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Councilman Jones won't run again

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Four-term Salem City Councilman Bill Jones announced Monday night he will not run again. Jones spoke at the conclusion of the Jan. 8 Council meeting.

"It's time for somebody else to step up," Jones said. "This community is great because people are willing to serve."

He added that being on Salem City Council "has been an incredible honor and I am beyond grateful for the trust Salem's citizens placed in me over the years. I am at peace with my decision and thankful for the many opportunities I have had during my time on Council."

Jones has been a member who took great pride in voting for what he felt was best for the entire city and not just certain factions or areas.

"Whether you are in business or politics, you simply cannot let your personal agendas creep into the decision making when you are representing other people," Jones said. "I've tried to always shoot straight and be honest with folks. You may not agree with me, but you always know where I stand."

He graduated from Glenvar High School in 1977 and later studied business at Virginia Western Community College. For 21 years, he worked in the Human Resources department at Salem-based Yokohama Tire. In 1998, he went into private business when he took over the area's FASTSIGNS franchise.

His strong business background and unlimited connections throughout the region made him a valuable member not only of Salem City Council, but the city's Audit-Finance Committee, the Western

Virginia Regional Jail Commission, and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission.

"During my extended time on Council, I have learned that for Salem to be successful it has to be willing to work with its neighbors for the good of the entire region," he said. "We all have unique features to offer and by working together, we have experienced tremendous success in Virginia's Blue Ridge."

Much of Jones' time as a councilman has been defined by the Great Recession, which began shortly after he was elected, and the COVID-19 pandemic that continues to have impacts on day-to-day life for some.

"We had to modify services, adjust employee pay and also maintain a high level of customer expectations

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PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF SALEM
Four-term Salem City Councilman Bill Jones will not run again.



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

The event returned to the Salem Civic Center over the weekend.

56th Salem Championship Stampede Rodeo held over weekend

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

Southwest Virginia's favorite family-friendly event was back to entertain. In spite of the rainy, cold, weekend weather, the 56th Salem Championship Stampede Rodeo went off without a hitch and with huge success.

On Jan. 5, 6 and 7, the Salem Civic Center was filled with almost 10,000 spectators who had come to see exciting events such as, bronc busting, barrel racing, bull riding,

and mutton busting. Professional cowboys and cowgirls, many from Virginia, competed in rodeo's most popular events, sanctioned by the International Professional Rodeo Association.

The rodeo was held Friday and Saturday nights as well as Sunday afternoon. Wendy Delano, director of facilities at the Salem Civic Center, said the rodeo sold out on Saturday night, "It's fantastic," she said.

"Southwestern Virginia has always been good to us and last year was no exception," said Rodeo

Spokesman Kevin DeBusk. "We had three sell-out performances, and we expect the same in 2024. We are so excited to be continuing the tradition of starting the rodeo season off at the Salem Civic Center."

Spectator Kaitlin Delano, and her mother, Wendy, have been coming for over a decade. "The bulls are my favorite part and they're huge" said Kaitlin, "It's all about the bulls."

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Del. McNamara offers preview of upcoming legislative session

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

The General Assembly started on Wednesday. In an interview with The Times-Register last week, Del. Joe McNamara said he's ready with a couple of pieces of legislation that might be of interest to Salem residents.

"I'm going to be carrying a piece of legislation that will make the increased standard deductions permanent in Virginia," said McNamara.

"Currently it's set to expire at the end of 2025. We don't want to inadvertently give a tax increase to our citizens," McNamara said. He and others have been working for the last four-five years to raise the standard deduction.

"I am going to take legislative action to avoid a \$630 increase," he said.

Another piece of legislation McNamara will be working on is to put Virginia on the list of states that are petitioning the federal government to remain on daylight savings time.

"What does it mean? In a nutshell. Do you want your extra light at the end of the day or the beginning of the day?" McNamara asked.

The legislation is going to look different now that the Republicans are in the minority all around. McNamara said there will be new faces, so there will be a learning curve.

"We'll probably be operating a little slower



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than we might normally. When the session ends, we would have gotten our work done, I feel confident of that, and try to improve the lives of Virginians in the process," McNamara said. "We will be in the minority. You are not going to see radical left or radical right types of bills being passed. I think we are going to look into the areas where we have common interests. I don't think you're going to see a lot of legislation far from the center."

Noted Salem attorney dies

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Noted Salem attorney Mike Pace has died. Pace's death was announced at the conclusion of the Jan. 8 Salem City Council meeting by friend and Councilman Randy Foley.

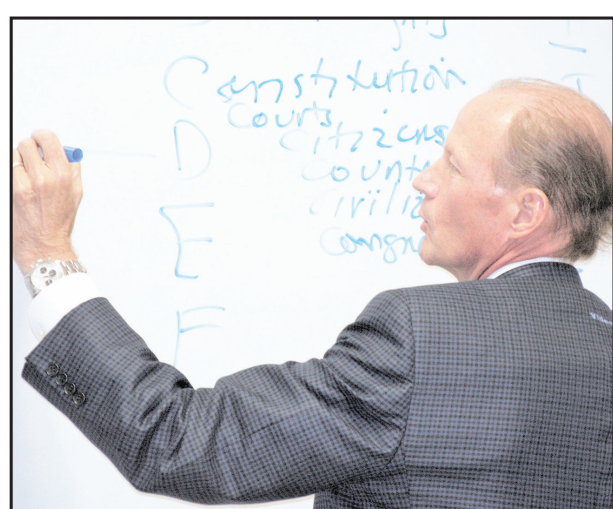
G. Michael Pace Jr. had been general counsel for Roanoke College and before that, managing partner of the Roanoke-based law firm Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore LLC. He was known to Salem students as the man who explained the "Rule of Law". Pace developed the idea for the Rule of Law project that was piloted in Salem schools in 2009.

Briefly explained, the Rule of Law is a political ideal that all citizens and institutions within a country, state or community are accountable to the same laws.

Pace helped establish the Center for Teaching the Rule of Law that administered the project in almost 100 Virginia School districts and spread to Austria, Spain, Indonesia, Afghanistan, New Zealand and more.

For that and his lifetime of work in the law Pace was honored with the 2020 Frank W. "Bo" Rogers Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award and a number of other prestigious awards.

Pace's late father, Jerry Pace, was a former member of the Salem School Board and then Salem City Council. Mike Pace's survivors include his wife, Nancy Hinchee Pace, and daughters Maggie and Kate.



PHOTOS COURTESY CITY OF SALEM

Salem attorney Mike Pace makes a point about the rule of law while teaching Salem middle school students.

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

Annual Meeting & Economic Outlook Update: The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual update on Friday, Jan. 19 from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at the Salem Civic Center. This meeting includes an Economic Outlook Update from representatives of Visit Virginia’s Blue Ridge, City of Salem and Roanoke County Economic Development, and the Roanoke Regional Partnership. There will be a moderated panel and attendees are encouraged to come with questions.

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

First Mondays: The family-friendly events are held by Gary John, who manages the “Mason Creek” bluegrass group, and Vicky Sword from the center. The bluegrass/acoustic shows are free, but a tip bucket will be passed around for donations to the musicians. Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered. The event is on Monday, Feb. 5: 7p.m. - The Brothers Young and 8 p.m. - Bubba Chandler & Mary Butterworth.

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Riley Green & Tracy Lawrence: Riley Green, the Academy of Country Music’s new male artist of the year in 2020, is set to make his first appearance at the Salem Civic Center. Green will be joined by Tracy Lawrence and opening act Ella Langley when he hits the arena’s historic stage on March 7, 2024. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and online anytime at www.ticketmaster.com.

REO Speedwagon and Rick Springfield: Classic rock and roll hitmakers REO Speedwagon and Rick Springfield are once again joining forces on the road in

2024 and bringing their tour to the Salem Civic Center on Tuesday, March 26. Tickets range in price from \$35 to \$169. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at ticketmaster.com.

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

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

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Happy Trails Film & Television Festival: The festival will take place at CommUNITY Church in Salem on May 17, 18 and 19. There will be panels, workshops, special programming, autographs and a banquet. The event is billed as a “nostalgia/faith media convention for the whole family.”

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Public meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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Laboratory Tools from Leas & McVitty Tannery

Ring in the new year by learning the history of local places and landmarks at the Salem Museum and their featured exhibit “Hometown History.”

Scattered throughout Salem and the surrounding area are countless reminders of Salem’s past. Many of these locations have either been replaced or forgotten after years of development. “Hometown History: Salem’s Forgotten Beginnings” sets out to share these historic locations’ forgotten stories.

This includes the story of the Leas & McVitty Tannery. From 1889 to 1973, one of Salem’s largest employers was the Leas & McVitty Tannery. The business provided leather hides for a number of local and national

manufacturing companies. During the First and Second World Wars, the Leas & McVitty Tannery provided the leather predominantly used in the combat boots issued to U.S. servicemen. The Leas & McVitty Tannery operated until 1973, when the tannery began to be phased out of production. That same year a fire destroyed much of the property, permanently closing the historic business.

These tools from the Leas & McVitty Tannery laboratory are currently on display in the Salem Museum’s featured exhibit “Hometown History.”

