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Anne Marie Green announces run for Council

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Anne Marie Green believes she can make a difference in the future of Salem. That's why she is running for Salem City Council.

Green announced her intentions this week and is beginning to collect signatures to be on the November ballot. Her first run was two years ago, when three people ran for two seats. Incumbent Bill Jones, who has served 20 years, is planning to

retire from Council when his term ends in December.

"I would really like the opportunity to serve on Council and to help Salem move forward," Green said in a phone interview this week. "I went to the first comprehensive plan meeting at the Salem Civic Center. One of the things the consultant said was, 'We're going to do things the Salem way. I think Salem citizens are ready for something different instead of the old ways,'" Green said. "More communication with the citizens about what is going on is what is needed,

and the city is beginning to do that."

She is passionate about a number of things that need to be done in Salem, including replacing the skate park after the existing one was razed when renovations started at Moyer Athletic Center.

"I think the city broke a promise there. When the skate park was torn down, there was talk of building a new one, but that seems to have disappeared, and instead there will be pickleball courts."

She continued: "Skateboarding is a

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New Salem City Manager Chris Dorsey has been on the job for three weeks.

New Salem city manager's heart is in local government

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Contributing writer

"It's a fascinating challenge, but a good challenge," said new Salem City Manager Chris Dorsey, summing up the job after his first two weeks.

Dorsey took over from longtime city employee Jay Taliaferro, who

retired Nov. 1.

Dorsey has already been impressed by Salem's employees, particularly Street and General Maintenance Department. The city's first snowfall in two years hit the first day of Dorsey's initial week. He decided to walk to work from his home near Boulevard.

"I was amazed the streets had

already been plowed," he said. "And when I walked back at 5:00, the sidewalks had been cleared, too."

Dorsey is familiarizing himself with "what the hot buttons are in the community," such as last Monday night's Council Meeting. During the Citizen Comment

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Roanoke College announces new Cannabis Studies Program

Roanoke College faculty voted last Wednesday to approve the creation of a transdisciplinary Cannabis Studies Program that will allow students to obtain a Bachelor of Science in either the science of cannabis or the social justice and policy issues surrounding cannabis regulation.

In launching this new academic program, Roanoke College will become the first institution of higher learning in Virginia – and one of only a handful on the East Coast – to offer a four-year degree in this rapidly growing field, positioning graduates for career success in an industry that is expected to reach at least \$40 billion this year.

"I commend the faculty for developing a transdisciplinary academic program that fills a significant educational gap," said Kathy Wolfe, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. "With this program, Roanoke College continues to lead in science, policy, business and community engagement."

Roanoke College aims to guide the commonwealth to improve understanding and application of knowledge around cannabis, and it strives to be a national leader in establishing a standard scientific, public policy and business education for this developing industry. In addition, college leaders will work alongside community leaders and the Office of Campus Safety to strengthen drug education in the community.

The college will begin offering the new majors, along with a minor, in fall 2024.

"Students are interested in this industry," said Biology Professor DorothyBelle "DB" Poli, who holds a Ph.D. in plant biology and led the charge in researching and establishing the new program. "Being the first in the state to approach



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Poli

cannabis from a scholarly perspective is inventive and entrepreneurial. We hope to help bring clarity to tough problems by creating a truly multidisciplinary think tank."

According to the Pew Research Center, an overwhelming 88% of American adults believe cannabis should be legal for medical use in adults. Cannabis shows great promise as a medical remedy for conditions including cancer, PTSD and opioid addiction — all of which deeply impact communities across Virginia.

As of late 2023, recreational cannabis is legal

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Salem Museum to present: 'George Washington, An American Noah'

George Washington is one of the most iconic and storied figures in all of American history. On Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., the Salem Museum will present a talk that explores Gilbert Stuart's famous portrait of our first president, the Lansdowne Portrait. Curiously, Stuart incorporated imagery of Noah and the Flood into the portrait, details which provide insights into how Stuart saw Washington and his vision for the new nation. The presentation will be on Zoom.

In this talk, B. Scott Crawford will share his perceptions of Stuart's iconic Lansdowne Portrait. With a Master's in Colonial American history, Crawford, the museum said, is an engaging speaker with a passion for art, history and teaching. Crawford's diverse career includes having served as an adjunct instructor at Virginia Tech, Radford University and Virginia Western Community College, as well as director of education at the Taubman Museum of Art. He is currently the president and CEO of the Virginia Utility Protection Service (Virginia 811).

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In preparation for this significant anniversary, the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) is encouraging programming to commemorate the Revolution. This talk is a VA250 event.

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

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Lansdowne Portrait

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

“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.

Mac Beth: Theatre Roanoke College’s production of “Mac Beth” was selected for inclusion at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Before the theatre takes the show on the road, it will bring it back to campus for a one-night-only preview. Come out to see the play and support its cast and crew. Admission is free, but tickets can be reserved by contacting the Olin Box Office at boxoffice@roanoke.edu or 540-375-2333. All are welcome. The performance is on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Olin Theater.

Dr. Michael Blakey on “The Blinding Light of Race: Race and Racism in Science and Society”: The event will be Monday Feb. 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Wortmann Ballroom at the Colket Center. Blakey is an NEH Professor of Anthropology, Africana Studies and American Studies at William & Mary. He works at the interface of human biology and culture at the articulation between human biology, racial ideology and public policy.

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.

Staff mobile office hours: Rep. Ben Cline (R-06) has announced that his office will hold staff mobile office hours in the meeting room of the Salem Public Library on East Main Street on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. A staff member will be available to meet with citizens to assist with problems they might have with a federal agency and hear their views on current issues before Congress.

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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.

Raising Lazarus: The Search for Solutions with Beth Macy: The event will be on Tuesday, March 12 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Olin Theater. To attend the lecture, register here: <https://www.givecampus.com/schools/RoanokeCollege/events/an-evening-with-beth-macy> James C. and S. Maynard Turk Pre-Law Program presents the Gentry Locke Lecture featuring journalist and best-selling author (Factory Man & Truevine), Beth Macy. She will discuss the unraveling of rural America, from the aftermath of globalization to the opioid crisis, the subject of her book, Dopesick.

A Dialogue on Freedom, Difference, and Civil Society with Dr. John Inazu: The event will be on Tuesday, march 15 from 7-8 p.m. in the Wortmann Ballroom in the Colket Center. Registration: <https://www.givecampus.com/schools/RoanokeCollege/events/an-evening-with-dr-john-inazu> The Henry H. Fowler Public Affairs Lecture Series hosts John Inazu, the Sally D. Danforth Distinguished Professor of Law and Religion at Washington University in St. Louis. He is the author of Liberty’s Refuge: The Forgotten Freedom of Assembly (Yale University Press, 2012) and Confident Pluralism: Surviving and Thriving Through Deep Difference (University of Chicago Press, 2016), and co-editor (with Tim Keller) of Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference (Thomas Nelson, 2020).

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, 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.

Manager

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period, citizens spoke passionately about proposed zoning changes that would have allowed a duplex in a single-family zone – Council denied it – and possible changes to the HopeTree Family Services Campus that could add up to 320 single-family, multi-family, apartments and businesses.

“It’s a fascinating challenge but a good challenge,” he said, referring to getting accustomed to Salem and Virginia in general. “I’m in the process of ‘translating’ what I did in Tennessee to Virginia.”

Dorsey came to Salem after more than 30 years in local government in his home state of Tennessee where he grew up in Memphis and was city manager in the Chattanooga area as well as working in other communities.

His heart is in local government. “You can see the difference you make with local government,” he said.

He arrived at the beginning of city budget preparations, and has already started meeting with departments. Tuesday it was the Street and General Maintenance Department.

“I am impressed with the city

staff. They are very knowledgeable. It’s important to have good staff and administration. City managers don’t know everything,” Dorsey said, smiling.

He credits being a member of the Jaycees was where he learned “a lot about working with people and public speaking.” He was state president of the Tennessee Jaycees in 1997-98.

Dorsey is the youngest of six children. He has a sister in Richmond and his other siblings are scattered throughout the nation. He earned a degree at the University of Tennessee in budgeting and finance, and a master’s at UT in public administration.

The 60-year-old has three children: Andrew, 21, who is studying marine sciences at Coastal Carolina; Reagan, 19, who is a freshman at Huntingdon College in Alabama where he is studying business, and daughter Sydney, 17, a senior in high school in Chattanooga. Reagan earned a scholarship in “E Sports,” computer gaming, his dad said.

As far as what Dorsey wants people to know about him, he said, “I’m an approachable person. I treat people the way I want them to treat me.”



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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

According to Pennsylvania Dutch superstition, if a groundhog emerges from its den on Feb. 2 and sees his shadow he will go back inside and there will be 6 more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, spring will be early. The days in February seem the same, very monotonous. As winter drags on, we all get tired of the cold and dark days. Groundhog Day Syndrome is the feeling that you're reliving the same day repeatedly. Nothing has changed, and it seems as though you're doing an identical routine every single day and week. This feeling of sameness is called Groundhog Day based on the 1993 movie with Bill Murray. His character Phil has fallen into a rut. This rut includes covering Groundhog Day for the past four years. Within the first few minutes the movie premise is set up. Phil is a jerk doomed to repeat the day until he learns compassion, empathy, and love. Food shows up all through this movie. Day to day the meals are on repeat. But as the movie progresses Phil changes things up and makes eating interesting. He gets to eat with no consequences. The way he handles this always makes me laugh.

