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HopeTree consultants say commercial aspect is vital

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Construction firm representatives say the commercial aspect of development plans for HopeTree Family Services is vital to build the proposed Planning Unit Development neighborhood.

During a three-and-a-half hour joint work session Feb. 21 of Salem City Council, Salem Planning Commission and HopeTree representatives and development team, Todd Robertson, president of Stateson Homes, explained the commercial aspect would be necessary.

“We can’t sell 340 homes there without the type of community that we have suggested here and proposed if we don’t have the commercial elements to it,” Robertson said.

He added that if the PUD cannot be developed, the land might be back to traditional development of 200 or 220 homes, with driveways backing out onto Red Lane.

Under current zoning, HopeTree property could be developed into 200 houses with no additional zoning.

HopeTree plans to sell half of its almost-50 acres to Stateson Homes to develop more-

than 300 homes, condos and apartments. Robertson said the business uses necessary for his firm to do the development would probably be an eight-room boutique hotel, “corner store” and coffee shop, and what was described as a fine restaurant.

Most would be in existing, empty brick buildings on the HopeTree campus, representatives said, and would be leased to the businesses.

In answer to a question from Mayor Renee Turk, Robertson said the homes would sell for upper \$200,000 to estate homes between \$800,000-\$900,000.

Turn said after the meeting she is for development of HopeTree property if developers agree to keep the low number of businesses.

The Planned Unit Development subdivision would feature homes facing streets to be built with alleyways behind them to garages, trees and fingers of greenspace, he explained.

At a long public hearing on Feb. 13, residents of Red Lane, Mount Vernon, Broad Street and Academy Street expressed concerns the development would create a huge increase in traffic, water runoff, and construction noise, in particular.

HopeTree President and CEO Jon Morris summarized where HopeTree is now and why the facility cannot grow as a children’s home. Founded in 1890 as the Virginia Baptist Children’s Home, the complex was home to hundreds of orphans in its early days.

Under state regulations, Morris pointed out, HopeTree can now have no more than 16 children. Changing state regulations are also requiring HopeTree to replace the three eight-bedroom homes for developmentally delayed adults with smaller four bedroom homes.

The building that houses the current Hopetree Academy day school for middle and high school students who benefit from one-on-one teaching would be renovated, and would become HopeTree’s new administration building, Morris said.

“The idea is to have the older adults in as normal a home as possible. We are getting them to help design their new residences,” he added.

Morris pointed out something will be built on HopeTree property. Mayor Turk asked the question a number of speakers at the public hearing had, which was could adoption of the PUD be



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Members of Salem City Council, at right, Salem Planning Commission, with backs to camera, and HopeTree Family Services representatives and development team met for a joint work session Feb. 21 at the Salem Civic Center.

delayed until after Salem’s new Comprehensive Plan is developed over the next few months and adopted.

Zoning Administrator Mary Ellen Wines said no. The Planning Commission has 90 days to act on the HopeTree application, “which they can extend,” she said, and Salem City Council also has 90 days

after it is forwarded from the Commission.

“It could be many, many months out. The decision cannot wait,” Wines said.

The next meeting of the Salem Planning Commission is scheduled for March 13, when the commission is scheduled to consider the HopeTree request.



COURTESY PHOTO

Turpin

Turpin named Salem’s 2023 Police Officer of the Year

Salem’s 2023 Police Officer of the Year is a former state tournament wrestler who already has demonstrated in his young career that he will go to the mat to protect his family, his co-

workers, and the community he represents.

“Growing up I learned that you take care of your family, and you always look out for one another,” Jonah Turpin, Salem’s 2023

Officer of the Year said. “When you are respectful to other people and treat them right, it lets them know what type of person you

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Friends of the Salem Library will hold book sale March 1-3

Friends of the Salem Library (FOSL) will hold its 2nd annual spring book sale Friday, 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.

FOSL book sale hours:

Friday, March 1: Friends members only presale from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Public sale from 12-5 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 3: Big bag day from 1-4 p.m.

Donations made to The Friends of the Salem Library are tax deductible. Those interested in getting early access to the sale can join the FOSLs.

Reminder: The library also wants to remind kids ages 0-5 that live in the 24153-area code that they may sign up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and receive a free book in the mail once a month until they reach their 5th birthday. “Share information with friends and family members who have young children,” Benita Rae VanCleave, senior librarian, said. “If you have family living in other areas of the United States, go to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library website (<https://dollypartonimaginationlibrary>) and check on program availability in their area. Getting access to books for children beginning at birth is important to build literacy skills that lead to later success at school.”

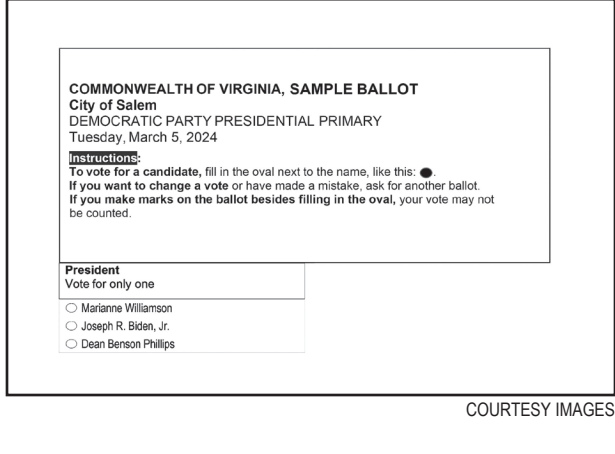
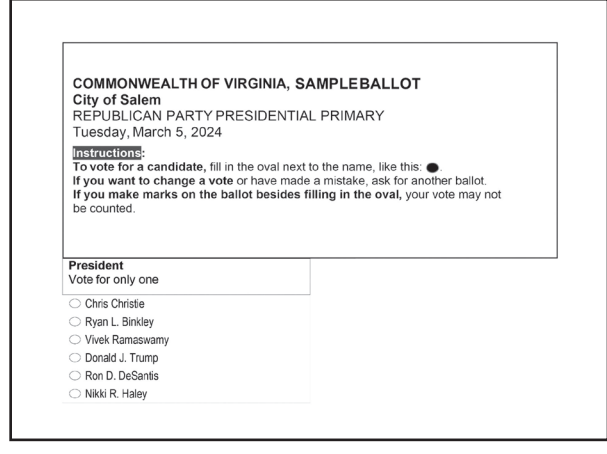
-The Salem Times-Register



PHOTO BY AILA BOYD

Shoppers are pictured during a previous book sale at the Salem Public Library.

Presidential primaries slated for March 5



COURTESY IMAGES

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Salem voters will be heading to the polls on Tuesday, March 5 to cast their ballots for selecting delegates to the national convention for the Republican and Democratic parties for the office of president of the

United States.

All precincts will vote at the Salem Civic Center from 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

On the Democratic ticket, voters will select from Marianne Williamson, Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Dean

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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

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, March 4: 7 p.m. - Mark & Karen Templeton and 8 p.m. - Seph Custer.

Mobile Office Hours: A member of Congressman Ben Cline's staff will hold casework staff mobile office hours at the Salem Public Library (Meeting Room), 28 East Main Street, Salem, VA, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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.

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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will be passed around for donations to the musicians. Cake raffles and door prizes will be offered. The event is on Monday, June 3: 7-9 p.m. - Eastern Divide.

Shane Gillis: Shane Gillis is coming to Salem this summer to headline the arena with his standup comedy on June 21. In 2021, Gillis released his debut comedy special "Shane Gillis: Live in Austin" on YouTube. It has been viewed over 14 million times. Gillis is one-half of Patreon and Apple's top 10 podcasts Matt and Shane's Secret Podcast. Tickets start at \$42.50 and go up to \$92.50. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

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

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

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

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

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.

This bell was used to signal class changes at the Carver School from 1940-1966. Carver's principals rang this bell to call students to class, students who worked hard and were eager to learn. The children and youth who attended Carver grew up to be doctors, educators, and leaders, both locally and beyond, and overcame many challenges on the road to success.

The Carver School bell is one of many pieces of local Black History visitors can discover at the Salem Museum. The Salem Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and located at 801 E. Main St.



Carver School Bell COURTESY PHOTO

FROM THE ARCHIVES

D. A. R. FORMED IN ROANOKE COUNTY 13 YEARS AGO

Mrs. W. R. Cross First Regent-Chapter Places Several Markets Throughout Section

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

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Serving as the first officers of the chapter were: Mrs. Cross, regent; Mrs. Kelly, vice-regent; Mrs. Rice, recording secretary; Mrs. Kathleen P. Repass, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hammit, registrar; Mrs. Saul, treasurer; and Miss Duncan, historian.

After thirteen years, Fort Lewis Chapter now numbers forty-two members, with the following officers: Mrs. George Kelly, regent; Mrs. Richmond Shields, vice-regent; Mrs. C. B. Price, second vice-regent; Mrs. W. Templeton Norris, recording secretary; Mrs. W. Frank Chapman, treasurer; Mrs. L. E. Dawson, historian; Mrs. W. P. Norris, chaplain and Mrs. Jessie Hammit, registrar.

