | Ibrahimkhalil W. Bilal | 35  | Domestic Assault  |
| 11/28/2023  | Melody H. Murphey      | 44  | DUI   |
| 11/29/2023  | Justin T. Blankenship  | 35  | Probation Violations  |
| 11/29/2023  | Colin R. Phlegar       | 19  | Illegal Possession of Alcohol<br>Drive After Illegal Consumption of Alcohol |
| 11/29/2023  | Maxine G. Battis       | 36  | Public Intoxication<br>Inhaling Noxious Substances                          |
| 11/29/2023  | David R. Kidd          | 35  | Probation Violations  |
| 11/30/2023  | Kaden R. Patterson     | 21  | Failure to Appear   |
| 12/1/2023   | Zachary B. Simmons     | 24  | DUI   |
| 12/2/2023   | Allan F. Portillo      | 36  | Public Intoxication   |
| 12/2/2023   | Ronnae A. Ramey        | 24  | DUI   |
| 12/3/2023   | Naomi M. Cave          | 19  | Public Intoxication<br>DUID   |
| 12/4/2023   | Jamie L. Stultz        | 33  | Possession of Methamphetamine<br>Possession of Controlled Paraphernalia     |
| 12/4/2023   | Joseph L. McCrary      | 60  | Public Intoxication<br>Criminal Trespassing<br>Petit Larceny                |

## City of Salem Police Department



### Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of November 28, 2023 – December 4, 2023

| DATE REPORTED | LOCATION              | OFFENSE REPORTED     |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 28-NOV-2023   | 1400 BLK W. MAIN ST   | Embezzlement         |
| 28 NOV-2023   | 1800 BLK MCVITTY RD   | Larceny from Vehicle |
| 30 NOV-2023   | 2600 BLK W. MAIN ST   | Hit and Run          |
| 04 DEC-2023   | 2800 BLK W. MAIN ST   | Credit Card Theft    |
| 04 DEC-2023   | 500 BLK YOURKSHIRE ST | Credit Card Theft    |

# Frick

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approach to teaching in a diverse classroom. He is committed to treating all students with dignity and respect, especially those with special needs.

"Matthew has become a leader among his peers in the building," Weston Thomas, East Salem assistant principal, said. "He continues to learn and grow so that he can better serve the children of our community and his hard work and positive spirit make him an excellent role model for students and adults."

"For many kids, it really resonates to have a male teacher in their lives," Frick said. "I think a big part of what I do is helping with the socialization of the students. We have all the academics, but then there is also learning how to work together, getting along, managing emotions, respecting one another, and getting through the day in a productive and happy way."

To teach you must have plenty of passion and a great deal of compassion. For Frick and many others, the decision to teach was built around the opportunity to make a difference.

"I enjoyed the cabinetmaking and the challenge, but I spent a lot of time building very expensive things for very few people who could afford them," he said. "I wanted to apply myself where I could contribute something that would help more than

just our wealthiest citizens."

Frick volunteers his time throughout the school year, and he regularly communicates with parents and leads East Salem's "Watch Dog" program. This initiative invites family and community members to volunteer during the school day at East Salem. The positive partnership benefits both East Salem's students and family members.

"Matthew Frick is the epitome of a humble, committed educator who makes every decision through the lens of what is best for his students," Hunter Routt, East Salem Principal, said. "As a result, he is shaping compassionate, engaged learners who will accomplish great things for our entire community as they continue to grow."

"Teaching these days is a difficult job, but right now I have a hard time imagining myself doing anything else," he said. "I love first grade because when we get to about January those light bulbs start going off and the reading clicks and the arithmetic clicks and we pick up momentum. It's exciting to see that leap in the academic growth."

Frick grew up in Milford, Delaware and often escaped to the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia for backpacking trips. After earning his bachelor's degree in biology from Delaware State in 1998,

he moved to the valley and has been a resident here ever since. He enjoys everything about the outdoors including fishing, kayaking, camping, and gardening. But more than anything, he loves spending his free time with his son, his son's family, and his extended family members at East Salem.

"I just love working with these students and building relationships with them throughout the year," he said. "You see all these qualities in these kids, and you want to foster them and bring out all of the good you can and help those qualities shine."

A shine that is brighter than a room full of brand-new cabinets.

### Salem's other 2024 Teachers of the Year

Liza Moles: Middle and high school subjects at AIIMS Center

Corbitt Hairston: Sixth grade social studies at Andrew Lewis Middle

Marcce McMillan: Third grade at G.W. Carver Elementary

Kristen Huffman: English at Salem High School

Lindsay Murray: Second grade at South Salem Elementary

Branden Wells: Instructional Technology Resources at West Salem Elementary

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# Inside-Out

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truly finding change within ourselves." (Inside-Out privacy guidelines prohibit Roanoke College from naming insider students.)

This semester's course, "Stigma & Society," was led by Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Sarah Murray. Gathered in a circle of folding chairs, students were urged to reexamine preconceptions, engage in thoughtful dialogue about what makes us different and what we share, and reflect on the origins and legacies of stigmas.

Skye Digou, a criminal justice major and sociology minor, said the blend of students was able to build bridges and connect with one another, taking away lessons that will stay with her long after this semester.

The opportunity to be part of Inside-Out was one of the first things that stood out to her about Roanoke when she was looking at colleges back in high school, she added.

"I had never heard of a program that does something like this," she said. "To be offering such an interesting and unique program, especially with Roanoke College being a smaller school, it really showed me how great a place this would be for all the different programs and opportunities I wanted to pursue."

Roanoke City hopes to continue the partnership with Roanoke College in future semesters. In the spring, Inside-Out will rotate to the

Roanoke County/Salem Jail for a sociology class led by Lecturer Kristin Richardson.

Ball, who created the local Inside-Out program, said it was exciting to see it growing to new localities.

"We're grateful to Sheriff Hash for this opportunity to work with a new population," she said. "Expanding our partnerships is also incredibly valuable for our students because it gives them experience with different types of facilities and communities. It allows them to see the world in a broader context and think about things outside of their normal experiences."

-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@monroehealthcenter.com](mailto:saliff@monroehealthcenter.com) You can obtain an Employment application at any of our locations or it can be downloaded at [www.monroehealthcenters.com](http://www.monroehealthcenters.com). We value diversity - in backgrounds and in experiences. Monroe Health Center is an equal opportunity employer.



# OPINION

This past week, following much-needed time with friends and loved ones during the Thanksgiving holiday, House Republicans returned to work for the American people and passed legislation that will help stop the Democrats from worsening the crisis at our southern border. In the Judiciary Subcommittee I chair on Responsiveness to Oversight, I questioned Biden Administration officials on the agency's failure to comply with our investigation into the targeting of then-Twitter and censorship of free speech. On the brighter side, I was proud to recognize the Salem Rescue Squad on the House floor and visit with local businesses and military families back in the Sixth District. As we look upon the holiday and Christmas season with joy, I'll keep fighting to ensure that there is much to celebrate this season.

## Preventing Housing Illegal Immigrants in National Parks

It's no secret that the crisis at our borders just keeps getting worse, with hundreds of thousands of migrants illegally crossing into our country every month. Now more than ever, we need secure borders. But instead of taking meaningful action to stifle the flow of illegal migrants across our border, the Biden Administration and Democrats' solution is to turn our national parks into tent cities for these unvetted migrants.

That's why last week, House Republicans passed the Protecting Our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act (H.R. 5283), which would prevent the use of national parks to house illegal migrants and hold the Biden Administration accountable to our communities. One of the top priorities of this Congress must be ending Biden's



**Ben Cline**  
Congressman

border crisis, and legislation such as this one will help us in our fight to do just that.

## Demanding Compliance With Committee Oversight

For months, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has been stonewalling the Republican-led House Judiciary Committee's requests for information on its targeting of then-Twitter and attempts to silence Americans' free speech. As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Responsiveness and Accountability to Oversight, I pressed the FTC official for answers on why they have refused to comply with our investigation, and I won't stop demanding answers in defense of Americans' First Amendment right.

## The Pain of "Bidenomics" Continues

Under President Biden, prices are up, real wages are down, and American families can't afford the cost of "Bidenomics." According to a recent report, the typical American household now needs an additional \$11,434 to pay for basic necessities annually.

As long as prices remain high, Americans will continue to feel and see the effects of "Bidenomics." That's why House Republicans are working every day to restore fiscal responsibility in Washington and get our economy back on track so families can keep more

of their hard-earned money.

## Recognizing the Salem Rescue Squad

This past September, the Salem Rescue Squad was awarded the 2023 Volunteer EMS Service of the Year Award by EMS World for its dedication and service to the community. Operating out of one station, the Squad consists of 29 active volunteers and responds to approximately 2,000 calls per year and provides standby coverage for large events, in addition to responding to any disaster in the area. These volunteers serve as paramedics and offer pre-hospital care, giving up their time and energy to help others in the community. I was pleased to recognize the Salem Rescue Squad on the House floor and congratulate them on receiving this incredible award.

## Recommended 2023 USPS Holiday Shipping Dates

If you or a family member are shipping holiday cards and gifts for Christmas or other holiday traditions, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced the following recommended shipping deadlines for expected delivery before December 25th:

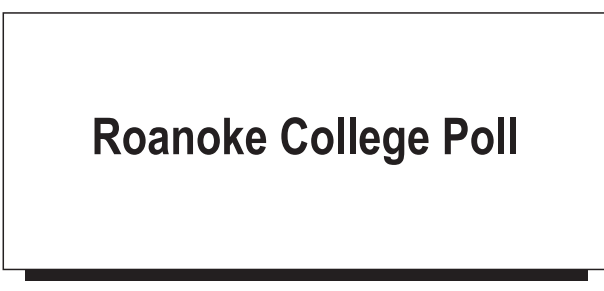
- December 16**  
First Class Letters & Flats  
USPS Ground Advantage
- December 18**  
Priority Mail
- December 20**  
Priority Mail Express

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

# Consumer sentiment stalls despite inflation moderation and labor market stability

Consumer sentiment dropped more than three points over the final quarter of 2023 to 66.0, the second-lowest value in series history. Pessimism in Virginia grew despite the continued moderation in inflation and persistent labor market stability. Nationally, inflation in October 2023 was 3.2%, down from 6.3% at the start of 2023 and the post-pandemic high of 8.9% in June 2022. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate has remained under 4.0% since January 2022; in Virginia, the unemployment dipped under 4.0% in June 2021 and was 2.5% in the most recent reading.