I find that in the winter I tend to make recipes on repeat. Usually because it's a good recipe and it's very easy to make. A go-to repeat recipe is great for hurried nights or a need for a potluck dish. Make ahead meals to freeze or a meal for someone in need. This week's recipe is one I make often. This is a very basic recipe. But it can be changed and added to as needed. You can use sausage, ground beef, ground turkey, cooked chicken, or no meat at all in this recipe. I have added pepperoni, tiny meatballs, or browned ground beef. Vegetables such as spinach, bell pepper, mushrooms, and onion added are good too. I change the cheese out with whatever I have on hand. I have used a four cheese Mexican blend many times. Do NOT cook the pasta. Add the pasta uncooked to the casserole mixture. It



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Contributing Writer

will cook along with the rest of the ingredients. This recipe can be made in advance. You can assemble the casserole and refrigerate overnight, then bake. This recipe freezes well after baking and reheating when ready to serve. Store leftovers in an airtight container in the refrigerator. Reheat leftovers in the microwave.

Life can seem to be on repeat, but we can change it up and make it better. Life is meant to be lived. Make a repeat recipe and enjoy Groundhog Day.

Baked penne (basic recipe)

Ingredients:

- 1(16 ounce) box pasta (Rigatoni, Penne, Rotini or Ziti) DO NOT PRECOOK
- 1(24 ounce) jar tomato sauce
- 1full jar water (24 ounces)
- 2cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Parmesan cheese for sprinkling the top

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease 9x13x2-inch casserole dish; set aside.

Combine uncooked pasta, 1 jar of Sauce and 1 jar of water in a 13 x 9 inch baking pan. Cover tightly with aluminum foil. If adding other ingredients, add to pasta, sauce, and water now. **BAKE 50 minutes.** Uncover and stir well. **TOP** with mozzarella cheese. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese to help with browning and add more cheese flavor. Bake uncovered for an additional 10 minutes or until cheese melts and pasta is tender.



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POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of January 16, 2024 – January 22, 2024

DATE	NAME	AGE	OFFENSE
01/16/2024	Zachary B. Simmons	24	Conditional Release Violation
01/16/2024	Curtis D. Day Jr.	44	Violation of Probation
01/16/2024	Michael H. Arthurs	43	Public Intoxication
01/16/2024	Robert J. Corbin	38	Trespass-Church Property, Entering Property of Another to Damage It
01/19/2024	Joseph A. Baldwin	36	DUI, Evading Police, Damage Property
01/19/2024	Robert J. Williams	45	Assault & Battery
01/20/2024	Richard D. Andrews	36	Burglary, Damage Property, Public Intoxication
01/21/2024	Stephanie J. Mills	42	DUI
01/21/2024	Phillip R. Strange	44	Criminal Trespass, Interfere with Property Rights of Another
01/22/2024	Phillip R. Strange	44	Entering Property of Another to Damage It, Criminal Trespass, Paraphernalia
01/22/2024	Ronnae' A. Ramey	24	Failure to Appear

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of January 16, 2024 – January 22, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
19-JAN-2024	O BLK E 4th St	Evading Policing, Damage Property
20-JAN-2024	O BLK Otter Ave	Burglary
20-JAN-2024	1300 BLK Roanoke Blvd	Vehicle Burglary
21-JAN-2024	1500 BLK Longview Ave	Grand Larceny

Green

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great leveler. All you need is a skateboard and a helmet. Not every kid is cut out for team sports. Skateboarding is an Olympic sport and pickleball is not."

She mentioned that her son Adrian, now 28, was an enthusiastic skateboarder. He and his wife, Kelsey, live in Salem with their 1-month-old son Caden Mac. He is named after Green's late husband Mac Green, who himself served on Salem City Council.

Their daughter, Emily, 32, works for Salem-Roanoke County Social Services in child protective services. Both young Greens graduated from Salem High School.

Anne Marie Green has been chief executive officer and president of the non-profit Council of Community Services since 2019. For 19 years before that, she was director of human resources for Roanoke County, director of general services and previously, the county's public information officer.

She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, earned a law degree from the Catholic University of America and a graduate certificate in local government management.

"I understand local government, and I know how to listen to people," Green said. "I know how to build consensus. I think decisions that represent a lot of different viewpoints are the best decisions."

She is concerned about what might be built on the

HopeTree Family Services campus, site of the former Virginia Baptist Children's Home. "This is a huge issue for Salem. It is unrealistic to think a large piece of property will go undeveloped, but do we need so many houses and commercial buildings there? The city has got to look at the ripple effect developments like that are going to have."

Green is the first to announce for Salem City Council. The deadline to file is June 18.

Cannabis

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in 24 states, as well as Guam and Washington, D.C., with many more states approving the use of medical cannabis or CBD/low-THC options. As decriminalization is expected to continue and cannabis use is anticipated to increase in both the commonwealth and the U.S., better education in the field could help inform policy, standards of care and more, while also helping to destigmatize cannabis use, especially within demographics that have been harmed by that stigmatization.

The core curriculum for Roanoke's Cannabis Studies Program will educate students in the botany and history of cannabis, as well as the policy issues surrounding the industry. Students may then choose one of the two major tracks, both of which culminate in a B.S. The cannabis science track will focus on the science of the industry, exploring botany, biology and chemistry, while the second track will cover the social justice and governmental policy around cannabis legislation, giving students perspective on the history of the plant, its regulation and prohibition in the U.S. and around the world, and the consequences to different population groups. The College will also offer a minor in cannabis studies.

Roanoke will only grow and study hemp varieties of the plant, which contain less than 0.3% THC and have no psychoactive effects. The college will not grow or conduct research with cannabis varieties that contain more than 0.3% THC, so students will not be exposed to any illegal substances. These non-THC-dominant strains of cannabis still provide students with the scientific training needed to be successful in the industry.

Roanoke College faculty, led by Poli, began to research the benefits of a Cannabis Studies Program in 2022. They found that, despite the speed of growth in the cannabis industry, fewer than 25 institutions of higher learning in the United States offer degrees in the field.

Conversations with cannabis industry leaders, including several who are Roanoke College alumni, revealed a dearth of qualified, educated candidates for the many jobs springing up in the field. A 2022 job report by Leafly, an online publication focusing on cannabis use and education, showed the industry was producing 280 new jobs per day for a total of 428,059 full-time equivalent jobs supported by legal cannabis as of January

2022 — that's more than the number of firefighters in America and more than the number of hair stylists, cosmetologists and barbers combined.

Cannabis-related jobs can be found in the areas of cultivation, sales, extraction, bookkeeping, health care, public education, policymaking, regulation and more.

One alumnus, Brian Mangold '14, has witnessed the industry growth firsthand. He holds a B.S. in environmental studies and is a laboratory representative and inventory manager for Indy Health Labs in Roanoke.

"The ever-evolving cannabis industry in Virginia has allowed us to diversify our services to include compliance testing for state-licensed hemp farmers," Mangold said. "As we look to the future, there will be a need to increase our testing services to cater to processors, pharmaceutical growers and retailers in the state. Access to recent grads who are specialized and interested in the local hemp and cannabis industry would be an invaluable asset not only to our laboratory, but for farmers and processors alike."

A major factor in the faculty's decision to support the Cannabis Studies Program was the willingness of industry leaders, business owners, lawyers and government officials to serve as advisors to the program. This will allow the program to remain current amid industry changes and ensure that Roanoke students will be matched with internships and other experiential learning opportunities.

Program advisor Ross Dove '16 said an academic program in cannabis studies would have better prepared him for the industry. Dove earned a chemistry degree at Roanoke and is the founding owner of Seedless Analytical LLC, a consulting and research firm that provides analytical services to cannabis and hemp processors.

"I was an extremely well-equipped chemist eager to apply my knowledge, but I knew very little about cannabis science and the commercial manufacturing of cannabis," Dove said. "I look forward to ensuring that future generations of Roanoke College students graduate with the knowledge they need to become unstoppable forces in the cannabis industry."

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OPINION

Last week, the House continued to struggle with the question of how to address our ballooning deficits while funding the core functions of the Federal government. While some wanted to once again kick the can down the road and pass a temporary funding bill with no restrictions, I joined many others who support addressing the crisis at our southern border. At the same time, we debated efforts to fund the government and avoid a shutdown. Also, in conjunction with the annual March For Life, the House passed legislation that prevents the Secretary of Health and Human Services from targeting pregnancy centers that serve new mothers and families. As always, meeting with folks back in the district and listening to how I can better serve them is a great pleasure. The battle against wasteful spending is ongoing, and I will continue to be mindful of the hard-earned tax



Ben Cline
Congressman

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Same Story, Same Outcome

With a national debt topping \$34 trillion, grocery and gas prices skyrocketing, and many Americans priced out of the dream of home ownership, the massive overspending and resulting inflation at the core of "Bidenomics" is crushing working families. Yet rather than addressing this head-on, Congress passed another continuing

resolution, the 20th such bill since I came to Congress in 2019. It has been 28 years since Congress met its obligation and passed all twelve appropriations bills in regular order.

