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Market on Melrose opens after years of support from Roanoke College professor

Richmond Vincent had barely settled into his new role as president of Goodwill’s regional operations when he got a visit from Roanoke College Health and Human Performance Professor Liz Ackley.

Backed by neighborhood advocates and reams of data, Ackley made the case for an audacious proposal: To build a grocery store in Northwest Roanoke, an underserved community that spent decades as a food desert, lacking easy access to healthy, affordable groceries.

The professor, who

also leads Roanoke College’s Center for Community Health Innovation, asked Vincent for his help with the bold idea.

“That was the first week I was here,” Vincent recalled with laughter. No one could have faulted him for sidestepping the request. But Ackley’s pitch convinced him to take another look.

“It was her passion,” he reflected. “She brought data to the table. And the data said this community needed a grocery store.”

On Nov. 13 — three years after Vincent and Ackley met, nine years

after Ackley and a diverse community team started their research, and more than two decades after neighbors began asking for a grocery store — the community came together to celebrate a long-awaited victory: Market on Melrose was now open.

“This means the literal world to me,” Ackley said, tears in her eyes, as she rose to address the crowd of hundreds who came out for the market’s ribbon-cutting — including a line of eager shoppers wrapped around the building waiting to be



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Ackley



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Opponents and a few proponents fill the Salem Civic Center’s Community Room at a Nov. 13 joint public hearing on proposed changes to HopeTree’s Planned Unit Development housing.

Opponents ask for decision delay, after joint HopeTree hearing

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

After two hours and 30 speakers on proposed changes to Planned Unit Development proposals for HopeTree Family Services property, Salem Planning Commission voted 4-1 to recommend approval by Salem City Council.

The action came at what might be the first joint public hearing by

the two bodies, held Nov. 13 in the Salem Civic Center’s Community Room.

A date has not been set for Council to vote on the HopeTree Family Service’s controversial project that could rezone the historic former Virginia Baptist Children’s Home 62 acres bordered by North Broad Street, Red Lane and Carrollton Avenue.

HopeTree was founded 134

years ago as the Virginia Baptist Orphanage.

The next scheduled Council meeting after a period of public notice advertising would be Dec. 9. Current Councilmembers would be in office through Dec. 31. After that, Ann Marie Green and former Councilmember John Saunders would be sworn in, along with

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Mayor Rene'e Turk answers questions about priorities following election



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Editor’s note: The Salem Times-Register has reached out to the three candidates who were either elected or reelected to the Salem City Council during the Nov. 5 General Election in an effort to hear what their priorities will be for their upcoming terms. Based on participation, the responses will appear in this issue, along with the following two issues of the paper. To start, Mayor Renée Turk’s responses can be found below.

Q: What are your top priorities for Salem over the next term, and how do you plan to address them?

A: Find and put into action a solid renovation solution for the Salem Civic Center, increase revenue streams with the many Championships Salem hosts through the addition of a full-service hotel, consolidate city departments under one roof in order to reduce costs and to sell various properties for re-entry into revenue/tax producing properties through new ownership, continued economic development support with staff and incentives to expand or locate a business in Salem, continue the repair of our infrastructure (water and sewer line

replacement, fire stations renovations, paving our roads). In addition, keeping our salaries and benefits competitive, our departments well-staffed, and our city fiscally sound.

Q: How will you engage with and address concerns from Salem residents, especially on issues like housing, public safety, and economic development?

A: As I have over the past 4 years: continue to meet with citizens one-on-one or in groups, attend as many community functions as possible to make myself available, and discuss the issues with other Council members and city staff. Then do the research, ask the questions, take the time to look at everything involved, and research to find possible solutions for the issues brought to my attention. In the end, I make no decision lightly, nor do I allow personal wants to overtake what I believe is the best decision for the majority of the citizens of Salem.

Though some people may deny it, Salem has a housing shortage, as does the rest of the country and with the many natural disasters—hurricanes, wildfires, etc.—that this country has experienced over the past couple of years,

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Salem Eagle Scout candidate installs loaner life jacket stand at SML

Alex Williams, a senior at Virginia’s Salem High School who is working on his final Eagle Scout qualification project, visited the Scrugg’s Boat Landing on Nov. 10 to install a loaner life jacket stand for use by those who launch their boats at the DWR public launch ramp.

Williams, who hopes to become an engineer, designed and built the stand, which includes a metal roof for weather protection, an informative sign detailing proper life jacket use, and hooks for displaying up to 20 life jackets for use-and-return by boaters.