Only 22% of respondents report that their household finances are better today than a year ago; just 38% believe that now is a good time to buy



large, durable goods, like a refrigerator. The Virginia Index of Current Conditions (ICC) is 60.7 in the fourth quarter of 2023, down less than a point from the third quarter but almost 7.5 points below the current national reading. The pessimism about current finances and buying opportunities is mainly due to high prices. Although inflation, the growth rate of

prices, is slowing, on average, goods and services are more expensive today than a year ago, frustrating consumers. More than 70% of Virginians anticipate higher prices during the holiday shopping season, and most say prices impact their spending behavior.

Thirty-two percent of Virginians believe their household finances will improve over the coming year compared to 21% who anticipate growing challenges. Fifty-nine percent think the coming few years will include periods of high unemployment and economic recession. The Virginia Index of Consumer Expectations (ICE) was 69.4 in the fourth quarter of 2023, down almost five points from the last quarter. Comparatively, the national ICE was 56.8 in the fourth quarter, showcasing relative optimism about the coming year in the commonwealth.

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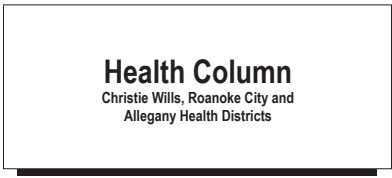
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# Mental health during the holidays

As we approach the holiday season, many of us are looking forward to celebrations and interacting with friends and loved ones. Even as we celebrate, it is very common to feel added stress. The "holiday blues" can stem from a variety of sources: current events, personal grief, loneliness, illness, financial concerns, relationship issues, even a lack of sunlight. Stress from the holiday blues can worsen symptoms of a mental health condition, such as depression, anxiety, or a substance use disorder.

One place to start managing stress is to manage expectations for the season. If you feel a disconnect emerge between your actual situation and a fantasy version of the holidays, keep an open mind about what the holidays are meant represent, and consider focusing on what makes you feel grateful in the present



**Health Column**  
Christie Willis, Roanoke City and  
Allegheny Health Districts

moment. Studies have shown that feelings of gratitude, even for small things such as sunshine, a hug, or a warm bath, can reduce the risk of depression and increase feelings of well-being. Being constantly on the go can leave you feeling exhausted. Accept your limitations, manage your time and don't be afraid to say no to plans that don't fit into your schedule. Recognize that you are in control of your expectations and reactions, and that you can decide when to take a break from the busy season, with music, exercise, a hobby, or whatever else feels right for you.

The holiday season can amplify

feelings of loneliness, especially if friends or family live far away. Joining with others through avenues such as volunteering can help kindle feelings of connection in your community. Acknowledge feelings of loss or grief, especially if they are recent, while trying to focus on celebrating happy memories, or creating new memories. Gently remind yourself that as circumstances change, traditions will change as well.

With dinners, parties, and cookie trays at every turn, our eating habits are challenged during the holiday season. Eating a healthy diet through it all with plenty of whole grains, vegetables, and fresh fruit can help keep you on track. Try to get as much sunlight as possible. Eating and sleeping well can

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan
5. Supervises interstate commerce
8. Touch lightly
11. Relating to bees
13. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
14. Mosuo culture religion
15. Italian village
16. Stiff bristle
17. Wealthy enclave in Rio
18. Cause to lose courage
20. Examines animals
21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
22. Gets rid of
25. Having easily perceived thoughts
30. Removed surgically
31. Principle underlying the universe

**CLUES DOWN**

1. State attorneys
2. Imitated
3. Latvian capital
4. Irish goddess
5. Taste
6. Dried
7. Spanish saloon
8. Mother of Perseus
9. Evergreen coniferous trees
10. Refuse to comply
12. Negative
14. Hyphen
19. A way to record
23. Not good
24. One who tends the furnace
25. Small amount
26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
27. The whole quantity
28. \_\_ King Cole, musician

**CLUES ACROSS**

32. Popular airline
33. Antelopes
38. Peacock network
41. Utter repeatedly
43. One from the Golden State
45. Photographers
48. Father
49. Popular BBQ dish
50. Cavalry sword
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Atomic mass unit
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Indian mythological figure
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Brew
63. Doctor of Education
64. Impudence

**CLUES DOWN**

29. One's opinion
34. Holds ashes
35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency
36. Side-blotched lizards genus
37. Legislator (abbr.)
39. Concentrated bombardment
40. Took for oneself
41. Nigerian City
42. Thousands of pounds
44. Inspired
45. Secret clique
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The "Bank of Oz"

# 17th annual '2024 Winterfest Beach Bash' to once again showcase The "Bank of Oz"

Salem's annual "Winterfest Beach Bash" is coming back in February of 2024 with the legendary "Bank of Oz". The 2024 version of this entertaining indoor beach party will take place on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. inside the Salem Civic Center arena. This is the 17th straight year that the Hall of Fame band has been selected to showcase its talents for this popular wintertime party.

Tickets for the group's appearance went on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Salem Parks & Recreation Department, 620 Florida Street. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 the day of the show or you can purchase a table of eight for just \$80. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays from Dec. 12 – Feb. 2. This event is often a complete sell-out, so those who are interested are encouraged to get

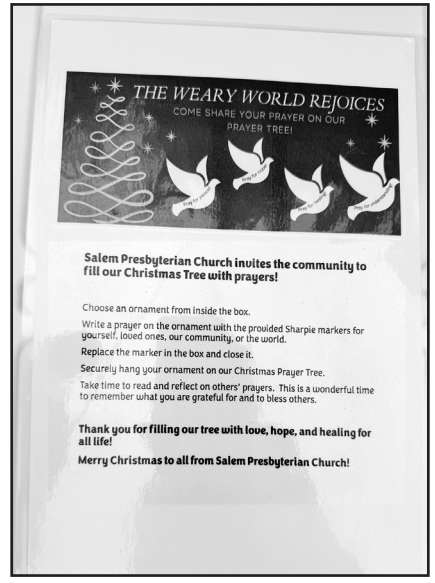
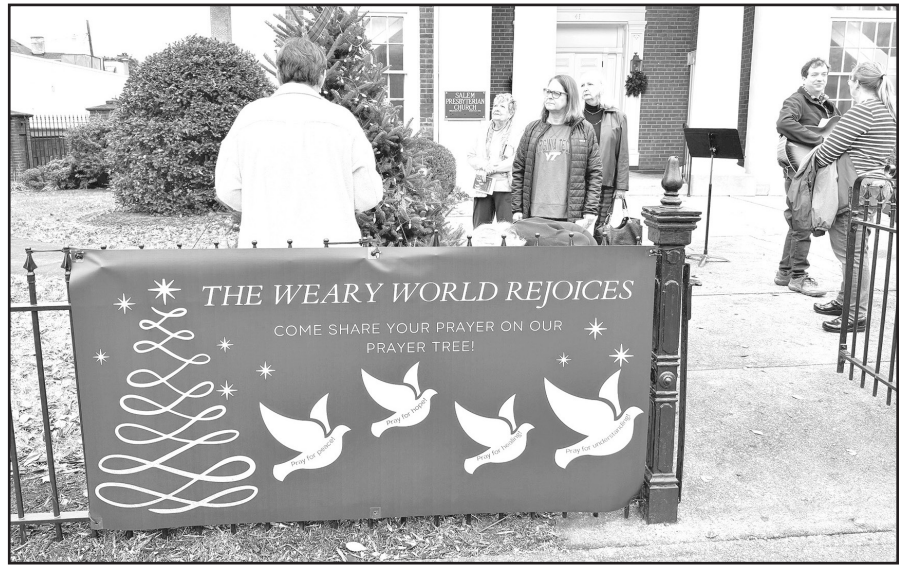
their tickets early. For additional ticket information, please contact the Salem Parks and Recreation Department at 540-375-3057.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and proceeds from the event will benefit the Salem Penguin Club's community service projects. The City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department is once again presenting the event. Coolers and outside food or drinks are not permitted inside the arena for this event. Concessions will be available.

The "Bank of Oz" was enshrined in the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame in 2016 along with The Avett Brothers, Kelly Pickler and The Carolina Chocolate Drops. The "Bank of Oz" has been playing beach music at packed venues since 1967.

-The Salem Times-Register

# Salem Presbyterian Church invites community to Prayer Tree



COURTESY PHOTOS

During December, as many prepare for Christmas, Salem Presbyterian Church (on the corner of Market and Main Streets) has put a Prayer Tree on its front lawn. All are invited to use a wooden ornament and Sharpie marker from the box and add their prayers to the tree or stop to pray for others. "Our gates are open as we pray as a community for hope, peace, joy, and love," Rev. Janet Denton Chisom, associate pastor, said.

# Manager

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in so many ways every day."

Dorsey was selected from nearly 50 candidates, and he brings a wealth of local government experiences to Salem. He last served as the City Manager of East Ridge, Tenn., and prior to that he was the City Administrator in Sparta, Tenn. He also was the town manager in Signal Mountain, Tenn., and a city manager in Red Bank, Tenn.

His background also includes public service in the financial world as budget director for the office of management and budget for Pasco County, Fla. He also worked for 18 years in Memphis, Tenn., where he held a number of positions including budget manager for the city.

In the prepared media release from the city, Mayor Renee Turk said, "We are thrilled to have Chris join our community to lead our city management team and our dedicated employees in the City of Salem." She continued, "His extensive local government experience and strong financial background, along with his focus on communication and teamwork, make him the ideal fit for our city."

Dorsey earned his Master of Public Administration degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Political Science from the

University of Tennessee. He holds a certification from the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service's Local Government Leadership Program, and is a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO).

