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Hundreds turn out for HopeTree hearing, scores oppose

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

More than 250 people turned out for the Feb. 14 Salem Planning Commission's public hearing to learn about possibilities for the campus formerly known as the Virginia Baptist Children's Home, founded in 1890 to care for orphans. Most of the citizens who spoke opposed the large number of houses proposed the property.

No decision was made that night at the hearing that ran from 7 to 10:45 p.m. in the Salem Civic Center, nor is it likely to be made before mid-March.

A joint work session of the Planning Commission and Salem City Council was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Feb. 21, after press time. Although citizens could attend that night, none would be allowed to speak, Planning Commission Chairperson Vicki Daulton said.

Of the 41 citizens at the Feb. 14 meeting who spoke after presentations by HopeTree officials and consultants, all but five opposed the Planned Unit Development (PUD) and rezoning that could make it possible. Plans could include more than 300 single-family

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

HopeTree Family Services President and Chief Executive Officer Jon Morris explains proposed campus rezoning and development ideas at the Feb. 14 public hearing before the Salem Planning Commission.



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Pictured are Melissa Marable, universal associate, left, Jacob Thomas, assistant community office manager, Mark Madden, AVP wealth partner, Carrie McConnell, president, Todd Parsons, commercial lender, and Laura Alexander, universal associate.

Celebrating one year: Ridge View Bank reflects on a year of success

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Ridge View Bank in Salem recently marked its one-year anniversary on Feb. 13, with a week-long celebration, offering treats like cupcakes, donuts, sandwiches and merchandise to its valued clients and potential future customers.

Reflecting on the journey, Carrie McConnell, president of the Ridge View Bank, expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support received from the community. "Our Ridge View branch, being our very first, posed some uncertainties initially. But the unique

layout, resembling more of a welcoming coffee shop atmosphere rather than a traditional bank, has been very well received," she said.

The unconventional approach, devoid of a teller line, has garnered praise from clients who appreciate the friendly and personable environment. Carrie shared, "People love it. Sometimes they pop in just to say hi to the team on their way to the ATM. It's been an interesting experience, and the support from the community has been tremendous."

The bank's commitment to giving back to the community has been evident throughout its first

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Roanoke County seeks additional input from residents to understand connectivity needs

Deadline to complete the broadband survey extended to Feb. 28

Approximately 1,500 Roanoke County households have completed the community-wide Broadband and Cell Phone Connectivity and Access Survey, but those who have yet to respond will have two more weeks to participate. Roanoke County has extended the deadline for the survey which will now close Feb. 28 instead of Feb. 14, as originally planned.

All residents of Roanoke County are strongly encouraged to participate, according to a news release. Results will be used to identify connectivity gaps county-wide and will help build the required business case for

additional grants and investment where needed.

"Many portions of Roanoke County are rural and lack reliable connectivity," said Madeline Hanlon, of Roanoke County administration. "We encourage residents to complete the survey which will provide timely and accurate data, so we're better positioned to secure necessary resources to achieve comprehensive connectivity across the County. Your input matters greatly."

Roanoke County asks one representative from each household to complete the survey from a cellphone,

tablet or computer connected to the home wi-fi network, if available. If home internet is not available, the survey can be completed in any location, from any internet-connected device. survey can be accessed online at www.roanokecountyva.gov/ connected.

Residents who need additional support completing the survey may request assistance at any of the county's public libraries, according to the release.

The survey is now open through Feb. 28 and results will be published later this year.

-The Salem Times-Register

Salem City School Board holds February meeting

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During the Salem City School Board meeting held on Feb. 13, various reports were presented and several recommendations were approved pertaining to School Operating, Cafeteria, Grants, Capital Projects, and Reserve Funds. Additionally, a school debt schedule and meal tax were given the green light. These adjustments are set to augment both revenue and expenditure budgets in the School Cafeteria Fund by \$137,000, the School Grant Fund by \$417,325 and the School General Fund by \$65,000. The motion, initiated by Stacey Danstrom and seconded by Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez, received approval with affirmative votes from Nancy Bradley, Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez, Stacey Danstrom and Rachel Thompson.

Furthermore, the board approved updated job descriptions for the middle school bookkeeper and secretary, bringing them in line with current practices and responsibilities, which had not been revised since 2004.

In addition, the board endorsed Salary Scales for FY 2024, encompassing salary budget adjustments across the School Fund, Grant Fund and Cafeteria Fund. The Support Staff scale now comprises 30 grades (1-30) with 5% grade differentials, each with a step differential of 1.485%. Annual salaries on the scale for each grade are rounded to the nearest whole dollar. This motion, once again initiated by Stacey Danstrom and seconded by Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez, was carried with affirmative votes from Nancy Bradley, Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez, Stacey Danstrom, and Rachel Thompson.

Additionally, during the meeting, it was announced that February is School Board Appreciation Month. The Virginia School Board Association designated the third week in February (Feb. 12-16, 2024) as VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week. This acknowledgment aims to highlight the vital role school board clerks play in assisting school board members and superintendents.

Chair Nancy Bradley emphasized the importance of recognizing the efforts of local school board clerks, stating, "Recognizing local school board clerks for a job well done takes a concentrated effort on the part of all those they serve: school board members, superintendents, administrators, school staff, students, and the community," in a written statement.

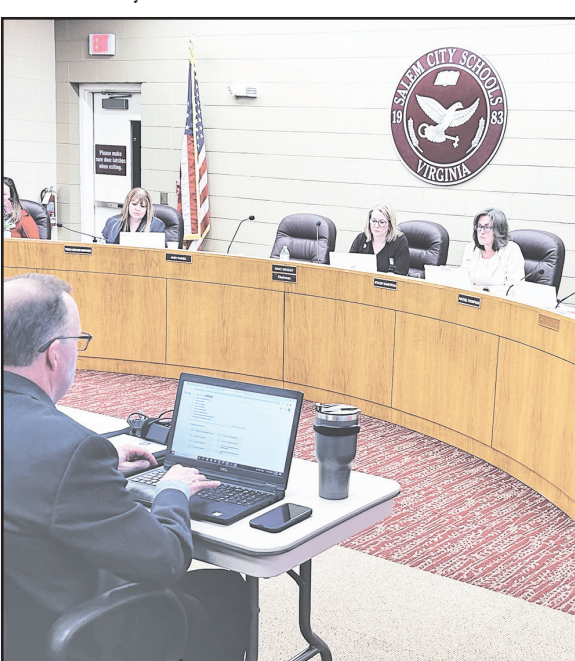


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The Salem City School Board is pictured during its February meeting.

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

Bonsai and Japanese Gardening Class taught by Jackie Fujikawa: Born and raised in Japan and came to the United States when in his youth. Being taught by his father and experienced in the Japanese culture and tradition, he has been involved in teaching and consulting the techniques of Japanese gardening and bonsai. Bonsai class will be with a focus on care and maintenance, learning all the basics of bonsai design. Select a tree, learn how to prune, transplant, landscape with rocks, and discover what the art of bonsai is all about as you create your very own bonsai to enjoy at home. Fujikawa is currently teaching Japanese at Roanoke College. The class will be Monday, March 4-April 8 from 6-7:15 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center. The cost is \$10 for the class instructor will give you a list of the things you will need to purchase and the cost for this could be anywhere from \$40 to \$100, depending on the size of pot, etc. that you purchase. All supplies can be purchased from Lowe's, Walmart, Amazon, etc. Sign up on Active Net or call 540-375-3054

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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. 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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

RESCUE SQUAD IS ORGANIZED HERE IN 1932

Report Given By Secretary-Treasurer Shows Vast Amount Of Work Done In Six Years-New Equipment

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

The Salem Life Saving Crew was organized November 15, 1932. At the time of its organization, the Crew had very little equipment. Later, the Town Council appropriated a small sum which was used in the purchasing of an inhalator, first aid supplies, searching light, and a few minor items of necessity.

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Finally, an appropriation of \$200 was obtained from the County, \$50 from the Town of Salem and the remainder was raised by an entertainment sponsored by the Business Men's Association for the benefit of the Crew. This completed the \$485 used in the purchasing of our first ambulance.

Hall Provided

Through donations by citizens of the town and additional aid from J. E. Carper and the former Town Manager, R. P. Bishop, our present Crew Hall was made possible, as well as increasing the position of the crew in standing ready for any type of emergency.

In return for the aid and

interest given by the council, citizens of Salem and County, I wish to report the following efforts of the crew in relieving the suffering of our citizens in times of trouble and to prevent and teach prevention against possible accidents.

Since the organization of the Crew, approximately 4,000 First Aid cases have been treated, such as minor cuts and bruises, fainting, shock and etc., 295 calls have been answered. These calls include drowning cases, fire calls, persons overcome with smoke, search for lost persons, cases which require First Aid treatment, calls from physicians and transportation cases, calls for burns, use of generator, and wrecks. 30 talks and demonstrations have been given various organizations and groups concerning First Aid and accident prevention. 8 out of county calls have been made.