Many projects have been carried out to a completion by the Fort Lewis Chapter, one of which was the placing of a marker at the site of the original Fort Lewis, west of Salem, upon which is inscribed:

Fort Lewis
Pre-Revolutionary
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-Prepared by Lisa King

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of February 13, 2024 - February 19, 2024

DATE	NAME	ARREST
02/13/2024	America S. Rice	21 False Police Report
02/13/2024	Yvonne P. Hunter	49 Possession of Controlled Substance
02/13/2024	Jon T. Debord	33 Vehicle Theft, Eluding Police
02/14/2024	Margaret S. McGuire	74 Possession of Controlled Substance
02/14/2024	Mary L. Davis	31 Assault & Battery
02/14/2024	Lubou A. Smith	32 Criminal Trespass
02/15/2024	Hunter A. Richardson	21 Public Intoxication, Obstructing Justice
02/15/2024	Amj J. Shelton	42 Contempt of Court
02/15/2024	Alice R. Poole	56 Shoplifting
02/15/2024	Anthony D. Dickson	33 Contempt of Court
02/15/2024	Hilary L. Linderman	40 Public Intoxication
02/15/2024	Anthony D. Skomskij	25 Abduction, Domestic Assault & Battery
02/15/2024	Sydney S. Turbeville	22 Threatening-Brandishing
02/16/2024	Scotty D. Monk	51 DUI
02/17/2024	Daniel W. Banks	43 Criminal Trespass
02/17/2024	Alexandra E. Boltnot	30 DUI, Hit & Run
02/18/2024	Grant H. Webster	23 Public Intoxication
02/18/2024	Matthew S. Bailowitz	21 DUI
02/18/2024	Euan J. McIntyre	22 Public Intoxication
02/19/2024	Ryan J. Hogan	20 Shoplifting

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of February 13, 2024 - February 19, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
13-FEB-2024	1100 BLK Indiana St	Damage Property
13-FEB-2024	1900 Blk Electric Rd	Vehicle theft, Eluding Police, Possession of Controlled Substance
15-FEB-2024	500 BLK Poage Ln	Abduction

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Have you ever thought, “If only I had an extra day to ...?” To travel, to read, to spend time with family. Or just to sleep. Every four years because our days aren’t exactly 24 hours long, we add an extra day in February, just to get caught up to match the seasonal rotation of the Earth around the Sun. If we didn’t, June would eventually be the winter season. Our last leap day was during the 2020 pandemic. That year was so long, an extra day just added insult to injury. How do you spend that rare day that only comes around in four years? I think we should do something that we would not normally do. Play leapfrog, clean out a closet, or eat breakfast for dinner.

My mom used to make breakfast for dinner as a special treat, but I think it was because it was cheap and easy on busy nights. I am not talking about eating a bowl of cereal over the sink, that does not count. It’s just sad. According to OnePoll, 65% of Americans love breakfast for dinner. Brunch has been around since the 1890’s. Brunches less obnoxious cousin, “Brinner” has been around almost as long. Most of us eat breakfast on the go. An elaborate breakfast is not always possible in the time between getting up and leaving the house in the morning. The idea of breakfast for dinner is to some a little wrong. It’s like eating dessert before dinner. That guilty feeling doesn’t last long. French toast and bacon are a satisfying end to the day. Few things in life are guaranteed except for death, taxes, and all-day breakfast at Denny’s. Some restaurants that serve all day breakfast include, Denny’s, Waffle House, Cracker Barrel and IHOP. If you want to make



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Contributing Writer

breakfast at home but need an easy to make casserole, I have the recipe for that. Have dinner for breakfast and breakfast for dinner. Or frog legs, it is leap year after all. Feb. 29 is a special day. It only comes along once every four years. What will you do with your special extra day?

Breakfast casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 30 oz bag frozen shredded hash browns
- 18 oz cubed ham
- 2 green onions, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 8 eggs
- 2 12 oz cans evaporated milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cups shredded cheese (whatever kind you prefer)

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Spray 9 x 13 casserole dish with non-stick cooking spray.
- Add shredded hash browns to the casserole dish.



PHOTO BY SHELLY KOON

Spread out evenly.

Top with diced ham, bell pepper, green onion and cheese.

In a bowl, whisk together eggs, evaporated milk and spices. Pour over casserole.

Bake for 45-55 minutes or until eggs are set. Remove from oven and let sit for 10 minutes before serving.

You can substitute browned and drained crumbled sausage for the ham. I have also added spinach with the bell pepper.

V DOT ROADWATCH

Interstate 81

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

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

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

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

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

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message

boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening. The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 NB & SB BRIDGE REHAB OVER ROUTE 100 AT EXIT 98 - Beginning late March 2024, work will begin on I-81 rehabbing the northbound and southbound bridges over Route 100 at Exit 98. Lane and shoulder may be in place on Route 100 north and on I-81 northbound and southbound, 8 p.m. – 6 a.m. Flagging operations may also be in place on Route 100 north for up to eight-minute slow rolls. Both northbound and southbound on and off ramps at exit 98 for I-81 traffic will remain fully operational for the duration of this project. Estimated completion date is summer 2024.

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Police

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are.”

Turpin’s fellow officers had no trouble figuring out what he was made of right away, as they voted the rookie officer the department’s top cop for saving lives in Salem in a variety of ways during the past calendar year.

“It is gratifying to see a young man understand what service to others actually means,” said Salem Police Chief Mike Crawley. “In a society that has developed a ‘look at me’ mentality, Jonah is what I would call a throwback, an old soul who treats everyone with dignity and respect regardless of the circumstances. I know his family and upbringing have played huge roles in the person he has become, and his future is incredibly bright.”

Turpin grew up in the small community of Piney in rural Wythe County. His grandfather was a police officer at Virginia Tech and his father is still working in law enforcement in Bland County. He learned a great deal from both men, but also from observing others.

“If you really wanted to, you could probably see everyone in the Fort Chiswell community in one day by just hanging out at the Food Country grocery store,” he said jokingly.

Turpin’s high school graduating class consisted of just over 100 students, but they were still susceptible to the trappings of society in the rural community.

“We were basically a truck stop town, so, I saw a lot of drug activity growing up,” he said. “I knew a lot of people whose lives were influenced by drugs and overdoses, so I have seen that type of behavior adversely affect people I care about.”

Turpin quickly realized that he would have a hard time saving lives and helping others if he became a game warden as he had originally planned. So, after graduating from high school he enrolled at Wytheville Community College and earned his degree in police science with the help of his mentor Jim Harrington.

“I was in class studying at the same time the George Floyd incident and aftermath were happening,” he said. “It was incredibly important for me to live that in real time and have the opportunity to discuss it in class and evaluate the actions of law enforcement and the merits of reform.”

The Floyd situation only made Turpin want to be officer even more. He applied to work in Salem and was hired in May of 2022.

“I wanted to get really good training and I knew Salem was the place for that,” he said. “I still consider myself to be in the learning process, but you learn quickly working nightshift.”

Turpin was on W. 4th Street running radar shortly after midnight

on December 23, 2023, when a 911 call came in regarding a male suspect who was lying in the roadway.

“I was the first one on the scene and found the man lying on his back and he was barely conscious and hardly breathing,” Turpin said. “I rubbed his sternum hoping to rouse him, but nothing happened, and he wasn’t budging.”

Turpin tried to engage the man in conversation, but instead heard a groaning sound and quickly determined the individual did not have a pulse.

“I just relied on my training and started doing CPR,” he said. “I got about two reps through and gave the man a couple of rescue breaths when I heard him come around and start breathing again. He regained his pulse, and the medics took over from there.”

Ironically, Turpin’s twin brother, Jacob, is a member of Salem Fire and EMS team, but the two never discussed the event until his life saving efforts came up at a family gathering.

“My dad and my brother and my sister, who is a nurse, have seen it all, so they weren’t nearly as impressed as my mom,” he said. “She was ecstatic that I had just saved someone’s life and won this award.”

While not as dramatic as a CPR resuscitation, Turpin lifesaving efforts to get DUI drivers off Salem’s roads and out of our neighborhoods are even more impressive.

“Getting drunk drivers off the road is a passion of mine,” he said “There is nothing personal against the folks, but in Salem it is zero tolerance. I have actually had drunk drivers look at me after being arrested and thank me for pulling them over before they hurt themselves or others.”

Turpin was honored at the end of last year in Richmond when he received the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) award for the most DUI arrests in the department for 2023.

“While still in the beginning stages of his career, Officer Turpin comes to work eager to learn and serve the community,” said Salem Police Deputy Chief, Derek Weeks. “We are very proud of Officer Turpin and his dedication to service.”

Turpin and his wife, who is also his high school sweetheart, live in Roanoke County. As Officer of the Year, he will be formally honored by the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce on March 15.

“My platoon mates and my supervisors have really shaped me, and they deserve as much credit as I do for this honor,” Turpin said. “We trust each other and at the end of the day we know we are going to do the right thing.”

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Primaries

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Benson Phillips.

On the Republican ticket, voters will select from Chris Christie, Ryan L. Binkley, Vivek Ramaswamy, Donald J. Trump, Ron D. DeSantis and Nikki R. Haley.

Early, no-excuse voting at the Salem Registrar’s Office took place Jan. 19-March 2. As of Tuesday, Feb. 27, Dana Oliver, the director of elections, said that roughly 155 in-person ballots had been cast. As of that same day, 325 mail ballots had been received.