The new Salem City Manager also attended the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) Municipal Management Academy and the Elected Officials Academy.

Salem City Council conducted a national search for Salem's new city manager, assisted by The Berkley Group of Bridgewater, Va. The Berkley Group processed applications and conducted initial interviews with the most qualified candidates, Mayor Turk said. It then assisted with selecting finalists who were interviewed by all five council members.

"The council was very pleased with the quality of our candidates, and I'm pleased to have the selection behind us," Vice Mayor Jim Wallace said. "Our strong applicant pool was a testament to our great city and how desirable Salem is as a place to live and work. Council is excited to have Mr. Dorsey on Salem's team, and we are expecting great things from him."

Also at the Dec. 11 meeting, Council:

- Recognized three new Salem Police Officers attending the meeting;

• Heard from four citizens during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting. They were:

- ◇ Ronald Thompson, 1000 W. Riverside, who has an ongoing drainage problem from a subdivision above him that has flooded out his private road, he said. Councilman Bill Jones said he would look at the situation. Meanwhile, Mayor Turk, after consultation with the City Attorney, said this is an issue between two property owners. "Whis washes away everything I have worked for all my life," Thompson said;
  - ◇ John Breen, who wants community surveys to address community issues, and suggested the city could use the services of Roanoke College's Institute for Policy and Research to review the city's survey;
  - ◇ Emily Paine Carter, a North Broad Street resident concerned about possible plans by HopeTree Family Services to develop 20 acres and offer them for "50 new cluster condos, a hotel and a restaurant";
  - ◇ Lisa Chappel Miller, a Realtor who lives just over the Salem line in Roanoke County, and asked City Council to consider more affordable housing and patio homes.
- Council's last meeting of the 2023 calendar year ended at 7:24 p.m.

# Mental Health

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also help stabilize your mood. Avoid alcohol and drugs- it is a myth that they reduce stress; in fact, they often worsen it.

If you're feeling overwhelmed, find support. Whether with friends, family, a counselor, or a support group, talking can help. The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress by talk

or text, and prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones.

Understanding that you are not alone may help to put things in perspective and help you to move to a place of acceptance. On an ongoing basis, the Roanoke chapter of the National Alliance of Mental Illness facilitates a monthly virtual peer support group on the first Mondays

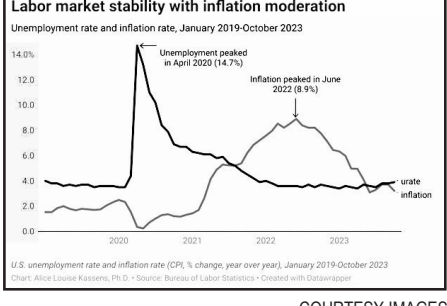
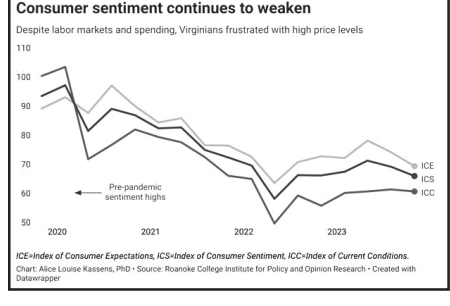
(<https://www.namiroanokevalley.us/>). The Adult Care Center of Roanoke offers a monthly caregiver support group. Visit our local community service boards (Blue Ridge Behavioral Health and Alleghany Highlands CSB) for community suicide prevention and behavioral

health trainings.

Whether you feel excited, happy, anxious, or stressed about the coming holiday season- or a combination of them all- please know that you are not alone. By taking small actions each day, you can make your mental wellbeing a priority.

# Stability

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Virginians anticipate that prices will rise by 2.7% over the coming year and 3.6% over the longer term; the short-term price expectation is down from 3.0% last quarter, while the long-term expectation is unchanged. The lack of substantial movement in these expectations indicates that Virginians expect some degree of price stability on the horizon, which typically reduces worry and facilitates budgetary planning.

### Analysis

"Consumers appear frustrated with the prices they must pay for goods and services," said Dr. Alice Louise Kassens, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics and Senior Analyst at the Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research. "Reduced inflation simply means that,

on average, prices of the goods and services typically bought by households are increasing at a slower rate than one year ago — not that things are cheaper. I believe we have reached a price point where consumers have just had it. The consumer sentiment index is strongly correlated to prices, particularly those items like food and fuel often purchased by households. This can help explain the tepid consumer sentiment readings amid falling inflation and low unemployment. However, price expectations for the coming year and beyond have stabilized at levels not seen since before the pandemic, indicating that Virginians foresee the recent period of significant price movement coming to a close. Price stability facilitates negotiations and budgetary planning, which promotes productivity and economic growth."



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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

## MOUNT REGIS SANATORIUM ONE OF LEADERS IN MEDICAL FIELD OF VIRGINIA; FOUNDED IN 1914

*Dr. Everett E. Watson Established The Institution On Mt. Regis Hill-Most Modern Of Sanitary Treatment In Use*

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

Mount Regis Sanatorium, a private institution for the treatment of pulmonary diseases was established near Salem by Dr. Everett E. Watson in May, 1914, and since that time has risen to a position of high rank in the country. It is situated on the summit of Mount Regis Hill, fifteen hundred feet above sea level, and enjoys a charm of unsurpassed scenic beauty. On the summit of the hill all of the surrounding territory may be seen

from the porches of the Sanatorium, which is sufficiently far removed from the town to be free from noise, and yet close enough to afford a panoramic view of greatest quality. Toward the east can be seen the Peaks of Otter, McAfee's Knob, Mill Mountain, all of the other well-known peaks of the Blue Ridge, Twelve O'Clock Knob, the huge Diamond Orchard tract and many others.

In a publication issued by the Sanatorium in connection with pointing out to newcomers the fine climate of the county, since twenty-four hours per day in the open air is essential to the cure of tuberculosis, states the following:

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"Roanoke County, of which Salem is the county seat, holds, from a health and climatic standpoint, a position that is unique. According to records of the United States Public Health Service, it is one of the two most healthful

counties in the entire United States. It is also one of the best sanitarized counties in the nation and stands first in permanent sanitation. Virginia is so rich in tradition and boasts so much of historic interest that even Virginians often fail to appreciate its climatic advantages. To quote from an article published December 27, 1926, and written by T. F. Suthers: "A few years ago someone asked the Literary Digest this question: What section of the United States has the most desirable all-year-round climate? The Digest replied: From the best authorities on the subject of weather conditions it is a section of Virginia at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the vicinity of the City of Roanoke."

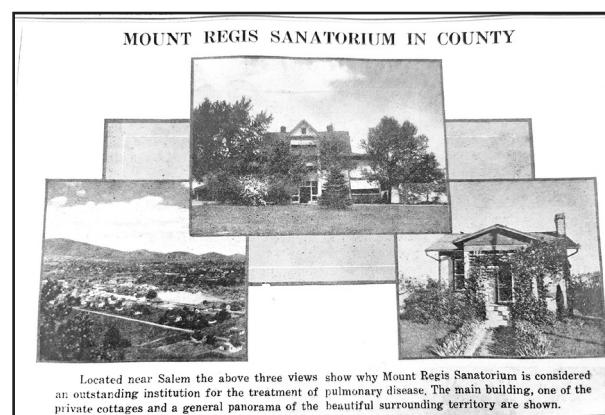
There are many private cottages each named after a physician such as Holmes, Carter, Simmons, and Taliaferro, well known for their outstanding work in the conquest of disease.

#### Main Building

On the first floor of the attractive main building are the reception and assembly rooms, the physicians' offices, examination and throat-treatment room, bacteriological and X-Ray laboratories, business office and two emergency rooms. Adjoining these are the dining room, kitchen, cold storage and sterilizing room for dishes. Over the dining-hall and apart from the main building is the nurses home. The second and third floors of the main building are occupied by patients.

The Sanatorium is equipped with every modern convenience. The X-Ray laboratory which is equipped for fluoroscopic and stereoscopic work is in the hands of the competent operator. Other equipment consists of sterilizers of the latest design, running ice water on every floor, and the latest cold storage equipment.

The institution has an abundant supply of pure



Located near Salem the above three views show why Mount Regis Sanatorium is considered an outstanding institution for the treatment of pulmonary disease. The main building, one of the private cottages and a general panorama of the beautiful surrounding territory are shown.

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freestone water piped from a mountain spring located at the base of Twelve O'Clock Knob. To ensure its purity the water is examined bacteriologically at regular intervals.

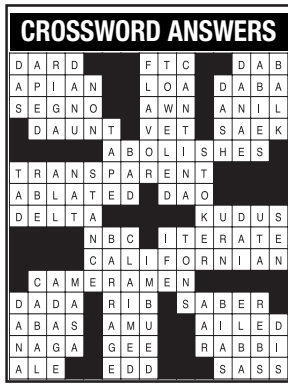
The main building of the Sanatorium is insulated and no trouble or expense is spared in the effort to make the culinary department efficient and attractive. The limited number of patients makes it possible to cater to individual tastes in the preparation and serving of food. Every dish is

thoroughly sterilized in a modern electric sterilizer.

In the private cottages which are available for those preferring this type of accommodation there is a living room, dressing room, bath, sleeping porch and bedside long-distance telephone.

Dr. Watson lives on the Sanatorium grounds and is available day and night. Graduate nurses are employed, and each department head has been at Mount Regis for many years.

-Prepared by Lisa King



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**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](http://www.ridgewood-baptist.com).

**FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH** - Salem Campus: 1226 RedLane Extension, Salem, 387-3200, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. North Campus: 7640 Alpine Road, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. Southwest Campus: 3585 Buck Mountain Road, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. [www.fcclife.org](http://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: [olphsalem.org](http://olphsalem.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](http://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](http://www.salemcog.church)

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**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831. [www.firstchristiansalemva.com](http://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](http://www.flccsalem.org). Sunday: 9:30am Adult Study Group, 10:30am Worship, Youth & Children's Church. All are welcome!