16 Persons Saved

Blood tests have been taken for transfusion from different members of the Crew and four transfusions given by the Crew members.

The Crew feels that they were directly responsible for saving the lives of 16 persons, 9 of which were pneumonia cases in which the oxygen tent was pressed into service as a last resort at the request of the attending physician, three drowning cases, one poison case, each of which necessitated the use of the inhalator. Another

particular instance in which the Crew saved a life was stopping the blood by pressure on the digital point when an artery had been severed due to an automobile accident. Two others were water cases.

Gasoline Generator

Another piece of equipment of which we are justly proud is a new 500-watt gasoline generator which was purchased through J. J. Cassady, former Town Manager. This was placed in service on one occasion when the current in the town was cut off due to an electrical storm. The generator was connected to the house circuit of a sick person and supplied light for the entire house during the night. On another important case to supply current for motor with oxygen tent and gave light for patient who had pneumonia in the county where there was no electric current thereby transportation of the patient to the Mercy House.

During the past year the Crew has purchased two new pieces of equipment which was badly needed, a 1-ton Dodge truck and a new oxygen tent of the latest type and construction.

Officers of the group at present time are J. E. Carper, president; F. B. Whitescarver, vice president; J. I. Moyer, legal advisor; M. F. Stump, captain; A. J. Kelly, 1st Lieutenant; G. T. Eades, 2nd Lieutenant; E. R. Gresham, Jr., Equipment supervisor;

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H. D. Carper, secretary-treasurer; C. W. Bain, assistant secretary; A. C. Poff, historian.

-Prepared by Lisa King

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of February 06, 2024 - February 12, 2024

DATE	NAME	ARREST NUMBER	OFFENSE
02/06/2024	Baron S. Goldsberry	48	Obstructing Justice, DWI
02/07/2024	Casey W. Crowell	31	Public Intoxication
02/07/2024	Brenden D. Twine	34	Obstructing Justice, Evading Police
02/07/2024	Casey N. Doyle	27	Failure to Appear
02/09/2024	Margaret S. McGuire	74	Failure to Appear
02/09/2024	Cheryl T. Markham	59	Bad Checks
02/10/2024	Melvin J. Rolon	31	Possession of Controlled Substance
02/10/2024	Gregory Bright	47	Public Intoxication
02/10/2024	Floyd Hall III	64	DUI
02/11/2024	Heather M. Kern	42	Shoplifting
02/11/2024	Chance A. Tyree	29	Public Intoxication
02/11/2024	Floyd Hall III	64	DUI
02/12/2024	Angel A. Zuniga	33	DUI
02/12/2024	Tyree T. Harris	35	Embezzlement
02/12/2024	Allan F. Portillo	36	DUI

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of February 06, 2024 - February 12, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
06-FEB-2024	1600 BLK Lancing Dr	Vehicle Theft
11-FEB-2024	300 BLK W Main St	Grand Larceny
12-FEB-2024	200 BLK Maple St	Grand Larceny
12-FEB-2024	300 BLK Wildwood Rd	Burglary, Damage Property

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Chocolate brownies are a classic American treat. Chewy, fudgy, or cakey? Dark or milk chocolate? Middle or edge? Warm fresh from the oven or cool to the touch? There are as many brownie recipes as there are ways to enjoy them.

One of the theories about the origin of the first brownies comes from Chicago's Palmer Hotel in 1893. The World Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago that year, and the socialite and philanthropist Bertha Palmer was head of the Board of Lady Managers for the Exposition. She directed Palmer House pastry chefs to come up with a recipe for a dessert that would be easy to transport in boxed lunches sold at the Women's Pavilion. More specifically, she asked the hotel chefs to come up with something small that could be picked up and eaten without a fork. They were a hit in 1893 but brownie recipes first appeared in printed cookbooks in 1904.

Brownies often, but not always, have a glossy "skin" on their upper crust referred to as flint. You can add anything to brownies to give them a distinct flavor. Nuts, M&Ms, and dried fruit with Walnuts being the most popular add in. Frosting can also be used. A brownie variation made with brown sugar and vanilla rather than chocolate in the batter is called a blond brownie or blondie. Blondies have a much lighter and softer taste than brownies. More of a butterscotch flavor from the brown sugar. Slutty brownies have cookie dough and Oreo cookie layers. These brownies are easy to overindulge in therefore they are slutty.

One of the first desserts I made were brownies. I made them from a boxed mix, and they were cooked in the microwave. Microwaves were the new kitchen appliance in the 80's and a boxed mix included the pan to bake them in. It's easy to eat a whole pan of brownies so I tend to make one at a time in the



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

microwave. This brownie comes out a little more like cake but topped with chocolate syrup and vanilla ice cream. It satisfies the most demanding sweet tooth. If a box mix doesn't suit you, I have included a recipe for made from scratch brownies. I am not picky, so I like both.

Mug brownie with brownie mix

- 1/2 cup unprepared brownie mix
- 3 tablespoons water (can substitute coffee or milk)
- Spray a large mug with baking spray (at least a 16 oz mug or a small bowl will work).

Combine the brownie mix and water in the mug and stir to combine, about 30 seconds with a fork.

Microwave on high 60 to 90 seconds. Depends on wattage, to avoid a chewy brownie start with 60 seconds and add 15 -30 seconds as needed.

Top with whipped cream, ice cream, Nutella, or chocolate chips. Strawberry ice cream is also good.

Fudgy brownies

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup cocoa or 2 squares (2 oz.) unsweetened baker's chocolate
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch of salt



PHOTO BY SHELLY KOON

1 cup roughly chopped walnuts or pecans

Directions:

Melt butter with the cocoa or chocolate together in a heavy saucepan over medium low, whisking constantly till blended. Remove from heat and stir in the sugar. Whisk in the eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour, salt, and walnuts. Mix well. Pour into a well buttered 8-inch square baking pan. Bake at 325 degrees for about 40 minutes till a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool completely and cut into squares. These brownies are very fudgy and may be somewhat difficult to slice cleanly; cool completely and use a sharp knife and a spatula to help them loosen from the baking dish.

Bonsai, Japanese gardening class to be offered

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Description: Six-week class 1.5 hours

- Week 1 – Introduction and directional guidance
 - Week 2 – Concept and technique
 - Week 3 – Japanese landscaping and culture
 - Week 4 – Preparation and vision
 - Week 5 – Practice and evaluation
 - Week 6 – Practice and summary
- Future Options for this class:
 Forming a bonsai club
 Exhibiting the art of bonsai at a show
 Trip to a Japanese garden in or out of state
 Trip to Japan

-The Salem Times-Register

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Universal Associate Kevin Stuckey works with a client at Ridge View Bank.

year. Carrie emphasized, "Community support is one of our pillars. We've invested heavily in technology to enhance our services while maintaining a personal touch." McConnell likes to think of it as a "boutique style of banking with white glove, red carpet kind of service," she said.

Looking ahead, Ridge View Bank aims to continue its momentum, focusing on small business and commercial banking. Carrie highlighted the bank's investment in technology

and emphasized their fully-staffed team of experienced professionals capable of providing comprehensive banking services.

Exciting developments lie ahead for Ridge View Bank, including the construction of a new headquarters at the former Red Lobster building in Roanoke, spanning 17,000 square feet. McConnell reflected on the challenges of naming the bank and designing its logo, expressing pride in the institution's paperless operations and commitment



PHOTOS BY EDMEE CR HASLER

President Carrie McConnell and Jacob Thomas, assistant community office manager joke around in the lobby.

to fostering personal connections with clients.

"We're not just a bank; we're a community bank," Carrie affirmed. "We take pride in serving diverse segments of the population, from veterans to those seeking financial education. We do encourage people to come in with kids, our goal is to be the family's bank, catering to the unique needs of each individual."

As Ridge View Bank celebrates its first anniversary, the commitment to

providing exceptional service remains unwavering. McConnell expressed gratitude for her dedicated team and the continued support from the community, emphasizing the importance of staying connected and responsive to the evolving needs of their clientele.

With a blend of cutting-edge technology and personalized service, Ridge View Bank looks forward to many more years of success as a trusted financial partner in the Salem community and beyond.

HopeTree from page 1

homes, townhouses and apartments, a boutique hotel and small shops on 25 acres of the land.

HopeTree is situated at the end of North Broad Street, Carrollton, Red Lane and Mount Vernon in north Salem. If the PUD is built as planned, it could be Salem's largest residential development.

Many of the speakers opposed potential increased traffic on those streets, water runoff, and other effects of intensive development on what until now has been a greenspace, a horse pasture and 60-year-old brick buildings.

A number of citizens called for the planning commission to delay any decision until after the new Salem Comprehensive Plan is updated sometime this year. Comprehensive Plans are not zoning plans but can guide development in the city.

The first speaker was HopeTree President and CEO Jon Morris who summarized HopeTree's evolution and growth to what at one time was more than 700 acres. Morris explained HopeTree can no longer continue as what was founded as an orphanage and housed

hundreds of children in the early days.