“All primaries are slow,” she said. She added that she isn’t expecting a large turnout on Tuesday, but that “we never know.” Early, no-excuse voting for the general election at the Salem Registrar’s Office will take place from Sept. 20-Nov. 2.

Oct. 14 will be the last day to update one’s registration or to register

to vote in the November election.

Oct. 25 will be the last day to request an absentee ballot application to vote by mail for the general election.

The Salem Registrar’s Office will open on Saturday, Oct. 26 for in-person voting from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 2, the office will again

open for in-person voting from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The deadline to vote early for the general election will be 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The general election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 6 a.m.-7 p.m., with all precincts once again voting at the Salem Civic Center.

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OPINION

We had a very productive district work period back in the Valley last week. I enjoyed listening to constituents discuss issues important to them and meeting with critical stakeholders that generate economic growth in our community. As the border crisis continues to ravage American communities, I look forward to joining my colleagues as an impeachment manager and holding Secretary Mayorkas accountable. In addition, House Speaker Johnson appointed me to join a bipartisan task force to tackle one of the most critical issues in the rapidly evolving world of technology. Unfortunately, the Biden administration continues its tirade against American energy and auto production. As we begin another week of session, advancing the interest of folks in our part of Virginia remains my top priority.

Holding Secretary Mayorkas Accountable

Secretary Mayorkas has willfully neglected the rule of law and as a result, Americans have lost complete trust in his ability to do his job. Communities all across the country have been forced to deal with the consequences of his dereliction of duty. According to a recent report, there will be a \$451 billion a year price tag for hard-working American taxpayers to house and care for illegal migrants.

This is completely unacceptable and is one of several reasons why the House of Representatives acted on the will of the people and voted to impeach Secretary Mayorkas. When the Senate gavels in after their state work period, I am proud to have been selected as an impeachment manager to lay out the case against Secretary Mayorkas as I believe this is a necessary step in the right direction to fixing the border crisis.

Maintaining America's Lead in Tech Innovation



Ben Cline
Congressman

Artificial Intelligence is a key driver of future economic growth and a tool that we must handle with intentional stewardship. As global competitors, especially those with adversarial intentions, push the boundaries of AI, we must innovate and thoughtfully navigate the ramifications for our national security, citizen privacy, and the backbone of our economy.

This week, I was appointed by Speaker Johnson to serve on the newly created bipartisan House Task Force on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The goal of the Task Force is to explore how Congress can ensure America continues to lead the world in AI innovation while considering guardrails that may be appropriate to safeguard the nation against current and emerging threats.

Working alongside my colleagues, I am committed to diving into the nuanced aspects of AI and striving for policies that govern its use in a way that ensures it is a force for good—for our people and our country.

Attack On American Auto Manufacturers

Last week, it was reported that the Biden administration continued their attempt to push America further onto the global elites' climate agenda by doubling down on the switch to electric vehicles. Forcing expensive and unreliable electric vehicles on

Americans is unacceptable. The federal government should not control what vehicle someone chooses to drive for themselves or their family. These "Green New Deal" policies are harmful to everyday Americans.

That is why House Republicans passed H.R. 4468, the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act, which ends President Biden's agenda to force Americans to drive electric vehicles. Instead of forcing Americans to spend more money on vehicles they don't want, we should focus on making sure every American's means of transportation is affordable and reliable. Rest assured, I will continue to fight against these harmful regulations that place a burden on hard-working Virginians.

2024 Spring/Summer Internship Application Is Now Open

I am happy to announce that I am accepting applications for Spring/Summer internship opportunities in my Washington, D.C. office. This position offers a unique perspective of the day-to-day operations of the United States Congress.

Interns will work with the Congressman's staff in the preparation of policy briefs and gain extensive knowledge of the federal legislative process. Additionally, interns will engage with and provide various services to constituents. The internship will run from July through early to mid-August.

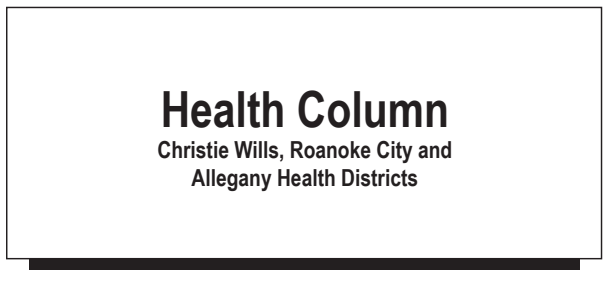
The deadline for application submissions is March 15, 2024.

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.

Stopping the comeback of measles

Earlier this year, you may have seen media coverage about potential measles exposures at northern Virginia airports. Unfortunately, these notices may become more common as we face the realities of decreased vaccine coverage across the world. Vaccine rates significantly decreased during the pandemic, including rates for measles vaccinations. This decrease in vaccine rates was associated with an astonishing 40% increase in global measles deaths in 2022 (CDC). Thankfully, we have not seen a measles case in our districts in years, and we hope that by working together we can keep it that way.

Measles is caused by a highly contagious virus that



is spread through breathing, coughing, and sneezing. Measles is so contagious that if one person has it, up to 90% of the people close to that person who are not immune will also become infected. Symptoms include a fever, a runny nose, and an itchy rash of red-brown spots. About 20% of people with measles become sick enough to need to be hospitalized. And even with the best medical care, some people may still die of measles complications such as pneumonia or brain swelling. The most at-risk groups include babies, young children, pregnant women, and those with a weakened immune system.

The good news is that measles is easily preventable. The measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine is a safe and effective way to protect your family. Global measles vaccination programs have saved over 50 million lives in the past 20 years (CDC). Two doses of the MMR vaccine provide lifetime protection. Most people typically receive their first dose around age one and

their second dose before starting kindergarten (between ages 4-6). We recommend that all adults born since 1957 who have not been vaccinated or have not had measles get vaccinated. If you are not sure whether you have been vaccinated, it is safe to get another measles vaccine.

While it is concerning that we continue to have outbreaks of measles in the United States, we have the tools to do something about it. Most of these outbreaks have occurred when someone traveling from a higher risk country brings the measles virus into communities that have pockets of people who are not vaccinated. We know that if we have effective routine immunization programs, we can prevent these outbreaks. It is far less dangerous and much easier to ensure that our children are protected by being up-to-date on their vaccines than to try to catch up once they have been exposed to a disease. Optimizing our vaccination rates is also the safest way to protect infants younger than 12 months old who are too young to be vaccinated, and our immunocompromised loved ones.

Vaccines are one of public health's great success stories. Make sure that you and your loved ones are vaccinated to protect from serious diseases that are easily spread. Fortunately, it is easier than ever to get vaccinated: at your doctor's office, your local pharmacy, or your local health department. Call us for an appointment to protect yourself against measles and many other preventable diseases.

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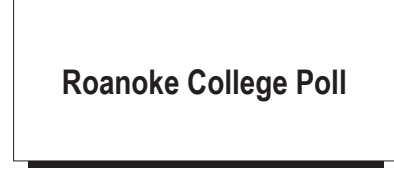
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Consumer sentiment, inflation expectations report: Consumer sentiment jumps into 2024

Consumer sentiment jumped more than seven points in the first quarter of 2024 to 73.2, reversing the skid over the second half of 2023. National sentiment is even more robust, increasing 18 points since November 2023 to 79.6 in February. Consumers, both in Virginia and the nation, seem assured of the underlying strength of the economy and that inflation will continue to moderate.



A quarter of respondents – up almost three percentage points from last quarter – report that their household finances are better today than a year ago, while 40%

believe that now is a good time to buy large, durable goods like a refrigerator. The Virginia Index of Current Conditions (ICC) is 65.0 in the first reading of 2024, up from 60.7 in the fourth quarter of 2023, but is well below the national preliminary reading of 81.5 and the highs prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. A plethora

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22. Bowler hats	47. Filled with fear or apprehension	7. SW Scottish river & port	40. Afrikaans
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OBITUARIES

Goodwin, Kathleen Callahan

Kathleen Callahan Goodwin, a beloved sister, mother, teacher, and friend, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2024, at the age of 81. Born on March 1, 1942, in Schenectady, New York, Kathleen was the daughter of Paul and Jane Callahan. Kathy, as she was fondly known, led a life dedicated to service, faith, and love. Her strength and unwavering devotion touched the lives of all who knew her. She was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she found comfort and community.

For over three decades, Kathy embraced the principles of recovery and was a cherished friend of Bill W., finding support and camaraderie within the rooms of the fellowship as well as on Zoom. Her kindness and empathy endeared her to many, and her presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege



of knowing her. Kathy made a significant impact as an educator, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of her students over the years. She taught chemistry at Salem High School, as well as science courses at the Jefferson College of Health Sciences and Hollins University.

Kathy is survived by three daughters, Anna Goodwin, Kelly Goodwin, Paula Goodwin Fenton; her beloved granddaughter, Emmylou; and her cherished pets, Lovey and Maggie Mae. She is also survived by

her sister, Mary Jane Callahan, to whom she was a life-long friend and inspiration. Though Kathy may no longer be with us in body, her spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were touched by her compassion and grace. May she rest in peace, knowing that she was deeply loved and will be forever remembered.