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**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](http://www.collegelutheran.org) for information on services.

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**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](http://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 Service 11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 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.

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**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 [emailadvertise@ourvalley.org](mailto:emailadvertise@ourvalley.org)





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### Help Wanted - Drivers

#### Part Time Newspaper Driver

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### Help Wanted - General

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### TOTAL ACTION FOR PROGRESS CEO Recruitment Profile

Total Action for Progress (TAP) is a community action agency that serves eleven localities in the Roanoke Valley and adjacent communities: the counties of Alleghany, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Roanoke, and Rockbridge, and the cities of Buena Vista, Covington, Lexington, Roanoke, and Salem. TAP helps individuals and families achieve economic and personal independence through education, employment, affordable housing, and safe and healthy environments. Every TAP employee shares in TAP's responsibility to "Mobilize Community Resources" in support of TAP's anti-poverty efforts.

TAP is seeking an experienced CEO who is responsible for maintaining an organizational culture that embodies the following values: Advocacy for the oppressed, and disenfranchised. Results orientation. Fiscal and programmatic accountability. Teamwork, collaboration with others and partnership building. Excellence in performance. Innovation. The passion to make a difference. Responsiveness to the needs of the community. Maintenance of an agency-wide focus on Whole Family and Trauma Informed services.

#### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsible for carrying out the mission of the organization and the strategic plan as set forth

### Help Wanted - General

by the Board of Directors. Responsible for meeting with key board committees especially Finance, Property, Personnel and all others at the request of the Board Chair. Responsible for carrying out the policies and procedures set forth by the Board of Directors. Responsible for final approval of the hiring and termination of all staff. Responsible for the financial health of the organization, the development and prudent expenditures of the same according to budgets prepared by staff and approved by the Board of Directors and audited by financial and program auditors. Responsible for making sure that staff are provided with wages comparable to similar employment and benefits necessary for their well-being and that of their families. Responsible for developing a creative work environment where employees and volunteers are stimulated to take initiative, develop leadership and carry out their responsibilities with dedication, warmth and initiative. Responsible for inspiring others in the organization to be passionate about caring for the needs of our families. Responsible for stimulating collaborative ventures with other organizations, the private sector and federal, state, and local governments to strengthen services for low-income Virginians. Responsible for representing the organization publicly before public, private, and network organizations.

#### ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

An understanding of the specific nature of a community action agency, its history, and commitment to the same. Advanced understanding of a variety of programming that includes early childhood development, youth and adult education and training, housing development and management and a wide range of economic development programming including business start-ups and loan pools. Excellent presentation, writing and public relations skills. High emotional and cultural intelligence enabling the person to connect with a wide range of people from a variety of ethnic, social and economic backgrounds. High energy level and proven ability to manage stressful or extenuating circumstances. Bilingual ability is a plus.

#### QUALIFICATIONS, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Master's degree or equivalent experience. Ten to twenty years in a senior management position of an organization with similar complexity and size of TAP. Experience writing grant submissions and managing a team of grant writers. Experience working with a board of directors. Experience working effectively with the public and representing an agency before the public. Experience working effectively with local, state, and national public officials on issues vital to the organization. Experience and passion for working with a highly diverse organization. Essential computer skills and the experience and ability to oversee IT operations.

#### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must pass a comprehensive background and drug check. A valid Virginia driver's license and reliable transportation is required. TAP participates in the Virginia DMV Driver Alert

### Help Wanted - General

Program. Employees who operate a TAP vehicle or their personal vehicle to conduct TAP business may be subject to driver record monitoring through the Virginia DMV Driver Alert Program.

#### SPECIAL NOTE:

This description provides information regarding the core functions of the designated position, and general nature and level of work associated with the job. It should not be interpreted to describe all the duties whose performance may be required of such employees or be used to limit the nature and extent of assignments such an individual may be given. TAP is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a Drug Free Workplace. We only hire individuals legally eligible for employment in the United States.

#### COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:

Salary range is \$90k to \$115k depending on qualifications and experience. The successful candidate will be offered a generous benefits package including health, dental, vision, retirement plan match and gift, paid time off, sick leave, free shortterm disability, long term disability, life insurance/AD&D, and professional development support, 14 paid holidays.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS:

To be considered, please submit a cover letter and resume with salary expectations, and three professional references to Tabatha Cooper, HR Director, via email at Tabatha.Cooper@tapintohope.org or via mail to: TAP, Human Resources, PO Box 2868 Roanoke VA 24011

This position will remain open until filled. Inquiries may be directed to:

Tabatha Cooper - HR Director  
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### Legals - City of Radford

#### NOTICE:

**December 13, 2023**  
A white 550 Jet Ski FL8258GV HIN KAW447440482-B. A yellow 400 Jet Ski VA4511AK HIN KAW 051850676. A yellow 400 Jet Ski VA4512AK HIN KAW051690676. Are located at 4923 Clement Lane Radford VA 24141. If these watercraft are not claimed by the titled owner within 30 days, I will apply to the Department for registration/title in my name. Mark A. 540-639-0610

### 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.

### Legals - City of Salem

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on December 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Elizabeth G. Lane, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-208.3(B)(2) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 111 Poplar Avenue, Tax Map # 127-3-5. The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow the placement of a 12 x 20-foot carport in the front yard, to be located no closer than 16 feet to the front property line. Section 106-208.3(B)(2) states that accessory structures must be built behind the rear building line of the principal structure (or in the rear yard).

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted.

For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032). THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

### 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

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# RC BASKETBALL

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Athletic Conference game to Virginia Wesleyan last Saturday. The host Marlins took a 70-59 win in Virginia Beach.

Scoring was at a premium early in the first half as the score was tied 2-2 with 15:08 on the game clock, but the scoreboard lit up in the final 10 minutes of the half. VWU would build a 15 point lead with 1:34 remaining, 36-21. The Maroons responded with a quick 4-0 run, capped by a Justin Kuthan layup at :20, to bring the halftime score down to 36-25, in favor of the Marlins. The second half started off in favor

of the Maroons as Roanoke chipped away at the lead, bringing it down to just one on a Joshua Morse layup, 45-44, with 11:13 remaining in the game. However, with the Marlins leading 53-50 VWU went on a 7-0 run to push their lead back up to 10 and RC would get no closer.

Marcus Morgan led the Maroons with 20 points. Also in double figures were Kuthan with a dozen and Josh McClary with 10.

The loss, along with a 65-53 loss to Guilford last Wednesday, dropped the Maroons to 0-4 in conference games.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Mount Union won the first Stagg Bowl held in Salem in 1993, defeating Rowan 34-24 on a cold December day.

## STAGG BOWL

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the 1991 national title.

Cortland's defense limited Randolph-Macon (13-1) to 278 yards of total offense, including 43 in the first half as the Red Dragons raced out to a 35-0 half-time lead. Randolph-Macon entered the game ranked sixth nationally in scoring (47.8 points/game), seventh in rushing offense (266.8 yards/game) and 11th in total offense (496.5 yards/game). The Red Dragons limited the Yellow Jackets to 89 rushing yards on 32 attempts.

In Iowa, the top-ranked Cardinals outlasted the homestanding Wartburg College Knights, 34-27, at Walston-Hoover Stadium. After stopping the Cardinals on four straight possessions to open the second half, the Knights (13-1) took the lead on running back Hunter Clasen's 11-yard touchdown run with 12:17 to play. Wartburg's 27-26 lead marked the first time North Central had trailed in a game this season.

The Cardinals were forced to punt on the ensuing possession, giving the hosts the ball once again at their own 38-yard line with 8:49 to play, but on third down-and-six at the North Central 45, Zack Orr stepped in front of a pass by Knights quarterback Nile McLaughlin and intercepted the ball to give the Cardinals possession at their own 37 with 7:36 to play. On the next play, North Central signal-caller Luke Lehen fired a deep pass to Joey Lombardi, whose leaping, spinning catch gained 54 yards and set the visitors up with first-and-goal at the Knights' nine-yard line. Three plays later, Joe Sacco ran four yards for a score, his second of the day, and DeAngelo Hardy followed with a two-point conversion run to move North Central back in front by seven points with 5:40 on the clock. Wartburg drove to the North Central four yard line on the ensuing possession but the Cardinal defense was able to stop them on downs and hold on for the win.

This Friday's Stagg Bowl will mark the 102nd NCAA championship crowned in the City of Salem since the 1993 Stagg Bowl. Numbers 100 and 101 came on December 2nd and 3rd when Salem hosted the NCAA Division III women's and men's soccer championships at Roanoke College's Kerr Stadium.

The Stagg Bowl game will be broadcast on ESPNU. Tickets are now on sale at the Salem Civic Center.



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Madison of Roanoke College scores in last week's win over Randolph College at the Cregger Center in Salem.

## Maroons' Madison Nereu is ODAC Player-of-the-Week

After helping the Roanoke College women's basketball team to a pair of ODAC wins last week, Madison Nereu has been named the ODAC Player of the Week.

Nereu started off with eight points and 11 rebounds in the Maroons' 52-47 win at home over the Randolph WildCats on Wednesday, December 6.


She followed that up with a career afternoon at Eastern Mennonite Saturday. Nereu finished with her first double-double of the season with 23 points and 17 rebounds. The 17 rebounds was a career-high for Madison along with ranking third best in the

ODAC this season. The 23 points was one off her career best of 24. She scored 11 of the 23 points against the Royals in the fourth quarter to help stave off an EMU comeback as the Maroons won in Harrisonburg, 63-57.


The two wins lifted the Maroons to 5-2 on the season and 3-2 in ODAC games. The Maroons are now off until next Tuesday when they play in the 2-23 Nashville Tournament in Tennessee. Roanoke will take on Central of Iowa on Tuesday at 6 pm and North Park of Illinois on Wednesday, December 20, at 8 pm. Both games are at Welch College in Nashville.

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Right, Salem's Chris Cole(#9) caught this pass inside the Phoebus 10 yard line to set up Salem's second touchdown late in Saturday's state championship game. Below, the Spartan defense puts on a goal line stand to keep the Phantoms out of the end zone early in the fourth quarter. Among the defenders are Jaelyn Allen(#7), Josiah Persinger(#22) and Peyton Lewis(#2).