According to new state regulations, the campus can care for no more than 16 young people, Morris said, plus cottages for developmentally delayed adults and HopeTree Academy for middle and high school day students who need individualized instruction.

One couple who spoke in support of the project were David and Robyn Ellis.

"I think the PUD is a good idea," David Ellis said, "because it brings diversity as opposed to only another neighborhood."

"This development

would preserve 40 percent of the campus," Robyn Ellis said.

Recent college graduate Ashby Garst was one of the youngest speakers. "Young people who want to come back to Salem would like to find affordable housing. I hope the new community will have affordable housing," said Garst, who mentioned she is the daughter of Planning Commissioner Reed Garst.

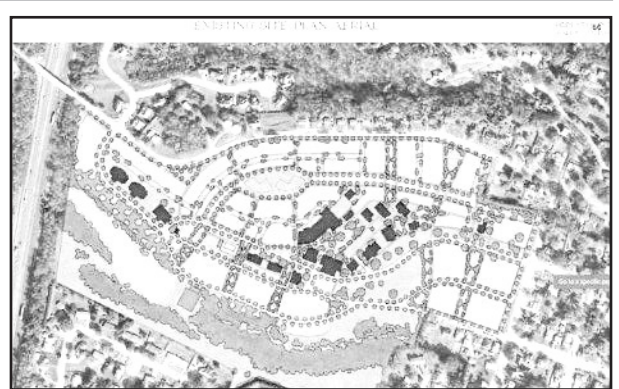
Many of the opponents live on North Broad Street or Red Lane, which would likely the largest increase in traffic. A group called Salem VA Friends and Neighbors have developed an online petition opposing

the rezoning of HopeTree, with 407 people signed so far.

Red Lane neighbor Andrea Loft said she opposed the development "because I is not compatible with the neighborhood. It would be detrimental to safe walking and biking."

Although traffic study consultants said additional streets might cause "only one or two seconds more waiting at intersections," Loft estimated there could be between 3,000-4,000 additional trips per day. She said she likes the idea of a PUD, "there are better ideas in Salem to build one."

Lisa Chappel Miller



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Existing site plan aerial.

noted the idea of adding businesses on the campus "would be creating a second downtown. That doesn't make sense." She added "Put the brakes on the plan a little. We want to see a whole lot more

detail."

Jon Morris had pointed out use of the HopeTree property is going to change and even with no rezoning and PUD, once the land is sold to developers up to 200 houses could be built.

ADVANCED PREPLANNING

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Despite the recently shortened legislative period in Washington, D.C., House Republicans continued our work to address the issues facing our nation. After much scrutiny from lawmakers and the American people, the Senate backed down on its so-called "border solution" legislation, which actually codified the current loopholes that enable the crisis at the border while providing nearly \$84 billion in unrelated foreign aid. I was also pleased to meet with some small business owners in the district and other constituents in my D.C. office. Rest assured, I will continue to fight for the issues important to the Sixth District.

The America Last "Border Bill" Is Defeated

House Republicans have been focused on securing our southern border, while the Senate and the Biden administration have rejected our proposals and insisting on their own flawed legislation. The Senate's "solution" to fixing Biden's border crisis was to send \$48.4 billion dollars of hard-working American taxpayer dollars to Ukraine, continue to allow thousands of illegal immigrants to cross our border daily, and give them work permits while continuing to release them into our country. It did nothing to address the human trafficking, drug trafficking, and sex trafficking that are flooding our communities, aiding and abetting Mexican cartels. It would put Americans from Texas to Virginia in danger every day.



Ben Cline
Congressman

If Biden and the Democrats actually cared about the safety of American citizens, they would secure our border immediately by reinstating effective Trump-era policies, starting with 'Remain in Mexico.' Biden and Secretary Mayorkas already have the legal authority to solve the border crisis but refuse to use it. House Republicans passed H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, last year to codify these effective policies, but the Senate has refused to consider it. Because of the unwillingness of Senate leaders to include sufficient reforms in the bill, the bill was defeated in the Senate with only four Republicans supporting the effort. The border crisis is an issue on the minds of every American, and I will continue to fight and advocate for strong border protection for our country.

Fighting For Our Veterans

Since I have been a Member of Congress, advocating for Veterans has been a top priority of mine. Currently, there are significant roadblocks for Veterans and their

family members to receive the support and care they fought for and deserve, including using all of their education benefits and getting assistance to start their own business.

There should not be any red tape that hinders our Veterans from achieving their goals, whether it's during their service to our country or during their path forward into civilian life. Currently, most veterans' education benefits carry a 10- or 15-year time constraint, which means the once the period elapses, veterans lose access to these benefits. Dependents, on the other hand, are subject to a year or an age restriction. That is why I co-sponsored the Veterans Education is Timeless Act of 2023, legislation that would get rid of these arbitrary timelines and allows our veterans to receive the benefits they were promised.

Additionally, last spring, I introduced the bipartisan Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2023 which would allow veterans to pursue their small business and entrepreneurial aspirations by giving them access to resources through the Small Business Administration and their GI Bill benefit. I will continue to look for new ways to support and help expand opportunities for our Veterans.

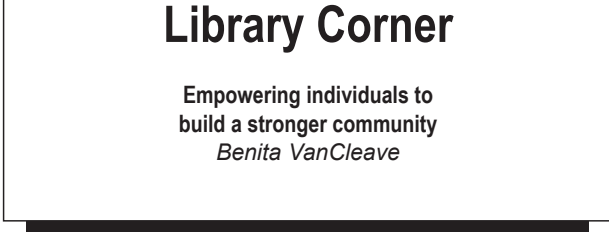
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Congressman. If my office can ever be of assistance, please contact my Washington office at (202) 225-5431.

Friends of the Salem Library will hold booksale March 1-3

Friends of the Salem Library (FOSL) will hold its second annual spring book sale Thursday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3. The FOSL book sales provide the largest source of revenue the organization raises to directly benefit the Salem Public Library.

The FOSLs are finishing up their 35th year of partnering with the Salem Public Library. The Children's Librarian at that time, Earnestine (Harris) Woodliff Lewis who passed away Dec. 27, 2023, and Joyce Foster, the first FOSL president and long-time treasurer, had the original conversation that sparked the idea for founding the Friends group in the summer of 1988. The organizational meeting was held Sept. 4, 1988, and the first book sale was held Dec. 10, 1988, in conjunction with a 'Meet Local Authors' reception, and raised enough money for the FOSLs to purchase a Christmas tree and decorations for the library.

Without the direct sponsorship of the FOSLs, many library activities including community-building events, storytelling programs, circulating



materials for library patrons, would go unfunded. Throughout the years, FOSLs have provided furniture for public use, including the children's and teens area, and display fixtures; Storytime supplies (books, a new, large, colorful rug); sponsorship of library programs for all ages; sponsorship of the annual Salem Elementary Schools Art Show; a projector and screen for the meeting room; annual sponsorship of the Salem Public Library Summer

Reading Program for all ages including prizes, performers, and craft supplies, and much more! Most recently, the FOSLs donated funds to the Dolly Patron Imagination Library literacy program so that children aged 0-5 living in the 24153-zip code can sign up to receive a free book each month until they reach their 5th birthday.

FOSL Booksale hours:

Friday, March 1: 10 a.m.-Noon: Friends members Only Presale: 10 a.m.-Noon, 12-5 p.m.: Public sale begins.

Saturday, March 2: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, March 3: 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (Bag Day!)

Donations made to The Friends of the Salem Library are tax deductible. Join the FOSLs to get early access to the sale. Come and participate as an active member.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Salem Library, Monday, Feb. 26, 2-6 p.m.; Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org

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SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

For Black History Month, the Salem Museum highlights an item from the Carver School. The Carver School was an important educational and cultural anchor which served Roanoke County's Black students during the time of segregation.

Like any school, athletics were an important part of student life at the Carver School. This letterman sweater is from the early 1960s. It belonged to Wayne Harris who lettered in football, basketball and choir. Like many Carver students, Harris followed his teachers into education, and went on to be the Superintendent of Roanoke City Public Schools.

This Carver letterman sweater is on display in

the Salem Museum's exhibit "A Winning Tradition: Salem's Champions Gallery." It is one of many pieces of local Black History visitors can discover at the Salem Museum.

"A Winning Tradition" highlights the history of local schools and sports complexes, and the stories of many Champions in athletics, academics, the arts, and civic and professional life. The centerpiece of the gallery is the Champions' Kiosk, providing visitors with an interactive, searchable record of all of Salem's Champions, with pictures and text to record their stories.