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

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of December 26, 2023 – January 01, 2024

12/27/2023	Sharon L. Baxter	66	Failure to Appear
12/27/2023	Roger S. Fuller Jr.	30	Embezzlement
12/28/2023	Trezure A. Johnson	27	DUI
12/29/2023	Roger L. Woods	35	Violation Protective Order
12/29/2023	Deidre S. Watson	45	Assault & Battery
12/30/2023	Ronald W. Nicholson	45	False Name to Police, Obstructing Justice
12/30/2023	Christina M. Wright	44	DUI, Unreasonable Refusal
12/31/2023	Meghan R. Jones	40	Obstructing Justice
12/31/2023	Sanja Vukouic	31	Domestic Assault & Battery, Assault on Police Officer
12/31/2023	Kane C. Dews	25	Public Intoxication
01/01/2024	Samantha D. Austin	30	DUI

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of December 26, 2023 – January 01, 2024

<i>DATE REPORTED</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>OFFENSE REPORTED</i>
26-Dec-2023	O BLK W 4 th St	Vehicle Theft
29-DEC-2023	1900 BLK W Main St	Burglary
29-DEC-2023	3000 BLK Golf Colony Dr	Grand Larceny
31-DEC-2023	300 BLK Chestnut St	Assault on Police Officer

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon
Contributing
Writer

Don't you just love a good soup recipe? I do. Soup is my go-to meal on a cold day. If the weather forecast is for a snowy cold day, I plan to make a pot of soup. I shop for ingredients long before the first snow is forecast. These ingredients are in my pantry and freezer ready to go. Don't be afraid of using frozen vegetables. I prefer them in my soups for adding texture. Using broth instead of water adds flavor and makes a good base for the vegetables. This week's recipe is from a friend of my shih tzu Betsy. Mr. Jennings stopped by the office and made friends with her back in October. He stopped by to bring his football contest entry on Fridays and visited with Betsy. One Friday, he shared this soup recipe with me. He said a friend's mother gave it to him and he said it's one of his favorite soups. This recipe calls for corned beef. I have never used corned beef in a recipe so I had to try it. Canned corn beef is already cooked so it's ready to eat but is high in fat and salt.

It is recommended that you rinse the beef off under cool water to remove any excess salt, but you don't have to. I made this recipe two ways, on the stove top as in the recipe and in my crockpot. Both times the recipe turned out great! The second time, I used lean ground beef in place of the corned beef to cut down on the salt and fat or you could just leave out the beef altogether. There is plenty of flavor in the broths. I also added a can of lima beans because I like them and had them in my pantry. The crockpot was on low for six to seven hours and it tasted just as good. I froze several containers of this soup, and it has reheated very well. There's nothing gourmet or fancy about this soup, which is why I love it. It tastes comforting, hot and full of chunks of beef and veggies, perfect for dipping a slice of bread in. Make it once and it will become a staple in your recipe box. Thank you, Mr. Jennings!

Friends vegetable beef soup
Ingredients:

- 2 russet potatoes, diced



PHOTO BY SHELLY KOON

- 2 cups (16 oz.) Beef broth
 - 2 cups Chicken broth
 - 2 cups Vegetable broth
 - 28 oz can crushed tomatoes
 - 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes
 - 2 -12 oz packages frozen mixed vegetables
 - 1 can corned beef, diced or (1 lb. of browned ground beef)
 - Salt and pepper to taste- needs less if using corned beef- taste it first!
 - 2 TBSP basil
- Add all to a pot and bring to a boil. Simmer for 2 hours and then let set. I let it rest for about 15 mins before serving it.

V DOT ROADWATCH

Interstate 81

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

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 - The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

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

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

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

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

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and

adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated for Summer 2024.

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

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

SLOW ROLLS: A slow roll operation may be in place daily, Monday through Friday, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS - Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Interstate 581

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

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

Roanoke County

SIDEWALK PROJECT ON SOUTHBOUND WILLIAMSON ROAD IN HOLLINS AREA - Work is underway on a project to construct new sidewalk along the section of southbound Route 11 (Williamson Road) between Plantation Road and Peters Creek Road. Drivers in the Hollins area can expect periodic right lane closures on southbound Williamson Road between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. As work progresses, occasional nighttime lane closures also will be scheduled. The sidewalk project is expected to be completed in summer 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

Craig County

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OPINION

Special 2023 Year In Review

An Opportunity to Pause and Reflect Into a Promising Future

While the Christmas and holiday season was a time for celebration, the New Year is one for reflection. There have been many challenges over the first session of the 118th Congress. Still, one thing has been constant: I am forever grateful to the Sixth District of Virginia for giving me the honor of representing you as your Congressman. As we look forward to the 2024 legislative calendar and tackling the critical issues confronting our Nation, I wanted to take a moment to update you on my office's efforts on your behalf these past twelve months.

Legislative Accomplishments

In 2023, I was proud to lead and garner support for several important pieces of legislation. Passed by committee and awaiting floor action, H.R. 4477, the American Confidence in Elections: District of Columbia Election Integrity and Voter Confidence Act., would implement several election reforms in the District of Columbia's election processes, including requiring photo voter ID, prohibiting noncitizens from voting, and conducting list maintenance. Additionally, H.R. 3315, the National Guard and Reservist Debt Relief Extension Act, which I co-led, was signed into law by the President. This bill reauthorizes an additional four years of debt relief for qualifying servicemembers experiencing financial hardship. Lastly, the bi-partisan H.R.1105, Debbie Smith Act, which I co-led, was passed in the House and awaits action in the Senate. Rest assured, I will continue to fight for the values and the issues that we hold important to us in the Sixth District.

Working For You

While my D.C. office handles legislative issues I work on in the House of Representatives, as well as my responses to your legislative inquiries, I also have District offices located in Harrisonburg, Winchester, Staunton, and Roanoke where my staff assists constituents in communicating with federal agencies such as the Social Security Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, my offices and I also handle congressional nominations to the United States



Ben Cline
Congressman

Service Academies and an array of other services such as offering Capitol flag sales, D.C. tours, and more listed on my website.

My team and I have worked hard to be assessable and to serve Virginia's Sixth District, meet with constituents, answer questions, and provide assistance, and the results in 2023 speak for themselves:

- \$12,346,026.83 total amount our office has recovered for constituents
- 146,762 completed responses to constituent calls, emails and letters
- 20 in-person Town Halls were held across the district
- 211 community events attended/or hosted through my official office
- 2,318 constituents helped through casework
- 115 Mobile Office Hours held for constituents to meet directly with my team

District Travels

Even though most of what is seen on national news outlets focuses on the hearings and votes on Capitol Hill, the assistance I provide to those dealing with problems with federal agencies is perhaps the most vital. My interaction with constituents, local leaders, and small business owners in the district to ensure their views are represented in Washington. It's where both the constituents we represent and our loved ones reside. It's the place we call home.

First, I hosted my annual farm tour. Virginia's Sixth District is the largest agriculture district in the Commonwealth, where farming is the number one industry. I enjoyed speaking with farmers and agriculture industry leaders to discuss how we can assist them.

Additionally, I held my annual Higher Education Roundtable at Southern Virginia University in Buena Vista. I have long believed that no family or student should worry that

attending college or university will break the bank, rack up mountains of debt, or fail to prepare them for good-paying jobs in the real world. With more than 20 colleges and universities across Virginia's Sixth District, we need to do the hard work of finding solutions to improve student performance, boost post-graduation job placement, and keep tuition affordable.

Engaging with our nation's future generation of leaders has always been a favorite opportunity of mine, whether it be reading to students, talking to government classes, or speaking at school events. I was proud to visit 13 schools throughout the district this year and look forward to meeting more of our incredible young people this coming year.

As your representative, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary accomplishment of VA-06 residents on the House floor. This year I recognized 19 citizens for their numerous achievements of my constituents this year, whether they are championship victories in high school or college athletics, volunteer and charitable recognitions, or honoring our Veterans.

Visiting large and small businesses in the district serves as a reminder that the government should promote rather than impede economic growth. I'll keep fighting in Washington to ensure that all of our hardworking businesses can prosper because they are essential to generating jobs and economic expansion.

Meeting with the Veterans of the Sixth District is one of my greatest honors. It is always a delight to express gratitude and honor, and fight for those who fought for us, whether local VFWs or at significant occasions like Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and 9/11 remembrance ceremonies.

Meetings with Constituents in Washington

Engaging with citizens in the People's House of Representatives and hearing their problems reminds me why I came to Washington, D.C. I enjoy listening to people's opinions about the most meaningful subjects and how I may best represent and promote their goals in particular areas.

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.

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Upcoming events for adults:

Wednesday, Jan. 17; 6:30 p.m.: Same Page Book Club LGBTQ+ book club for the community and allies.

Thursday, Jan. 18: 2 p.m. Giggles & Grins; Ages 55+; Fun, interactive, humorous program. Register at salemva.libcal.com.

Friday, Jan. 19: 10:30 a.m.: Library Database Workshop: Learn about the library's most popular electronic databases. Register at salemva.libcal.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: 2 p.m.: Virtual Author Talk; Rajiv Nagaich, author of "Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster." Join us in the library meeting room to view this online virtual author talk. Dr. Nagaich is an elder law attorney, speaker, and retirement planning visionary. Learn how to avoid the hidden traps in retirement planning advice! Over his 20-plus years of experience in United States elder law, Rajiv has developed a step-by-step guide to retirement planning by connecting the various dots of the retirement planning process. The LifePlanning approach is a system that brings together legal, financial, and housing issues into a coordinated effort that can work to make sure you don't end up being forced into institutionalized care, going broke, and being a burden on your family. In this enlightening and informative webinar, Rajiv explains why "retirement plan failure" happens and how you can keep it from happening to you. Register at www.salemlibrary.info

Thursday, Jan. 25: 2-4 p.m. Puzzles and Games Afternoons, Ages 18+; No registration required. Join us for an afternoon of fun playing board games, card games and puzzles in the meeting room. Snacks will be provided.