Consistently passing continuing resolutions instead of going through the appropriations process is irresponsible and delays important discussions about funding priorities. Furthermore, the continuing resolutions being passed this year continue the Biden-Pelosi levels of government spending that were adopted under Democrat control and have left American families out in the cold. Virginia's Sixth District did not elect me to go along with the broken system that has led to trillion-dollar deficits and massive debt. I will continue fighting to right the fiscal ship and

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Salem residents deserve a property tax break: Time for a rate reduction

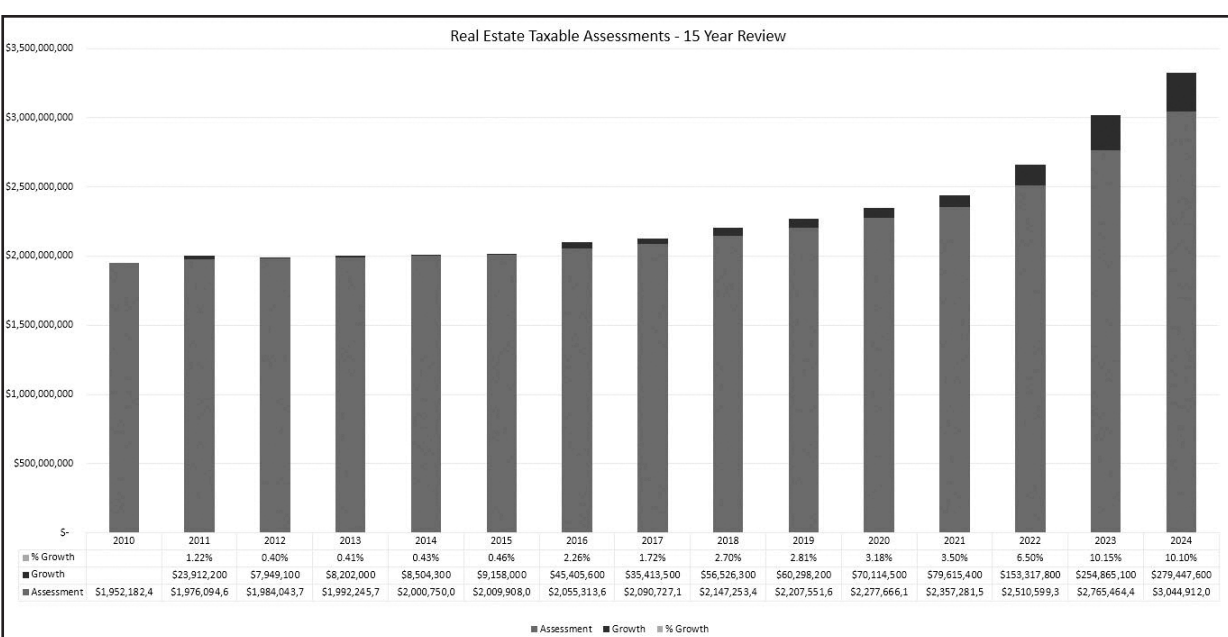
I hope this op-ed finds Salem's citizens in good spirits. As your City Councilman and Vice Mayor, I've been keeping a close eye on our local real estate assessments and the numbers are quite telling. In 2024, our city has witnessed a commendable 10.1% increase in real estate assessments, adding a substantial \$279,447,600 to our total property value. While growth is undoubtedly a positive sign, it also comes with a significant impact on our wallets.

Let's break it down. At a property tax rate of \$1.20 per \$100 of value, this increase translates to an additional \$3,353,771 in revenue for the city. Now, compare this to the previous years – a 10.15% increase in 2023 brought in \$3,058,381, and a 6.5% increase in 2022 yielded \$1,839,813. Over the last three years, we've seen a cumulative spike of 26.75% in property value.

While this growth showcases the attractiveness of Salem as a place to live, work, and invest, it also raises an important question: Is it time to reconsider our property tax rate?

As your representative, I believe the answer is a resounding yes. Our hardworking residents deserve to benefit from the prosperity our city is experiencing. A cumulative increase of nearly 27% over three years is a clear indicator that our tax burden is growing at a significant pace.

Reducing the property tax rate would not only provide relief to homeowners but also stimulate further economic growth. It would make Salem even more



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attractive for prospective residents and businesses, fostering a community where everyone can thrive.

I understand the importance of revenue for maintaining our city's services. I am committed to finding a balance that ensures our city's fiscal health while easing the burden on our citizens. In the spirit of collaboration, let's start a dialogue on this issue and

work together to ensure that Salem remains a place we're all proud to call home.

-Jim Wallace
Vice Mayor
Salem City Council member

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library comes to Salem

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

Starting in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. Now available in the 24153-zip code, The Imagination Library of Salem Virginia is a FREE, book gifting program that mails high quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth until they reach age 5.

Getting books into the hands of children starting at birth is very important to literacy success. The book to child ratio in middle income neighborhoods is 13 to 1, compared to 1 to 300 in low-income neighborhoods. Most adults who are literate can remember the very first book that they received as a child that was theirs alone and how special that felt.

Reading aloud is widely recognized as the single most important activity leading to literacy acquisition. The Imagination Library provides high impact for a low cost, improving school readiness and reading scores and fostering a love of reading.

The Commonwealth of Virginia provides 50 percent of the funding for the program. The rest is funded by



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Photos were taken with a cutout of Dolly Parton.

local organizations and individuals. Special thanks to the following companies and organizations who made donations: Ridgeview Bank, Salem Rotary

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CLUES ACROSS

- Shed tears
- Luxury jewelry designer
- Goddess of wisdom
- Convert into a particular form
- Working-class people
- It borders Canada (abbr.)
- A princess can detect its presence
- Red-brown sea bream
- Defunct retail empire
- Vase
- Demeter's equivalent
- Monetary unit of the Maldives
- French and Belgian river
- Small amount
- High schoolers' test
- Animal's foot
- Some is red
- Per ___: each
- Swedish jazz pop duo
- Plate for Eucharist
- Train line
- Russian pop duo
- Stake
- Plant by scattering
- Female sibling
- City of Angels hoopsters (abbr.)
- Popular cookie brand
- Group of Niger-Congo languages
- A team's best pitcher
- Vomits
- 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- Men's fashion accessory
- Its capital is Pierre (abbr.)
- Expensive cut of steak
- Popular James Cameron film
- A ___: relating to knowledge gleaned from deduction
- Kids' snow toys
- Flip side to yin
- CLUES DOWN
- Global public health agency
- Snake-like fish
- Midway between north-east and east
- Dabbed
- TV show
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Canadian flyers
- Of the dowry
- Commercial
- The act of imitating
- Equipment used to broadcast radio or TV signals
- Lands of an emir
- Swiss river
- Island
- Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- One who surrenders under agreed conditions
- Garfield is one
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Small boats used in the Black Sea
- Small savory Spanish dishes
- Body part
- Touch lightly
- Popular grilled foods on a stick
- ___ Hess: oil company
- Antelope with a reddish coat
- Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
- Pink Floyd's Roger
- Short and thick
- Small, sac-like cavities
- Performer ___-Lo
- Entrails of animal used as food
- ___ King Cole, musician
- Where construction is done
- Chap
- Investment vehicle
- Often mixed with tonic
- Holiday beverage egg ___
- Against

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Crafts are done at the library.



Girl Scout Troop 9597 provides free cookies for the event.



Signing up for Dolly Parton Celebration Library and getting a free book.



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Salem Virginia Imagination Library Committee members assist attendees.

Club, NM Foundation, Salem Woman's Book Club, the Friends of Salem Library, and Farmer's Citizen Bank. Special thanks also to many individuals who donated.

The local organization would like to expand to other areas of the Roanoke Valley, but additional support is needed from organizations and individuals in those communities.

Contact Jeff Howard (jhoward4442@gmail.com) to donate or visit the Facebook page and message the organization: Imagination Library of Salem Virginia.

****Sign up your children in 24153 area code by visiting the Glenvar or Salem Public Library or visiting: www.imagination.com

Will the groundhog see his shadow? Either way spring is coming

The Salem Public Library will open its Seed Library on Feb. 12. To help get your garden started early, come to the Master Gardener Presents Seed Starting Program at the Salem Public Library on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. You will learn practical ways to start your seeds indoors now for transplanting into your garden in the spring! Register at salemva.libcal.com

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FARM HISTORY BY M. G. LEWIS COUNTY AGENT

First Extensive Farmers Listed-Types Of Crops And Variety Introduced Discussed In Article

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

Farming was of secondary importance in the lives and living of the early settlers of Roanoke County. Like other pioneers their time was largely occupied in hunting, fishing, and protecting themselves from Indian attack. Farming implements were few and crude. Corn and a few vegetables and herbs were raised, the work being done largely by the women and children. Practically all of the farming implements as well as household furniture and equipment were of home construction. Plows were made of wood carved from forked trees, dogwood being the favorite for this purpose. Harrows were made by driving wooden pegs of hickory or other hard wood through small logs which were attached together with wooden pins or thatches.

Food Used

The food used in the average home was largely from game, wild fruits, and either hominy or grain cooked whole, until the first water mills were constructed replacing the hominy to some extent with corn pone.

As the acreage of cleared land was increased and trails to other settlements and the towns which had developed further east, were sufficiently opened for wagon travel, markets gradually developed for small amounts of farm produce in addition to that needed at home. In the early years of the nineteenth century occasional small loads of grain were hauled in wagons to Lynchburg, Richmond, and other eastern markets.

Cattle and sheep, fattened on the rich pastures which far exceeded those of the east in productiveness, were driven through the country to eastern markets including Baltimore. Even hogs were driven on foot through the country. Hogs of those days were very different in type from the highly specialized meat animals of today.

With long legs and lean in appearance they were well adapted to ranging through the forests to forage on chestnuts, acorns, and wild plant growth, as well as travel the long distance on foot to market. They would be considered very sorry specimens indeed by present day farmers.

Cattle likewise were much more rangy and lean in type. The small acreage of wheat and corn, raised with crude instruments and laborious method used, were needed largely for human consumption. Cattle and sheep as well as horses were dependent mainly on the native grasses growing in the open areas. As additional land was cleared pasture and hay crops were increased and oats were grown for feed for livestock in winter, in addition to the other grain crops.

The building of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad into Southwest Virginia in the 1850's marked the real beginning of agricultural development as well as that of other enterprises of the county. Cultivated acreage increased rapidly to produce grain crops, and livestock products, as well as flax and wool for the use of men employed by the railroad, and other small industries which gradually developed.

Hemp Grown Here

Soon shipments were being made by rail to eastern markets and in later years for export to Europe. At one time in the early history of the railroad hemp was of considerable importance in a number of sections in the valley of Virginia including what is now Roanoke County. The production of hemp gradually moved westward as the demand for products which were less difficult to ship increased.

Tobacco raising was developed in Roanoke County as soon as the production of necessary food crops

was provided for. Tobacco was the first important cash crop produced in this section as in other parts of Virginia. It developed into one of the most important farm enterprises. In 1876, in the Town of Big Lick, there were five tobacco factories and three tobacco warehouses. The first tobacco factory in the county was built by Isham M. Ferguson in 1858. There was a large tobacco factory also located in Salem.