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



Carver Letterman Sweater

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Golf scores
5. Shock therapy
8. Ballplayer's tool
11. Quench one's thirst
13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
14. Every one of two or more things
15. Member of Muslim people
16. Play
17. Type of cheese
18. Type of lounge chair
20. ___ King Cole, musician
21. Fellows
22. North, Central and South
25. In an early way
30. Foes
31. Georgia rockers
32. Cryptocurrency
33. Narrow path along a slope
38. Disallow
41. Joyousness
43. Inaccessible
45. Evoke emotions
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
50. Sword
55. Actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
63. Extremity
64. Post

CLUES DOWN
1. Pacific Standard Time
2. Protruding ridge on nematodes
3. Indian king
4. Type of milk
5. One who brings home the bacon
6. More comprehensible
7. Connected with sense of touch
8. Red mineral
9. Breezed through
10. Therefore
12. Supplement with difficulty
14. Early kingdom of Syria
19. Satisfy
23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
24. Brass instrument
25. Domesticated animal
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Snakelike fish
28. Woman (French)
29. Economically-minded aircraft
34. When you hope to get somewhere
35. Tease
36. Actress Gretchen
37. Midway between northeast and east
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Consume
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Improved something
45. Spiritual leader
46. Abba___, Israeli politician
47. Fix
48. Evergreen tree genus
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Major C. European river
54. Long, narrow strap
58. Male parent

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Roanoke College seniors Lewis Edwards and Cameron McDonald, as well as Professor Stella Xu (far right), took part in the presentations at a Lunar New Year celebration hosted by the Taubman Museum of Art on Feb. 10. Roanoke College will partner with the museum again in the fall for a cultural residency program.

Grant awarded to bring Hanji masters to Roanoke College for residency

Roanoke College recently announced that it has been awarded a \$10,000 grant that will allow it to host two masters of an ancient Korean art form for a cultural exchange that will include both campus and community events.

The grant, bestowed by the ASIANetwork and its Embodied Learning About Asia Program, will support a two-week residency that will introduce the region to the art of Hanji, a form of handmade paper that dates back to the 1st century B.C.E.

Hanji, meticulously crafted from the bark of mulberry trees, is renowned for its exceptional quality and versatility. It was used not only for writing but for wall coverings, umbrellas, artwork, clothing and more.

Roanoke College's residency will bring in two Hanji masters from Wonju, Korea, which is acclaimed for its Hanji craftsmanship and has the additional distinction of being a Roanoke Valley Sister City since 1964.

The residency, scheduled for Fall 2024, will coincide with the 60th anniversary of

that Sister City partnership. That milestone and its legacy of promoting understanding across borders is woven throughout the Hanji program.

The artist events will culminate in two public showcases — one hosted on campus at Olin Hall Galleries and one hosted in the community at the Taubman Museum of Art, in partnership with Roanoke Valley Sister Cities.

"Through these events, both students and the broader community will have the opportunity to witness the beauty and versatility of Hanji, fostering a deeper appreciation for Korean arts and culture," said Stella Xu, Roanoke College's John R. Turbyfill Professor of History, who led the development of the grant proposal.

Just last summer, Xu led a student research trip to Korea, also made possible by an ASIANetwork grant. The three-week itinerary included an expedition to Wonju and a visit to its Hanji papermaking museum.

There, students not only toured galleries filled with thousands of Hanji art pieces, but also received hands-on tutorials in the craft of making Hanji.

"Those students regard that as one of their most enriching cultural encounters in Korea," Xu said. "We are thrilled to bring this unique, immersive experience back to campus through this residency program so that more students and community members can learn the papermaking

process." The visiting artists will speak to classes and guide students through the creation of their own Hanji objects. In addition to Xu, the grant request was sponsored by History Department Chair Rob Willingham, Fine Arts Department Chair Kate Shortridge, Anthropology Coordinator Whitney Leeson and History Professor Mary Henold.

Roanoke Valley Sister Cities also supported the application.

Roanoke College has been working to renew its historical ties with Korea through research and cultural initiatives. Community partnerships and grant support have been invaluable to that work, Xu said, and contributed to numerous, enriching student experiences.

Students who were part of last summer's research trip recently shared their experience with the community during a Lunar New Year celebration hosted by Local Colors, Roanoke Valley Sister Cities, and the Taubman Museum of Art.

The partnerships built into the upcoming residency program will help deepen those campus-community connections, Xu said.

"Our students are enthusiastic about serving as goodwill ambassadors and dedicated to rekindling the connection between RC and Korea," she said. "They are eager to cherish and uphold this significant chapter in the history of our college."

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OBITUARIES

Craighead, Robert Anderson

Robert Anderson Craighead, 97, of Salem, Va., passed away on February 9, 2024.

He was born on December 18, 1926, in Hyattsville, Md., a son of the late William M. and Jean C. Craighead.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, William M. Craighead, Jr and James L. Craighead; and by his loving wife, Janet Terry Akers Craighead.

Bob and Janet met on a blind date, were soon married, and spent a wonderful fifty-seven years together raising their family, being active in the community, their church and with friends, and were most proud that all of their children received college degrees.

Surviving family members include five children and their spouses / partners, Russell Craighead and Cynthia Miller, Anne Craighead, Steve and Beth Craighead, Nancy Craighead and Janet Ardum, Tim and Debra Craighead; and an adoptive daughter, Amanda Allen. Mr. Craighead is further survived by nine grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Graduating from Andrew Lewis High School at age sixteen, Mr. Craighead began his 44-year railroad career in September, 1943, as a messenger in the N&W's Blacksmith Shop.

At seventeen he volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served as a rifleman with the Fourth Marine Division and



was wounded in the battle for Iwo Jima, for which he received the Purple Heart.

Returning to the railroad after WWII he completed a four-year apprenticeship, and studied courses in both engineering and business. In 1954, he moved to the Industrial Development Department, and retired in 1987 as Regional Manager.

During his 33 years in plant location work he played a key role in locating a number of important industries on the N&W, its successor Norfolk Southern and certain subsidiary lines. In Salem these included the Mohawk Rubber plant, General Electric, the Koppers plant, Blue Ridge Beverage facilities, and the Kroger Distribution Warehouse. Others included Goodyear Tire in Danville, Jos. Schlitz and CPC International at Winston-Salem, Alcoa in Portsmouth and Halstead Industries in Pine Hall.

His community activities included serving as the President of the Salem/Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Salem Industrial Development Authority,

Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, and he was a member of the Regional Partnership of the Roanoke Valley.

While serving as a director and Vice President of the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association he established the Craighead Family Endowment to provide scholarships for graduates of Salem High School, and he is an inductee into the organizations Hall of Fame.

In his younger years he was active in the First United Methodist Church in Salem, where he served on various committees, and as a Scoutmaster following WWII.

In retirement he wrote and published a book titled "Jackson's Legacy".

The family will receive friends at the John M. Oakey & Son Chapel on Thursday, March 14, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. A private graveside service will be held the following day.

Memorials may be made in his honor to a favorite charity, or to organizations offering care and seeking a cure for those with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia.

The family would like to thank Good Samaritan Hospice for their assistance with care during his final days, and to Kaylie Milliner for her care and devotion to Bob as a long term caregiver.

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

Pate, Mary Sue

Mary Sue Pate, 77, widow of James R. Pate, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 10, 2024. In addition to her husband of 45 years, she was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Lee and Mary Louise Hunt Ragsdale; a brother, Edward Lee Ragsdale; a sister, Bettie Ann Stevenson.

Mary's life revolved around her family. She was a regular at sporting events, band concerts, school plays and anything else her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were involved in. She enjoyed participating in local horse shows, winning many awards for her abilities to show Western Saddlebreds. She loved



spending time at the beach and also crocheting for friends and family.

She will be missed and remembered by her children, Benjamin Lee Edwards (Melody), Cynthia Dawn Edwards (Fred), Robert Dale Pate (Sally), Mandy

Lynn Churchill (Matt); eight grandchildren, Justin, Vincent, Charlotte, Stevenson, Robert, Dale, William, Edward; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Don Ray Ragsdale (Karen); as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life services was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Fellowship Community Church with Rev. Ken Nienke officiating. The family received guests following the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorial donations be made to the Salvation Army - Turning Point of Roanoke.

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Residential structure fire in Ft. Lewis causes \$40K in damage

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue responded at 3:14 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17 to the 900 block of Givens Tyler Road, in the Ft. Lewis area of Roanoke County, for the report of a residential structure fire.

Wagon 9 (Ft. Lewis) arrived to find heavy smoke and fire from the rear of a residential

structure, according to the Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department.

Three people and one dog were at home at the time of the fire. One occupant was injured but refused to be treated. The fire was brought under control in approximately 15 minutes. The homeowners were not displaced.

The fire destroyed an outdoor shed and damaged the house as well. The Roanoke County Fire Marshal's Office reports that the fire was caused by an outdoor woodstove and the estimated damage is \$40,000.

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ODAC basketball tournaments at the Salem Civic Center this week

Maroons open against W&L at 3 pm today

Four-time defending ODAC champion Randolph-Macon College posted its 17th straight win on Saturday, a streak that included 13 consecutive conference victories, to power the Yellow Jackets to the top of conference standings and the top seed in the ODAC Men's Basketball Tournament at the Salem Civic Center this weekend. Roanoke College, 16-9 overall, is the fifth seed and will open at 3 pm today against Washington & Lee.