Tuesday, Jan. 30: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-4 p.m. DMV Connect at Salem Library. Walk-ins only.

Upcoming events for kids:

Thursdays in January: 10:15 a.m.; Book Babies: Special Storytime designed for infants and crawlers. Register at salemva.libcal.com

11 a.m.; Story Explorers: Children aged 0-5. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Wednesdays in January, 3:15 p.m.; Barks & Books: Read with a therapy dog. Grades 1-5. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Tuesday, Jan. 16: The Write Stuff; Open to grades 3-5. Pull out your #2 pencil (or pen) and let's write! In this low-key group, you'll work on writing prompts, share your work (if you want!), decorate your pages and have a great time. Bring your imagination! We'll supply the rest. Register at salemva.libcal.com

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Respiratory disorder

7. Bulgarian mountain peak

10. Group of important people

12. South American nation

13. Amazes

14. ___-Castell, makers of pens

15. Perlman and Seehorn are two

16. Early medieval alphabet

17. Legislator (slang)

18. Tasty crustacean

19. Course of action

21. Airborne (abbr.)

22. Permanent church appointment

27. Larry and Curly's pal

28. Famed American journalist

33. 12th letter of Greek alphabet

34. In a way, vanished

36. Afflict in mind or body

37. Egyptian Sun god

38. Source of the Blue Nile

39. Egyptian unit of weight

40. Be the source of pain

41. Esteemed award ___ d'Or

44. Partner to pains

45. Deep blue

48. No longer living

49. Country in the UK

50. Not even

51. Arizona city

CLUES DOWN

1. Wager

2. Classical portico

3. As a result

4. Bird

5. A type of "Squad"

6. Autonomic nervous system

7. Dish with food on a stick

8. City northwest of Provo

9. C. European river

10. One out of jail

11. Henry Clay estate

12. Heathen

14. Refrained

17. Parts per billion (abbr.)

18. "The Stranger" author

20. Not old

23. Periods of starvation

24. Language of tribe in India

25. Savings account

26. Pitching stat

29. Megabyte

30. Ribonucleic acid

31. A place to put your feet

32. The fun part of a week

35. We all have our own

36. Partner to "oohed"

38. African nation

40. Breezed through

41. Sets out

42. Other

43. Not fattening

44. "Much ___ about nothing"

45. Central Time

46. Former EU monetary unit

47. Charles S. Dutton sitcom

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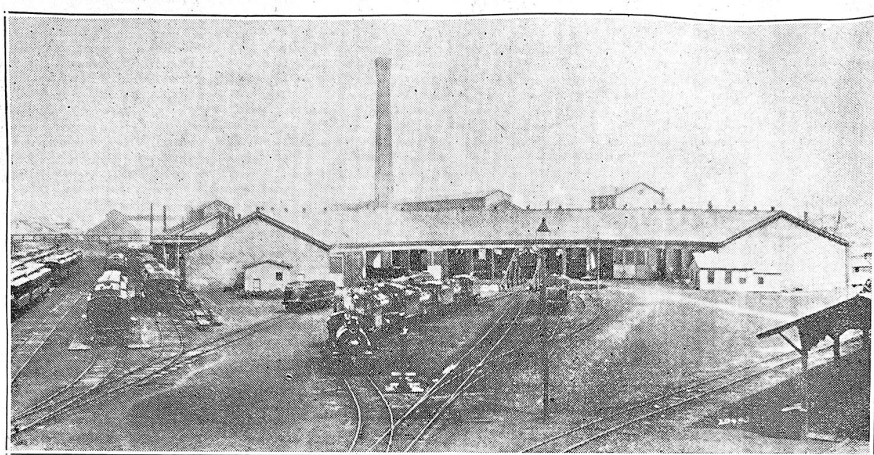
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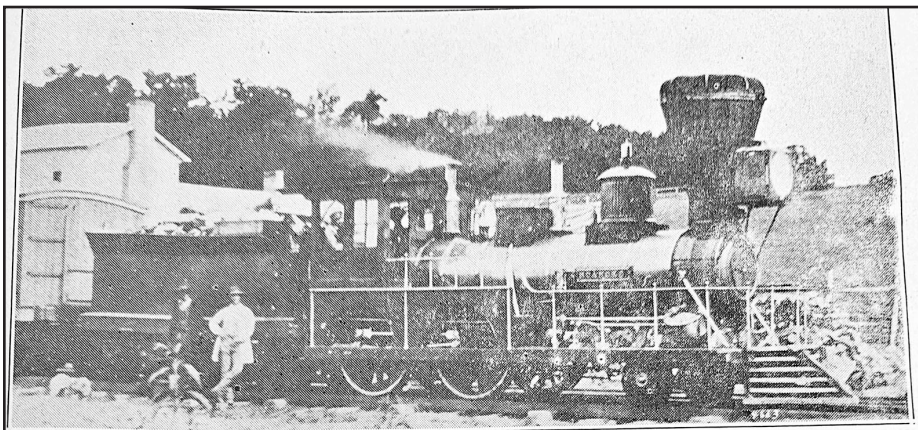
FROM THE ARCHIVES

NORFOLK AND WESTERN R. R. CELEBRATING CENTENNIAL

Maintains One Of Largest And Most Modern Terminals In United States In Roanoke County



Fifty-five years ago the first big industry was established in the village of Big Lick, now Roanoke. It was the Roanoke Machine Works (above left), later to become the great Norfolk and Western Shops right. The Roanoke Machine Works, completed in 1883, employed about 1,000 men and gave an impetus to business of every kind. The development of the shops is a saga of progressive improvement. Since 1923 alone, the N. & W. has expended more than \$2,500,000 for new modern shop machinery and for new shop buildings. While primarily repair shops, the skilled mechanics of the huge plant, which covers an area of 145 acres, have turned out thousands of powerful modern locomotives, box cars, and coal cars.



Here is pictured the "Roanoke", the first engine to make the complete run over the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad, predecessor unit of the N. & W., completed in 1865. The picture was taken at Abingdon before the Civil War. This ancient aristocrat of the rails was a wood-burner (note wood piled in the tender), had four drive wheels, partially encased in wood, a wooden cow-catcher, headlights that burned oil and a whistle that must have awakened many an echo throughout the hills of Southwest Virginia.



From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

In 1838, Virginia witnessed two events that were to play a vital part in the development of the Commonwealth—the birth of a new county and the completion of one of the State's first railroads.

It was on March 30, 1838, that Roanoke County, today one of the Old Dominion's most important political sub-divisions, came into existence. Five months later—on September 7, 1838—a crude, little wood-burning engine, carrying carriage-like contraptions and loaded with excited, cheering passengers, puffed and snorted out of the town of Petersburg, Va., on the first run of the nine-mile journey to City Point, on the James River. While that event took place 170-odd miles from the eastern border of Roanoke County, it held a unique significance for this territory. For that primitive line was the City Point Railroad, the first unit of the Norfolk and Western Railway.

Linked by tradition, friendship and mutual progress, the railroad and the county are this year celebrating their 100th birthday anniversary.

Completion of the City Point line was the victorious culmination of a five-year struggle of a small group of pioneers to provide faster transportation for freight and passengers in their territory. But little did they dream that from the nine miles of strap rail would grow a major trunk line system of the nation, with approximately 5,000 miles of track, serving six states—Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Maryland and Kentucky. For 86 years of its century of life, the N&W and its predecessor lines have played a vital role in the development and progress of Roanoke County.

Large Terminals

Today, the railway maintains within the confines of Roanoke County one of the largest and most modern terminals in the United States and the largest on the system. With lines and connections to the north, east, south and west, the Norfolk and Western provides the industry and agriculture of the county with rail service which is recognized as outstanding in the nation.

Fourteen years after the initial run of the City Point Railroad a handful of inhabitants of a tiny Virginia village stood at the crossroads to the great mountains in the Southwest and witnessed an event that changed their destiny and the destiny of their descendants for generations to come. On November 1, 1852, a wheezing, wood-burning locomotive, pulling a train of passengers and freight, rumbled into Big Lick. Pioneer railroad builders had completed the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad (the second unit which later made up N&W) from Lynchburg to Big Lick, today Roanoke, the metropolis of the county and of Southwest Virginia. A little more than a month before—September 25—the railroad entered Roanoke County at Bonsack. On December

15, 1852, the line was completed to Salem.

The coming of this first little railway marked the beginning of the development of one of the richest sections of the State—Roanoke County and Southwest Virginia.

Completed To Bristol

On October 1, 1856—four years after the line entered Roanoke County—the V. & T. was completed to Bristol. That was another day of rejoicing for citizens of the county, for the long dreamed of railroad from Lynchburg through Salem and the Southwest, became a reality. The construction of the V. & T. started at Lynchburg on January 16, 1850.

President John Robinson McDaniel of the Virginia & Tennessee said in his report to the directors on the completion of the road, "You are not alone in your rejoicing. The merchant, the mechanic and the farmer unite with you. It is a successful termination of one of the mighty struggles of our good old Commonwealth to show off the trappings of vassalage she has so long worn. It is a great advance up the ascent to commercial independence. The winter of your trouble is passed. A genial spring is now opening with its budding of future prosperity."