Tobacco was brought to the warehouses for sale by farmers from as far as seventy-five to one hundred miles distant. Large quantities were manufactured for export and hauled by wagon to shipping points on the James River where they were hauled by boat to Norfolk.

Water mills were one of the most important industries throughout the county developing with the earliest production of grain crops. The first mills were rather coarse stone burs producing only corn meal and occasionally whole wheat or rye. Considerable quantities of this ground grain were used in the manufacture of whiskey.

Flour Mills

Soon after the operation of the railroads, equipment was installed in the larger mills for the production of flour, thus becoming an industry of considerable importance. Manufacturing flour has continued to the present day as an important industry in the county.

The cultivation of grapes and other small fruits has occupied a position of some importance on the majority of farms since the earliest history of the county, although these fruits have never been of considerable commercial importance.

Livestock and livestock products have continued to occupy an important place in the farming of the section from the very first. Only in recent years with the development of greater demand for more perishable and higher priced agricultural products such as vegetables, small fruits, dairy and poultry products, resulting from the rapid growth from the city of Roanoke, has beef cattle and sheep been replaced to a large extent in the immediate vicinity of the city. The development of the railroads and the industries which have developed in Roanoke exerted a very great influence over the agricultural enterprises of the county.

Roanoke County was the first section in the Valley of Virginia to become of importance in the culture of vegetables and small fruits. The usual effect on agricultural enterprises in any section, as cities increase in size, is that of greater attention to more intensive farm crops, particularly vegetables, poultry, and the smaller agricultural enterprises. The most extensive branches of agriculture are replaced. Dairy farming gradually moves outward from the city while beef cattle and sheep are produced in sections at even greater distances in which land is lower in price and more extensive pasture areas are available.

Extensive Farmers

Among the first extensive farmers in Roanoke County were Nathaniel Burwell, William M. Peyton, George P. Tayloe, Mrs. Jane Lewis, Patterson Hannah, William Persinger, George Trout, Madison Pitzer, Henry Houtz, Dr. John Ribble, Dr. John Johnston, Andrew L. Pitzer, Jeremiah K. Pitzer, William Johnston, Mrs. Maria Lewis, Robert Craig, Lewis Zirkle, Alexander White, and Joseph Deyerle. The section known as the Barrens was first farmed extensively by Gen. Edward Watts, Oliver Betts, and Read. Their estates were known as Oakland, Waverly, and The Barrens. This land is now occupied by the Williamson Road section of Roanoke, the Andrews' Huff farms and a few others. When this area was first settled it was largely in grass and scrub oak. It was a favorite Indian hunting ground



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for buffalo and deer.

Fruit Growing

Fruit growing was started in the early agricultural history of the county and developed continuously in importance until more recent years. The production of apples has held its own in later years in importance.

Among the earlier orchardists in the county were Jordan Woodrum, the Kittingers, Terrys, Fergusons, Wertz, Poage, Martin, and Puckett. The orchards were planted between 1840 and 1870. During this period there was no activity of importance in the apple industry other than distilling. The apples were usually exchanged with distilleries for brandy which was sold at an average of about one dollar per gallon.

These orchards were largely of pippins which were considered one of the best brandy producing varieties. R. C. Wertz of Back Creek, a prominent fruit grower in the county at the present time and a descendant of early settlers of this name writes as follows:

"In 1864 an apple buyer from New York by the name of Shanks came into this pippin belt and bought all the pippin apples in this season at 50c per bushel, in piles. The apples were picked and put in rail pens but were not packed until the weather got cool. The grades packed were clear and cloudy. All apples were packed that didn't show signs of decay. This practice was repeated for four or five years. Being able to find a market for pippins caused a great demand for nursery stock, which could not be found at this time. However, in a short time this section had four or five nurseries producing this variety but could not supply the demand. Among our first nursery men were Elijah Poage, William Grisso, Jordan Woodrum, George Poage, and others."

-Prepared by Lisa King

OBITUARIES

Arnold, Roger Lee

Roger Lee Arnold, 81, of Piney VA, passed away, Sunday, January 28, 2024. Born October 8, 1942, in Wythe County, he was the son of the late Alfred and Lillian Davis Arnold.

He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Harry Arnold, Mike Arnold, sister Wilma Porter.

Survivors include wife, Frankie Arnold of the home, two sons, Ronnie Lee Arnold and wife Jill of Piney, VA, Richard Arnold and wife

Judith of Salem, VA; brothers, Andrew Arnold of Virginia Beach, VA, Edgar Arnold and wife Brenda of Ft Chiswell, VA; sisters, Margie Sizemore of Galax, VA, Evelyn Scott and husband Don of Ft Chiswell, VA, Helen Ford and husband William of Cross, SC, Linda and Al Rudow of Huntsville, AL; four grandchildren, Noelle Graves and husband Roger, Nikki Jordon and husband Colby, Autumn Coulson and husband Eric, Summer Arnold-Rucker and husband Brandon; seven great grandchildren, Araylah Graves, Asher Arnold, Declan Graves, Gabriel Coulson, Atley Coulson,

Jack Jordon, Gatten Coulson.

Funeral Services will be conducted Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at Mt Zion Community Church at 3 p.m., with Pastor Don Scott officiating; burial will follow at Mt Zion Community cemetery. Friends and Family will serve as pallbearers.

Friends may call, Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Mt Zion Community Church.

Barnett Funeral home is serving the Arnold Family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.highlandfuneralservice.com.

Pollard, Carl Price

Carl Price Pollard, 98, passed away on Monday, Jan. 22 at The Park Oak Grove.

A native of Virginia he was son of Hubert B. Pollard and Mary Ollie Pollard, both deceased. He was also preceded in death by five brothers, Allen T. Pollard, Hildrey H. Pollard, George (Ernest) W. Pollard, Bobbie G. Pollard, and John G. Pollard. Carl was a veteran of the US Navy Air Force where he was an F-9 Aviation Machinist. He was a faithful man who was a member of Fellowship Community Church. Carl's hobbies



included beekeeping and square dancing.

Those left to cherish his memory are four children, D. Elaine Quinn and husband James, Kathy A Cowan and husband Gary, Carl P. Pollard, Jr.; Kevin L. Pollard and wife Rhonda; a sister, Nell P. Henry;

eight grandchildren and their spouses; and many great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and devoted friends.

The family received friends at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem on Friday, Jan. 26, from 1 until 2 p.m. A funeral service followed in the Chapel of Lotz Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Burial with military honors will be in Sherwood Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to National D-Day Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 77, Bedford, VA 24523.

Cline

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restore order to our Federal budget.

Condemning Biden's Open Border Policies and Safety Crisis

Under the Biden Administration, the southern border crisis has only worsened. Since Biden took office, 169 individuals on the terrorist watchlist have been apprehended attempting to cross the border illegally, and the CPB has seized 27,023 pounds of fentanyl. That does not consider those who escaped apprehension or the drugs smuggled in that were not detected. This has turned cities and towns across America into border communities, as the

lack of enforcement by Secretary Mayorkas and President Biden has resulted in cities like New York riding schools into housing for illegal immigrants and forcing American children to stay home and learn remotely.

This betrayal of our laws and our Constitution by President Biden and his lackeys must end, which is why House Republicans are moving to impeach Secretary Mayorkas and this week adopted H. Res. 957, which condemns the Biden Administration's open border policies, disregard of national security, and public safety crisis along our southern border, and urges President Biden to reverse course and secure our border.

Standing For Life

Last week, Washington D.C. saw thousands of Americans of all ages brave the cold weather to condemn abortion in the annual March for Life. In support of the right to life and the protection of the unborn, House

Republicans passed two critical pieces of legislation last week. H.R. 6918, the Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act, prevents the Secretary of Health and Human Services from unfairly targeting pregnancy centers that serve new mothers and families that choose life. We also passed H.R. 6914, the Pregnant Students' Rights Act, which requires universities and higher education institutions to communicate and distribute information informing pregnant students of their rights, accommodations, and all resources available to them. The tragedy of abortion is one of the greatest human rights crises of our day, and we must continue to stand up and be a voice for the voiceless.

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.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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Powder Horn with Eagle Design

Powder horns held 18th Century gunpowder. Unlike today, gunpowder had to be manually added to Colonial Era guns. Powder horns made it easy to carry large quantities of

gunpowder. Designs, like this eagle, became way to distinguish between individual powder horns, as well as reflecting the owner's personality.

The bald eagle has been an American symbol since 1782, when

the official U.S. Seal was adopted. Eagles are a symbol of power and authority, and the bald eagle is the only species found naturally in North America.

To learn more about symbols in American history, join the Salem Museum Thursday, February 8 at 7pm on Zoom. George Washington is one of the most iconic and storied figures in all of American history. This talk explores Gilbert Stuart's famous portrait of our first President. Curiously, Stuart incorporated imagery of Noah and the Flood into the portrait, details which provide insights into how Stuart saw Washington and his vision for the new nation.

You can see the powder horn, and a flintlock rifle it would be used with, this weekend at the Salem Museum during Hands-On History Saturday. The Salem Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10-4 and located at 801 E. Main St.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 5716 LEE HIGHWAY, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$173,232.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 220000838 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 26, 2024, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE EAST LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 11 CORNET TO BROWN (FORMERLY MRS. STEVENS), THENCE WITH BROWNS S. 56° 21' 45" E. 303.84 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE LEAVING BROWN AND WITH THE CLERK TRACT S. 35° 36' 00" W. 79.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE N. 59° 36' 00" W. 293.05 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF ROUTE 11; THENCE WITH ROUTE 11 ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 3500.00 FEET TO A CHORD OF N. 28° 35' 24" E. 96.78 FEET AND AN ARC DISTANCE OF 96.78 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE AT THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.604 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SET FORTH IN THAT PLAT OF SURVEY BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED AUGUST 16, 1990, TOGETHER WITH THE

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RIGHT TO USE THAT CERTAIN JOINT DRIVEWAY SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY DATED JULY 16, 1958, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 134, PAGE 304, AS SET FORTH IN JOINT DRIVEWAY AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 23, 1968, IN DEED BOOK 184, PAGE 669 (ERRONEOUSLY SHOWN AS PAGE 660 IN PRIOR DEED). TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-367530-1.