“Alex has been a member of Salem’s Scout Troop 76 since first grade,” said his proud onlooking mom, Sarah. He and his dad Joe—a Special Agent with Wildlife Resources who has spent 17 years with

that Agency—have spent time on the water together ever since Alex was a kid, Sarah further explained. “As a family, we’ve long been committed to boating safety, and Alex wanted everyone—especially kids—to have free and easy access to the life-saving practice of wearing a properly-fitting flotation device.”

To accomplish his project, Alex—who also plays trumpet with the Salem High School “Pride of Salem” band—submitted his plan for a life jacket loaner station to Blue Ridge Mountain Council’s Eagle Scout Review Board. Receiving its approval and encouragement, he spent a year fundraising through the “Go Fund Me” app and countless personal presentations. Nearly \$1700 was raised to cover the costs of materials and sign printing at Fast Signs in Salem.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH WILLIAMS

Eagle Scout Candidate Alex Williams is congratulated on completion of the life jacket loaner station at SML’s Scruggs Ramp by Sea Tow SML owners Captains Nancy and Rick Ellett (far left & right) as Eagle Scouts Mason, Clayton and Mark, who assisted with the installation, look on. Sea Tow will supply and maintain the free use-and-return PFDs for the stand.

Another critical step was to connect with Sea Tow SML, which maintains life jacket loaner stands at eight other marina and launch ramp locations at Smith

Mountain Lake. “We were more than delighted with his plan for an eye-catching display at Scruggs Ramp,” said Sea Tow franchise co-owner

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TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly): All ages are invited to participate in the non-judgmental program at the Salem Senior Center on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. There is a registration fee and a \$3 per month fee. Call Charlene Lester at 540-293-7753 with questions.

Roanoke College—MAPLE'S Kids by Toy Like Me Takes place from 9-11 a.m. every Saturday during the following time frames: Oct. 5-Oct. 26, Nov. 2-Nov. 30 in the Bast Center. MAPLE'S Kids (Multiple Adaptive Play Experiences in Sports) is an extension of Toy Like Me, part of Roanoke College's new Disability Studies Program. We have partnered with Wheel Love, a local nonprofit that creates active opportunities for local adults with physical disabilities, to promote adaptive sports. Staffed by Roanoke College student volunteers, MAPLE'S Kids has become a community for local families with children with disabilities.

Roanoke College—"Forget Me Not" Exhibition: Sept. 13- Dec. 8, 2024, 1-4 p.m.

Olin Hall Galleries, Lower Smoyer Hall. The exhibition "Forget Me Not" by Roanoke College's Center for Studying Structures of Race (CSSR) chronicles projects completed since 2019. This set of works highlight questions about structural racism in local, national and global contexts. By examining the physical and symbolic structures of racism, the CSSR explores and complicates the understanding of race through interdisciplinary research, teaching and community engagement.

Roanoke College—"Child Be Free" by Johnny Floyd: Sept. 14- Dec. 8, 2024, 1-4 p.m. Olin Hall Galleries. Johnny Floyd's exhibition, "Child Be Free," explores our relationship with time and how we define ourselves within its bounds. Influenced by conversations with his grandfather, a theoretical physicist, Floyd delves into questions of purpose and identity, often through the lens of recursion theory, where repetition leads to revelation. Through experimentation with paper, sewing and digital manipulation, Floyd intertwines archival imagery with themes of ancestry and connection. Drawing inspiration from the Center for Studying Structures of Race's project on naming unnamed enslaved individuals who contributed to Roanoke College's history, Floyd intertwines archival

African American vernacular photography from the Maurice Berger Memorial Archive and Library with themes of ancestry and connection. By utilizing the Black experience in the United States as an analogy for the constructs of time, his art aims to deconstruct and question the necessity of these constructs, inviting viewers to contemplate their own temporal identities.

Roanoke College—"Freedom is Not a Metaphor" by Sandy Williams IV: Sept. 14- Dec. 8, 2024, 1-4 p.m. Olin Hall Galleries, Smoyer Gallery. "Freedom is Not a Metaphor" by Sandy Williams IV presents a collection of works spanning photography, sculptures, research and installations. Through personal narratives and historical contexts, the exhibition invites viewers to reconsider the construction and contestation of memory. Williams intertwines family portraits with discussions on public space, challenging conventional narratives and encouraging dialogue on agency and historical injustices. Their innovative approach, seen in works like "The Time Ruler" series, prompts reflection on collective memory and cultural moments. The exhibition serves as a platform for diverse voices to engage with the complexities of public memory, advocating for reconciliation and collective healing. By highlighting struggles against oppressive systems and emphasizing liberation and justice, Williams reminds viewers of our collective strength and the potential for transformative change. The exhibition prompts us to confront our shared consciousness and envision a more inclusive and just society built upon a deeper understanding of our history and identity. In collaboration with the Center for Studying Structures of Race, funding for this exhibition is provided by the Joanne Leonhardt Cassullo Center for Art at Roanoke College.