The railroad president's prediction was right. Roanoke County and its towns took on new life. The V. & T. prospered, and the territory traversed by the railroad prospered with it. Many new wonders and inventions of the age followed the building of the railway. In his report for 1857, the president of the Virginia & Tennessee reported to the board of directors that a telegraph line had been completed and was in operation between Lynchburg and Bristol. Said he: "The benefits of a telegraph along the line of a railroad cannot be questioned. It is an indispensable appendage." In the next year, he reported that the railroad "has entered into a contract with the post office department for carrying United States mail once a day." Later the service was increased to "twice daily upon a schedule of three days from Washington city to New Orleans."

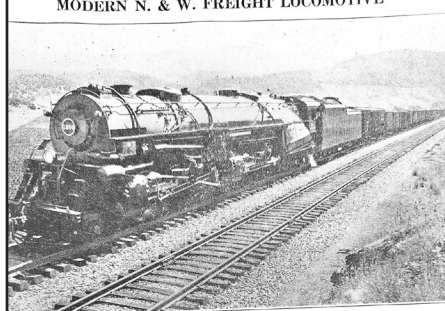
The Virginia & Tennessee and its connecting lines were among the first and fastest carriers of "the news". The agent of the Associated Press made arrangements for the transmission of news over the railroad because "it could be done considerably in advance of any other system between New York and New Orleans."

The next great improvement on the V. & T. was the operation of sleeping cars (about 1860). A historian of the times relates: "Sleeping cars, a new invention, were introduced on the Virginia & Tennessee road. The newspapers say that they render sleeping really comfortable on the railroad train."

Consolidation

The Virginia & Tennessee operated as such until June 1870, when it was consolidated with the Westside Railroad Company, which ran from Petersburg to Lynchburg;

MODERN N. & W. FREIGHT LOCOMOTIVE



First Locomotive Built In Roanoke

FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

and the Norfolk & Petersburg Railroad, between those two points, as the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio Railroad. This road, with a continuous line between Norfolk and Bristol, resulted in the development of agriculture on a large scale. It created a market for the farmers, who before the coming of the railroad, produced only enough to supply the little market to which they were confined. It gave an outlet to the mineral products which were being mined as a result of this new means of transportation. New towns were springing up along the line. Property values were increasing.

Roanoke County's second railroad was the Shenandoah Valley—another important predecessor unit of the Norfolk & Western system. The first train on this line, which operated from Hagerstown, Md., through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, pulled into Roanoke on June 18, 1882. A detailed history of the road is contained elsewhere in this section of the paper.

A. M. & O. R. Sold

Meanwhile, the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio Railroad was sold on February 10, 1881, for \$8,605,000, subject to liens and encumbrances, and reorganized as the Norfolk & Western Railway Company. With splendid harbor facilities at Norfolk, on the Port of Hampton Roads, superb resources along its line in eastern and southwestern Virginia, and with the vast coal deposits of southwestern Virginia and southern West Virginia in view, the new company was capitalized at \$25,000,000 and started extensive improvements.

Between 1881 and 1892 the railroad built three lines into the coal fields of Virginia and West Virginia and extending beyond into Ohio. These were the New River line, from New River Depot (now New River) to the coal deposits at Pocahontas, which was open for traffic in 1883; the Clinch Valley, which ran from Bluefield, Va., to Ironton, Ohio, completed in 1892. The Ohio Extension made connections with the Scioto Valley & New England Railroad, which ran to Columbus. The purchase of this road gave the N. & W. a western outlet for the increasing volume of coal mined in Virginia and West Virginia and a through line from Norfolk to the Middle West.

Open Coal Field Traffic

With the construction of these lines and the opening of the great coal fields, traffic on the railroad increased rapidly. Many branch lines were built to new coal properties. Tidewater coal terminals were built at Lambert Point. Much of the territory through which the railroad passed was transformed from a wilderness into a thriving section dotted with busy towns and communities. All of which contributed tremendously to the steady growth and development of Roanoke County and Southwest Virginia.

The construction of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad to Roanoke in 1881 was followed during the next several years by the removal of the general offices of that line from Lynchburg to Roanoke. The establishment of the offices here marked another period in the growth of the county and the city.

The next great step in

Roanoke County's development was the construction of the Roanoke Machine Works (later the Norfolk and Western Shops) between 1882 and 1883—the Magic City's first big industry. The Machine Works employed about a thousand men and gave an impetus to business of every kind. In the three years from 1881 to 1884, the population of the town increased from about 600 to approximately 5,000.

Roanoke County was definitely on the way up. But still another railroad was to come to town. The third line of the present Norfolk and Western system to enter the county was the Roanoke and Southern Railway, which was completed between Winsto-Salem and Roanoke in March 1902. The new line, which was leased by Norfolk and Western during the month it was finished, brought more people, more industries and greater prosperity to the territory. Thus, another era in the county's growth was featured by railroad development.

On September 24, 1896, the Norfolk and Western Railway Company was reorganized as the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. In October, the N. & W. purchased the Lynchburg & Durham, operating between Lynchburg and Durham, N. C., and in December, the Roanoke & Southern, both of which had been previously operated by lease. The Cincinnati, Portsmouth & Virginia Railroad Company, running between Sciotoville, Ohio and Cincinnati, was conveyed to the N. & W. in October 1901.

Since then, the N. & W. has spent millions of dollars in a consistent program of expansion, improvements and betterments, including the electrification of 210 miles of track over mountain grades in West Virginia, double tracking, the installation of automatic signals and interlocking plants; and the enlargement and construction of great terminals at Norfolk, Roanoke, Bluefield, Williamson, Portsmouth and Columbus.

New Construction

Regarded as one of the most progressive and efficiently operated railroads in the country, the Norfolk and Western is one of the few carriers which has increased its mileage within recent years by construction of new lines. Since 1928, the railway has built three new branch lines in Virginia and West Virginia to tap some of the richest coal deposits in the two states. The construction of the Buchanan Branch Extension in Buchanan County, Virginia—a 42-mile line completed and placed in operation during the latter part of 1936—is regarded as one of the most important development projects undertaken in Virginia within recent years.

Other recent improvements made by the railway include the laying of thousands of tons of new 131-pound steel rail, the air-conditioning and modernization of passenger equipment, the construction in the Roanoke Shops and the purchase of scores of new locomotives and thousands of new cars, building of new general office facilities, etc.

The Norfolk and Western Railway has been—and is—more than an efficient transportation agency to the county. With its general offices and largest shops located at Roanoke, the railroad is the county's largest industry and biggest taxpayer.

In short, the history of Roanoke County can be told largely in terms of railroad development. Since the first puffing old wood-burner of one Virginia & Tennessee rolled into Big Lick nearly 86 years ago, the progress and prosperity of the railroad and the county have been intimately bound up with the other. Roanoke County and Norfolk and Western Railway have literally grown up together.

-Prepared by Lisa King

OBITUARY

Pace Jr., Gerald Michael (Mike)

Gerald Michael (Mike) Pace, Jr. passed away on January 8, 2024. Mike was born in Salem, VA on March 11, 1957, to the late Gerald Michael Pace, Sr. and Jeanne Andrew Pace. Three years later, Mike's brother Jon was born, and their family was complete. He was a member of the class of 1975 at Andrew Lewis High School where he played football and was on the golf team. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1979, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and was Co-captain of the golf team. He earned a Juris Doctorate from Washington & Lee University School of Law in 1984. In his 66 years, Mike became so many things to so many people. He was a son, husband, father, brother, friend, attorney, community servant, mentor, golfer, and artist.



particularly during his illness, Mike was supported by great friends. They took him to dinners, lunch at the ice cream parlor, car rides in the Virginia countryside, and spent time at the range at Hanging Rock Golf Course followed by BLTs in the snack shop. During COVID, many visited on the patio where stories and laughter were exchanged. Good friends and company are the best medicine in the world and made a tough journey more bearable.

In his career, Mike was most proud of his work in creating the Virginia Law Foundation/Virginia Bar Association Rule of Law Project, which has focused on partnering judges, lawyers, and teachers with middle and high school students to teach them the importance of the rule of law as the basis of the rights and freedoms we enjoy so they will become active and engaged citizens as adults. This led to co-founding the Center for Teaching the Rule of Law at Roanoke College with his close friend H. Timothy Isaacs.

In addition to his work with the Rule of Law Project, Mike was a former managing partner at Gentry Locke. He served on the boards of LEAD Virginia, the Business Leadership Fund, the Business Council, the Roanoke Regional Partnership, SunTrust Advisory Board, and other civic and charitable boards. He was a former trustee of Hampden-Sydney College and a past president of the Hampden-Sydney College Alumni

Association. He served as an adjunct professor at Roanoke College and Washington and Lee University School of Law, where he founded a practicum for third-year law students that is now implemented statewide. Mike was a member of The Virginia Bar Association (2008 president), the Virginia State Bar, the Roanoke Bar Association (2000-2001 president), the American Bar Association, the National Conference of Bar Presidents, and a member and a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation. He was also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Roanoke Law Foundation. Mike was a member of the National Council for the Social Studies, the Virginia Council for the Social Studies, and the Virginia Consortium of Social Studies Specialists and College Educators.