TRUSTEE SALE OF

105 Shade Hollow Street, Blue Ridge, VA 24064

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$135,681.00, recorded as Inst. 160003659, subsequently assigned to Virginia Housing Development Authority, and modified to the amount of \$127,131.58 as Inst. 210001144, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt on March 27, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., the property located at the above address and described as 1.00 acre, more or less, beginning at a common corner with W.L. Harris on a 30 foot Roadway leading to Va. State Secondary Route 652, corner marked by an iron pin; thence with said W.L. Harris line, N. 89 degrees 31' W. 223.86 feet to an iron pin corner in said Harris line; thence a new line through property owned jointly by Timothy N. Gilbert and Linda D. Gilbert and Herbert O. Ransom and Mary V. Ransom, N. 11 degrees 18' W. 200 feet to an iron on above said property; thence a new line through same property, S. 89 degrees 31' E. 223.86 feet to an iron in foot Roadway; thence with the said Roadway westerly line, S. 11 degrees 18' W. 200 feet to the point of Beginning, subject to a Road Maintenance Agreement recorded in Deed Book 494, Pages 811-817, and together with a perpetual easement 30 feet wide located near Hickory Street for ingress and egress to Va. Secondary Route 652, a portion of this right of way is

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14 feet wide as shown in Deed Book 579, page 44 and final order recorded as Inst. 030004788, County of Botetourt. TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE. A deposit of \$12,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", balance due within 15 days from date of sale. No personal checks accepted. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

For Information Contact: DolanReid PLLC and G. Benny Moore, Substitute Trustee(s) 12610 Patrick Henry Dr., Ste. D, Newport News, VA 23602; (757) 320-0255

ABC NOTICE

DPC Living LLC., trading as Sycamore Place General Store, 19758 Main St., Buchanan, Botetourt County, VA. 24066-0000.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Gift Shop license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Debra Conner, Owner

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

Legals - Botetourt County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT LANDRUM HARTMAN, SR. DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Harry Benjamin Hartman, executor of the estate of Robert Landrum Hartman, Sr., Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Robert Landrum Hartman, Sr., and all persons in any way interested in his estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 28th day of February, 2024 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against Robert Landrum Hartman, Sr. or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to who, they are due.

All creditors of Robert Landrum Hartman, Sr., deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 29th day of January, 2024.

Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

CSKS LLC, trading as 101 Corner, 1123 Fairfax St., Radford, VA 24141-5342

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Wine and Beer, OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Hardikkumar Patel, Owner Chirayu Patel, Owner

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, to consider public comments regarding the following: Proposed amendment to Radford City Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 120.1-228 – Non-Conforming Signs. The proposed amendment will allow for the Consolidation; reconstruction of existing nonconforming off-premise sign structures. Additional information is available at www.radfordva.gov or the Community Development Dept. at (540)267-3188, 10 Robertson Street. Interested citizens are invited to attend this hearing and present their comments.

Legals - Botetourt County

ABC NOTICE

Tienda Y Taqueria Genesis LLC, trading as Tienda Latina Genesis, 7345 Peppers Ferry Blvd Suite A, Fairlawn, Pulaski County, VA. 24141-8857.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Beer and Wine, OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Josue Vazquez Quintanilla, Owner.

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

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

FRANKLIN MART LLC., trading as Franklin mart LLC, 3001 Franklin Road SW, Roanoke City, Roanoke, VA. 24014.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store, Beer and Wine , OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Krunal Nayak Owner

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

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 **Case No. CL23002018-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073** Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MELISSA JANE MCPHERSON v. JACOB ANDRE MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBİ MAZUR The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JACOB ANDRE MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBİ MAZUR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 8, 2024. JANUARY 5, 2024 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

will hold public hearings on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Legals - Montgomery County

Ordinance 2038: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code Sections 14-200, 14-201 and 14-202 Establishing a Civil Penalty for Certain Trash Violations.

The proposed ordinance will amend the Town Code to create a process to address loose trash or garbage in a timely manner.

Ordinance 2040: An Ordinance to Amend Town Code to Establish a New Section 17-315 to Prohibit Overcrowding in Buildings.

This proposed ordinance will incorporate the provisions of § 1001.3 of the Virginia Statewide Prevention Code regarding overcrowding into the Town Code. Violations will be a Class 1 misdemeanor. Resolution authorizing Deed of Dedication for Meadowbrook Greenway Trail

The proposed resolution will authorize the Mayor to sign a Deed of Dedication which will designate a portion of the Meadowbrook Greenway Trail as

permanent open space. All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

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RC Women 4th in ODAC basketball

The Roanoke College women will try to add to their 9-4 Old Dominion Athletic Conference basketball record when they travel to Lynchburg Saturday to take on Randolph College.

The Maroons are 14-6 overall and haven't played since trouncing Eastern Mennonite at the Cregger Center in Salem last Saturday, 84-57. The game wasn't as close as the score might indicate as Roanoke raced to a 46-24 lead at the half. Parker Childress and Peyton Kirchner connected on back-to-back triples to open the third quarter, giving the Maroons a 52-24 edge. Roanoke would lead by at least 20 points throughout the second half in collecting its fourth straight victory.

Rose Sande of RC led all scorers with 19 points while Lauren Keel had 16 points and nine rebounds. Kate Littlejohn had 13 points and Madison Nereu had a big game with a dozen points, nine boards and five assists. Roanoke set



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Roanoke's Lauren Keel scores against Eastern Menn.

a season-high for made three-pointers, finishing 12-of-28 (42.9 percent) from long range. The Maroons also shot 12-of-15 from the foul line and outrebounded EMU, 44-35.

With their 9-4 conference record the Maroons

are tied with Guilford for fourth in the ODAC behind 11-2 Randolph-Macon and 10-2 Shenandoah. Roanoke will host Guilford next Wednesday, February 7, at 7 pm, then travel to Shenandoah on Saturday, February 10.

Maroons host U of L Saturday

The Roanoke College men's basketball team will play host to the University of Lynchburg in an Old Dominion Athletic Conference basketball game this Saturday. Game time is 2 pm at the Cregger Center in Salem.

The Maroons took a 12-8 overall record to Harrisonburg on Wednesday to face Eastern Mennonite, but results were too late for publication. Roanoke was hoping to even their ODAC record after dropping to 5-6 with a loss at Hampden-Sydney last Saturday.

The Tigers are the number one team in the nation in Division III according to D3hoops.com, but the Maroons hung tough before Hampden-Sydney pulled away for a 74-48 win. Roanoke trailed by 10 points with a little over 10 minutes to play before the Tigers finished strong, including a 23-5 run that salted the game away.

Joshua McClary led

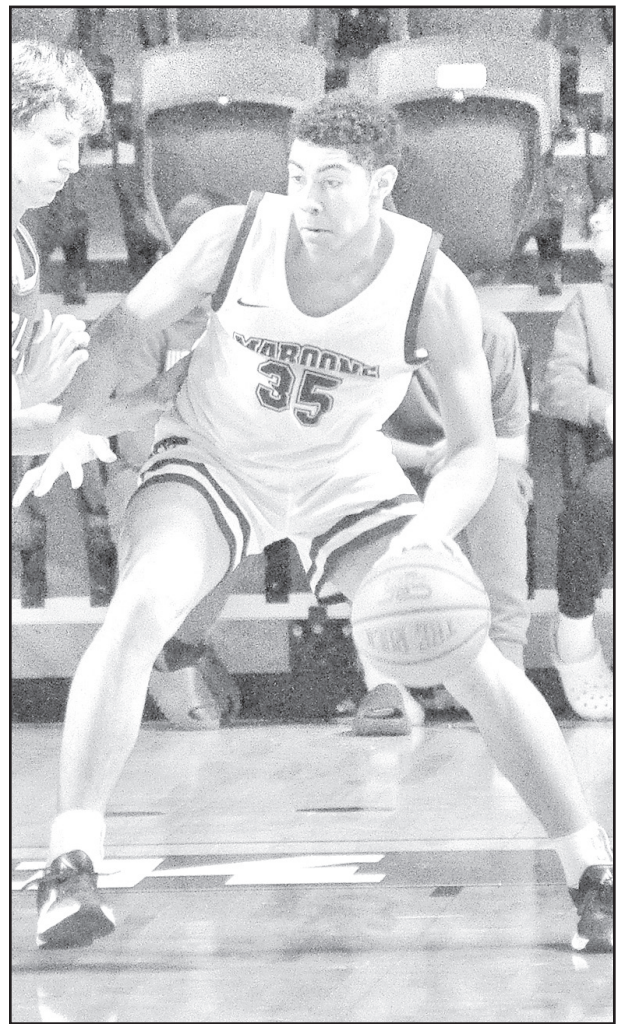


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Freshman Gavin O'Malley of RC works the baseline.

the Maroons with 13 points and three steals. Marcus Morgan had 10 points and 10 rebounds and Joshua Morse had 10 points and six boards.

After Saturday the Maroons are off for a week, returning Saturday, February 10, with an ODAC game at Bridgewater.

Fowler is ODAC indoor Athletic of Week

Roanoke College junior Brady Fowler has earned the Old Dominion Athletic Conference's men's indoor track athlete of the week for the week of January 30.

Fowler, a junior from Wytheville, VA, recorded the fastest 200m time in the ODAC this season at the VMI Invitational. His mark of 22.06 seconds (adjusted to 22.46) ranked eighth overall and second among Division III com-

petitors. He also matched his season-best mark in the 60m with a run of 6.92 seconds, which remains tied for second in the conference. Additionally, Fowler teamed up with Lorenzo Camobreco, Max Cardwell and Elijah Bolich to run the 4x400 relay in 3:26.41, placing seventh overall and second among D3 squads.