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, Dec. 2: 7-9 p.m. – The Bluegrass Brothers. It will take place at the Salem Parks and Recreation Senior Rec Center at 110 Union Street, Salem.

Glo Fiber Lighting of the City Christmas Tree at Salem Public Library and The Hardee's Parade: The Annual Lighting of the City of Salem Christmas Tree will be on Friday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. on the Salem Public Library lawn. This tradition brings the

community together in the downtown area to view the beautiful decorations and enjoy some holiday music just before the Salem Christmas Parade begins at 6:15 p.m.

Gingerbread Festival at the Salem Museum & Longwood Park: The Salem Parks and Recreation Department, the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce and the Salem Museum present this year's Gingerbread Festival at the Salem Museum & Longwood Park on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out the culinary creations, children's activities, vendors, the holiday train and Santa.

Salem Crafty Christmas with Craft Artisans at Salem Farmers Market: The Salem Farmers Market and Salem Parks and Recreation are hosting a "Salem Crafty Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Salem Farmers Market. Over 40 crafter and vendors will have handmade crafts, artisan items, greenery, baked goods, cheeses, eggs and many more items available for your holiday shopping.

Roanoke Symphony Holiday Pops at Salem Civic Center: The performance is at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6. Tickets are available at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or at: <https://www.salemciviccenter.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=981&month=12&year=2024&day=6&calType=0>

Holiday Concerts by the Salem Choral Society: Saturday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m. Salem Presbyterian Church, 41 E. Main Street. Free. Donations accepted.

Salem Holiday Market at Salem Civic Center: This two-day Craft and Vendor Show will feature unique crafters, artists, and "direct-sell" companies. Homemade crafts and local delicacies from more than 70 regional sellers on Dec. 14 and 15. Admission to the event is free, but shoppers are encouraged to contribute to the Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry with a donation of nonperishable food items, such as peanut butter, boxed pasta, canned vegetables, and spaghetti sauce.

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

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

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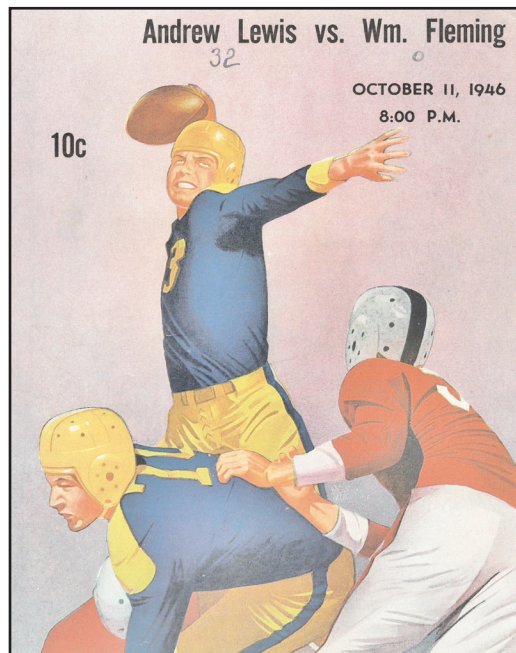
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1946 Andrew Lewis High School Football Program

From the 1940s to the 1970s, many high schools across the country sold football programs at their weekly games.

These handouts were sponsored by Coca-Cola, who provided high schools with a catalog of images to choose from. The schools received template programs, with a colorful illustration on the front and a Coke advertisement in the middle, and local print shops filled in schools' and players' information, and local advertisements.

Pictured is an example from 1946 for a game between Andrew Lewis and William Fleming

High Schools. Notice that the student recorded the final score below the team names. You can see this program up close at the Salem Museum at Hands on History Saturdays!

This month, Hands on History Saturdays are highlighting Salem football history. On Saturdays, visitors can pull on a glove and touch a piece of history with their own hands! Visitors can also visit our sports gallery to learn more about Salem's sports history. Salem Museum is open 10 a.m. -4 p.m. and located at 801 E. Main St.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

As I was scrolling through my social media the other day, I saw many posts about charcuterie boards and crudité platters. These are both fancy names for a meat and cheese tray, and a vegetable platter. Basically, Tranchables for adults. I grew up with deli platters used for parties and holidays because my mom worked in the Kroger deli in the 80’s.

Serving veggie trays as an appetizer became popular in the United States during the 1960s and 1970s. In recent years, the trend of veggie trays has continued to evolve, with more unique and creative options. Traditionally, crudité refers to an appetizer of raw vegetables, served whole or sliced, with dips for dipping.