The family gives special thanks to Mike's wonderful caregiver, Janie Bower, for her kind and gentle care. She tended to Mike's needs and before long was embracing the whole family. The family also wants to express great appreciation to several special caregivers at Brandon Oaks, Gentiva Hospice, and to John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem for their assistance with arrangements.

The family will have an intimate private service. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of the following organizations: Unbridled Change, an organization that aided Mike and his family through his illness with Alzheimer's, by visiting: www.unbridledchange.org/donate or by mail to PO Box 157, Boones Mill, VA 24065 and, The Legal Studies Enhancement Fund, Post Office Box 637, Hampden-Sydney, VA 23943.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey.com.

Rodeo from page 1



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Professional cowboys and cowgirls, many from Virginia, competed in rodeo's most popular events, sanctioned by the International Professional Rodeo Association.

2024 schedule for 'First Mondays' has been announced

The 2024 "First Mondays" lineup at the Salem Senior Center on Union Street has been announced. The family-friendly events are held by Gary John, who manages the "Mason Creek" bluegrass group, and Vicky Sword from the center. The bluegrass/acoustic shows are free, but a tip bucket will be passed around for donations to the musicians. Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered.

- Monday, Feb 5:**
7 p.m. - The Brothers Young
8 p.m. - Bubba Chandler & Mary Butterworth
- Monday, March 4:**
7 p.m. - Mark & Karen Templeton
8 p.m. - Seph Custer
- Monday, April 1:**
7-9 p.m. - Maynard & Lee Palmer

- Monday, May 6:**
7 p.m. - Mike Conner
8 p.m. - Rarely Available
- Monday, June 3:**
7-9 p.m. - Eastern Divide
- Monday, July 8:**
7 p.m. - Virginia-Carolina Band
8 p.m. - TBA
- Monday, Aug. 5:**
7-9 p.m. - Maynard and Lee Palmer
- Monday, Sept. 9:**
7-9 p.m. - The Guard
- Monday, Oct. 7:**
7-9 p.m. - Franklin Station
- Monday, Nov. 4:**
7-9 p.m. - Luv Buzzards
- Monday, Dec. 2:**
7-9 p.m. - The Bluegrass Brothers

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with a shrinking workforce,” he said. “I would be lying if I said any of that was easy. Still, I feel incredibly blessed to be part of all that was accomplished during these difficult times.”

Jones was part of the council teams that approved funding for the Salem School Division to build its first new school from the ground up in South Salem Elementary. He also voted to provide funding to revitalize and drastically improve the current high school and field house. The strategic timing of both projects allowed the city to save its taxpayers millions of dollars.

He has also been instrumental in ongoing downtown improvements, the Roanoke River Greenway expansion, Moyer Complex revitalization, and establishment of the Salem Rotary Dog Park. The city’s bond rating also improved to AA+ with the S&P Global Rating while he was on Council. That rating enhancement gave Salem the ability to borrow money at a lower interest rate.

“I have been a businessperson my entire adult life, but in order to get things done you have to be a people person,” he said. “Our employees in Salem have worked very hard to make these projects a reality for our citizens and visitors.”

For decades, he has been one of Salem’s biggest sports fans and supporters. He has served as a coach and referee at various levels for more than 30 years and he is a member of the Salem Sports Foundation. He continues to work as the official scorekeeper for area high school basketball and football games as well as NCAA events.

“All of my sports experiences got me used to being yelled at by the public,” he said jokingly. “But anyone who knows me will tell you that I will miss helping people and the problem-solving part of being a city council member.”

Jones met his wife Mary Ann while the two were high school sweethearts at Glenvar. They have two sons. Andy is a Clemson graduate, who is an

administrator of a Blacksburg nursing home. He and his wife Jessica have three children. Bill Jones’ other son, Adam, is a West Virginia University graduate who is a mortgage lender in Roanoke. He and his wife Katie have a set of young twins.

“It’s time to spend more time with my family, especially the grandkids, and less time on the phone and in meetings,” Jones said. “I could not have served this long without the support of my wife and kids. They have sacrificed a great deal the last 16 years.”

In other matters at the Jan. 8 Salem City Council meeting, Council:

- Approved, on first reading, rezoning for property in St. John Place from Highway District to Heavy Manufacturing;
- Approved, on first reading, rezoning on Apperson Drive from Business Commerce to Highway Business District. Community Development Director Chuck VanAllman

explained the rezoning would allow owners to market the strip mall for more uses. He pointed out the property is behind Wendy’s at the Salem City-Roanoke City line;

- Approved slightly higher electric rates, in keeping with increased costs for power purchased from American Electric Power. Those go into effect in February;
- Set an Erosion and Sediment Control bond of \$386,295 for Quik Lube Oil Change at 830 W. Main St., the site of the former Fast Freddy’s restaurant and Sonic drive in;
- Set and Erosion and Sediment Control bond of \$24,963 for St. John Road Community Development Plan.

Monday was the first day on the job for new Salem City Manager Chris Dorsey, who moved to Salem from Tennessee. He takes over the position held by Jay Taliaferro, who retired Nov. 1.

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Mom

Correction

A Jan. 4 article on the new law outlawing “skill games” in Salem incorrectly included Salem Moose Lodge 2573 among establishments that have skill games. According to Brooke Archambeau of the Virginia Moose, the Salem Moose Lodge does not have that type of electronic games but instead, has “electronic pull tabs with a state gaming permit”.

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

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

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

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

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

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST/ CHRISTIANCHURCHES

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

Salem WORSHIP DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 for information on services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 To apply or obtain complete job description please contact Tricia at 540-589-3107 or send resume to the church at P.O. Box 517, Buchanan, VA 24066

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Legals - Botetourt County

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER SALE OF 101 DRY BRANCH ROAD, BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA, 24066

Pursuant to a Decree of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, made and entered into November 29, 2023 in Case No. 23CL23-0036100, styled Barrett (Plaintiff) v. Cherokee rose Eubank (Defendant), a Will, on Friday 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the front door of the Courthouse of Botetourt County, Virginia, located in its new temporary quarters, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate: 101 Dry Branch Road, Buchanan, Virginia, 24066, being 2.56 acres in the Buchanan Magisterial District, Tax Map #53-4, property ID#99013634. A more accurate description can be procured as shown on a plat attached to Deed Book 128 at page 123 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia.
 Terms of Sale: Cash (10% on the day of sale with the remainder at closing within 60 days).
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 Tommy Joe Williams, Special Commissioner, 2721 Brambleton Avenue, S.W., Roanoke, Virginia, 24015, office telephone number: (540)772-7848, cell phone number: (540) 797-4065.
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 Tommy Moore, Clerk
 Botetourt County Circuit Court

Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. CWF220000276
 BOTETOURT COUNTY Circuit Court, 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ESTATE OF WILMA C. TODD, DECEASED
 The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ESTATE TO PARTIES ENTITLED. It is ORDERED that Upon the motion of Atlantic Union Bank, Executor of the Estate of Wilma C. Todd, deceased, (the "Estate") pursuant to Va. Code Section 64.2-556, for an order to show cause against distribution of the Estate. It appearing to the court that the necessary reports of the accounts of the Estate and of the debts and demands against the Estate have been filed with the Court, and at least six months have elapsed since the qualification of the Executor, it is accordingly ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate of Wilma C. Todd, deceased, do appear at 11:00 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2024 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, 1 West Main Street #120, Fincastle, Virginia 24090 and show cause, if any the can, against payment and delivery of the Estate to the parties entitled thereto, without requirement of refunding bonds.
 1-5-2024
 Joel R. Branscom, Circuit Court Judge.
 JANUARY 8, 2024
 Leslieanne Smith, Deputy Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

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

at its regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of T J Real Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1236 West Main Street (Tax Map # 141 - 1 - 4) from HBD Highway Business District to CBD Community Business District.
2. Consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 301 Carey Avenue, (Tax Map # 74-2-6.1).
3. Consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 416 Electric Road (Tax Map # 150-3-1) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.
4. Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map #'s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting.

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on January 24, 2024, at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearing shall be to determine if certain structures are dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structures should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structures are located as follows:

- (1) Dilapidated structure located at 602 Goodwin Avenue, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map#201-10-2); and
- (2) Dilapidated structure located at 336 Schrader Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map #115-1-4).