In the women's meet at VMI the Maroons established several

season-bests and personal records while facing off against athletes from across all divisions. Roanoke's 4x400 relay team of Maryrose Molina-Shuman, Ophelia Ladner, Lindsey Hobin and Haylee Gamble placed eighth overall with a season-best time of 4:07.38.

The Maroons are back in action today in Winston-Salem, NC at the JDL College Classic.



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Coach Mark Rohrback talks to the Maroons Saturday.

Maroon volleyball 3-4

The Roanoke College men's volleyball team will travel to Pikesville, MD this Friday to take on Stevenson University, then play two matches on Saturday in Arlington against Marymount and Immaculata at 1 and 3 pm.

The Maroons are 3-4 after dropping a four set match to Illinois Tech in Salem last Saturday, 25-10, 25-17, 23-25 and

25-20. Michael Cummins blasted 14 kills against Illinois Tech and Jackson Rutkowski had 10.

The Maroons also played Liberty University's club team in a scrimmage and lost in four after winning the first set, 21-25, 25-13, 25-20 and 25-23. Cummins had 14 kills and 10 digs against LU and Davin Stevenson had 27 assists.

Roanoke wrestlers have home matches

It will be a big week for college wrestling in Salem as Roanoke College has two home matches and will host a big tournament on Saturday.

The Maroons will host Ferrum in an Old Dominion Athletic Conference match on Thursday night at the Cregger Center, beginning at 7 pm. Then, on Saturday, Stevens College will be here for a 7 pm match in the Cregger Center. Also, all day on Saturday RC will host the 2024 Southeast Futures Championships at the C. Homer Bast Center, featuring 19 competing schools.

Last weekend in Wheaton, Illinois the Maroons finished 14th out of 32 teams in the Pete Willson-

Wheaton Invitational at Wheaton College. Roanoke also sent wrestlers to the Ober Memorial Invationals in Elizabethtown, PA.

At Wheaton junior Mac Cafurello took second place at 125 pounds, winning four-straight matches before falling in the finals. He defeated the 16th-ranked wrestler in the nation and took one match by technical fall.

At Elizabethtown RC's Andrew McDougal won all five of his matches to win the 157-pound bracket. Lorenzo Pellet earned three wins to capture the title at 197 pounds. Josh Noble was second at 133 pounds and Kyle Lee placed second at 174.

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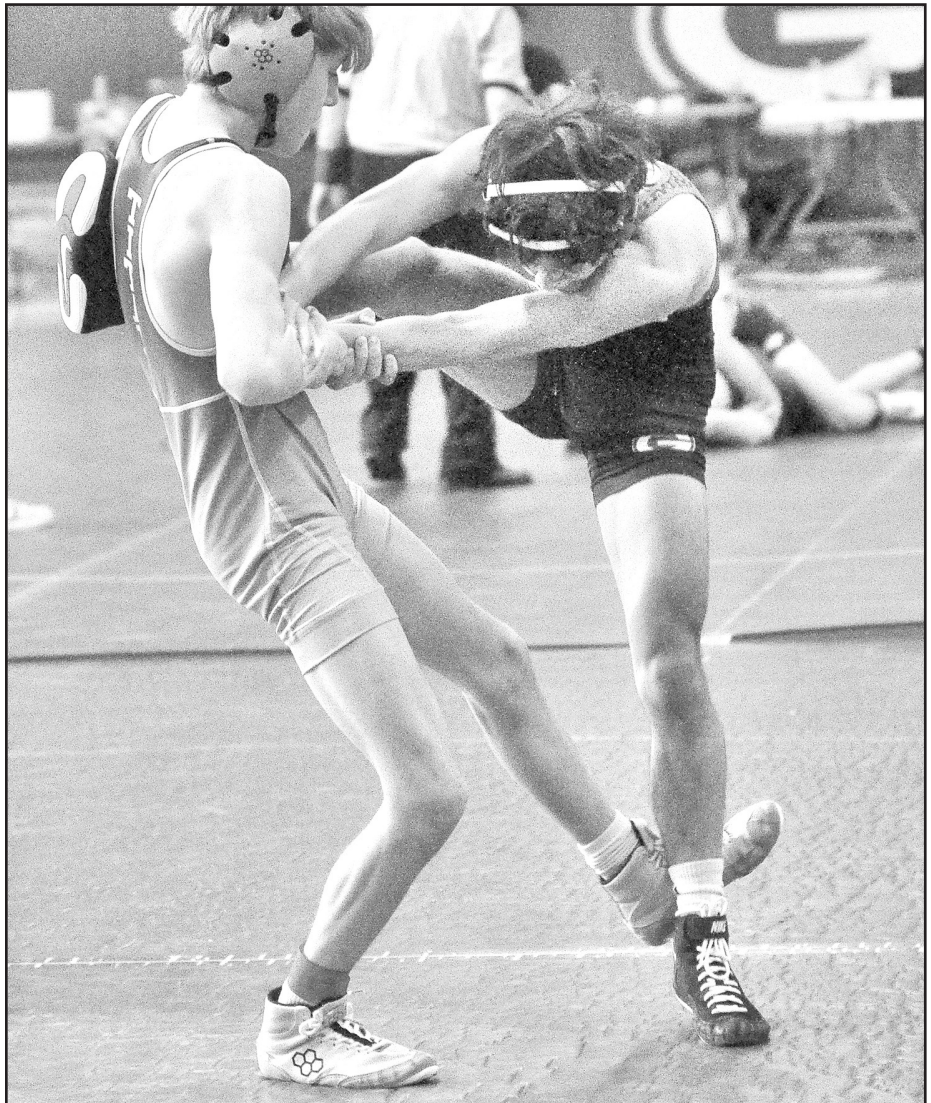
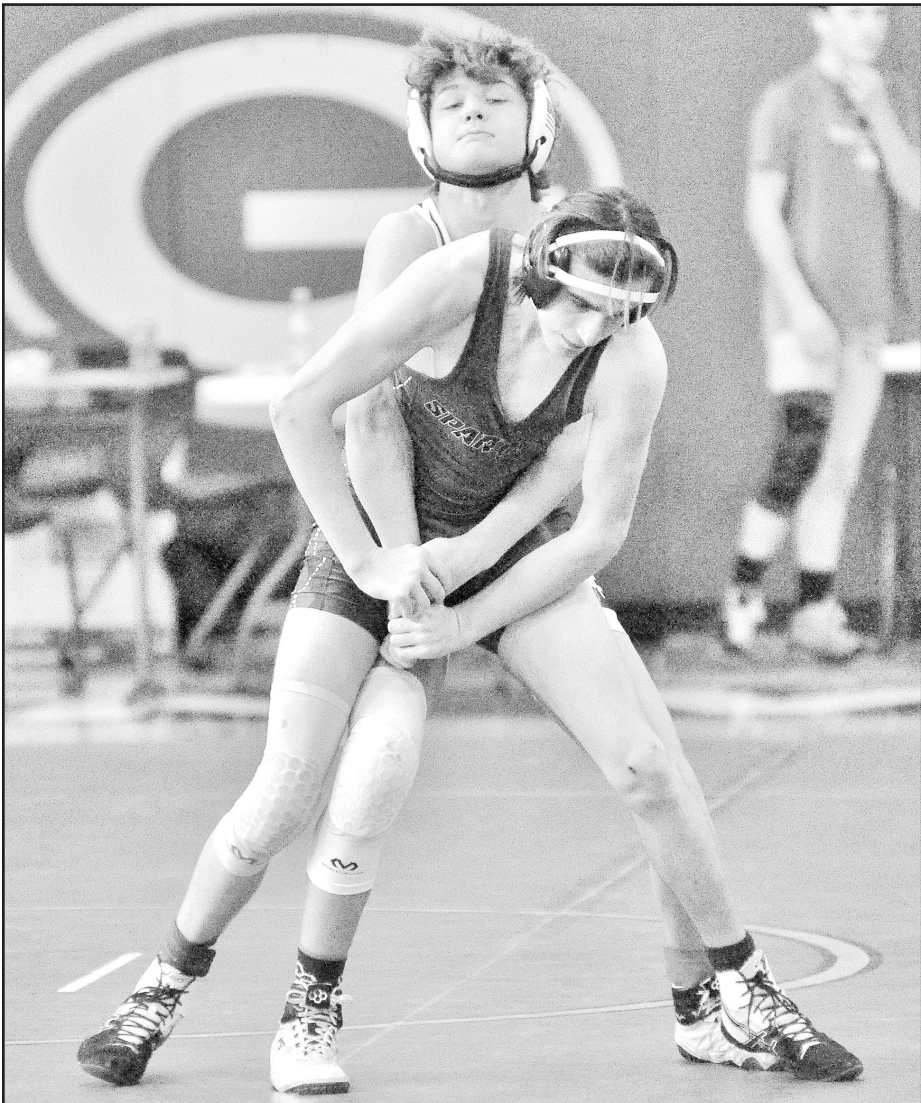
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Left, Salem's Braden Armes tries to escape a hold in his 126 pound match at the Highlander Invitational. Right, Alan Vu of Glenvar has a leg up in his 113 pound bout.

Grundy dominates Highlander Invitational as regions approach

Grundy High School put 10 wrestlers in the finals and won five championships to dominate the annual Highlander Invitational wrestling tournament at Glenvar High School last Saturday.

The Golden Wave scored 270.5 points to blow away the 17 team field. Rural Retreat took second with 187.5 and Cave Spring was third with 164. Host Glenvar was sixth with 114 and Salem came in ninth with 93.5. The Spartans were hurt by a VHSL rule that allows wrestlers to only wrestle in five tournaments during the regular season. Salem had to sit out several of their best grapplers at Glenvar.

"I dislike the rule, and have not met one coach who likes it," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "My guys usually have around 50 matches, and now we have around 40."