Randolph-Macon (22-3 overall, 15-1 ODAC) defeated Washington and Lee University, 65-44, in their regular season finale, leaving RMC one game ahead of second-seeded Hampden-Sydney College (23-2, 14-2) in the ODAC standings.

The final standings featured two ties, including one three-way stalemate. The top-four seeds were free of any scenarios that required league protocols to decipher. Guilford College (22-2, 13-3) entered the day locked into third position, while Washington and Lee (16-9, 10-6) enters the field as the fourth seed despite its loss to Randolph-Macon on the final day.

Competition began on Monday with two play in games. Eighth Seeded Shenandoah defeated ninth seed Lynchburg, 71-65, to earn a trip to Salem while 10th seeded Ferrum upset seventh seeded Bridgewater, 75-67, to claim the last spot at the civic center.

ODAC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Quarterfinals: Thursday, February 22 at Salem Civic Center

Game 3: #1 Randolph-Macon vs. #8 Shenandoah 1:00 p.m. ET

Game 4: #4 Washington and Lee vs. #5 Roanoke - 3:00 p.m. ET

Game 5: #2 Hampden-Sydney vs. #10 Ferrum - 6:00 p.m. ET

Game 6: #3 Guilford vs. #6 Virginia Wesleyan - 8:00 p.m. ET

Semifinals: Saturday, February 24 at Salem Civic Center

Game 7: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 - 1:00 p.m. ET

Game 8: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Championship: Sunday, February 25 at Salem Civic Center

Game 9: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 - 1:00 p.m. ET

RC women play Yellowjackets Friday night

Reigning conference champion Washington & Lee University won for the eighth straight time on Saturday afternoon to close the regular season atop the conference table and earn the top seed in the upcoming Old Dominion Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Tournament. The Generals beat Roanoke College, 76-62 in Salem, as the Maroons settled into the sixth seed in this week's tournament. Roanoke, 16-9 overall, will open play at 8 pm Friday at the Salem Civic Center against Randolph-Macon.

W&L's lone loss in league play came to Shenandoah University, their opponent in last season's league championship game. The Hornets were the seventh seed last season, but open this year's tournament as the second seed.

Competition was scheduled to begin with the first round on Tuesday with the seventh and eighth seeds hosting. Winners join the top six at the Salem Civic Center for quarterfinal games on Friday.

ODAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

First Round: Tuesday, February 20 at #7/8 Seeds

Game 1: #9 Ferrum at #8 Randolph - 7:00 p.m. ET

Game 2: #10 EMU at #7 Lynchburg - 7:00 p.m. ET

Quarterfinals: Friday, February 23 at Salem Civic Center

Game 3: #1 Washington and Lee vs. Winner Game 1 - 1:00 pm

Game 4: #4 Bridgewater vs. #5 Guilford - 3:00 p.m. ET

Game 5: #2 Shenandoah vs. Winner Game 2 - 6:00 p.m. ET

Game 6: #3 Randolph-Macon vs. #6 Roanoke - 8:00 p.m. ET

Semifinals: Saturday, February 24 at Salem Civic Center

Game 7: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 - 6:00 p.m. ET

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Above, Roanoke's Justin Kuthan scored his 1,000th point in RC's win over Eastern Mennonite Saturday. Below, Roanoke's Lauren Keel slips between two Washington & Lee defenders to score in last Saturday's game at the Cregger Center.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Parker Stallard of Roanoke College slides safely into third base after advancing on a wild pitch in Saturday action at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

Roanoke baseball opens 1-2

Maryville College of Tennessee swept a doubleheader from the Roanoke College baseball team last Saturday at Salem Memorial Ballpark. The Scots won 13-5 and 5-4 in the Maroons' 2024 debut.

In the opener the Maroons jumped to a 2-0 lead with two unearned runs but the Scots responded with 10 straight runs to put the game out of reach. Maryville broke a 3-3 tie late in game two and withstood a Roanoke ninth inning rally to hang on for a win in the nightcap.

In the first game Jonny Wall was two-for-three for RC with an RBI and a run scored while Dylan Bonzon finished

one-for-two with an RBI. In the second game Salem High product Parker Stallard, Wall, Tucker Schiavoni and Spencer Rhoads had two hits apiece.

The Maroons improved to 1-2 with a 9-1 win over William Peace on Tuesday. Sophomore Mason Roy pitched five innings to pick up the win.

This Saturday the Maroons head to Atlanta, GA for three games. Roanoke will meet Oglethorpe and Maryville on Saturday and Transylvania on Sunday.

The next home game is March 2nd when Roanoke hosts Dickinson for a doubleheader, followed by a single game on Sunday, March 3rd.

Noble wins ODAC 133 pound championship

Junior Josh Noble of Roanoke College won the 133-pound title Saturday and the Maroon wrestling team had three second-place finishers at the 2024 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Championships, hosted by Averett University in Danville.

Noble won three matches on his way to the title. He opened with a major decision, followed up with a technical fall and defeated his Averett opponent 8-2 in the finals. Mark Samuel (141), Xavier Preston (174) and Lorenzo Pellot (197) each placed second in their weight classes.

Four ODAC schools saw wrestlers win weight classes with the host Cougars edging Washington & Lee University by 3.5 points, 146.0 to 142.5, for the tournament championship. Roanoke had won the regular season dual crown.

Maroon softball debuts Sunday

The Roanoke College softball team is picked third by the Old Dominion Athletic Conference coaches as the Maroons prepare to open the season on Sunday. Roanoke will play home games at the Botetourt Sports Complex once again due to the continuing renovation of the James I. Moyer Sports Complex.

The Maroons will open the season against Pitt-Bradford in a doubleheader. The first pitch is scheduled for 11 am and the second game is tentatively scheduled for noon.

Reigning ODAC champion Randolph-

Macon sits just one point clear of Virginia Wesleyan University for top position in preseason poll and RC is third. RMC earned five first-place votes on the way to 113 points to top the chart. VWU received four first-place considerations and 112 points while RC garnered the remaining three first-place votes and 105 total points in a very close poll. The University of Lynchburg gathered 93 points to claim fourth position, while Bridgewater College rounds out the top-five with 80 markers.

After Sunday the Maroons will head to Columbus, GA for six games from March 1-3.

RC men win first two lax games

The Roanoke College men are off to a 2-0 start in lacrosse with wins over Southern Virginia and Mary Washington in their first two games.

The Maroons opened the season on Valentine's Day and they secured a sweet win over host Southern University in Buena Vista, 21-9. Salem High product Wyatt Whitlow led the Maroons with five goals and Luca Docking had four.

Last Saturday in Fredericksburg RC made it two in a row as they held on for a 10-9 win over the University of Mary Washington. The Eagles held a 9-8 lead late in the third period but the Maroon defense stepped up in the fourth quarter, holding Mary Washington off the scoreboard for the last 15:44 of game time. Luke Kammerman knotted the score at 9-9 with 8:21 to go, and Quinn

Evans provided the winning marker from a Docking assist at the 2:46 mark. Whitlow had a goal and two assists.

After a big week Docking was named the ODAC Offensive Player of the Week. The senior from Chevy Chase, MD recorded 15 points in the two wins, racking up four goals and five assists against Southern Virginia and three points in Saturday's victory at Mary Washington, scoring twice and setting up Quinn Evans' game-winning goal late in the fourth quarter.

The Maroons are scheduled to host Averett University in their home opener this Wednesday at 4 pm. On Saturday Pfeiffer is here for a 2 pm game at Kerr Stadium and next Wednesday, February 28, Roanoke will have a third straight home game against Grove City College at 4 pm.

Maroon women win lacrosse opener, 12-11

The Roanoke College women's lacrosse team won their season opener in a hotly contested game in Salem last Saturday. The Maroons topped St. Mary's College, 12-11, at Kerr Stadium in Salem.

The Maroons, ranked 16th in the nation by USA Lacrosse, never trailed in the game and were able to hang on at the end. Salem High product Libby Bowman had three goals for the Maroons and Grace Koutouzis had three goals and an assist. Kyleigh Chickering made 13 saves in the goal. The Maroons travel to Christopher Newport University Saturday for more non-conference action at 1 pm. They're back home March 2nd to host Denison University at noon.