A memorial service and reception to celebrate Kathy's life will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on March 11, 2024, at 2pm. The memorial service will also be live-streamed from the church's Youtube page. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salem Animal Shelter, Roanoke Valley SPCA, or your local animal rescue organization.

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

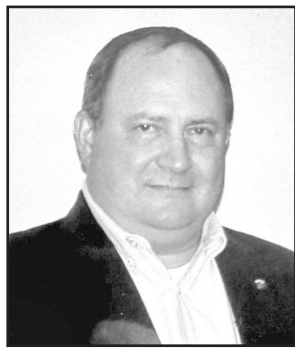
Coffey, David Randolph

David Randolph Coffey, 74, of Roanoke County, passed away on February 22, 2024.

David was born on February 24, 1949 to Emmett and Rhoda Ann Coffey in Roanoke. After David graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1967, he joined the United States Navy and served as a fire control technician during the Vietnam War.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he served with the Salem, VA police department for thirty-two years before retiring in 2004. David was passionate about forensic science and loved his work.

In 1970, he met Sharon Conner at Lendy's in Salem. David and Sharon married on September 17, 1971 and went on to have two children, Leslie and Aaron.



David was known for his quick wit and humorous nature. He adored his family and his beautiful mini dachshund. He also enjoyed appreciating the beauty of nature, photography, amateur archaeology, and spoiling grandchildren whenever they came to visit.

David was predeceased by his parents, Emmett and Rhoda Ann Coffey, and his brother William (Bill) Coffey. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, his two children and their

spouses, Leslie (Coffey) and Chad White and Aaron and Katie Coffey, his sisters, Martha Jean (Mark) Petri and Emily Pendleton (Greg Reynolds), and six grandchildren, Hannah, Chloe, Micah, Cooper, Crawford, and Grace, along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

David and family want to extend special thanks to Liz, Travis, and the whole team at Fresenius Home Therapy Crystal Springs.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Folds of Honor (<https://foldsofhonor.org>).

Visitation will be held at Lotz Funeral Home Salem, VA on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 4-6pm.

Online condolences may be offered at www.lotzfuneralhomesalem.com.

Lee, Elaine Tyler

On February 21, 2024, Elaine Tyler Lee departed the confines of her earthly body to reside among the angels and Christ our Lord.

She was born on December 29, 1936, to Fleda McDaniel Tyler and James Harvey Tyler. During her youth, she grew up in the Portsmouth, Va. area while her father worked in Newport News. She would often recall the "blackouts" that occurred during World War II. After the war, she and her parents moved back to Salem, Va. where she remained a lifelong resident and community member. Elaine attended and graduated from the School of Nursing at Roanoke Memorial Hospital (RMH) in 1957. She worked at RMH in the operating room for her entire career until her retirement in 1999. As such, her legacy lives on through the many nurses and residents she mentored over the years. Elaine truly enjoyed her second family in the operating room and had many lifelong friendships with her fellow co-workers.

While having a career, she also had her own family. She had two sons, Mark Allen Lee and David Tyler Lee. She devoted her life to caring for her sons and was a



strong and independent role model. She also assured that both her sons graduated from college and took great pride in their accomplishments. As her sons married and had families of their own, Elaine found great joy in her extended family. Mark married Rhonda Haga Lee and they had two sons, Johnathan James Lee and Scott Tyler Lee. Johnathan (Jessie) has two sons, Dylan Scott Lee and Nathan Cristopher Lee. Ty married Gail Hottel Lee and had two daughters, Olivia Lee Wolfe (Jonathon) and Angela Danielle Lee (Austin).

Elaine was a lifelong member of Fort Lewis Baptist Church and is believed to be the longest living member. While worshipping there, she also served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, and was in the choir. She enjoyed reading the Bible, teaching, and serving in her church. Her faith

was a very important part of her earthly life. Elaine, who was an only child, cared for both of her aged parents. When caring for her mother she had to use her nursing skills, but dutifully and lovingly cared for both of her parents as they also transitioned from Earth to Heaven. Elaine was a very devoted daughter, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother. She was also a compassionate nurse and a loyal friend as well as a believer Jesus Christ our Lord and Father. May she rest in eternal peace.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to Fort Lewis Baptist Church at 4215 W. Main Street, Salem, Va. 24153; Or, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Charlotte Chapter, 4600 Park Road, Suite 100, Charlotte, N.C. 28209. Services will be held Monday, February 26, 2024, at John M. Oakey and Son Chapel, 305 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem Va. The visitation will be from 1 o'clock to 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A funeral will follow directly after the visitation at 2 o'clock. Interment will follow at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park, 5070 Cove Road, Roanoke, Va. Online condolences may be expressed to the Lee family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

Jonas, Sr., Donald 'Duck' Curtis

Donald "Duck" Curtis Jonas, Sr., 89, of Salem, Va., went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 19, 2024.

Don was born in Cripple Creek, Va. He married the love of his life and best friend, Dot, in 1956, and moved to Salem where they raised their family. He was a dedicated and trusted diesel truck mechanic for 47 years. He prided himself in his career and his family. He loved to tell stories about working all night, driving across the country, and customers asking for him specifically when they needed their truck worked on. He was a selfless man who would do anything for anyone and worked

tirelessly to provide for his family. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed fishing, camping, working in his garden, being outdoors, singing to all the kids, and attending church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emma W. Jonas and Hugh C. Jonas; wife of 58 years, Dorothy L. Jonas; brother, Gerald E. Jonas, Sr.; sisters, Blanch J. Dillman and Jacqueline J. Stuart; daughter, Donna L. Hodges; and grandsons, Randy C. Glass and Lacy D. Hodges.

He is survived by his sister, Glenda J. Lowe; children, Diana L. Cornette and husband, Jack, Virginia C. Glass and

husband, Johnny, Hugh Troy Jonas and special friend, Misti, and Donald C. Jonas, Jr. and wife, Mitzi; 6 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 1 very special great-great-grandchild, Aleeah, who was his best buddy; and his beloved dogs, Izzy and Kilo.

A period of visitation was held from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon on Thursday, February 22, 2024, in the John M. Oakey & Son Chapel in Salem. A service celebrating Donald's life began right after at 12 Noon with Pastor Clay Dalton officiating.

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southbound on and off ramps at exit 98 for I-81 traffic will remain fully operational for the duration of this project. Estimated completion date is summer 2024.

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

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

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

SLOW ROLLS: A slow roll operation will be in place on Monday, January 22 and Tuesday, January 23 on I-81 northbound from mile marker 104 and 106 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

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

possible delays.

Roanoke County

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

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 311 – A new pedestrian bridge is under construction over Route 311 at McAfee Knob trailhead. The trailhead parking lot is currently closed and will remain closed during construction. Flagging operations will be in place daily with occasional slow rolls during nighttime hours are possible to stop traffic for up to 15 minutes at a time for setting bridge beams.

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

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

ROUNDABOUT: The roundabout

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

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

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

Craig County

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is February 2024.

Montgomery County

WATERLINE PROJECT TO IMPACT TRAFFIC - Intermittent lane closures are in place on Route 658 (Meadow Creek Road), Route 693 (Childress Road) between Meadow Creek Road and Route 8 (Riner Road) between Meadow Creek Road and Route 1097 (Turnberry Lane) for a water line infrastructure project. Expected completion in late 2024.

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Virginia Western Nursing Program achieves 100% pass rate on NCLEX

New test format emphasizes clinical judgment

ROANOKE — Virginia Western Community College announced last week that its Nursing Program has achieved a 100% pass rate of graduates sitting for the NCLEX-RN exam in 2023 on the first attempt.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), a not-for-profit organization, has developed and recently updated the NCLEX to assess nursing school graduates in the U.S. and Canada. Graduates must pass the National Council Licensure Examination to become registered nurses.

Forty Virginia Western graduates, all of whom received an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing in May 2023, sat for the NCLEX-RN exam last year between April 1 and Dec. 31. All passed on the first attempt, which is the first time in at least 10 years this has occurred.

The national average of graduates from associate degree programs passing the NCLEX-RN on first attempt was 87.75% in 2023.

“The point of the NCLEX is patient safety,” said Lauren Hayward, Virginia Western’s administrative officer for nursing. “It’s to prevent people from entering practice who can’t demonstrate clinical thinking or clinical judgment.”

The 2023 cohort was the first to take the Next Generation NCLEX (NGN). Through research and review dating back to 2009, the NCSBN identified a critical need for clinical judgment in entry-level nursing. The NCSBN found that newly licensed nurses have been required to make progressively more complex decisions about patients, an increasing amount of whom are acutely ill.

The NGN format “has a different scoring plan,” Hayward said. “It still has the same NCLEX-style questions. But it also has a huge focus on case study testing scenarios.” The NGN test aims to measure clinical judgment, and questions are geared toward application of knowledge rather than simply memorization.

“NCSBN truly did a top-notch job getting us trained for those changes. They resourced us for almost a

decade, and they continue to update resources annually,” Hayward said.

Interim Nursing Program Head Kathy Smith, an associate professor at Virginia Western, noted that long before the 2023 graduates sat for the NCLEX, they were accustomed to the new format. “We started experimenting with making changes to the structure and format of our tests, what it looked like, to make it look more like NGN style,” Smith said. “So when the students went to NCLEX, it was like, ‘Okay, I know this. I’ve seen this format before.’”