All parties in interest at the public hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potentially dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036) THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM
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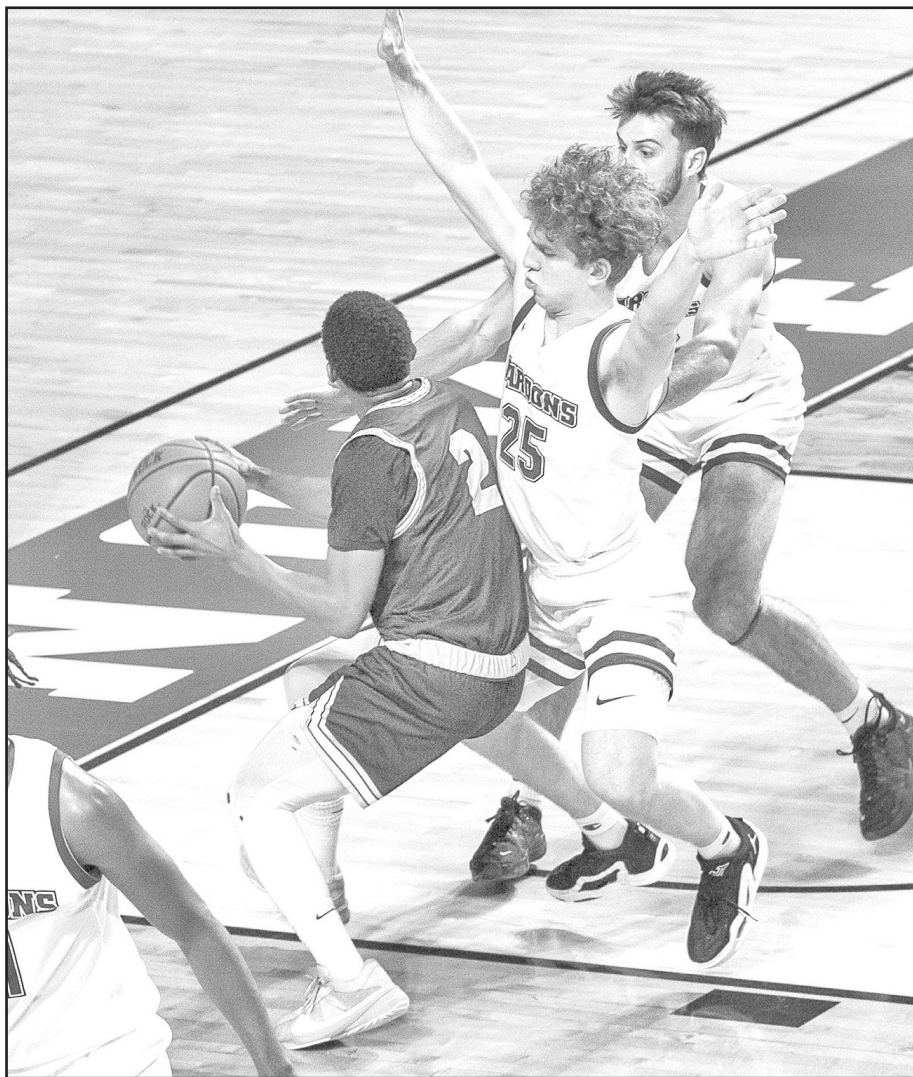
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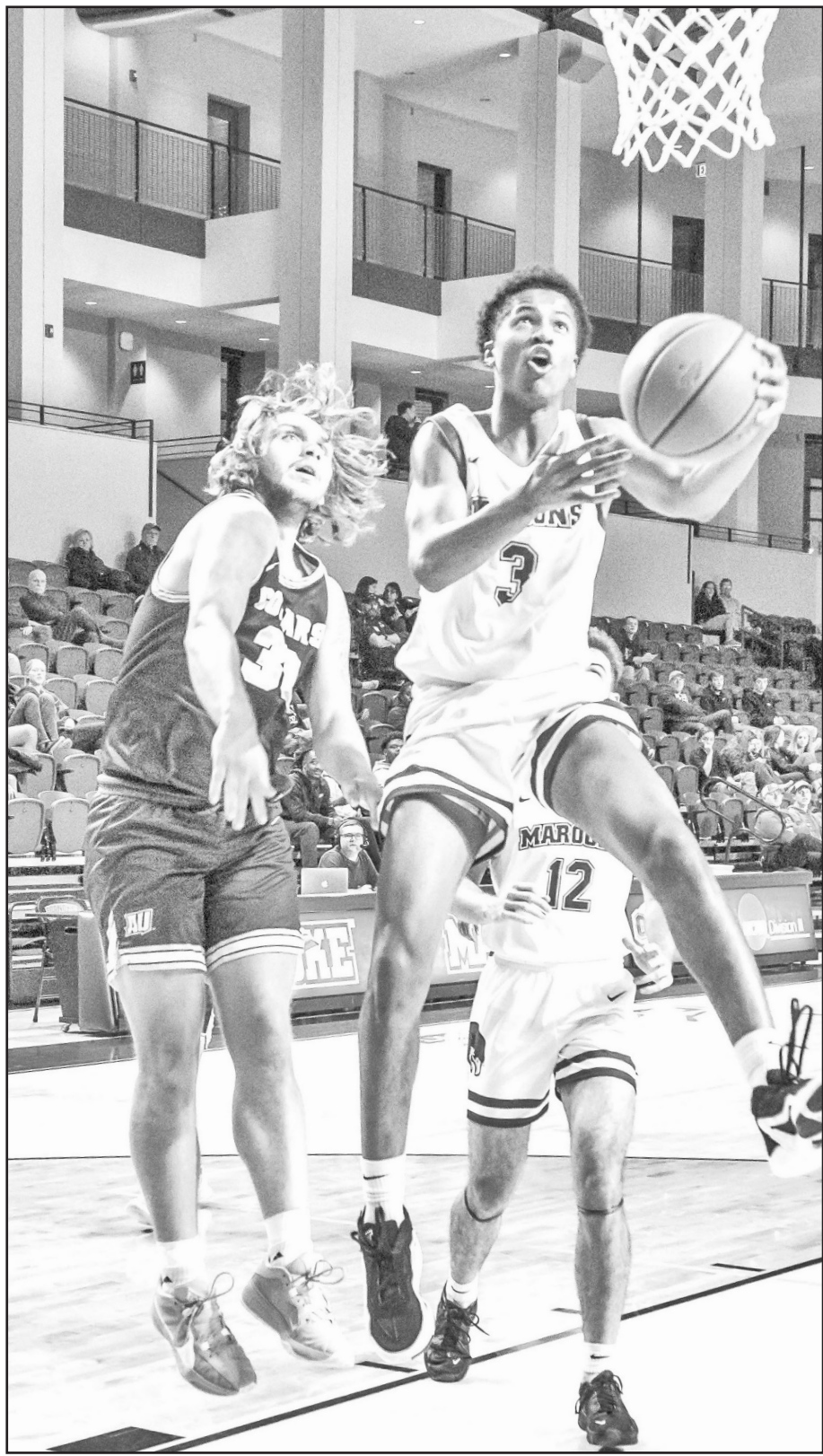
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Above, Max Rottman of Roanoke College(#25) guards the lane in last week's win over Averett at the Cregger Center. Right, Clayton Gaither(#3) goes to the hoop.



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RC men are home to host Randolph in ODAC basketball game Saturday

The Roanoke College men will be looking for their second conference basketball win when they take on two Old Dominion Athletic Conference opponents this week. The Maroons were at the University of Lynchburg on Wednesday and this Saturday they'll host Randolph College at 2 pm at the Cregger Center in Salem.

The Maroons come into the week at 7-7 overall but just 1-5 in the conference after splitting two ODAC games last week. They broke into the win column last Wednesday with a 77-59 win over Averett University at the Cregger Center.

The Maroons jumped to a 12-2 behind two three pointers from Zach Rosenthal. Roanoke extended the

lead to as many as 25 points before entering halftime with a 42-22 lead. Averett pulled to within 14 at 70-56 with 5:18 remaining, but could get no closer. Joshua Morse scored 13 of his game-high 23 points in the second half, sinking 6-of-7 shots from the floor. The 23 points was a career high for the RC junior forward, who also had nine rebounds.

Justin Kuthan added 21 points and nine rebounds for the Maroons. Marcus Morgan had a dozen points, three assists, three boards and a pair of steals and Joshua McClary had seven points and seven assists.

On Saturday the Maroons were in Ashland for a game with Randolph-Macon and dropped an 85-57 deci-

sion to the Yellow Jackets, who are the 23rd ranked team in Division III. Randolph-Macon scored the first 12 points of the game before the RC offense got untracked. The Maroons cut the lead to nine, but RMC extended the advantage to 45-21 at half-

time. Randolph-Macon hit three three-pointers to open the second half and never looked back.

Kuthan led RC with 10 points while Morse had nine points and six rebounds. Jabril Robinson scored 21 points for Randolph-Macon.

Maroon women pick up ODAC win over Virginia Wesleyan

The Roanoke College women come into the week at 9-5 overall and 4-3 in Old Dominion Athletic Conference games after splitting two ODAC games last week. The Maroons lost at Washington & Lee but bounced back to hammer Virginia Wesleyan on Friday afternoon.

In Lexington the host Generals of W&L took a 79-71 win over the Maroons on January 3rd. Washington & Lee raced to an early nine-point lead (16-7) and held a 20-12 advantage at the end of the first quarter. The Generals stretched the margin to 13 points on multiple occasions in the second period and led 37-26 at the break.

Roanoke opened the second half with a 14-0 spurt, pulling ahead 40-37 on a Parker Childress jumper at the 7:20 mark of the third quarter. The game went back-and-forth for the rest of the period, with five additional lead changes before W&L closed the frame up 54-50.

The Maroons scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter, and a 3-pointer from Childress gave Roanoke a 58-54 edge with 8:30 remaining.

However, the Generals would counter with a 16-4 stretch, going up 70-62 with just over four minutes to play. The Maroons carved the lead down to two (73-71) on a bucket from Rose Sande at the 1:28 mark, but they could get no closer as W&L held on for the win.

Sande paced Roanoke with 21 points, adding six rebounds and four assists. Madison Nereu notched nine points, nine rebounds and four assists, while Jacquelyn DeJesse and Kate Littlejohn chipped in with nine points apiece.

The Maroons were scheduled to host Virginia Wesleyan three days later but the game was moved up to Friday to try and beat the predicted storm on the east coast. One day less of rest didn't bother the Maroons at all as they cruised by the Marlins, 83-36.