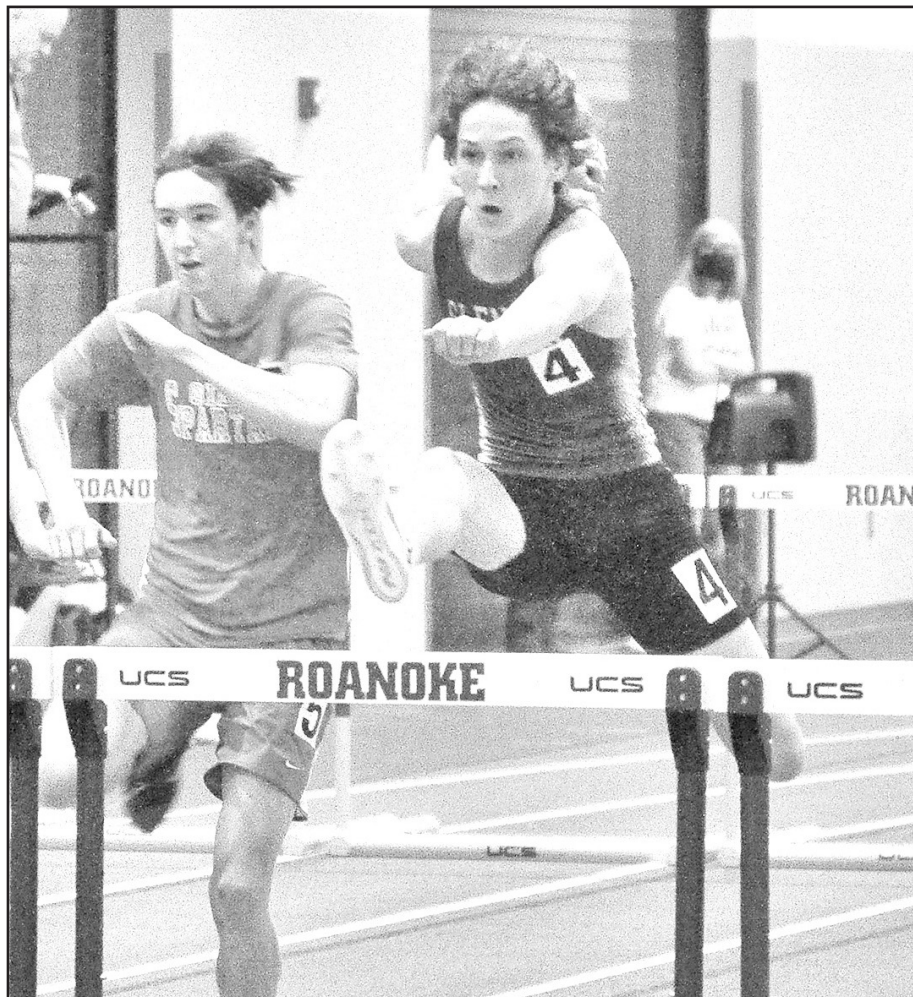
Roanoke men's volleyball home tonight

The Roanoke College men's volleyball team is home for the first time since January 27 when the Maroons host Virginia Wesleyan University tonight. The Maroons will be looking for their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference win in a match scheduled to begin at 6 pm.

The Maroons are 0-1 in the ODAC and 7-6 overall after defeating Penn

State-Altoona in five sets last Saturday. Down two sets to one, the Maroons won the fourth, 25-21, to even the match then won the deciding set, 15-8. Jackson Rutkowski had 20 kills to lead the Maroons.

This Saturday, February 24, Roanoke will be in Winston-Salem, NC to take on Reihardt College at 2 pm and Carolina at 4 pm.



Left, Glenvar's Joey Loder is on his way to a region victory in the 55 hurdles at Roanoke College Friday. Right, Aiden Beverly of GHS is out of the blocks in the 55 dash.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar boys are third, girls fifth in Region indoor track

The Glenvar High boys were third and the girls were fifth in the Class 1&2, Region C indoor track meet last Friday. The meet was held at the Roanoke College Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse and Auburn High swept the team titles.

In the boys' meet Glenvar took home three first places. Joey Loder won the 55 hurdles in 8:45, Colby Thompson won the 500 in 1:09.85 and the boys' 4x400 relay team of Thompson, Loder, Charlie Horrell and Zach Curfiss won with a time of 3:40.47.

Thompson also finished second in the 300 and high jump and third in the triple jump. Curfiss took second in the 500 and third in the 300. Horrell was fourth in both the 1,000 and 1,600 while Loder was fifth in the 300.

Also adding to Glenvar's total were sixth places by Matthew Johnson in the 55 hurdles, Tyler Davis in the 1,600 and the 4x800 relay team of Asher Faught, Daniel Toizer, Casey Weeks and Aldin Smith. Smith was eighth in the 3,200.

The girls won two relay races. The 4x400 team of Anna Hall, Kailee McDonald, Rayya Bryson and Aiden Beverly won with a time of 4:26.30 and

the 4x800 foursome of Hall, Val Loredó-Castillo, Emma Pope and Bryson were region champions in 10:42.

Elle Graffeo was second in the 55 hurdles and Bryson took fourth in the 500. Fifth place finishers were Beverly in the 55 dash, Hall in the 500 and the 4x200 team of Graffeo, Jade Evans, McDonald and Beverly.

Graffeo was also sixth in the 55 meter dash, Evans was seventh in the 55 hurdles and Loredó-Castillo was eighth in the 3,200.

"As the season slowly comes to an end, we would like to say how proud we are of all our athletes," said Glenvar coach Bekka Loder. "The next step is states and we have 19 athletes moving on. We look forward to seeing what this young team can do with the support of their four seniors and two juniors. They have shown great strength and continue to improve and impress at every meet."

The state meet will be at Liberty University in Lynchburg on Wednesday and Thursday, February 28 and 29.

Salem boys win relays outside at region "indoor" meet

The Salem High track teams competed in the Class 4D indoor track meet on Monday, but that's something of a misnomer. The meet was actually held outside at Amherst County High School's stadium.

The meet was scheduled for Saturday at the Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse in Salem, but due to predicted inclement weather several schools from the northern part of the region declined to travel. The VHSL didn't approve a suggestion to hold the meet Sunday, when the weather was expected to be better, so it was held outside on Monday.

"It was a unique situation because it was an indoor meet that was conducted on an outdoor track, but we had many great results," said Salem coach Tom Roth.

The Salem boys finished in sixth place in the region while the girls took 10th. Blacksburg High School swept the team titles.

The Spartans had two championship boys' relay teams. The 4x4 team set a new school record with a time of

3:29.39. That team included Nazeser Miller, Carter Black, Mitchell Taylor and Rumiell Nugent. The 4x200 team also won with their season's best time of 1:31.10, and that foursome included Nugent, Black, Khamari Garner and Josiah Persinger.

Also scoring for the boys team were Miller with a second in the 500 and Taylor with a second in the 55 hurdles. Dontay Davis was sixth in the shot put, Julian Morton was sixth in the 300 and Davon Jones took eighth in the long jump. The relay team of Zane Easter, Yuvraj Singh, Thomas Scharp and Anthony Higgins took fifth.

For the girls, Addy Funk led the team with a fourth place in the 1,000 and a fifth in the 1,600. Erin Armitage was fifth in the 300 and ran on the sixth place 4x200 relay team with Zi"Leayah Haynes, Isabella Bruno-Gaston and Kaylyn Ross. Also taking sixth was the 4x800 team of Leah Johnson, Blair Bowers, Chloe Underwood and Harper Rocovich.

Next up for the Spartans will be the

state meet at Liberty University, and Lynchburg next Monday and Tuesday. It will be inside. That will be held in

ODAC track at RC

The Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse will be home to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference track meet this weekend. The meet will be held on Saturday and Sunday on the Roanoke College campus in Salem.

The host Maroons are coming off an appearance in the VT Challenge at the Rector Field House on the Virginia Tech campus last weekend. A select group of athletes from the Roanoke men's track & field team made the short trip to Blacksburg on Friday and Saturday.

For the men, Jared McIntyre notched a fifth-place showing in the high jump with a personal-record mark of 1.86m. That height is currently third in the ODAC during the indoor season. Brady Fowler placed sixth in the 60m dash with a time of 6.93 seconds. He also came in ninth in the 200m, finishing in 22.11 seconds to lead all Division III athletes.

Haylee Gamble of Roanoke set a personal record in the 200m with a time of 25.53. Her adjusted mark of 25.93 seconds is good for second place on the ODAC leaderboard. Lindsey Hobin finished eighth in 26.40 seconds, also a personal-best and the fifth-ranked time in the conference, while Eleanor Hinckley landed in ninth place at 26.59. Hobin also placed sixth in the 60m in 8.11 seconds, after she ran a season-best time of 8.08 in the prelims.

Rebecca Carr finished sixth in the high jump with a leap of 1.53m and Grace Fowler was seventh in the weight throw with a distance of 15.66m.



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Salem's Eliza Fleenor swims the breaststroke.

Salem's Fleenor is state runner-up in 100 breast

The Salem High girls finished 16th and the boys were 17th among 30 schools competing in the Virginia High School League Class 4 swim meet last week. The Monacan girls and Blacksburg boys won team state championships at the SwimRVA pool in Richmond.

Salem's best finish of the meet was a second place by Eliza Fleenor in the 100 breaststroke. Eliza swam a time of 1:06.18 to break her own school record. She also finished 11th in the 50 freestyle.

Also scoring points for Salem was diver Avery Mangus, who took fifth in the state. Eliza and Avery scored all the points for the girls.

In the boys' meet Joren Poush came up big with a seventh in the 50 free and a ninth place finish in the 100 free. Zach Easter was eighth in the 100 fly and 15th in the 100 breast and Carter Biscotti was 13th in the 100 free. Salem's 200 free relay team of Poush, Easter, Biscotti and Carson Tucker went in ranked 21st and swam to a ninth place finish.