In 2022, Virginia Western’s pass rate was 96.83% on the first attempt. Previous to that, however, pass rates slumped during the intense challenges of COVID, slipping below the bar of 80% passing on their first attempt in 2020 and 2021. Success in 2022 came after tireless efforts of faculty to perform curriculum review, scrutinize what concepts students struggled with in testing, and implement a coaching program to prepare each cohort for the NCLEX.

Even with the 100% success, Virginia Western’s nursing faculty are constantly looking for more ways to support student learning. “We analyze every test after we give it for how our students scored on it, and that gives that gives us feedback every year,” Smith said. Two nursing faculty members review every test. “So every faculty here is embedded in in the curriculum and the testing and the analysis of the testing.”

Hayward noted that clinical practice is constantly in change, and that the level of a nurse’s responsibility has increased every year.

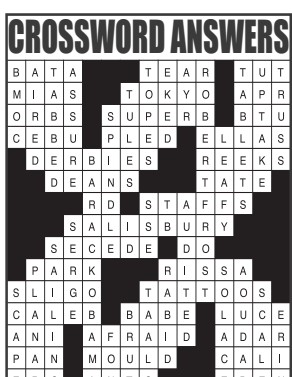
“We have so much respect for the students, people who are stepping up in this economy and in this profession at this time, and saying, ‘I want to do this.’ We’re behind them,” said Hayward. “We do all that we can from our side to help them focus on what’s important. It’s really inspiring. It’s tremendous what the faculty do to help the students succeed.”

-The Salem Times-Register



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Virginia Western’s 2023 Associate of Applied Science in Nursing graduates all passed the NCLEX-RN exam on the first attempt—a first in at least the last 10 years.



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of positive economic news supports their optimism and likely is a primary driver of it. Labor markets remain strong; wage growth continues to outpace inflation, giving workers more purchasing power; and the overall economy, as measured by GDP, grew faster in the final quarter of 2023 than anticipated (3.3%).

Thirty-six percent of Virginians believe their household finances will improve over the coming year compared to 20% who anticipate growing challenges. Forty-eight percent think the coming few years will include periods of high unemployment and economic recession, down dramatically from 59% last quarter. The Virginia Index of Consumer Expectations (ICE) was 78.5 in the first quarter of 2024, up nine points from the last quarter. Comparatively, the preliminary national ICE was 78.4 in February, up more than 21 points since November 2023. The rapidly improving optimism about the near-term future indicates that consumers are becoming more confident that inflation moderation will be sustained and that we are past the transitory elevated levels.

Virginians anticipate that prices will rise by 2.5% over the coming year and 3.7% over the longer term; the short-term price expectation is down from 2.7% last quarter, while the long-term expectation is up slightly from 3.6%. The lack of substantial movement in these expectations indicates that Virginians are growing more confident in inflation moderation and price stability, which typically reduces worry and facilitates budgetary

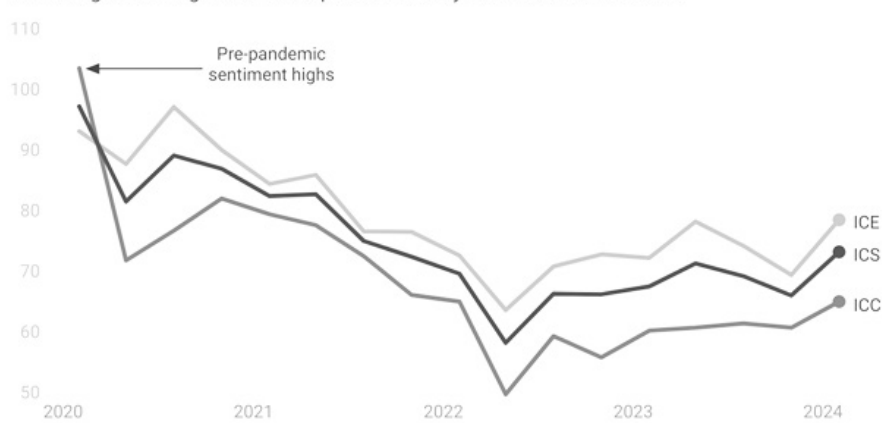
planning. Nationally, the year-ahead inflation expectation is 3.0%, keeping it in the 2.3-3.0% band sustained over the two years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Analysis
 "In a remarkable turnaround, consumers seem increasingly confident that the inflation moderation of the past few years and the relative stability of the last few months will persist and that we are past the transitory inflation," said Dr. Alice Louise Kassens, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics and Senior Analyst at the Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research. "Price stability facilitates negotiations and budgetary planning, which promotes productivity and economic growth. Virginians' short- and long-term price expectations are now consistently where they were coming out of the pandemic. Although things are still more expensive than a year ago, Virginians have tempered their frustrations, reflected in our analysis at the end of 2023, and are ready to move on with the economy of today. Things are more expensive than a year ago, but wage growth is consistently outpacing inflation, giving consumers more buying power, and labor markets continue to be strong. Consumers are resilient, bolstering our economy, and are moving past their frustrations with inflation – at least for now."

Methodology
 Interviewing for the Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, between Feb. 11 and Feb. 19, 2024.

Consumer sentiment jumps into 2024

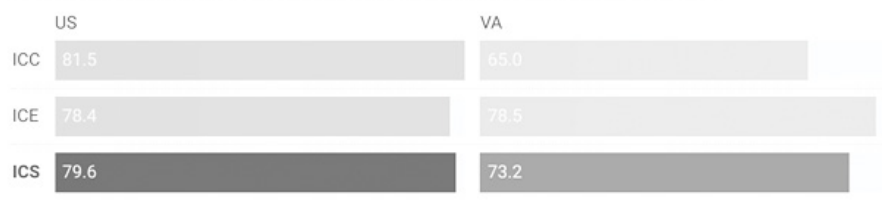
Reflecting the stronger-than-anticipated economy and resilient consumers



ICE=Index of Consumer Expectations, ICS=Index of Consumer Sentiment, ICC=Index of Current Conditions. Chart: Alice Louise Kassens, PhD • Source: Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research • Created with Datawrapper

Consumer sentiment in Virginia lags the US

National consumer sentiment was flat in February after two months of growth



ICC=Index of Current Conditions, ICE=Index of Consumer Expectations, ICS=Index of Consumer Sentiment, all values are for February 2024, national numbers from the University of Michigan. Chart: Alice Louise Kassens, PhD • Source: Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research • Created with Datawrapper

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A total of 703 completed interviews came from random telephone calls to 425 Virginians, and 278 responses were drawn from a proprietary online panel of Virginians. Interviews were conducted in English. Cellphones constituted 69% of the completed phone interviews.

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NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00pm in the City of Radford Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: Jones Builder, LLC seeking approval of a rezoning for .43 acres 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141 Portion of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-8 and all of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-9,10,11 & 12. The request is to rezone from (B-1) Limited Business to R-3, Single-Family Residential District (R-3) to allow the property owner to redevelop existing building into duplex and (1) Single Family Resident. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor. Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Additional information on this request may be obtained in the Community Development Department, 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141, 540.267.3188 or by email at Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing to receive comments regarding a request from the Jones Builder, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to develop an existing building into a duplex, 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141, Tax Map #s 12-(2)-SEC 2-10, 11 & 12. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views on the proposed Special Use Permit. Written comments may be sent to 10 Robertson Street, Radford 24141; please allow adequate mailing time: Melissa Skelton, Community Development Director.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC VEHICLES, TAXICABS, AND FOR HIRE CARS FOR WHICH CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY SHALL BE ISSUED DURING THE NEXT YEAR AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING TO WHICH PERSON OR PERSONS SUCH CERTIFICATES SHALL BE ISSUED. IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 98-94 of The Code of the City of Salem, Virginia, the Council of the City of Salem hereby gives notice that at the regular meeting of said Council to be held on March 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, a public hearing will be held for the purpose of determining the number of public vehicles, taxicabs, and for hire cars for which certificates of public convenience and necessity shall be issued during the next year and for the purpose of determining to which person or persons such certificates shall be issued. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such certificates should or should not be granted.

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to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem City Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of E3MAG LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 744 Electric Road (Tax Map # 155 - 2 - 2.2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.
2. Consider the request of Pinkesh R. Patel and Sonal P. Patel, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 1200 block Thompson Memorial Drive (Tax Map # 20 - 2 - 4) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District.

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

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

relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY: Christopher J. Dorsey
Executive Secretary

Legal notice: Adoption February 29, 2024

NORTH CAROLINA DAVIDSON COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS 24 SP 58

For the Adoption of: EMALEIGH ANN JONES, A minor child, Vs. JOHN DOE, Respondent.

TO: John Doe (unknown father of the adoptee) Take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed by JEREMY NATHAN JONES on the 7th day of February 2024, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Davidson County, Lexington, NC, in the above entitled special proceeding. The Petition relates to a female child born on 29th day of October, 2013 at LewisGale Medical Center, Salem, Virginia. The birth mother's name is Shana Marie Goodwin and the minor child was conceived in Roanoke County, Virginia on or around February 3, 2013.

TAKE NOTICE that you are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the date of first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for relief sought in the Petition. Any parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the Decree of Adoption. This the 29 day of February, 2024.