Glenvar's Chase Miller won the 190 pound class and was named the

Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament. Chase had pins of 26 and nine seconds to reach the final, then defeated Talon Looney of Grundy by a 15-3 Major Decision in the championship match. Miller is now 22-0.

"Chase Miller keeps rising to the occasion," said Glenvar coach Tim Miles. "I'm never surprised by him, as his expectation level of himself is already very high."

Ethan Flowers of Glenvar won the 175 pound championship with pins of 56 and 30 seconds before scoring a 14-2 Major Decision over Josh Bisnett of Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy in the final. Flowers is 26-3.

Also scoring for Glenvar were Jacob Flowers with a third at 106, Alan Vu with a fourth at 113, Garrett Nolan with a fifth at 190 and Craig Campbell with a sixth at 215.

For Salem, Linkin Callahan had the best finish with a second at 215. Linkin

is now 25-2, losing for just the second time when he lost to Wyatt Bush of Grundy in the final.

Jackson Bryie finished third at 285, including a 2-1 decision over teammate Robert Herndon in the consolation semifinals. Bryie is now 20-5 and Herndon, who finished fifth, is 21-6.

Also placing for Salem were Marquis Toney with a fourth at 132 and three fifth places, Braden Armes at 126, Tristan Pickrel at 215 and Herndon at 285.

The tournament ran smoothly and was well received by the participants in Miles' first year as Glenvar head coach.

"The tournament was a great experience," he said. "Served as a good simulation of our state tournament. Some weight classes had multiple state champs in them. High caliber tournaments have a knack for exposing weaknesses. It's great to figure out

where you stand with the state tournament only weeks away. We will be focusing on those areas we need to improve upon."

The Highlanders were scheduled to wrestle in the Three Rivers District tournament on Tuesday but results were too late for publication. River will also host the Region 2C tournament on Saturday, February 10. Glenvar is at Blacksburg for a dual match tonight.

Salem will wrestle in the Region 4D tournament this Saturday at Orange County High School. The top four in each weight class advance to the state, so this is a big one.

"My goal is seven to state," said Van Liew. "They redid our region, and it is very difficult now with teams from all over the state. My goal is three finalists, and four thirds. We could definitely compete for a trophy this year but will have to wrestle perfect to win it all."

Region 2C, 4D swim meets are at Christiansburg pool next week

The Salem and Glenvar swim teams will be in the water for region swim meets next week at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

The Spartans will be participating in the Region 4D meet, with diving on Monday, February 5, and swimming next Tuesday, February. Salem had a home meet on Monday of this week and their last meet of the regular season is on Wednesday at Franklin County.

The Highlanders are swimming in the Region 2C meet a week from tonight, on Thursday February 8, in Christiansburg. The Highlanders had their "Senior Night" meet at the Salem YMCA last week as seniors Natalie McMahon, Izzy Shearer, Tucker Henderson and Ashton Meadows celebrated the final home swim meet of their high school careers. McMahon, Shearer and Henderson have been with the team since the eighth grade.

Kees VanGerven, Henderson, Landon Cairns and Avery Thompson led off the meet with a win in the 200 medley relay. Cairns, Thompson and Henderson went 1-2-3 in the 200 freestyle with Cairns earning a state qualifying cut. Thompson set a new personal record in the event. Natalie McMahon and Sophie Nicely went 1-2 for the girls.

Meadows, Tyler Smith and VanGerven went 1-2-3 in the boys 50 freestyle with Meadows and VanGerven setting new personal records.

Connor Wilkes won the boys 100 freestyle, establishing a new state qualifying cut, and VanGerven swam a new PR to finish second. Macy McMahon won the event for the girls with a new PR and Izzy Shearer finished third.

Cairns, Henderson, Alec McIlwain and McClanahan went 1-2-3-4 in the 500 freestyle with Cairns setting a new PR and notching another state qualifying time. Childers and Street went 1-2 for the girls both swimming the distance event competitively for the first time.

Ermel, Magruder, Robbins and Wilkes won the boys 200 freestyle relay while Shearer, Cockram and the McMahon sisters won for the girls.

Wilkes won the boys 100 backstroke by 11 seconds, setting a new state cut time. Thompson, McClanahan and McIlwain went 1-2-3 in the boys 100 breaststroke with McIlwain touching in a new PR time.

Robbins, Henderson, VanGerven and Carins won the 400 freestyle relay while Childers, Street, Cockram and Macy McMahon won for the girls.

Final scores for the boys were Glenvar 114 - Northside 24 and Glenvar 108 - James River 15. For the girls it was Glenvar 103 - Northside 5 and Glenvar 80 - James River 47.

"Overall a very solid meet for the Swimming Highlanders," said coach Shannon Hall. "Fourteen event victories, 23 new personal records and four new state qualifying cuts in about 90 minutes of swimming for the night."



PHOTO BY TERESA HALL

Above, Glenvar senior swimmers were honored at the Salem YMCA last week. Left to right are Tucker Henderson, Coach Shannon Hall, Natalie McMahon, Izzy Shearer, Ashton Meadows and Coach Daniel Smith. Below, Salem's Zach Easter pushes off the wall in Monday's meet at the Salem Y.



PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Glenvar was the Salem Y on Monday and the Botetourt Y on Tuesday of this week, wrapping up the regular season in Wytheville Friday.

"With one week left in the regular season coach Daniel and I will be working hard to solidify our region lineup and put the team in the best position going into the post season," said Hall.



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Glenvar's Valeria Loredo-Castillo(#5) runs in the 1000 meters at Liberty University Saturday.

Glenvar, SHS indoor teams at RC Saturday

The Salem and Glenvar indoor track teams will be competing in the East Coast Elite Meet at Roanoke College this Saturday. Both local teams competed in the Bulldog Invitational at Liberty University last Saturday, January 27, in a meet that included well over 100 schools.

Salem's best two finishes at Liberty were a ninth place by Mitchell Taylor in the 55 meter hurdles and a ninth in the long jump by Davon Jones. The Spartans had many season's best performances at the meet.

Glenvar had over 25 personal records were set at the meet. The boys 4x800 relay of Charlie Horrell, Aldin Smith, Tyler Davis, and Joey Loder placed 13th, and the girls 4x800 relay with Rayya Bryson, Joanna Killeen, Anna Hall, and Emma Pope finished in 11th place. Colby Thompson placed fifth in the 500 meter dash while Zach Curfiss finished in 12th in the 500m dash.

Valeria Loredo-Castillo ran the 1000m run for the first time and state qualified with a time of 3:25.89.



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Left, Salem coach Don Holter with Jaelyn Allen, recipient of the Spartan Bell, Iron Spartan and first team All-State Awards. Center, Richard and Lisa Smith of Spartan Silk Screen present Wesley Cross with the Scholar Athlete Award. Right, Lee Eubanks(right in photo) presented the Lead Mule award to Jackson Bryie.

Spartans celebrate another great football season with a banquet at the Salem Civic Center

The 2023 Class 4 state runnerup Salem High football team had their annual post-season banquet at the Salem Civic Center last Wednesday and there was plenty of hardware to go around after a 13-2 season. Jeff Sluss, the "Voice of the Spartans" served as Master of Ceremonies and Coach Don Holter addressed the group. Holter and the Salem High assistants handed out special awards and recognition to the '23 Spartans, and All-State first team players Peyton Lewis, Jaelyn Allen and Chris Cole received special mention. Lewis and Cole did not attend as both are already attending the colleges of their choice to continue their careers, Lewis at the University of Tennessee and Cole at the University of Georgia.

Four players received Salem Sports Foundation

Awards. Jayveon Jones received the Danny Wheeling Award, Wilson Rakes took home the Bob Barnett Hustle Award, Ryan Coe received the Roger Surber Award and Josiah Moyer was the recipient of the Johnny Jones Award.

Five team awards were given. Allen received the Iron Spartan Award for work in the weight room, Chris Martin was the winner of the Salem Spartan Character Award and Lewis, a first team all-state kick returner, won the Popeye Buchanan Special Teams Player of the Year Award. Ruimel Nugent was named the recipient of both the Adam Ward Offensive and Defensive scout team awards, the first time the same player earned both since the award was initiated.

Four community awards were also presented.

Salem Times-Register Sports Editor Brian Hoffman revealed that Allen won the 47th annual "Spartan Bell" for hardest hitter on the team as chosen by the coaches. It was the second year in a row Jaelyn won that award.

Lee Eubanks presented the "Lead Mule" award for top offensive lineman to Jackson Bryie. Wesley Cross earned the Spartan Silk Screen Scholar Athlete Award for top grade point average on the team. That was presented by Spartan Silk Screen proprietors Lisa and Richard Smith. Mark Haley presented Cole with the Tim Sutphin Award.

The evening wrapped up with the seniors presenting gifts to the coaches and a benediction by SHS junior Josiah Persinger.



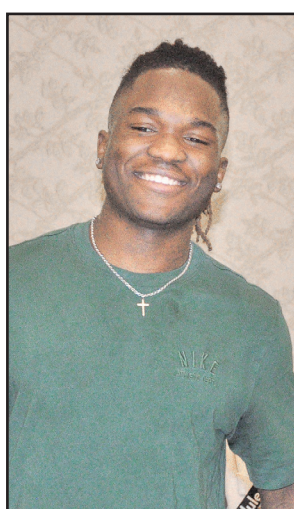
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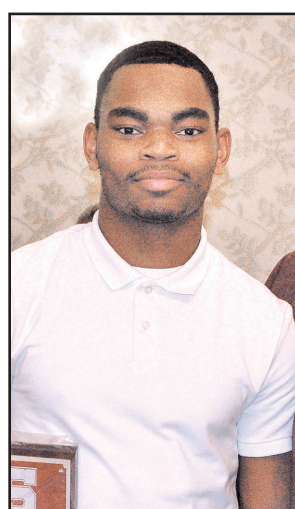
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Wagner will speak at S-R Baseball Hall of Fame banquet Sunday

Former Ferrum and Major League Baseball relief pitching great missed MLB Hall by just five votes last week

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

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

A seven time all-star, Wagner pitched nine seasons for Houston, two for the Philadelphia Phillies, three with the New York Mets, and also had a stop in Boston before concluding his career with the Atlanta Braves in 2010, saving 37 games in his final season. Wagner finished a 16 year big league career with 422 saves while appearing

in 853 games, all in relief. He struck out 1,196 batters in 903 innings and thrilled fans with a fastball that often reached the 100 mph mark.