"We had a great time and we are so proud of these amazing swimmers," said coach Marianne Fleenor.

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school record in the process.

The 50 free is two lengths of the pool but Wilkes also won the 500 free, swimming a grueling 20 laps. His time of 5:10.51 was over 16 seconds faster than the second place swimmer from Virginia High. It was Connor's second state championship in that event and he also beat his own school record in the 500.

Wilkes also swam on two winning relay teams. He swam the anchor lap on the winning 200 yard free relay team with Avery Thompson, Ashton Meadows and Landon Cairns. Their time of 1:37.95 beat the team from Radford by 28 one-hundredths of a second in an exciting finish.

Wilkes also swam on the winning 200 yard medley relay team with Thompson, Cairns and Kees VanGerven. Their time of 1:48.48 was just over a second better than the Radford foursome, who came in second again. Glenvar's time was the fourth time this year the boys lowered the school record in that event.

Cairns, a sophomore, also had a big night individually. He was second in the 200 IM and in the 100 breaststroke. Landon finished third and narrowly missed his school record time set earlier in the day at prelims with a time of 1:03.70.

Meadows took eighth in the 200 IM and 11th in the 100 butterfly. Tyler Smith was eighth in the 500 free and 10th in the 100 backstroke. Also adding points to the total were Thompson with a 12th in the 100 free, VanGerven with a 13th in the 500 free, Tucker Henderson with a 14th in the 200 free and freshman Cooper Ermel with a 14th place finish in the 500 free.

Glenvar put a big bow on the state championship with a seventh place finish in the last event of the night, the 400

free relay. That team included Alec McIlwain, Henderson, Smith and VanGerven.

"As the regular season concluded and we moved into the post season, coach Daniel and I knew the boys team would be in a mix of five or six teams battling it out for the state title," said Hall. "We never expected a blow-out!"

In the girls meet senior Natalie McMahon finished 11th in the 100 backstroke in her final individual event of her high school career. Natalie is the only remaining member of the girls' 2021 State Championship team. She also finished 15th in the 500 and swam on the ninth place 200 free relay team with Hannah Street, Chloe Childers and Macy McMahon. The 400 free team of Izzy Shearer, Childers and the two McMahon sisters was eighth.

Macy McMahon scored in two individual events. She was fourth in the 100 back and fifth in the 200 IM.

"The girls 'Fabulous Five' set a goal to score 50 points at the state finals," said Hall. "They managed to score 77 and finish a very respectable 12th among 27 teams who scored points. The girls had a fantastic season as well."

Overall for the night the Glenvar boys won the team title, two individual titles, two relay titles and set five new school records while 16 new personal records were set with the boys and girls combined.



PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Connor Wilkes won four state first place medals at the Class 1&2 swim meet in Richmond last week.

Salem girls punch ticket to state basketball tournament

23-3 Spartans play for region crown Friday

The Salem High girls are going back to the state tournament for the first time in 11 years. The Spartans beat Jefferson Forest, 55-35, in Salem on Tuesday night to clinch their ticket to the big show.

Where, when and who the Spartans will play in the state quarterfinals is yet to be determined. The first order of business is the Region 4D championship game on Friday. That will be played at either Charlottesville High or John Handley High in Winchester depending on what happens in the northern neck of the Region 4D tournament. Salem is coming out of the south with wins over Blacksburg and Jefferson Forest to improve to 23-3 overall.

The Spartans opened region play with a 56-37 win over Blacksburg at Salem High last Friday. Emme Custer led Salem with 12 points and seven rebounds while Anyiah Fox had 10 points and Bailey Rider had nine boards and seven assists.



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Left, Salem's Bailey Rider attempts to save a ball in on the baseline in Friday's win over Blacksburg. Right, Emme Custer looks to pass in Tuesday's win over Jefferson Forest.

"We got off to a slow start, but really turned up our intensity in the second and third quarters to outscore them 39-12 over that stretch," said coach Scott Jester. "We had 22 assists on 25 field goals and that's exceptional for us, and shows that we really shared the ball."

That put the Spartans in Tuesday's region semifinal with a spot in the state on the line. This time Salem got off to a good start, outscoring Jefferson Forest 16-7 in the first quarter and opening

a 31-19 lead by the half. The second half was all Salem as Gabby Crawley finished with a game-high 19 points, Liz Smith had 10 and Rider had nine points.

If Salem wins on the road Friday they would host a quarterfinal state game in the area, although not necessarily at Salem High. This year is the first time the Spartans have made the state since Salem won the state championship in 2013.



PHOTO BY BARRY COX

Salem's Mari Foxx goes to the hoop in last Friday's game at Jefferson Forest.

JF ends Salem season with loss in region quarterfinal

The Salem High boys saw their basketball season come to an end with a loss to Jefferson Forest in the first round of the Region 4D tournament. The host Cavaliers took a 64-34 win in Forest last Friday.

"Give Jefferson Forest a lot of credit, they played really well," said Salem coach Kevin Garst. "They shot 40 percent but it felt like 80."

Actually the Cavaliers shot 49 percent for the game and 42 percent on three-pointers, draining 11 of 26 from behind the arc. Meanwhile, Salem shot just 32 percent overall and 16 percent on threes, canning just three of 18.

Still, Salem managed to keep it close for awhile. The Spartans trailed just 11-9 after the first quarter before Forest opened a 12 point lead at the half, 29-17.

"They scored the first five points of the second half and it kind of snowballed," said Garst. "It was a good environment with a lot of noise, and we just couldn't keep up."

Lucas Yerton led the Spartans with 13 points while Kam Brown had 10 and Marvin Fields scored seven. That accounted for most of Salem's points as the other seven Spartans who saw time combined for just four points. Fields led with five rebounds but Salem lost the battle of the boards, 31-24, and Salem had 15 turnovers to 10 for the Cavaliers.

With the loss Salem ended the season at an even 12-12. The Spartans played a tough schedule with three losses to Patrick Henry, including one in overtime, two to Northside, two to Cave Spring and two to Jefferson Forest, all quality programs having good seasons.

Salem will graduate four seniors, Grant Clemens, Josiah Moyer, Ryan Cole and Yerton. The jayvee team was 16-6 and the middle school team was undefeated, so hope springs eternal for the Spartans.

"I thought we were playing pretty well at the end of the year, and that was our ultimate goal," said Garst.

Radford ends Glenvar boys hoop season

The Glenvar boys' basketball season came to an end with a loss to Radford in the Region 2C quarterfinal Tuesday night. The Highlanders dropped a 45-36 decision at Radford High.

Radford's defense and Glenvar's failure to score put the Highlanders behind the eight ball early. Glenvar held the Bobcats to 19 first half points but scored just 10 themselves.

"Their pressure defense really bothered us in the first half, we just couldn't get anything going," said Glenvar coach Cliff Bordewisch. "They often had three guys on Brody (Dawyot) and we couldn't hit a three."

Glenvar came alive in the third period, outscoring Radford 17-5 to take a 27-24 lead after three quarters. The game was back and forth down the stretch before Radford took control.

"We turned it over three straight times, and there was a questionable block-charge call that didn't go our way," said Bordewisch. "That was sort of the story of our season. We had trouble putting teams away."

Aidan Hylton led Glenvar with 13 points and Dawyot had eight. Both will return next year along with six others as eight of Glenvar's 11 players are underclassmen, including four starters. The Highlanders will graduate Reed Hutchison, Nate Johnson and Matthew Smith.

"We'll have six seniors next year," said Bordewisch. "We have a chance to really do something."



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Salem Recreation Basketball championships are this week

Recreation basketball champions in the City of Salem will be crowned this week with playoffs underway. The girls' Junior final was scheduled for Monday and the 9-10 boys' championship was scheduled for Tuesday of this week. Championship games in the girls' 9-10 and boys' 11-12 were scheduled for Wednesday at South Salem Elementary School. The Junior boys' final is tonight, Thursday, at West Salem Elementary at 6 pm. Above, all hands are up as the Golden Girls contest a shot by a Salem Rubys in a recent girls' PeeWee game at the GW Carver Elementary School gym.