Legals - City of Salem

Selena D. Lackey
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25 W. Guilford St., Ste. 1
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27360
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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. JJ002260-06-00 CRAIG COMBINED COURT-JUVENILE Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* MANNING, EMILEE ROSE
The object of this suit is to: terminate the residual parental rights of the parents, including the right of visitation, right to consent to adoption, the responsibility of support and all other rights and responsibilities remaining with the natural parents of the aforesaid child and to obtain the right to place said child for adoption.

And, based on an affidavit filed herein, the court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

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Lynchburg sweeps ODAC track meets at Roanoke College

The University of Lynchburg extended its streak of dual championships to three straight last Saturday and Sunday in Salem as the Hornets lifted both ODAC Indoor Track & Field Championship trophies following two days of competition in Roanoke College's Kerr-Cregger Field House.

Lynchburg's women's team left no doubt about the identity of this season's champion. The Hornets 197.00 points atop the team standings were 102.00 markers clear of second place Roanoke. Washington and Lee University rounded out the top-three with 91.00 points.

In the men's ranks, nationally ninth-ranked Lynchburg also won by a wide margin, out-pacing second place WLU, 149.00-to-103.00. Bridgewater College earned the bronze medal with 82.00 tallies.

On Saturday Roanoke's Kaitlyn Nguyen, Rebecca Carr and Grace Fowler all earned All-ODAC accolades. Nguyen placed second in the high jump with a mark of 1.65m and Carr finished third with a personal-record leap of 1.62m as both Maroons claimed All-ODAC honors.

Fowler produced an all-conference performance in the weight throw, logging a personal record of

16.15m to claim third place.

The distance medley relay team of Allie Gallaher, Maryrose Molina-Shuman, Evie MaGee and Vendela Svaerd finished sixth with a time of 13:39.

On Sunday Haylee Gamble won the 200m and garnered all-conference honors in three total events for the Maroons. Gamble clocked a time of 25.92 seconds to place first in the 200m. Two other Maroons scored in the race, as Lindsey Hobin finished fifth (26.59 seconds), and Eleanor Hinckley placed sixth (26.79).

Gamble also finished as the runner-up in the 400m with a time of 1:00.14, securing another all-conference citation. Mikayla Hefferon came in fifth at 1:00.79, and Hobin landed in seventh with a mark of 1:00.93.

The Maroons' 4x400 relay team of Gamble, Hobin, Ophelia Ladner and Maryrose Molina-Shuman notched a second-place finish in 4:05.03, landing All-ODAC honors.

Carr grabbed an all-conference award with a runner-up showing in the 60m hurdles, producing a time of 9.01 seconds. Three other Roanoke athletes scored in the event: Olivia Viers finished fourth (9.13 seconds), with Cammi Winston in sixth (9.41) and Glenvar graduate Brooklyn Woolwine in seventh (9.77).

Grace Fowler rounded out Roanoke's All-ODAC honorees, finishing second in the shot put with a distance of 12.33m.

The Roanoke men finished sixth overall with a total of 47 points.

On Saturday Brady Fowler snapped his own program mark in the 60m dash, while Jim Sarsfield grabbed an all-conference spot in the weight throw. Fowler eclipsed his own school record with a run of 6.82 seconds in the preliminary rounds of the 60m, finishing second overall to advance to Sunday's final. Sarsfield secured All-ODAC honors in the weight throw, coming in third with a distance of 14.79m.

Jared McIntyre scored for the Maroons in the high jump, finishing in sixth place with a mark of 1.84m. The distance medley relay team of Sean Toliver, Max Cardwell, Xavier Chlebowski and Ian Fellows also came in sixth.

On Sunday Fowler ran an ODAC championship meet-record time of 22.01 seconds to capture first place in the 200m, nearly matching the school record of 22.00 seconds that he set at the Joe LaRocco Invitational earlier this month. That time still ranks 18th in Division III this season.

Fowler claimed an additional All-ODAC honor by finishing second in the 60m with a time of 6.85 seconds. He broke his own school record on Saturday with a mark of 6.82 in the prelims, which is tied for 14th in the country. Joseph Eldridge also scored for the Maroons in the 60, placing sixth in 7.07 seconds.

Daniel Graham logged a fourth-place finish in the 60m hurdles, clocking in at 8.80 seconds. In the pole vault, Dominic McCombs came in fifth with a mark of 4.17m. That ranks as the second-best jump in program history. Lorenzo Camobreco placed fifth in the 400m, completing the race in 51.30 seconds.

This weekend the Maroons will compete at the South Region Final Qualifier at Shenandoah University.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Above, Kaitlyn Nguyen of Roanoke College is up and over the bar on her way to a second place finish in the ODAC high jump competition. Below, RC's Matt Garis(#277) is in the middle of the pack in the 5,000 meter run.



RC softball sweeps opening doubleheader

The Roanoke College softball team opened the 2024 season by sweeping Pitt-Bradford in a doubleheader last Sunday. Roanoke won 7-5 and 8-0 at the Botetourt Sports Complex.

In the opener Lindsay Gedro went six and two thirds innings for the win, fanning six and walking none. Maggie McCray got the last out on a strikeout to pick

up the save. Morgan Clark and Molly Epperson had two hits each to lead the Maroons and Epperson drove in three runs.

In the nightcap Baylee Compton pitched a five inning one-hit shutout to pick up the win for RC. Leadoff hitter Heather McQueeney was three-for-three with a home run, three runs scored and three driven in. Adriana

Rivera had two hits and two RBIs.

This weekend the Maroons will travel to Columbus, GA for six games. Roanoke will play two games Friday, two Saturday and two more on Sunday. Then they're off until Monday, March 11, when they host Maryville for a doubleheader at the Botetourt Sports Complex.

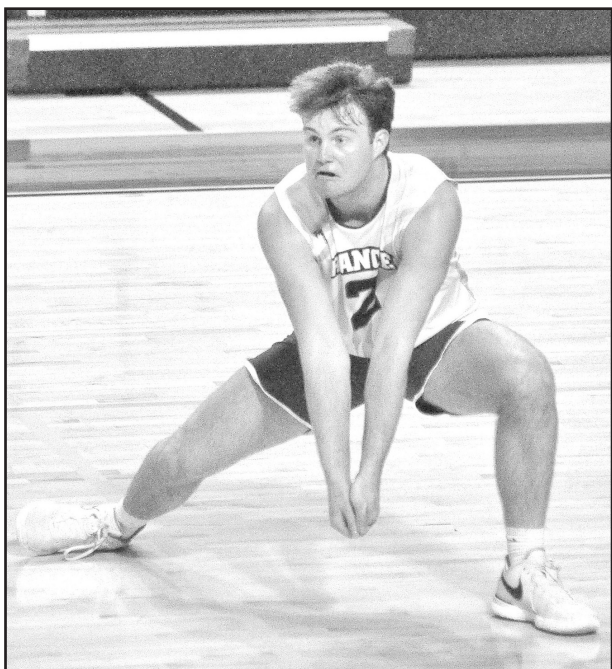


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C.J. Kingston digs one out for Roanoke College.

RC volley is 9-7

The Roanoke College men's volleyball team is 9-7 after splitting two matches in Winston-Salem, NC last Saturday. Roanoke lost to Reinhardt in three sets but bounced back to down Carolina in four.

Michael Cummins had five kills against Reinhardt, while Dominic Wheaton, Jackson Rutkowski and Xzaiver Dixson each recorded four. Gabe Fabbro had 15 assists and Davin Stevenson tallied eight assists and five digs.

Wheaton was a force at the net against Carolina with 10 kills (.350 hitting percentage) and nine blocks. Rutkowski, CJ Kingston and Cummins each had seven kills and Cummins also had four blocks. Stevenson had 29 assists and 10 digs while Kaeden Noble had 15 digs.

The Maroons were scheduled to host Eastern Mennonite University Wednesday in a Continental Volleyball Conference match. Then they're off until Wednesday, March 6, when they host Southern Virginia in a 7 pm match at the Cregger Center in Salem.

HS state track at LU

The Virginia High School League state track meets are being held at Liberty University in Lynchburg this week with Salem and Glenvar High School athletes participating.

The Class 4 meet, with Salem athletes, was scheduled for Monday and Tuesday but results were too late for publication. The Class 2 meet, with Glenvar, is Wednesday and Thursday. Look for results in next week's Salem Times-Register sports section.