Roanoke jumped out to an early lead, going ahead 8-2 on a Nereu layup with 7:55 left in the first quarter. Virginia Wesleyan stayed within striking distance for the next stretch of game time, trailing just 12-8 with four minutes left, but Roanoke quick-

ly found an extra gear, extending the gap to 24-15 by the end of the opening period. The Maroons then started the second stanza on an 8-2 run, pulling ahead 32-17 on another Nereu basket with 7:29 left.

The Maroons increased the lead to 47-23 at the half and the Marlins never threatened thereafter as Roanoke pulled away for their most lopsided margin of victory since a 92-30 win over VWU on Feb. 6, 2021.

Nereu finished with 16 points and three steals in just 22 minutes of action as coach Carla Flaherty cleared the bench early. Sande totaled 11 points, five rebounds and three assists in 19 minutes on the court while Jada Steele notched 11 points and six rebounds off the bench. All 13 players who saw action scored at least two points for the Maroons.

The Maroon women were scheduled to play at Bridgewater College in an ODAC game on Wednesday of this week but results were too late for publication. They'll be back in Salem Saturday for a 4:30 pm game against Shenandoah at the Cregger Center.



Left, Jada Steele(#44) of Roanoke College battles Virginia Wesleyan's Madison Smith(#32) for position under the basket in last Friday's ODAC basketball game in Salem. Smith is a freshman Marlin and a 2023 graduate of Salem High School and a Spartan basketball alum. Right, Abigail Rice of RC scores two.



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Maroon wrestlers take first place at Washington & Lee

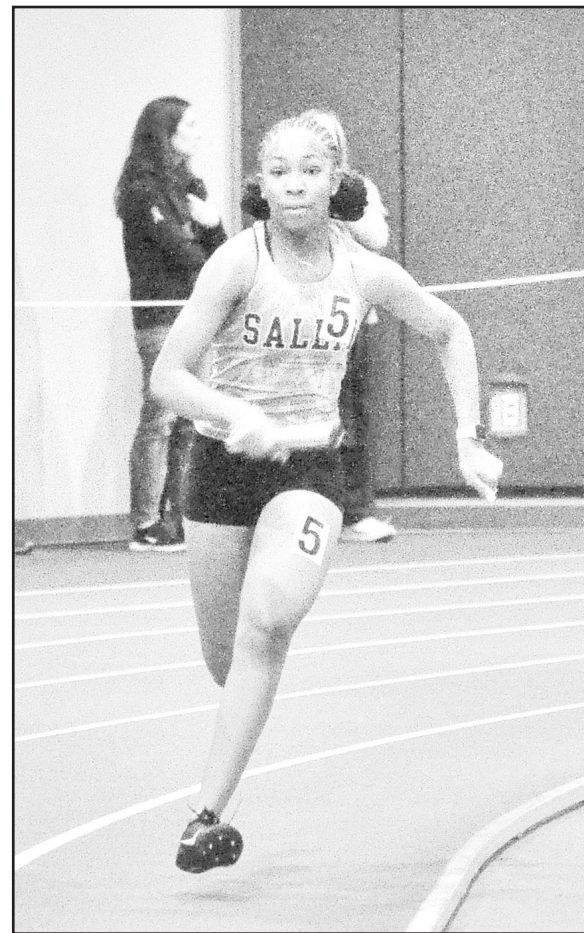
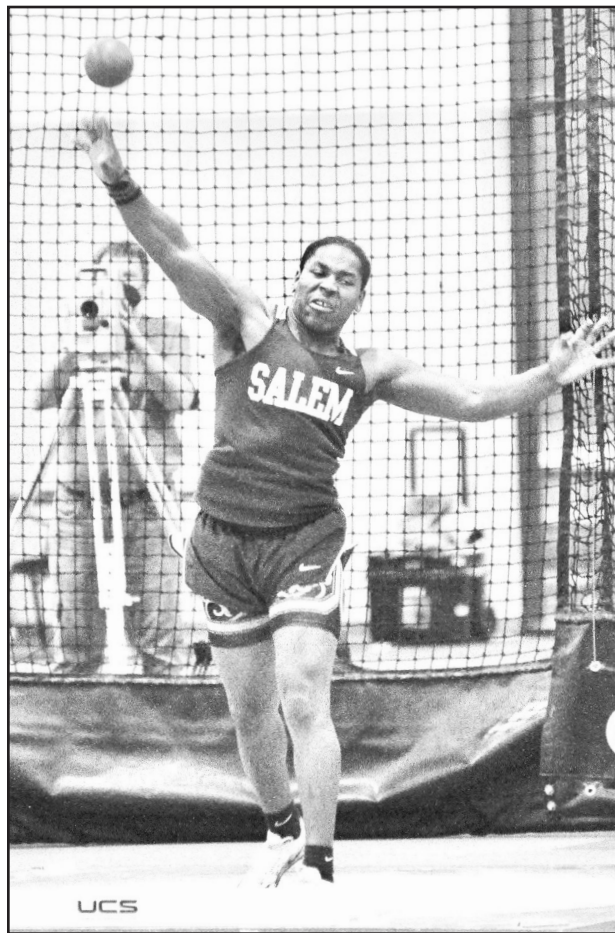
The Roanoke College wrestling team finished first out of seven teams at the Jim Crytzer Invitational on Saturday, January 6. The invitational was held at Washington & Lee University in Lexington.

Roanoke scored 167 team points in winning the event. Ferrum was second with 114, followed by Washington & Jefferson with 98.5, Greensboro College with 85, host Washington & Lee with 70, Southern Virginia University with 47.5 and Marymount College with 16 points.

The Maroons had six individual champions and four second-place finishers. Sean Hall (133), Ryan Foutz

(157), David Reid (165), Alex Taylor (184), Cam Cavins (197) and Brady Elswick (285) were all undefeated enroute to capturing titles in their weight classes. Hall had two pins and a major decision, while Cavins had a pin and three major decisions.

The Maroons were scheduled to wrestle at Greensboro College for a dual match on Tuesday. This Friday and Saturday they're at the Budd Whitehall Duals in Williamsport, PA, and a week from today they have their first home match against Southern Virginia at the Cregger Center in Salem.



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Action from the high school meet at Roanoke College last week. Above, left to right, Salem's Brayden White fires out of the blocks in the 55 meters, Dontay Davis competes in the shot put and Zileyah Haynes runs a relay race. Below, left to right, Glenvar's Tyler Davis and Eliana Guzman carry the baton for the Highlanders.

Salem, Glenvar athletes compete at RC today

The Salem and Glenvar indoor track teams will be at the Cregger Center today, Thursday, for the East Coast Elite Meet #2 at Roanoke College. The scheduled starting time is 3 pm.

Both teams ran at the RC facility last Friday as well, although that wasn't the original plan. Salem had a meet scheduled for VMI and Glenvar was entered in a meet at Liberty University last Saturday, but when bad weather was predicted for the weekend teams instead opted to compete at Roanoke College on Friday.

Both local teams had some strong performances. For the Salem boys, Mitchell Taylor and Davon Jones were first and fifth in the 55 hurdles and Josiah Persinger and Trenton Moyer took first and third in the 55 dash. Julian Morton was sixth in the 300 and Dontay Davis took eighth in the shot put.

In the relay races the team of Carter Black, Justice English, Braydon White and Aedon Wiley was eighth in the 4x200, and taking eighth in the 4x400 was Rumiell Nugent, DeMarco Patterson, English and Keidaman Gulfan.

For the girls, Genelle Balthazar was eighth in the 55 meters, Aaliyah Rochford was eighth in the shot and Erin Armistead took eighth in the 300 meters.

The Glenvar boys took fifth overall as a team and had two first place finishes. Colby Thompson won the 300 meters and ran on the winning 4x400 relay team with Charlie Horrell, Joey Loder and Zach Curfiss.

Other top six finishers from Glenvar included a second place 4x800 relay team of Tyler Davis, Casey Weeks, Aldin Smith and Horrell and a third



in the 300 by Curfiss. Loder took fifth in the 300 and Thompson was sixth in the 55 meter dash.

The Glenvar girls were sixth overall out of 21 schools with the 4x800 team of Val Laredo-Castillo, Emma Pope, Anna Hall and Joanna Killeen taking second with a state qualifying with a time of 11:08.17.

Aiden Beverly took fourth in the 55 meters and ran on the fourth place 4x200 team with Elle Graffeo, Jade Evans and Eliana Guzman. Aiden also ran on the fourth place 4x400 team with Kailee McDonald, Rayya Bryson and Hall.

"We had a total of 18 PR's and three more state qualifying times," said Glenvar coach Bekka Loder.

Salem wrestlers finish 5th in one-day LCA Invitational

Wednesday was a busy day for the local wrestling teams as Salem and Glenvar were both scheduled to participate in quad-matches and the two middle schools wrestled each other. Results were too late for press deadlines.

Glenvar High was in a quad at William Byrd Wednesday with the host Terriers, Patrick Henry and Roanoke Catholic. The Highlanders were weathered out of an event at Roanoke College last weekend, as predicted bad weather cancelled the event.

Salem was scheduled to host "Senior Night" on Wednesday with Hidden Valley and Cave Spring providing the opposition. The Spartans were in Lynchburg last Friday for the LCA Invitational, which was a scheduled two-day event that was shortened to just Friday due to the weather. In reality, the Spartans did get in some Saturday wrestling.