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



# Cassell is King

We're getting down to the Nitty Gritty with just two football contests remaining in the season. The final contest will be next Thursday, December 21, and it will include some extra prizes and your chance to pick the NCAA and Super Bowl champions.

Last week's contest had the six Virginia High School League championship games and always-contending Mike Cassell of Salem was our winner, missing just three games for the best showing of the week.

Mike missed just one high school game and he can be forgiven, as he picked Salem High to beat Phoebus. His other losses were picking Randolph Macon over SUNY-Cortland(another homer choice) and the Chargers over the Broncos(not so much). For that big week he'll receive a \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and a \$20 gift certificate from Macado's.

For last week's "19th Hole" I asked you pick the score of the Salem-Phoebus game and it was a thriller, but more for Phoebus than Spartan fans as the Phantoms scored a late TD to win, 21-14. The closest to that score was Hank Ebert of Salem who picked Phoebus to win 28-17. For that, Hank gets a free day of golf at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street.

I was anxious to see what kind of support the Spartans would get in our 19th hole contest, as Phoebus was favored by pundits across the state. I was somewhat pleased to see a majority of fans backing the Spartans, even though they did not win. Two who didn't think Salem had much of a chance were Christopher Eklond of Roanoke, who picked Phoebus to win 75-14, and Josh Fogle of Union Street in Salem, who picked the Phantoms to spank the Spartans 82-0.

This week the high school games are over, but we have some of the early bowl games, seven tough pro games, the FCS semifinals and, of course, our very own Stagg Bowl, scheduled for 7 pm Friday at Salem Stadium. For this week's 19th Hole give me your prediction on the Stagg Bowl game between North Central and SUNY-Cortland, and the winner gets a free day of golf. AND, you can wait until the weather warms up to cash in your coupon. **-Brian Hoffman**

# STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL

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point gave Phoebus a 14-6 lead.

With time running out, the Spartans came up big. Salem had not completed a pass all day, but Eli Taylor lofted one up for Cole and the Georgia-bound senior outfought the defender for the ball inside the 10. With the crowd roaring the Spartans completed the job as Jayveon Jones found an opening and powered in from the two with just 58 seconds remaining. Taylor then found Josiah Moyer in the end zone for a two point conversion that tied the game.

"The first option was Jaelyn(Allen) but they did a good job squeezing him," said Salem coach Don Holter. "We had Josiah running a pigtail route and Eli went to his second option and threw a great ball."

Cross kicked the ensuing kickoff deep and, after a sack on first down, the game appeared headed for overtime. However, with time running out

Banks fired a ball to midfield that Keyontae Gray caught in stride, broke a tackle and raced the distance as the Salem sideline watched in disbelief. The clock read zero, but after a successful extra point one second was put on the Williams Stadium clock.

Salem tried one of those "everybody lateral" plays on the kickoff that went nowhere, but Phoebus was called for a penalty, giving Salem one more untimed down. A sweep by Lewis was strung out and the Phantoms celebrated their win amidst a field of disappointed Spartans.

"We had highs and lows and that was an extreme low," said Holter. "I thought our kids carried themselves with class, as they always do. You win with class and you lose with dignity. That was a really tough loss but they understand that, and that's another reason to be proud of them."

The final statistics showed what everyone knew, this was a defensive

game. Two teams with explosive offenses were able to score just 13 total points until the final barrage of action, and the stats were relatively even. Salem had 142 yards for the game and Phoebus had 255, with Salem holding an edge in the running game. The Spartans had a dozen first downs and the Phantoms had 13.

Lewis led the Spartans with 88 yards on 27 carries while Jones had 26 yards on 10 attempts. Taylor was one for seven passing for 30 yards and he also hit on the huge two point conversion.

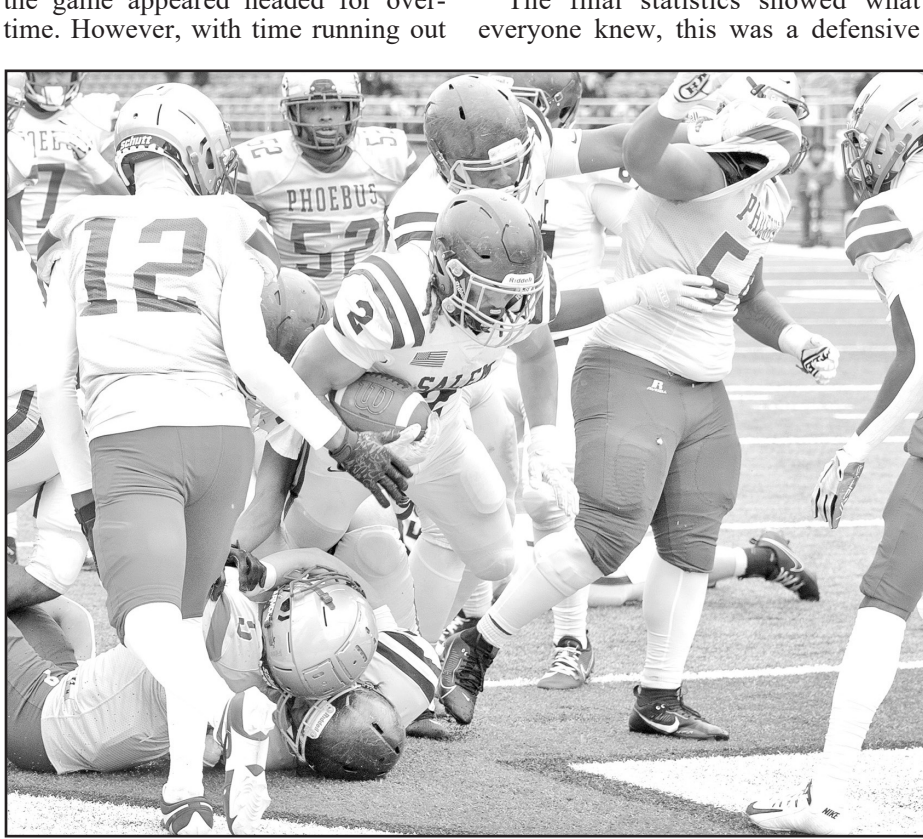
Defensively, Allen had 13 tackles to lead Salem, including four for losses. Cole had nine tackles with three for losses and an interception. Coen Logan had seven tackles and Josiah Persinger had five.

With the loss Salem's season ended at 13-1, with a loss to begin and end the season and 13 consecutive wins in between. Salem's only two losses were to state champions, as Liberty

Christian won the Class 3 championship in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader. Salem will graduate 18 seniors.

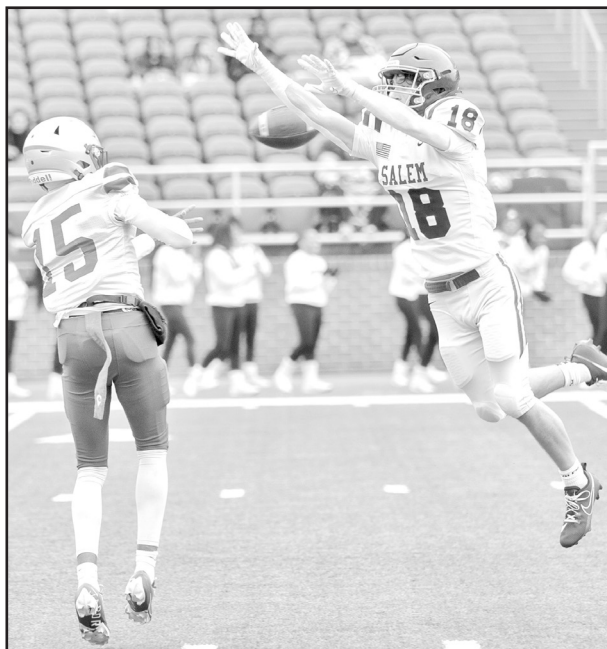
"These seniors have the heart of a lion," said Holter. "They have great chemistry and true brotherhood. Sure Saturday was disappointing, but look what they've done in the last four years. They won three region championships, been to three state semifinals, won a state championship and were runnerup in another. They played 52 games in the last four years and won 45, and that speaks volumes about how they prepared in the offseason."

"I want to thank our city and our Salem High community for the great support we received for another successful season. It's tough to see these kids leave after having been with them for the last four years. You feel like a parent when they leave the house, but you know they have a lot of success ahead of them."



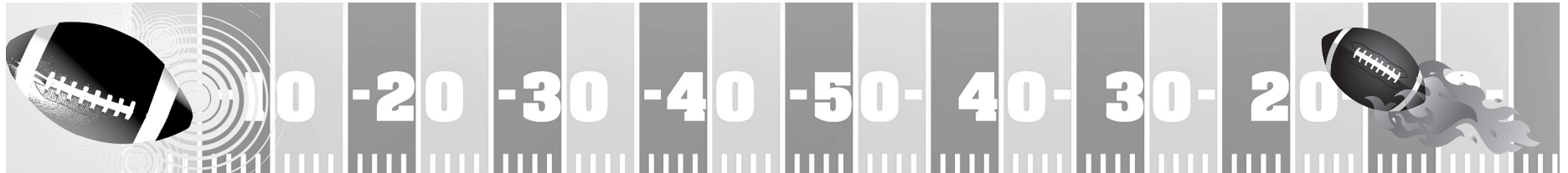
Above left, Salem's Peyton Lewis scores a touchdown for Salem on the last play of the first half, and above right Jayveon Jones dives over the goal line for a TD late in the game. Below left, Eli Taylor scrambles away from pressure. Center, Julian Warme pressures the quarterback and, below right, Salem High coach Don Holter accepts the state runnerup trophy from Salem High principal Dr. Kelly Linkenhoker.