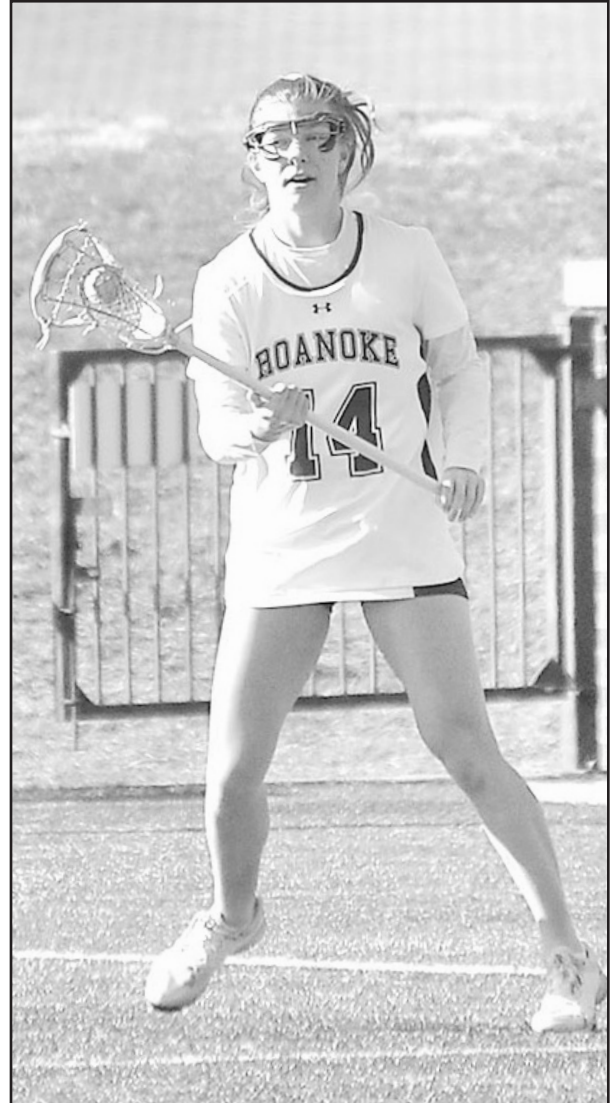


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Libby Bowman handles the ball for the RC women.

RC lax women fall to CNU

The 15th ranked Roanoke College women's lacrosse team lost for the first time last Saturday when fell to Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA, 11-9.

The Maroons let a 9-6 lead slip away in the fourth period as the Captains outscored Roanoke 5-0 down the stretch. Grace Koutouzis had three goals for Roanoke and Libby Bowman had a goal and three assists.

With the loss the Maroons fell to 1-1 on the young season. They're back home Saturday to host Denison University at Kerr Stadium at noon.

RC tennis teams will make spring debut on Friday at Elizabeth Campus

The Roanoke College tennis teams will play host to Guilford on Friday as both the men and women make their home debut. Both teams will serve it up at 2 pm at the Elizabeth Campus courts.

Friday will be the spring season opener for the men, but the women had a match last Saturday in Raleigh, NC. The Maroons took an 8-1 win over Meredith College.

Roanoke grabbed a 3-0 lead by sweeping the three doubles matches.

Halle Fernstrum and Glenvar grad Bella Gustafson topped Hannah Higgins and Claire Southern 8-5 at first doubles, Lia Streibich and Victoria Rios bested Ellie Phillips and Ellie Osborne 8-3 at the second spot, and Camryn Breedlove and Julia Bassett secured an 8-3 victory over Ryann Jennings and Hannah Jo Jablonski at third doubles.

The Maroons then won five of the six singles matches, including a 7-6, 6-3 win by Gustafson at three.

Middle School spring sports begin this week

Middle School spring sports for Andrew Lewis and Glenvar open today with baseball, softball and soccer games at various locations.

For Lewis, the boys' soccer team will host Ben Franklin at 5 pm at the middle school field and the baseball team is home to Ben Franklin at 5:30 pm at Kiwanis

Park. Both the softball and girls' soccer teams travel to Franklin County.

The Glenvar teams will play Northside Middle School opponents. The baseball and boys' soccer teams are at home and the girls' softball and soccer teams are at Northside.

Both schools are at it again

next Monday, March 4. Lewis will play Read Mountain in baseball and boys' soccer at home while the softball and soccer girls are in Botetourt County. Glenvar softball and girls' soccer teams are home to Cave Spring Middle with the Highland baseball and boys' soccer teams playing at Cave Spring.

Tigers win ODAC men's basketball tournament

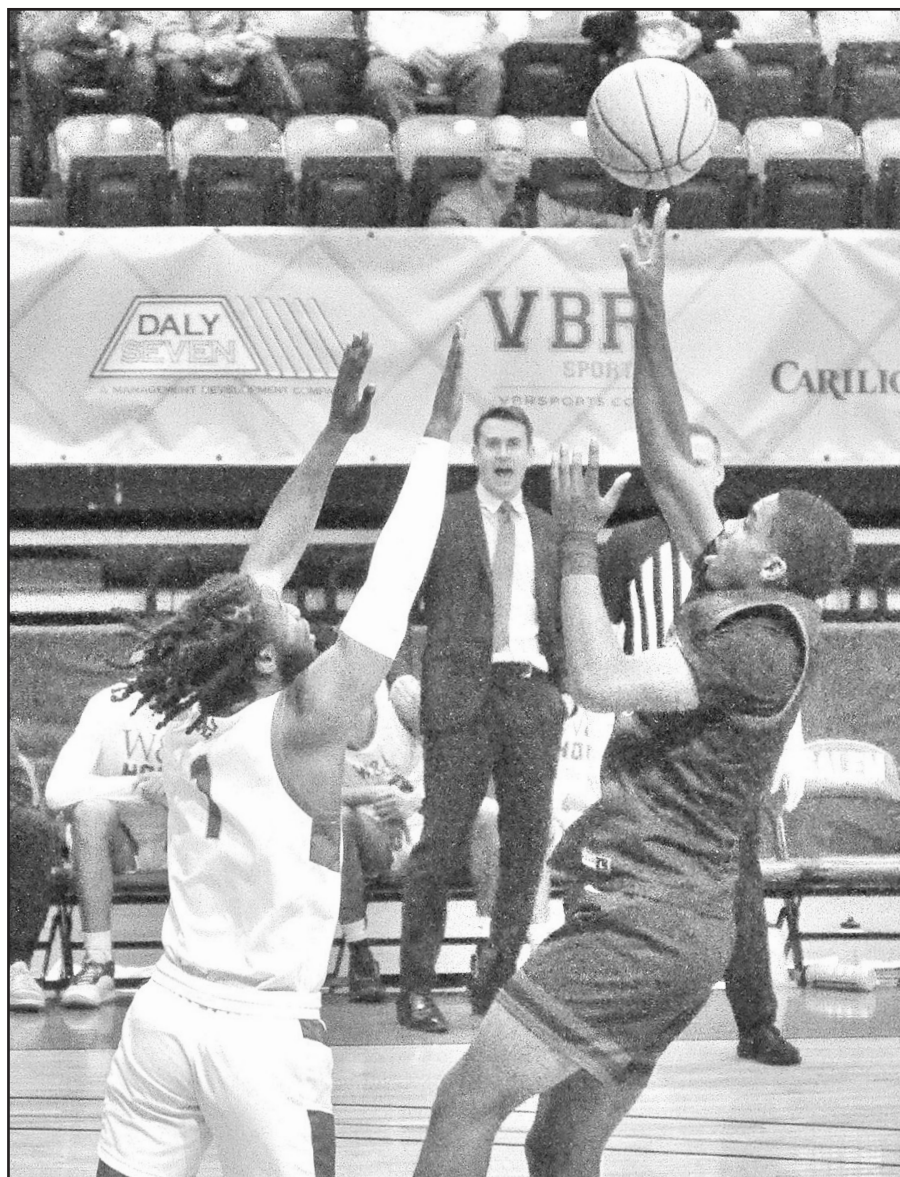
W&L ousts Roanoke in quarterfinal

Hampden-Sydney College took command early in the Salem Civic Center on Sunday afternoon and never looked back to return to the top of the ODAC's men's basketball ranks. The Tigers took an 81-56 victory over Washington and Lee University in the conference tournament championship game for the program's first conference title since 2007.

Hampden-Sydney (26-2) led by as many as 19 points in the opening frame and saw its advantage balloon to 25 points in the second half on the way to securing the Tigers' 11th ODAC title, the most in conference history. As the ODAC champion, Hampden-Sydney earns one of 42 automatic bids into the Division III Men's Basketball Championship.

Roanoke College bowed out of the tournament on Thursday with an 80-70 loss to Washington & Lee in the quarterfinal round of the tournament. The Generals were the fourth seed and Roanoke was fifth.

W&L grabbed the lead for good on a bucket from Drew Harrell that made it 27-26 with 8:30 remaining in the first half. The Generals stretched the margin to



Left, Josh McClary of Roanoke College shoots over W&L's A.J. Thomas for two of his 27 points in last week's ODAC quarterfinal game at the Salem Civic Center. Right, Josh Morse of RC(#41) scores for the Maroons.

nine (48-39) on a Robert DiSibio trey with 1:05 to play in the half, but Roanoke pulled to within six on a hoop from Joshua Morse with 28 seconds left, and the teams headed into halftime with W&L ahead 48-42.

The Generals led by 10 on multiple occasions early in the second half, only to see the Maroons fight back to pull within three (58-55) with 11:06 on the clock. Jack d'Entremont hit a triple that pushed the W&L lead to 61-55, but Josh McClary answered with a long-distance shot to

make it 61-58 with 9:18 to go.

W&L extended its advantage back to double digits (72-62) on a three-point play from Harrell with 5:12 remaining. Roanoke, which connected on just two field goals in the final seven minutes of the game, would not come any closer than seven points the rest of the way.