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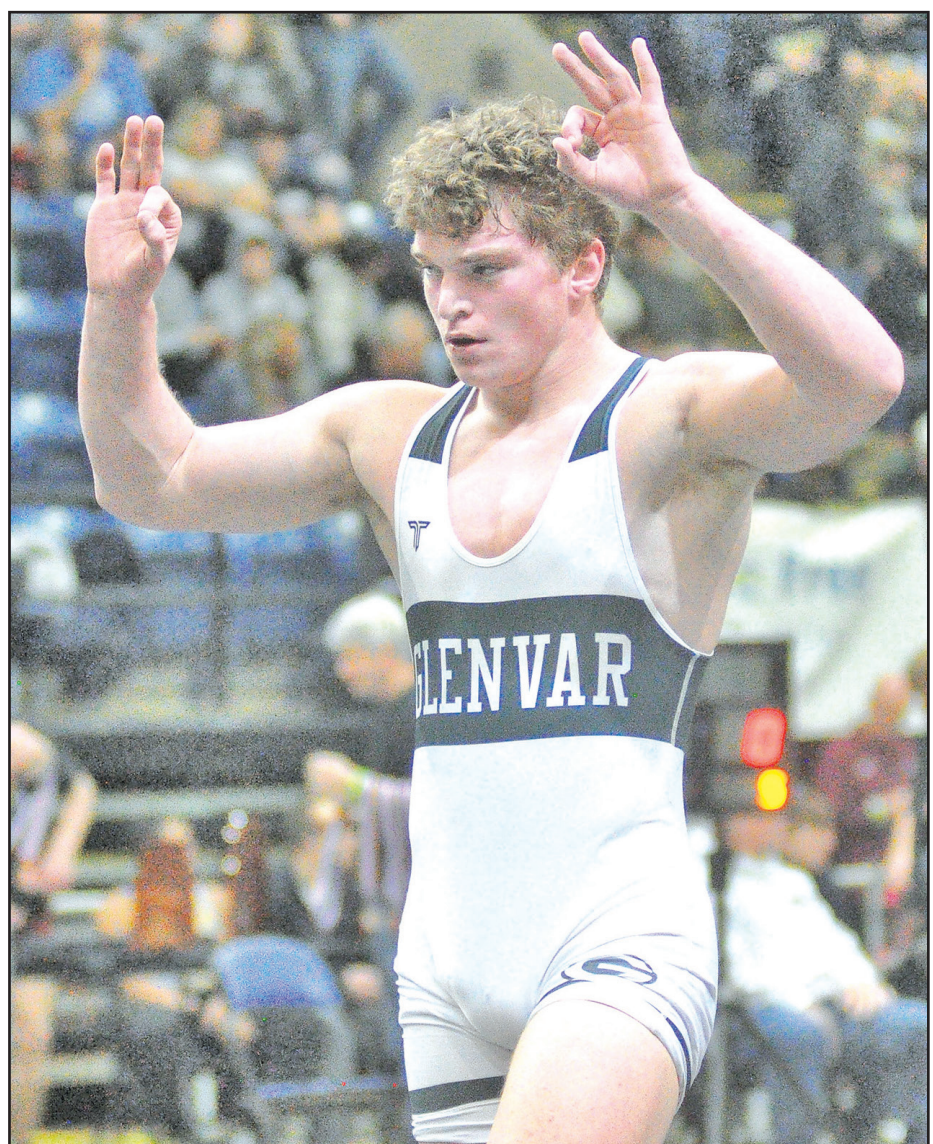
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Above, Glenvar's Ethan Flowers is seconds away from a pin in the 175 pound Class 2 wrestling final at the Salem Civic Center Saturday. Left, Ethan stands on the top step of the podium with the framed bracket. Right, Glenvar 190 pounder Chase Miller does the "Three peat" sign after winning his third straight state wrestling championship.



Glenvar's Flowers, Miller back on the top step again

Winning a state wrestling champion the second, or third, time around is just as much fun as the first one. Just ask Glenvar wrestlers Ethan Flowers and Chase Miller.

Flowers won his second straight state championship and Miller won his third when the Salem Civic Center played host to the Class 1, 2 and 3 state championships last weekend. Glenvar finished sixth in Class 2 with 85 points as Strasburg High won the state championship with 205. Of Glenvar's 85 points 53 came from either Flowers or Miller.

"Chase and Ethan take care of business, not just in the wrestling room but in every way of life," said Glenvar coach Tim Miles. "I'm never surprised by their high level of success."

Flowers took the mat in the 175 pound final after pinning opponents in 49 and 58 seconds in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. In the championship match he pinned Harper Sherman of Strasburg in 3:17 to win his second straight state crown.

"As soon as I put my foot on the line I knew I was gonna pin that kid,"

said Flowers. "This year was much easier (than last year). I've grown in all areas of my wrestling this season but the biggest subject I've grown in is my mentality going into matches and how I think about it."

Ethan finished with a 36-3 record after going 34-3 last year. He's committed to wrestle at VMI next year.

The very next championship match on the middle mat was Glenvar's Chase Miller against Dawson Martin of Radford, a wrestler he was quite familiar with as a Three Rivers District opponent. He had beaten Martin 7-2 a week prior in the Region 2C final, and he beat him in last year's 190 pound state championship match.

This one was closer. Both wrestlers stayed on their feet for much of the first two periods and it was tied at 1-1 before Miller grabbed a 3-1 advantage and rode it out.

"I knew it would be tough because it was our fifth time wrestling each other in two seasons," said Miller. "I knew when he started taking lazy shot attempts I had him. He got a lot stronger this year so I knew I just couldn't

make any big mistakes."

Miller finished the season at 32-0. It was his third straight state championship after winning the 175 pound title as a freshman and the 190 title last year, when he finished 15-0 after returning from Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy to wrestle for the Highlanders. They don't get any easier according to Chase.

"Every year it is really harder," he said. "There is definitely more pressure once you have already won it before. This was my third state championship and I think I get more nervous each time having that target on my back and everyone wanting to beat me. I haven't lost a high school match since freshman year and that is tough to do, so that is added stress as well."

Miller's family and some friends sported "Miller Time" shirts at the state tournament. It's a slogan for a famous beer company, but they could have easily worn Schaefer shirts as well. You know, Schaefer is the one beer to have when you're having more than one, and Chase now has three.

"My mom found them at Walmart

in the St. Patrick's Day section," said Chase of the Miller shirts. "She bought one for me first to wear before the finals matches. I didn't know until Saturday morning she bought them for all our family and friends for the state finals! I will be customizing my own for next season."

Also placing for Glenvar was Alan Vu with a fifth place finish. Not placing but scoring for Glenvar were Jacob Campbell with 13 points at 138 and Jacob Flowers scored seven at 106.

"We heard the term 'rebuild' throughout this season," said Miles, who took over a team that graduated some good wrestlers from last year's state runner-up. "Winning a region title isn't bad for a rebuilding year."

"I challenged and tested this team all year long, traveling out of state twice to find better competition than what's in Virginia, and competing five times in 13 days. They kept answering the call and every challenge was met with a high level of intensity. Our sites are set on another region crown next year, and a team trophy at the state tournament."

Bush is Salem's second state wrestling champ in 46 years



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Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew carries Derek Bush after his state championship in Virginia Beach.

What do you do when someone gives you a bloody nose? You beat him for the state wrestling championship.

Salem High freshman Derek Bush did just that at the state Class 4 wrestling tournament at the Virginia Beach Sports Center in Virginia Beach last weekend. Bush became just the second Salem High wrestler to win a state championship since the school opened in 1977, joining Jake Semones who won the 215 pound championship in 2018. Bush is the first freshman Spartan to climb the top step on the state podium.

Derek finished the season with a 37-2 record. He won four matches in the state tournament, including a 2-1 decision in the final to win the state tournament after battling a broken nose during the match. He beat Bryce Schnelzer of Loudoun County in the final after needing to have his head wrapped twice due to his injured nose.

"He beat both people who had beat him during

the year, and he finished ahead of the region champ who beat him two weeks ago," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "Derek ended up beating everyone on the podium at some point this year, it was the most perfect end to an amazing season."

Woodgrove dominated the tournament to win the Class 4 state championship. Salem finished a solid eighth.

Four other Spartans wrestled in the state tournament and all four won at least one match. Linkin Callahan was fifth at 215 and finished the season at 36-4 and Jackson Bryie took fifth at heavyweight and ended up 29-8. Salem's only senior, Caden Wright, won one match as did Kolynn Eastman, who is just a sophomore.

"This was the most successful state tournament I have ever coached in," said Van Liew. "We brought five to the dance and three placed, and all five had at least one win."

Glenvar boys win state Class 1&2 swim meet

Glenvar junior Connor Wilkes won two individual titles and participated on two winning relay teams to lead the Highlanders to the Class 1&2 state swimming championship at the SwimRVA pool in Richmond last Thursday.

"That's the best a swimmer can do at the state meet," said GHS coach Shannon Hall. "Reese Dunkenberger did the same for the girls in 2021, but I can't think of another time that's happened in recent history."

The Glenvar boys scored 238 points to outswim second place Poquoson, who had 175. There were 27 schools participating in the boys meet. Bruton won the girls meet and Glenvar finished 12th among 28 schools in the meet.

Wilkes had a big day. He won the 50 freestyle race in 21.52, defeating Ian Andresen of Appomattox Regional Governor's School who had won that title for the past three years. Wilkes broke his own



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The 2024 Class 1&2 state swimming champion Glenvar boys. Left to right are coach Shannon Hall, Cooper Ermel, Tyler Smith, Alec McIlwain, Kees VanGerven, Ashton Meadows (holding trophy), Landon Cairns, Avery Thompson, Tucker Henderson, coach Daniel Smith and Connor Wilkes.

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