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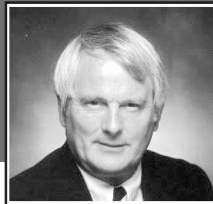
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## Lewis wrestlers pin HV

The Andrew Lewis Middle School wrestlers won at Hidden Valley last week to improve their dual record to 9-2 on the season. Lewis won by a score of 78-18. "We only lost two matches out of 12, which was outstanding," said coach Randall Sell. "I was pleased with our effort, but more importantly I am seeing athletes gaining more confidence in their training, which is evident by executing moves we practice." Lewis was back home on Wednesday of this week to take on Northside and Pulaski. Next Tuesday, December 19, they're at Pulaski. Glenvar was at Central Academy Wednesday.

## Highlanders have home quad-match tonight

The Glenvar High wrestlers competed in the challenging "Indian Classic" in Kingsport, Tennessee last weekend and had three wrestlers place. Chase Miller won his weight class and brothers Ethan and Jacob Flowers took third and eighth, respectively. "It was great to get the team to their first national level tournament and set the expectation level," said coach Tim Miles. "Several nationally ranked wrestlers were scattered throughout the brackets. Other than our place winners, Jacob Campbell was a bright spot for our team. He wrestled up a weight class and got some notable wins for crucial team points." The Highlanders are back on the mats today with a home quad against Lord Botetourt, Cave Spring and Hidden Valley. That's scheduled to begin at 6 pm. Glenvar's next big event is the Fallen Heroes tournament in Beckley, West Virginia next Thursday and Friday, December 21 and 22. "A few of our guys will have a chance to avenge their losses from the Indian Classic as some of the same teams will be there," said Miles.

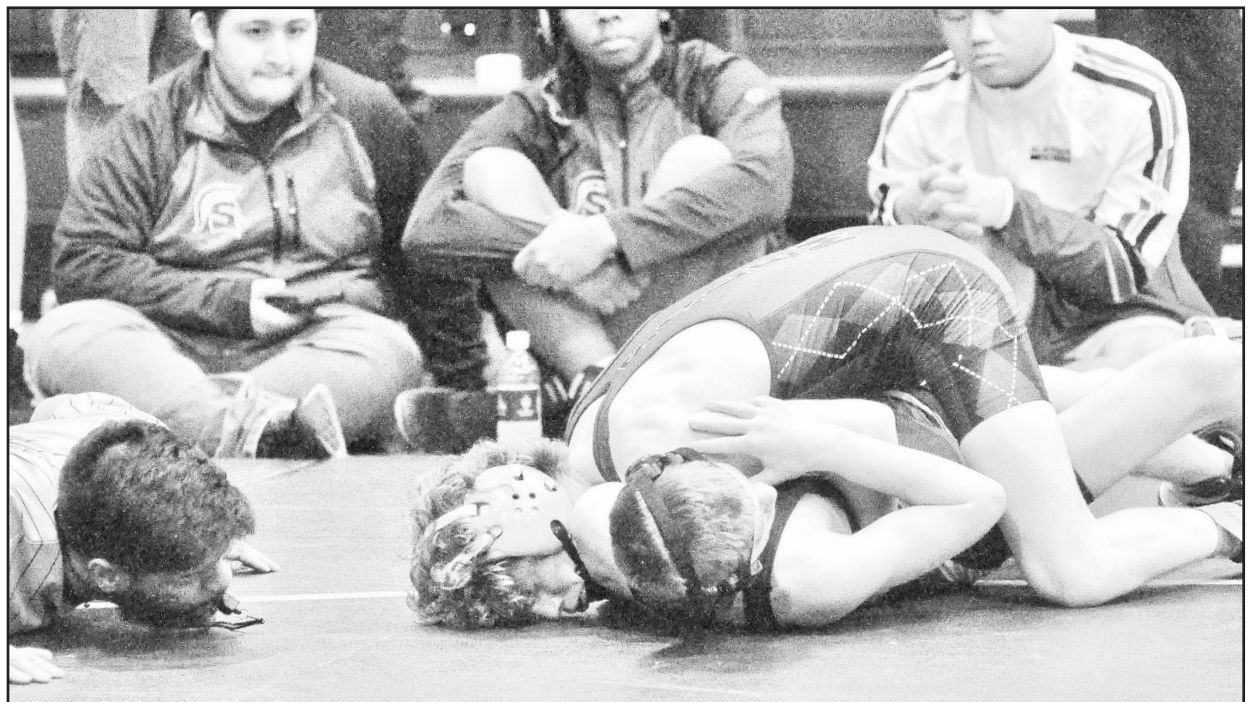


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Salem's Derek Bush puts the finishing touches on a pin in last weekend's Titan Toughman tournament.

## Spartans take 5th at Titan Toughman

The Salem High wrestlers took fifth place out of 22 teams at last weekend's Titan Toughman wrestling tournament at Hidden Valley High School. PH won the championship with 252 points, followed by LB with 211. Cave Spring was third with 199, William Byrd was fourth with 180.5 and Salem was fifth at 174.5. Freshman Derek Bush continued to impress, winning the 113

pound weight class to improve his record to 9-0. Linkin Callahan won the 215 pound class and, at 285. James Brooks was second and Robert Herndon took third. "Both wrestlers are giving up about 60-80 pounds," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "Robert is a freshmen who went 7-1, beating several seniors. Brooks is on his way to 190 and decided to wrestle 285."

Salem had two freshmen lose in the semifinals at 106 and end up wrestling for third place, with Zach Cowell taking third and Patrick Patterson finishing fourth. Kolynn Eastman finished fifth to score points for the Spartans. "It took a whole team effort," said Van Liew. The Spartans will be at Stuart's Draft this Saturday.

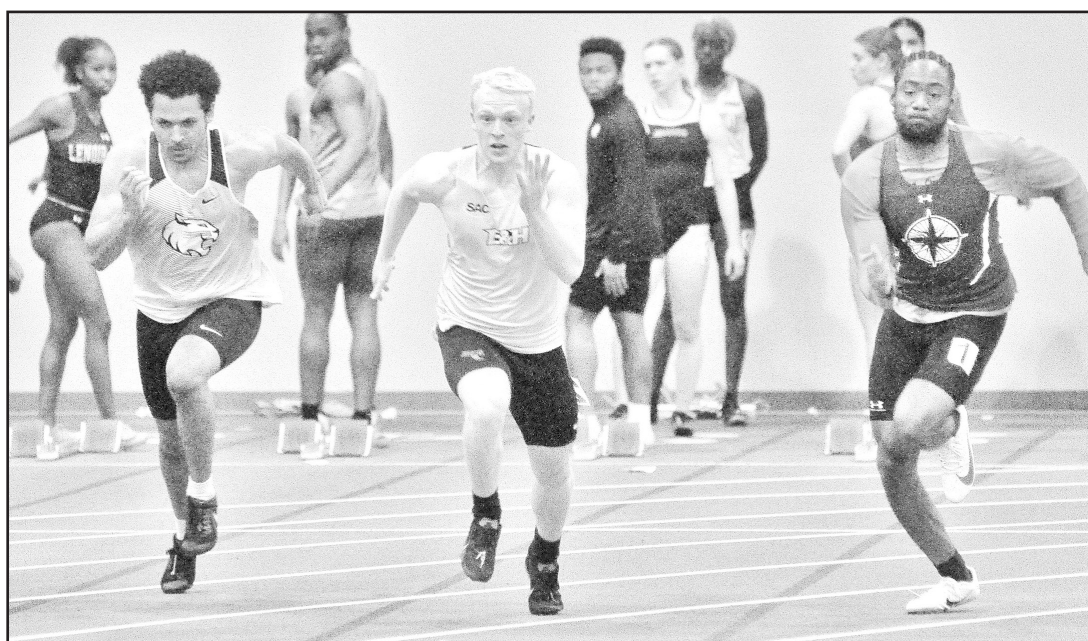


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Emory & Henry's Jackson Swanson(middle) runs the 60 meters at the Bast-Cregger Invitational indoor track meet at Roanoke College Saturday. Swanson is a freshman Wasp from Glenvar High.

## Maroons make good showing at home meet

Roanoke College kicked off the local indoor track season when the Maroons hosted the Bast-Cregger Invitational on the Salem campus last weekend. The Roanoke women posted a pair of event wins at the invitational. The Maroons claimed the top two spots in the high jump. Kaitlyn Nguyen and Kim Roden both posted marks of 1.63m, with Nguyen securing first place via tiebreaker. Grace Fowler won the shot put with a distance of 12.32m.

Fowler also finished as the runner-up in the weight throw, launching a toss of 15.32m. In the pole vault, Anna Stafford and Tasha Miller finished in second and third place. Stafford edged Miller on the tiebreaker after both logged jumps of 2.90m. Molly McCroskey's time of 21:27.60 put her in fifth place in the 5,000m. McCroskey is a Glenvar graduate. For the men, Victor Cardwell won the 600m with a time of 1:26.88 while Lorenzo Camobreco placed third in the

300m with a mark of 36.15 seconds. James Sarsfield also recorded a third-place finish with a distance of 14.17m in the weight throw, and Dominic McCombs landed in third in the pole vault at 3.90m. Xavier Chlebowski rounded out the top-three finishers for the Maroons, clocking a time of 2:45.90 to place third in the 1,000m. The Maroons will return to action with the Finn Pincus Invitational at the Cregger Field House on Jan. 19-20.

## Salem swimmers down Byrd, Alleghany

The Salem High swim team hosted a meet with William Byrd and Alleghany last week and had some good times. The boys won their meet with 93 points followed by Byrd with 58 and Alleghany with six. Byrd's girls won by five points over Salem, 66-61, and Alleghany had 31. Top finishers for Salem were the following: Boys 200 Medley Relay with Joren Poush, Zach Easter, Carter Biscotte and Carson Tucker; Carter Biscotte took first in the 200 and 100 Free; Joren Poush had a fist place finish in the 200 IM and 100 Breast; Eliza Fleenor was first in her 200 IM and 100 Back; Davis Griffith had two great races, taking 1st in the 50 free and 2nd in the 500 Free; Zach Easter was first in the 100 Fly and 100 Back; Boys 200 Free Relay got the 1st place touch with Carter Biscotte, Carson Tucker, Davis Griffith and Joren Poush; Boys 400 Free Relay of Andis Hamden, Zach Bocoock, Ayden Tyson, and Zach Easter finished in 1st place. Girls 400 Free Relay of Lilly Connor, Karina Rueda Alvarez, Teagan Wood, and Ashley Kay had a great 1st place finish to end the meet. Salem was back in action on Tuesday of this week at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center against Radford and Christiansburg. The Spartans are back at the Salem YMCA next Tuesday, December 19.