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

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

O'Brien is another former Ray Bellamy Award winner, earning Player-of-the-Year honors in 2008 after a

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

Siple, a 1938 graduate of Clifton Forge High School who died in March, 2015, was a player, teacher, coach, professional scout and umpire. A four-year letter winner as a shortstop at Bridgewater College, he competed in the National Semi-Professional playoffs in Wichita, Kansas, then played

and managed in semi-pro baseball in leagues throughout Virginia. He coached high school baseball for 24 years and became a professional scout in 1960. Siple scouted for 40 years, first for the Pittsburgh Pirates, then with the Reds and the Phillies. He was also a Virginia High School League umpire for 25 years and is a member of the Bath County High School, Boys Home and Bridgewater College Halls of Fame.

Mike Ruth, owner of the Shoe Doctor and supporter and coach of the Cave Spring Little League program since 1997, will be the recipient of the Wayne LaPierre, Sr. Service Award.

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Billy Wagner won the Rolands Relief Award with the Houston Astros in 1999.

Salem's Tommy Joyce named 1st full-time golf coach at RC

Salem's Tommy Joyce will be elevated to the first full-time head golf coach in the history of Roanoke College. It was announced last week that Joyce will take over as head coach on July 1 and current head coach Richie Waggoner will become director of golf operations as the College is adding women's golf as an NCAA varsity sport beginning in the fall of 2025.

Roanoke College will become the eighth Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) school to sponsor women's golf. The Maroons will join Averett, Bridgewater, Lynchburg, Randolph-Macon, Shenandoah, Sweet Briar, and Washington and Lee in competing for the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Women's Golf Championships starting in 2025-26.

"With the addition of women's golf, it is going to take time and resources to get the



TOMMY JOYCE

program off the ground," Waggoner said. "Roanoke College is extremely fortunate to have someone the caliber of Coach Joyce run the men's program as the first-ever full-time head coach. I am look-

ing forward to working with Tommy and supporting him in any way I can."

Joyce was introduced as the assistant golf coach in the fall of 2023 and brings an incredible amount of experience and knowledge to the program. He earned his PGA membership in 1992 and has worked in golf for over 30 years. As a PGA Member, Joyce has developed and cultivated relationships throughout the Mid-Atlantic and the Northeast. His professional career includes experience as COO of CaddieNow, PGA general manager and PGA director of golf positions. He received the Middle Atlantic PGA's highest honor as MAPGA Golf Professional of the Year in 2008, and he was inducted into the Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame in 2015.

"Roanoke College is fortunate to find someone with Tommy's credentials to serve

as our full-time head coach," said RC athletic director Curtis Campbell. "His experience teaching golf will greatly benefit our golf students. I expect both programs to thrive under his leadership."

Joyce was recognized by US Kids Golf as a Top 50 Kids Teachers in America in 2004, 2006 and 2011. In 2009, he was recognized by PING as Fitter of the Year. Other accomplishments as a PGA Professional include serving on the Middle Atlantic PGA Board of Directors for 10 years, National PGA Finalist for the Junior Golf Leader Award and recipient of the MAPGA Bill Strausbaugh Award.

Joyce graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1991 and was a four-year letterman on the golf team, serving as team captain his final two years. After competing at every level, he toured professionally

from 1991 to 1996. He was a member of Ping's World Tour Program and competed on the Nike Tour and the Hooters' Tour. Some of his playing accomplishments include medalist for U.S. Open Local Qualifying 1992, Mizuno Pro-Am @ Pebble Beach - Low Professional 2014, setting course records of 59 at Lynwood CC in Martinsville, Virginia, and 63 at The Desert Inn in Las Vegas, Nevada (1997).

"There have been two men that relentlessly invested their time into me: my PGA Professional, Wayne Haley, and my college coach, Jack Bell," Joyce said. "The relationship I enjoyed with them was life-changing. I'm extremely excited about working for Roanoke College and having the opportunity to invest my time into our student-athletes' lives, just like 'Pro' and 'Coach' did for me."

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Spartans and Highlanders go head-to-head on Friday

Eighth annual Adam Ward Classic basketball event features 11 games

It's been eight years and five months since Salem's Adam Ward was tragically killed along with Alison Parker while doing a live report on WDBJ-7 TV, but their memories live on. This will be the eighth year "Adam Like" students will get help with college costs thanks to the annual Adam Ward Classic basketball event on Friday and Saturday of this week.

The two day basketball extravaganza was started by friends of Adam and his family and sponsored each year by the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation. The event is supported by various businesses and organizations throughout the Roanoke Valley. The majority of the proceeds from the event will go to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund that is administered by the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association. To date, the Adam Ward Classic has contributed over \$100,000 dollars to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Adam Ward Classic Committee will be making donations to the Make a Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics in Adam's honor.

"Adam Ward personified the true meaning of a student-athlete," said Grant Smythers, Salem High School teacher and tournament co-founder. "He was a huge sports fan, who loved high school basketball, and the Adam Ward Basketball Classic will highlight some of the best teams in the state of Virginia each season."

This year's event features another fantastic lineup of high school basketball, beginning with head-to-head games between the two local high schools on Friday night. The Salem and Glenvar girls and boys will play a doubleheader at Salem High on Friday while the jayvees of both schools will play a similar doubleheader at Glenvar.

"It's a great event for a great cause," said Salem High boys' basketball coach Kevin Garst. "Our guys are always excited to play in it."

The Salem-Glenvar boys' game

has been quite competitive in recent years. The two local schools met in a girls-boys doubleheader at Glenvar in December with Salem taking a 71-44 win. However, the game was close at the half and the Highlanders were missing several players due to the flu and some others were still getting their "basketball legs" back after football season. Highlander coach Cliff Bordewisch is anxious for another shot at the Spartans.

"We're honored to be a part of the Adam Ward Classic and the cause it represents," said Bordewisch. "I have been an assistant or head coach for all of the Glenvar-Salem matchups in the Adam Ward. It's obviously a good cause, but it's also a chance for two cross town schools to get together and play basketball for our shared community. We were lucky enough to host the event two years ago and it was amazing. We look forward to the challenge of playing Salem on its home floor."

The Highlanders fell to 6-10 overall and 3-5 in the Three Rivers District after dropping a heartbreaker at Radford on Tuesday, 48-46. Glenvar had a fast-break denied by an "inadvertent whistle," down two points with under 20 seconds remaining, and the Highlanders failed to score after that as the Bobcats held on for the win. Brody Dawyot led Glenvar with 19 points.

Salem is 10-9 overall after winning in Christiansburg Tuesday, 66-43. Marvin Fields led the Spartans with 18 points, Mari Foxx had 15 and Kam Brown had 11. Salem will be without sophomore standout Cam Boles for the remainder of the season after he broke his ankle last week in a win over Hidden Valley.

Salem's girls are now 18-1 after defeating Christiansburg at home on Tuesday, 54-39. Gabby Crawley led the Salemites with 19 points and Emme Custer had nine.

The Spartans have a big one tonight, as they host Patrick Henry in a huge

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<p>FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 2 - SALEM HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 p.m. Glenvar vs. Salem (Varsity Girls) 7:45 p.m. Glenvar vs. Salem (Varsity Boys)</p> <p>FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 2 - GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL 6:00 p.m. Salem vs. Glenvar (JV Boys) 7:45 p.m. Salem vs. Glenvar (JV Girls)</p> <p>SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 3 - SALEM HIGH SCHOOL 10:00 a.m. Roanoke Catholic vs. Jefferson Forest (Boys) 11:45 a.m. Auburn vs. Lord Botetourt (Boys) 1:30 p.m. William Fleming vs. Carroll County (Girls) 3:15 p.m. George Wythe vs. Narrows (Boys) 5:00 p.m. Patrick Henry vs. Spotswood (Boys) 6:45 p.m. Northside vs. Radford (Boys) 8:30 p.m. Cave Spring vs. William Fleming (Boys)</p>	<p>ADMISSION: \$10 - EACH DAY Children Under 5 - FREE</p>   
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girls' game at Salem High. The Patriots are the only team to have beaten Salem this season, defeating the Spartans in Roanoke on January 9.

"It should be a good one," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "I told the girls we have nothing to lose, just go out and have fun."

Salem will go from their toughest opponent of the season on Thursday to Friday's 5:30 pm against Glenvar, who has yet to win a game this season. With a roster of mostly freshmen and sophomores the Highlanders are still looking for their first win. Still, coach Jeff Johnson is anxious to play in the Adam Ward Classic.

"It's an honor to play in it," he said. "There's a lot of history and it's for a good cause."

The Glenvar girls were scheduled to host Radford on Wednesday after the boys hosted Alleghany at 6 pm. Next Monday, February 5th, the girls are at Blacksburg and the boys go to Alleghany.

Salem teams will play Pulaski County next Tuesday with the boys at home and the girls in Dublin. The Salem girls have all but clinched a spot in the River Ridge District and Region 4D tournaments but the boys are on the fence, needing some wins to assure they qualify for the four-team RRD tournament and the region, where four of the eight teams in the southern half of Region 4D qualify.

"We're looking at every game like it's a playoff game at this point," said Garst.



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Far left, Glenvar's Adam Franklin puts up a jump shot and, near left, Josiah Moyer shoots a three in last week's Salem win over Blacksburg. Above, Gabby Crawley does a jump-stop and scores for the Spartans and, below, Audrey Moles pushes the ball up the floor for Glenvar.