McClary scored a career-high 27 points to lead RC, knocking down 10-of-17 shots from the floor and 5-of-10 three-point attempts, and he also dished out four

assists. Justin Kuthan totaled 15 points and nine rebounds, Morse finished with 12 points and Marcus Morgan posted a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The loss snapped a string of six consecutive ODAC semifinal appearances for the Maroons. Roanoke finished the season with a 16-11 overall record. Kuthan was named All-ODAC second team, the only Maroon recognized on the first, second or third team.

W&L wins ODAC women's crown, Maroons make semis

Washington & Lee won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference women's basketball tournament Sunday in a final that was dubbed an "instant classic." The Generals topped Shenandoah University in overtime, 89-80, to claim the title at the Salem Civic Center and earn one of 42 automatic bids into the Division III Women's Basketball Championship.

Generals star forward Mary Schleusner, who added tournament MOP honors to ODAC Player and Defensive Player of the Year laurels, capped arguably the greatest individual tournament in conference history with 36 points on 15-of-34 shooting. The 36

points are the second-most in single-game in tournament history, while the 15 field goal are the most made by any player in a tournament game. Schleusner also pulled down 29 rebounds, which breaks the overall conference record of 28 boards set by Randolph-Macon College's Katie Anderson in 2016.

Schleusner's single-tournament totals top the ODAC record books as well. Her 80 total points and 71 total rebounds are the most for one player in a tournament, while her 33 field goals made are second-most in conference postseason history.

Roanoke College was ousted in the semifinals

after opening the tournament with an upset win over Randolph-Macon on Friday. The sixth seeded Maroons raced to a big early lead and held on for a 77-69 win over the third seeded Yellow Jackets.

Roanoke scored the first six points of the game, including four early buckets from Madison Nereu. The Maroons built up a double-digit advantage by the end of the first quarter, going ahead 21-8 on a pair of Kate Littlejohn free throws with 1.1 seconds left. Nereu had eight points in the period, and Roanoke also knocked down 9-of-10 foul shots.

The Maroons then scored the first nine points of the second quarter, part of a 15-0 run that began in the opening frame, to assume a 30-8 lead on a Rose Sande basket with 7:13 to play. The Yellow Jackets could only chip away a fraction of the deficit before the break, as Roanoke headed into halftime up 38-22. Lauren Keel had 14 points by the intermission.

A three-pointer from Kate Littlejohn on the opening possession of the fourth period made it 63-40, and the Maroons led 67-45 on a driving layup from Sande at the 8:09 mark. Randolph-Macon responded with an 18-4 spurt, pulling within eight at 71-63 with 2:41 to play, but RC was able to hang on for the win.

Keel led all scorers with 25 points, connecting on 9-of-14 shots from the floor and sinking all five of her free throws. She also collected seven rebounds. Sande added 20 points and eight rebounds while Nereu totaled 15 points, eight rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Friday's win put the Maroons in Saturday night's semifinal, and their hopes for an ODAC tournament championship came to an end with a 65-49 loss to Shenandoah. The Hornets jumped on top 9-0 and led from wire-to-wire to eliminate RC from the tournament.

Sande scored 16 of her game-high 18 points after the break, burying four three-pointers in the second half. The two-time All-ODAC selection finishes her RC career with 1,033 points. Nereu joined Sande in double figures, totaling 12 points, seven rebounds and five steals.

Sande was named to the All-ODAC second team this year while Nereu was a third team selection. The Maroons finished the season with a 17-11 overall record.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left, Rose Sande of Roanoke College goes to the hoop in last week's ODAC win over Randolph-Macon. Right, Madison Nereu drives the lane with authority.

Roanoke College baseball team opens eight game homestand

The Roanoke College baseball team will open an eight-game homestand this weekend when the Maroons host Dickenson for three games at Salem Memorial Ballpark. A Saturday doubleheader is scheduled for 2 and 5 pm with a single game Sunday at 11 am.

The homestand continues with three games against Centenary of New Jersey. Roanoke will host single games at 4 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Then, on Saturday March 9, Roanoke will host Eastern Mennonite for two in their Old Dominion Athletic Conference debut, scheduled for noon and 3 pm.

The Maroons open the homestand with a 2-4 overall record. Last weekend they played three games in Atlanta, GA and went 1-2.

On Saturday they lost to Oglethorpe, 7-3, but bounced back with a 9-7 win over Maryville as catcher Tucker Schiavoni blasted a three run homer.

On Sunday Roanoke played Transylvania and lost a 15-13 slugfest in 10 innings. The Maroons trailed 9-4 when they scored seven runs in the top of the fifth as Jonny Wall and Justyn Steens both homered. The game was tied 13-13 after nine, only to have Trent Youngblood of Transylvania hit a two-run, walk-off homer in the bottom of the 10th.

A total of 17 pitchers took the mound in the game, nine for Roanoke and eight for Transylvania. There were 32 total hits, with RC having 18. Wall and Spencer Rhoads had three hits each for the Maroons in a game that lasted four hours and 10 minutes.



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Tucker Schiavoni hit a three-run home run against Maryville.

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Roanoke College attackman Wyatt Whitlow, a Salem High graduate, scores one of his six goals(left) in last Saturday's win over Pfeiffer at RC's Kerr Stadium. Middle, Wyatt celebrates the score and, right, turns to the crowd and "rocks the baby." The Maroons won the game 23-6 to improve to 4-0 on the young season.

Roanoke men's lacrosse team off to 4-0 start

The Roanoke College lacrosse team is off to a hot start. The Maroons outscored two opponents by a combined score of 52-6 last week as they remained undefeated after four games.

Last Wednesday at Salem's Kerr Stadium the Maroons had their way with ODAC rival Averett, winning 29-0. The Maroons led 20-0 at the half before taking their foot off the gas in the second half against an overmatched Cougar team. Luca Docking,

Casey Lamey and Luke Kammerman had four goals each for RC while four Maroons split time in the goal for the shutout, needing to save just four shots. Roanoke had 72 shots to four for Averett.

On Saturday Pfeiffer University of North Carolina provided the opposition as the Maroons took a 23-6 win. Roanoke jumped out to an 11-1 lead and was up 14-2 at the half.

Pfeiffer scored two of the first three goals after

intermission, but Roanoke answered with four unanswered scores and the rout was on. Wyatt Whitlow, a senior from Salem, had six goals and two assists for the Maroons. Noah Bell had three goals.

Through four games the Maroons have outscored the opposition by a total of 83 goals for and 24 against. Roanoke was scheduled to host Grove City College of Pennsylvania on Wednesday before hitting the road to play Dickinson Saturday.

Wolverines defeat Salem in first round of girls' state hoops

The Salem High girls saw their best basketball season in 11 years come to an end Tuesday with a 52-28 loss to Woodgrove High in Purcellville. The game was a quarterfinal game in the Virginia High School League Class 4 basketball tournament.

Salem struggled against Woodgrove's full-court pressure. The Wolverines forced Salem into 20 turnovers and held the Spartans to just two points in the third period to put the game out of reach. Woodgrove had a 30-16 lead at the half and increased it to 40-18 after three quarters.

Emme Custer led the Spartans with 13 points. Bailey Rider had six as Woodgrove held Salem to their lowest point total of the season.

With the loss the Spartans finished with a 23-5 final record. Salem had clinched a spot in the state tournament with a 55-35 win over Jefferson Forest in the Region 4D semifinal on February 20. That made the Spartans the South sub-region survivor and earned them a spot in the region final against the North sub-region winner. Last Wednesday Charlottesville took the North with a win over John Handley High, 58-53, as the Black Knights remained undefeated.

Charlottesville got to host Friday's Region 4-D championship against Salem and they improved to 27-0 with a 65-47 win over the Spartans. Rider led Salem with 20 points while Custer had a dozen and eight rebounds.

"Tough game against a good team," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "We battled back from a nine point deficit to cut it to three late in the third quarter, but we were not able to come all the way back. Give credit to Charlottesville, they hit some big shots to keep us at bay."

As region runner-up Salem went on the road to play



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Salem High girls' basketball coach Scott Jester took the team to the state tournament in his third year.

Tuesday against Region 4C champion Woodgrove. The Wolverines came into the state tournament with a 26-1 record after pounding Tuscarora in their region final, 70-39.

Woodgrove now advances to the state semifinal

while Salem's season comes to an end. It was the best Salem girls' basketball season since the Spartans won the state championship in 2013, and the Spartans don't have a single senior on the team. Salem started three sophomores and two juniors for most of the season.



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Left, Salem girls fill the lane to "quintuple team" the ballhandler in last week's Salem Recreation 9-10 girls' championship game at South Salem Elementary School. Right, Jayden White of the DeWalt Warriors goes to the hole in the 11-12 year old championship game.

Rec. basketball champs crowned

Recreation basketball champions were crowned for five City of Salem youth leagues in the past week as the winter hoop seasons came to an end.

Teams are listed by the name of the coach. In the Junior Girls Division, for 13 and 14 year olds, the Hicklin coached team downed Goodman in the final, 14-5. In the Junior Boys Division Woolwine downed Martin in the

championship game, 57-26.

In 9-10 boys action the Manns coached team beat Smith in the final, 31-23. Last week there was a championship doubleheader at South Salem with the Osborne girls downing the Bolen team, 10-7, in the first game for 9-10 girls. In the second game at South Salem the 11-12 boys' championship was held as Bell's team defeated DeWalt, 49-44.