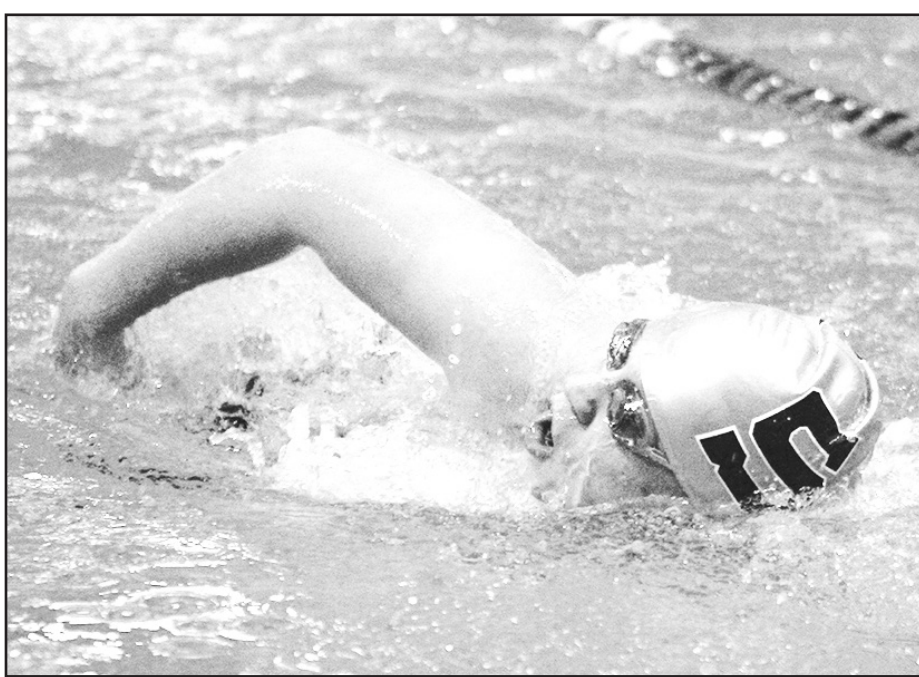


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Davis Griffith swims for the Spartans in last week's meet at the Salem YMCA.

## SHS, Glenvar will run indoors at Roanoke College Saturday

The Salem and Glenvar indoor track teams will be at Roanoke College to compete in the East Coast Invitational high school meet this weekend. Last Saturday both the Spartans and Highlanders were in the Liberty Flames High School Invitational at Liberty University in Lynchburg. this past Saturday. Salem had season's best performances in the girls meet by Kaylyn Ross, Aramah Brewer, Angeline Odupelo, Genelle Balthazar, Zi'Leyah Haynes, Genesis Tista, Jeane Hinson, Addyson Funk, Leah Johnson, Lyndsy Rothkopf, Chloe Underwood and Ashley Toapanta. For the boys, all having season's best times were Julian Morton, Aedon Wiley, Ervins Ciril, Keidaman Gulfan, Brayden White, Kyshead Arrington, Conner Rothkopf, Grant Horner, Thomas Scharp and Grafton Smith. Glenvar had 19 athletes competing with 11 of them being new to Indoor this year. "They all did very well and we're excited to see how they develop and improve over the next few weeks," said coach Bekka Loder. Glenvar had four athletes who qualified for states right off the start, Charlie Horrell and Val Loreda-Castillo in the boys and girls 3200, Zack Curfiss in the boys 500m and Joey Loder in the boys 300M.

## Good times for GHS swimmers

The Glenvar High swimmers took on Liberty and Martinsville at the Bedford YMCA last week and had a big night, with the boys sweeping and the girls splitting. The final scores for the boys were Glenvar 75 - Liberty 4 and Glenvar 71 - Martinsville 8. For the girls it was Glenvar 60 - Martinsville 10 and Liberty 53 - Glenvar 33. "New swimmers put up some impressive times for their first competitive meet and returning swimmers set 14 new personal records," said Glenvar coach Shannon Hall. "Connor Wilkes set two state championship qualifying times in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly, where he is the reigning state champion." First places for Glenvar included the Boys medley relay team of Cooper Ermel, Avery McClanahan, Ashton Meadows and Tyler Smith. Kees VanGerven won the 200 Free and 100 Back and Wilkes won the 200 IM and the 100 Butterfly. Natalie McMahon won the girls 100 Fly. Avery Thompson won the 500 freestyle. In the boys 200 freestyle relay the "A" team of Avery Thompson, Alec McIlwain, Meadows and Wilkes took first. Tucker Henderson won the boys 100 Breast while McMahon was first for the girls. In the boys 400 freestyle relay the "A" team of McIlwain, Henderson, VanGerven and Wilkes took first, and the girls team of Addi Cockram, Izzy Shearer, Natalie McMahon and Macy McMahon also won. "All the hard work in practice is showing in the great times this group put up," said Hall. The Highlanders were back in the pool Tuesday at the Salem YMCA, but results were too late for publication.



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# Spartans sweep Glenvar in girls-boys hoop doubleheader

The Salem and Glenvar basketball teams went head-to-head in a girls-boys doubleheader on Monday night at GHS with the visiting Spartans sweeping the first of two border battles. They'll meet again on February 2nd at Salem High in the Adam Ward Classic.

The girls played first and it was a mismatch from the beginning, as a young Glenvar team was no match for a Salem team on the rise. The Spartans led 41-3 at the half and went on to a 68-7 win with the clock running continuously in the second half.

"We played well tonight," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "Our scoring was balanced again. Anytime we have three players in double figures scoring, that is a good sign for us."

Everyone got in the game for Salem and saw plenty of action. Gabby Crawley led the scoring with 16 points while Charlie Wynn and Emme Custer had 14 each. Rebecca Magruder had four points to lead the Highlanders, who are still looking for a win. Salem improved to 3-0.

The second game was closer, with Salem leading 18-14 after one quarter and 36-26 at the half. The Spartans wore down the short-handed Highlanders in the second half, outscoring Glenvar 35-18 after intermission for a 71-44 win.

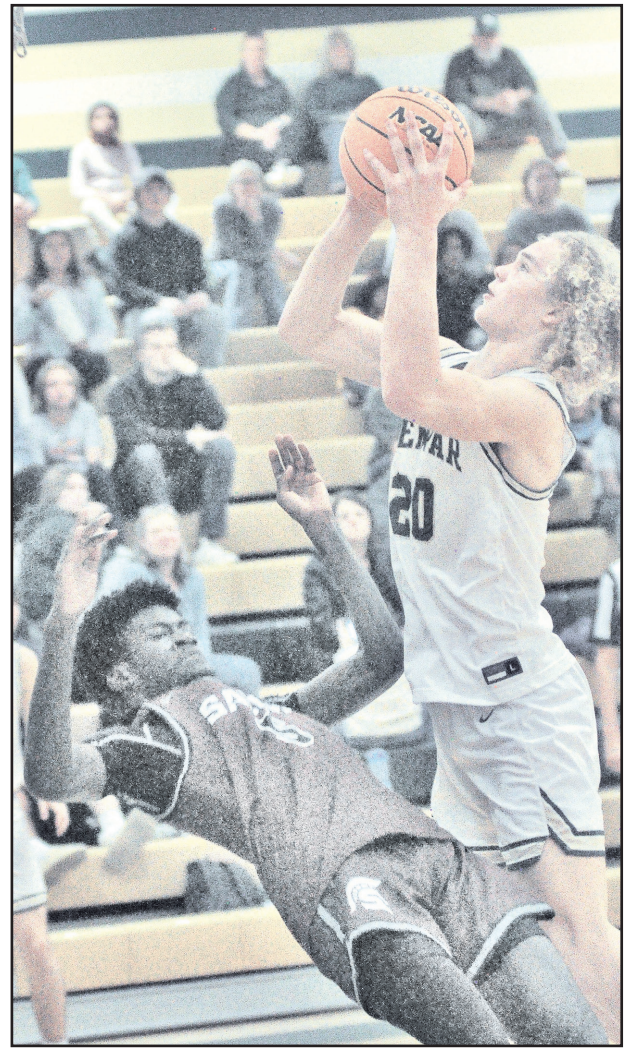
"The flu got ahold of us on Monday night," said Glenvar coach Cliff Bordewisch. "We had five players out with the flu. I thought we played pretty well in the first half, we were down three with two minutes to go in first half, but in the second half our legs were gone and we started turning the ball over more. Tired bodies led to some bad decisions and Salem is tough this year."

Salem owned the boards, and that led to few second chances for the Highlanders.

"Our first two games we struggled rebounding, but we were better Monday," said Salem coach Kevin Garst. "They only got 16 percent of possible offensive rebounds, and we had 52 percent on our end."

Cam Boles led Salem with 15 points and seven rebounds, including five on the offensive board. Kam Brown had 13 points, Marvin Fields had a dozen and LaMarius Foxx had 11 points and five assists. Brody Dawyot led Glenvar with 18 points.

The Highlanders fell to 1-3 with the loss. Last week they dropped a 55-35 home game to Hidden



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Left, Salem's LaMarius Foxx rises above Glenvar's Grayson Shepherd to score. Right, Glenvar's Brody Dawyot goes to the hoop as Salem's Kam Brown looks to take a charge, but was called for a block.

Valley and lost at home to Blacksburg, 68-50. Adam Franklin had 17 against the Bruins.

"I thought we played more as a team against Salem than we had the last couple of games, but we need to keep at it because the schedule doesn't get any easier," said Bordewisch.

Glenvar was scheduled to play an early season

Three Rivers District game at Floyd on Wednesday followed by a trip to William Byrd Friday.