"We wrestled until 12:45 am Saturday morning!" said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew.

The Spartans took fifth place among 20 teams participating. Washington High won the event with 235 points, followed by Poquoson with 211.5.

Hanover was third with 167, William Byrd had 140 and Salem was next with 132, 10 more than sixth place Rockbridge.

The Spartans had two champions, Derek Bush at 113 and Andrew Brooks at 215. Bush, a freshman, remained unbeaten at 19-0 with three pins. He pinned Brysyn Gardner of Liberty in the final in 4:11 to win the championship.

Brooks improved his record to 16-2 with three more pins. Andrew won by fall over Divine Lawson of E.C. Glass in the final, pinning his man in 2:28.

Salem junior Jackson Bryie was second at 285. Jackson had a pin and a 6-1 decision to reach the final but lost to Kojo Osafo-Mensah of Washington in the final.

Two other Spartans were place winners. Kolynn Eastman took a fourth place at 120, going 2-2 and reaching the consolation final. He's now 14-9 on the season.

Patrick Patterson was fifth at 106 for Salem. After losing in the quarterfinals Patrick wrestled back to the fifth place match where he took a 4-2 decision over Jonas Springstead of Washington. Patterson is now 14-9.



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Salem's Andrew Brooks (right) won the 215 pound weight class in Lynchburg.

Andrew Lewis Middle School wrestled at Cave Spring Middle last week and lost the team score by one point, 44-43.

"I thought we wrestled well and were in position to win the match," said coach Randall Sell. "If any one of several things would have happened in any of the matches, the outcome would have been different. It's a good learning lesson for us, small things lead to

big things...that's why the small things matter."

Glenvar had a match with William Byrd last week and won 72-6. Lewis and Glenvar will both have matches on January 17, Glenvar at Read Mountain and Lewis at home with Central Academy, and both will conclude their seasons with the big middle school tournament at Northside on Saturday, January 20.

All-Timesland Swim meet is at Gator Center Saturday

The local swim teams were scheduled to return to the water this week after an extended holiday break.

Glenvar hosted a meet at the Salem YMCA on Tuesday, but results were too late for publication. Salem also jumped into that event after the Spartans scheduled trip to Franklin County was cancelled when Franklin County High called off school due to the weather. Look for results in next week's edition.

This Saturday the Salem team and a select group of Highlanders will swim in the big "All-Timesland" meet at the Gator Center in Roanoke. It's a one-day affair with lots of teams. Preliminaries will take the gun at 10 am with the finals scheduled for around 5:30 pm.

Next Tuesday, January 16, the Spartans will host a meet at the Salem YMCA.

Glenvar girls b'ball falls to Floyd

The Glenvar High girls will have their second game against Floyd County in a week's time when they travel to Floyd to play the Buffalo Gals next Monday, January 15.

Glenvar played host to Floyd on Tuesday of this week and a difficult season continued with a 74-12 loss, dropping Glenvar to 0-9 on the season. Glenvar was at Radford on Wednesday of this week but results were too late for

publication.

The Highlanders opened the 2024 portion of their season with two losses last week, both to Three Rivers District opponents. On Wednesday of last week the girls lost to Patrick County, 45-5, and last Friday at home they dropped a 55-13 decision to visiting Carroll County.

"The girls are doing their best and trying hard," said coach Jeff Johnson.

Glenvar's Teubert will pitch at Milligan Univ.

Glenvar High School junior Abby Teubert has announced her intention to continue her education and play softball at Milligan University in Milligan, Tennessee. Abby signed a letter of intent on December 29, 2023, to pitch for the Buffaloes. Teubert has been on the Glenvar varsity since her freshman year and has played travel ball since the age of 10, playing for Team NC, the TN Bolts and her current travel team, the VA Bolts. Abby plans on majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



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Patriots give Salem girls first loss of season

The Salem High girls will be looking to get back on the winning track Friday night at home after suffering their first loss of the season Tuesday night. Salem fell to 11-1 with a 67-32 loss to River Ridge District foe Patrick Henry.

Gabby Crawley had 10 points to lead the Spartans on a tough night in Roanoke. The Class 5 Patriots improved to 9-4 on the season and their only loss to a Roanoke area team was a two point loss to arch-rival William Fleming the first week of December.

The Spartans will look to rebound Friday with a home game against Pulaski County. The Cougars came into the week at 5-5 overall and 2-2 in RRD games, and it will be the final game of the first half of Salem's River Ridge District schedule.

Salem opened 2024 with two road wins last week, winning games at Northside and Christiansburg. Last Wednesday Salem downed the Vikings in Roanoke County, 58-36, as the Spartans held Northside to just nine points in the first half. Bailey Rider led the Spartans with 12 points, 11 rebounds and eight steals while Charli Wynn had 11 points and Liz Smith had eight steals.

"We had an excellent first half defensively," said Jester.

On Friday in Christiansburg the Spartans scored the first 17 points of the game and never looked back, taking a 55-37 win.

"We got off to a good start and from there we kept our poise and maintained our lead against a tough district opponent on the road," said Jester.

Emme Custer led Salem with 12 points and six rebounds while Rider had another all-around strong game with nine points, eight boards, eight steals and six assists.

The Spartans hosted 10-2 Magna Vista on Monday night and gave the visiting Warriors their third loss with a 60-47 win. The game was tied at the half but the Spartans pulled away after intermission for their 11th win.

"We played a really good second half after being tied at halftime," said Jester. "Magna Vista is a very solid defensive team so we knew we had to execute offensively down the stretch."

Custer came up big with 23 points to lead Salem while Crawley added 15 in the win.

Next Tuesday, January 16, the Spartans will host



Left, Salem's Bailey Rider scores two points for Salem against Christiansburg Friday night. Right, Faith Nance(#3) and Elizabeth Smith defend a drive by Christianburg's Katy Hoover.

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E.C. Glass in a non-district game. Then they'll schedule with a home game against Cave Spring on open the second half of their River Ridge District Friday, January 19.

Spartans at Pulaski Friday to end first trip through the RRD



Left, Salem's Bryce Carver looks to score in Tuesday night's game with PH. Right, Ryan Coe battles for position under the basket in Salem's game with Northside last week.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Salem High boys will be looking for their second River Ridge District win of the season Friday night when they travel to Pulaski County. The Spartans are 1-4 in the district, and 5-7 overall, after dropping a 57-43 game to Patrick Henry at Salem High Tuesday.

Salem trailed by five points at the half, 25-20, and hung tough with a strong Patriot team until PH pulled away in the final minutes. Marvin Fields had 15 points to lead Salem, Cam Boles had 10, with eight coming in the second half, and LaMarius Foxx scored nine points.

Last Friday night at home the Spartans picked up their first district win with a 66-38 victory over Christiansburg. Salem jumped on the Blue Demons early, racing to a 22-6 first quarter lead and increasing it to 42-21 at the half. Salem then outscored the Demons 15-5 in the third quarter for a 31 point lead before taking their foot off the gas in the final stanza.

Grant Clemens and Foxx led the Spartans with 14 points each, and Clemens was four for five from three point range. Kam Brown had 10 points and seven rebounds and Boles had nine points and six boards for the Spartans. Marvin Fields led Salem with four assists while Josiah Moyer had three assists and three steals. The Spartans had 11 different players score and 11 different Salemites played at least 10 minutes in the win over the Blue Demons.

Friday's game at Pulaski will conclude the first time through the Blue Ridge District for Salem. Next week they have a non-district game at Jefferson Forest on Tuesday, then they open the second half of the BRD season on Friday, January 19, at Cave Spring.

Glenvar hosts Floyd Friday

The Glenvar boys will take on two tough Three Rivers District opponents this week as they play Radford on Wednesday and Floyd County on Friday, both at home. The Highlanders are 3-7 after dropping two games around a win over Christiansburg in the past week.

Glenvar returned from the holiday break with a Three Rivers District game against Carroll County last Wednesday. The Highlanders hadn't played a game in two weeks and dropped their district opener, 80-61.

"Carroll is a good team that applies pressure all night long," said Glenvar coach Cliff Bordewisch. "I thought we responded to the opportunity early on. Unfortunately we had too many empty trips in the second half and they were able to pull away."

Glenvar trailed by just a point after the first quarter and nine at the half before the visiting Cavaliers took control. Brody Dawyot led Glenvar with 25 points and Grayson Shepherd and Aidan Hlton had 10 each.

On the second day of a back-to-back the Highlanders travelled to Christiansburg and came away with a 64-55 win. Dawyot had 27 points and 10 rebounds while Hyton had 13 points and Reed Hutchison had 10.

On Monday the Highlanders were back in the New River Valley for a non-district game against Class 4 Blacksburg and this time they weren't as fortunate, falling 55-40.

"They beat up on us the first time as we were still short-handed due to sickness," said Bordewisch. "We were much more competitive this time around, but still couldn't get over the hump."

Glenvar trailed by just three at the half but the Bruins were able to hold them off to improve to 8-4 on the season. Dawyot had 13 points and Adam Franklin had 10 for Glenvar.

Next week Glenvar will face another strong district opponent with a trip to Alleghany on Tuesday. Then, a week from today, they'll travel to Buchanan for a district game against James River.



Left, Glenvar's Reed Hutchison sinks a shot in last week's win at Christiansburg. Right, Brody Dawyot(#20) of the Highlanders blocks a shot from behind.

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