Salem is 2-1 after Monday's win. The Spartans will host Cave Spring Friday and play a 7 pm game Saturday at Lord Botetourt in the Bob Johnson Classic.

## Salem boys will play LB in Bob Johnson Classic basketball tournament Saturday in Daleville

Lord Botetourt High School coach Andrew Hart, a graduate and former basketball player at Emory & Henry College, will be hosting the annual Bob Johnson Classic at LB this Saturday. The event will include five games that include coaches who have Emory & Henry ties.

Robert J. "Bob" Johnson served Emory & Henry College as its men's basketball coach and athletics director for 30 years. The winningest coach in program history with 370 victories across 27 seasons, Johnson is one of the legendary mentors in the history of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. He was selected as a member of the 2009 class of the Emory & Henry Sports Hall of

Fame. Saturday's event includes five games, beginning at 1 p.m. with Goochland against Parry McCluer. At 2:30 p.m. LCA will take on Narrows, followed by Fluvanna against Altavista at 4 p.m. and Monacan against Radford at 5:30 p.m. The final game of the day will match host Lord Botetourt against Salem High at 7 p.m.

Nine of the head coaches participating Saturday played for Johnson, and his coaching tree includes nearly two dozen other players and assistants formerly or currently coaching across the world, including current E&H coach Paul Russo and Virginia Tech coach Mike Young.

"Bob Johnson was a wonderful man and friend," said Young. "He was an educator first, but also an excellent and innovative basketball coach. He gave me my first assistant job in 1986. I still reference that time and everything I learned from him as I coach today."

Johnson died from cancer in August of 2009. Proceeds from the Bob Johnson Classic will benefit the American Institute for Cancer Research. This year's event is dedicated to Charlie Thomas, who played for Virginia Tech's 1973 NIT championship team and served as stint as an assistant to Johnson during a 30-year coaching career. Thomas died on November 5th of this year.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem's Gabby Crawley goes to the hole for two of her game-high 16 points against Glenvar Monday.

## Andrew Lewis, Glenvar middle school teams will wrap up basketball season

The middle school basketball season is nearing the end of the season with the last games scheduled for December 14 for Glenvar and December 19 for Andrew Lewis.

Glenvar teams will wrap up their seasons today with a doubleheader at Christiansburg. Both teams played on Monday at Floyd with the home team sweeping.

The Glenvar boys lost 39-29 despite 13 points by JD Williamson and nine for Parker Doolan. Chris Anderson had seven rebounds.

Last Thursday the Glenvar boys beat Covington Middle, 46-38, as Doolan had 15 points, Williamson had 14 and Money Shaw scored 13.

The Glenvar girls dropped a 29-15 game to Floyd Monday.

"They came out in a full court press and never let up," said Glenvar coach Tiana Byrd. "The girls panicked and couldn't shake out of it. Just about all of our starters found themselves in foul trouble."

Last week in Covington the girls took a 26-5 win. Ashante Byrd and Maudie Doolan led the team with nine points each.

Andrew Lewis teams will play Northside tonight with the girls at home and the boys at Northside. Next Tuesday they'll wrap up the season with a doubleheader at Blacksburg, beginning with a boys' game at 4:30 pm.

Lewis teams swept William Byrd last Thursday and Hidden Valley on Monday to continue great seasons for both. The boys won 55-26 in Vinton behind 13 points by Jaidyn Rudisell and eight each from Grayson MacBrien and Braylon Smith.

"Our full court pressure and our ability to be patient on offense against their zone defense was the difference," said coach Adam Rutledge.

On Monday the boys beat Hidden Valley, 43-18. The Eagles had just two points in the first half.

"Man, am I proud of that," said Rutledge. "Our full court defensive pressure over the course of a game really wears on the opposition."

MacBrien led Lewis with 10 points and Brady Geary had seven.

The Lewis girls beat Byrd at Byrd at home last week, 28-12. It was one of the closer games of the season for the Wolverines, tied at 10-10 at the half before Lewis outscored the Terriers 18-2 after intermission. Rosie Horne had seven points, all in the decisive third quarter, and Elizabeth Keffer had six.

"Our intensity and defensive effort really improved in the second half," said coach Nat Franklin. "We were able to rebound much better, create turnovers, and Rosie got us going offensively."

On Monday the girls downed Hidden Valley on the road, 32-19. This was close at the half again, as Lewis led by two, but a 16-2 run in the fourth quarter put it away. Horne had 11 and Keffer and Jayla Wood had seven each.

"It took us a little longer to get going offensively in this one, but the girls' defense and effort held us together until then," said Franklin. "Very proud of the girls."



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Parker Doolan goes up for a rebound for Glenvar.



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Justin Kuthan of Roanoke College scores and draws a foul in last week's game with Guilford in Salem.

## RC men will play in DC Catholic Classic

The Roanoke College men's basketball team will head to the nation's capital next week to play in the Catholic Classic at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. The Maroons will play

Tuesday at 7 pm, then take on host Catholic on Wednesday, December 20, at 4 pm. The Maroons will head to Washington with a 3-5 overall record after dropping an Old Dominion Eastern University on

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Salem High cheerleaders react to Josiah Moyer catching the two-point conversion that tied the state championship game with 58 seconds remaining.

## Wild finish leaves Spartans on short end of state championship score

*Phoebus scores on 86 yard play after Spartans tie the game with 58 seconds on the clock*

The Salem High football team was on the verge of a miracle win in Lynchburg last Saturday, but just seconds later it turned into a miracle for their opponent in a state Class 4 championship football game for the ages at Liberty University's Williams Stadium.

The Phoebus Phantoms completed an unbeaten season with a 21-14 win over Salem in a crazy finish that left Spartan fans in a daze. The game appeared headed for overtime when Phoebus completed an 86 yard touchdown pass with one second remaining on the clock to stun the Salemites.

Here's how it went down. For three quarters, 11 minutes and 59 seconds this was a dog fight. Phoebus, a team averaging 44 points a game, scored on the first possession, taking seven and a half minutes off the clock before Salem even touched the ball. Then the

Phantoms held Salem to a three-and-out and it was 7-0 Phoebus after one quarter.

Early in the second quarter Salem appeared to be faking a punt on fourth and six when Phoebus was called for a five yard penalty. Salem then lined up and went for it, and got the first down to keep the drive alive. Another Phoebus penalty gave the Spartans a first down on the Phantom 19 only to have the Spartans settle for a 32 yard field goal attempt by Wesley Cross that was blocked with 4:19 remaining in the half.

Phoebus was on the move again near midfield when Salem's Julian Warme tipped a pass and linebacker Chris Cole hauled it in. Cole returned the interception to the Phoebus 21 and Salem had their best field position of the half with 56 seconds remaining on the clock.

With time ticking down and facing fourth down Spartans attempted a 22 yard field goal with 11 seconds to go but again it was blocked. However, another untimely penalty by Phoebus gave the Spartans a fourth-and-goal at the three and Peyton Lewis was

able to punch it in on the last play of the half. The extra point attempt was wide as Phoebus held the lead at 7-6 at intermission.

Salem got the ball to start the second half and turned it over on downs. At this point the Spartan defense was dug in and Phoebus was forced to punt, only to have Salem fumble it back to the Phantoms at the Salem 32 with 3:12 to go in the third quarter.

Salem's defense stiffened again. Phoebus drove to the red zone but Cole tackled scrambling quarterback Maurikus Banks at the two to save a touchdown on the last play of the third quarter. After switching ends the Spartan defense made a goal line stand to keep the Phantoms out of the end zone and take over in the shadow of their own goal post.

The Spartans were forced to punt again on that possession, and Chris Martin hit a good one to the Salem 46. The Phantoms then drove the distance in five and a half minutes, scoring on a nine yard run by Paul Stephen Davis with 4:14 to go and a successful extra

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PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem's Chris Cole (#9) returns an interception deep into Phoebus territory to set up Salem's first touchdown just before the half. Julian Warme, #18 trailing at the right, tipped the pass allowing Cole to make the pick.

## 50th Stagg Bowl is at Salem Stadium Friday

The Stagg Bowl returns to Salem this week for the 50th game in the history of the NCAA Division III football championship. The State University of New York at Cortland will play defending national champion North Central College of Illinois at 7 pm Friday at Salem Stadium.

For 25 years the City of Salem was synonymous with the Stagg Bowl. From 1993 until 2017 "The City of Champions" was the annual site of the game and "The Road to Salem" became a popular phrase among Division III football fans.

The game left Salem in 2018 with the following two games played in Shenandoah, Texas. The 2020 game was cancelled due to COVID, the 2021 game was held in Canton, Ohio, home of the National Football League Hall of Fame, and last year's game was played in Annapolis, Maryland. North Central defeated Mount Union in last year's championship, 28-21, at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

This year's "Final Four" found Wartburg College hosting North Central in Waverly, Iowa last weekend while Randolph-Macon College played host to SUNY-Cortland in Ashland, VA. Randolph-Macon was hoping to become just the second Old Dominion Athletic Conference team to make the final, as Bridgewater College played in the 2001 Stagg Bowl game, losing a 30-27 game to Mount Union in front of a crowd of 7,992. That was the largest attendance in Salem's 25 year run as host site.

After the championship left Salem, the two games in Texas drew 6,816 when home state favorite Mary Hardin-Baylor of Texas won the title in 2018 but only 1,362 the following year when North Central beat Wisconsin-Whitewater. In 2021 the game in Canton drew 1,830 and last year's game in Annapolis had an announced crowd of 3,231. The smallest crowd in Salem over the 25 year span was 3,240 in 2004, with teams from California and

Texas, and 14 times the game drew over 5,000 fans to Salem Stadium.

Randolph-Macon was undefeated heading into last week's semifinal round and the Yellow Jackets were hoping to make the short trip to Salem this week, but it wasn't to be. The visiting

Red Dragons from New York advanced to the championship game for the first time in school history with a convincing 49-14 win. Cortland(13-1) is the first school from New York to reach the Division III title game since Ithaca won

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