Charcuterie is just a fancy word for cured meat. A charcuterie board is primarily made up of cured meats, cheeses, and other ingredients like crackers, nuts, or spreads.

The first U.S. delis were simple mom-and-pop storefronts that served up smoked and cured meats and sausages. People loved the convenience of these small retail outlets. There seemed to be one on every corner. And, depending on who owned the deli and their nationality, you could find other ready-to-eat items like pickles, canned goods, and mustards.

Fifty years ago, most supermarkets didn’t have full delis. They emerged from the meat department in the late '60s and early '70s. Somewhere, a meat manager roasted a chicken, probably to save it in its last days of salability and suppliers who were dealing with mom-and-pop delis began to sell their fare to supermarkets. Originally, deli service was part of the meat department, and in the Midwest, sliced luncheon meats were big. Olive loaf and pickle loaf were the wanted flavors. Cooked chickens didn't sell that well in meat, so they

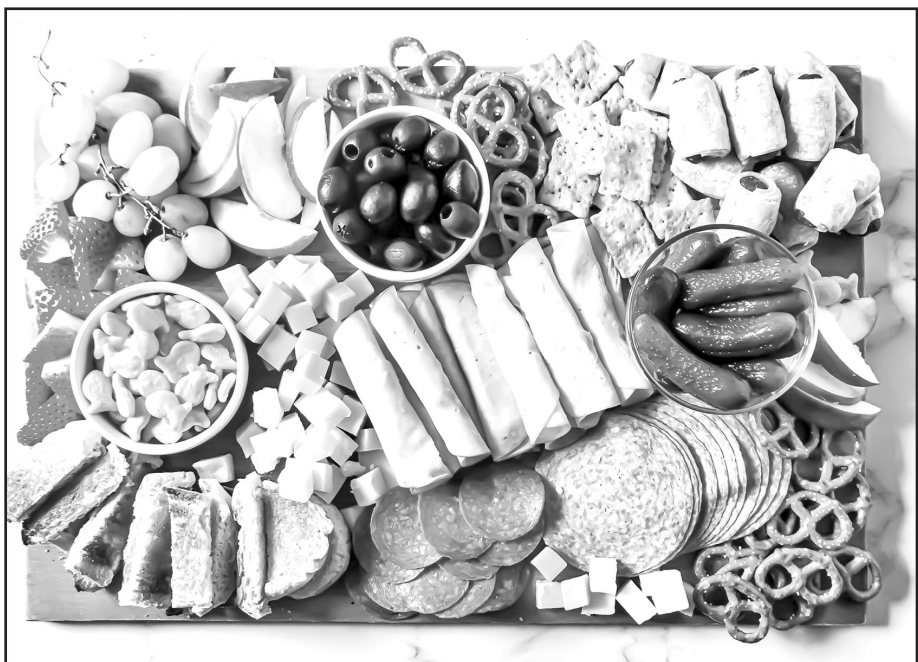
migrated to the deli [when it became a separate department]. In making the deli a separate department, stores could increase the offerings of convenience foods. Kroger was one of those that led the way in the '70s and '80s by populating its superstores with delis and bakeries. My mom would not recognize a Kroger deli-bakery today; one-stop shopping has grown into a complete shopping experience with endless variety, wine and cheese shops, sushi and even Starbucks. It’s convenient but homemade platters are less costly and can be configured to your favorites.

Some easy favorite vegetables to incorporate in your platters include, carrots, celery, bell peppers, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, and lightly boiled and cooled asparagus or green beans are interesting. I like to add a good ranch dressing, hummus, or onion dip.

For the meat and cheese platter (I just can’t call it charcuterie), I like to have a variety of meats that you can eat with your fingers, rolled up slices of genoa salami, ham, or turkey. Cheese in a variety of colors and range of softness. Bite size blocks of cheddar, Gouda, and Havarti, along with soft goat cheese or brie. Multi grain crackers, club crackers, pretzels, or thin slices of toasted baguettes are perfect for spreading and scooping! I include fresh fruit like grapes, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, or apple slices to add color. Dried apricots or other fruits are sweet and add a different texture. Nuts should be shelled and salted. Small bowls of black, green, and kalamata olives, baby dill pickles, or other pickled vegetables.

If this seems overwhelming just remember the rule of 3-3-3-3; three meats, three cheeses, three types of accompaniments (like fruit and nuts), and three types of crackers or bread.

Shelly’s Best Dip



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Ingredients

- ¾ cup sour cream
- ½ cup mayonnaise (Miracle Whip gives it a sweet note)
- 2 tablespoons dry ranch seasoning powder
- 1 tablespoon grated onion (see note)
- ¼ teaspoon dried dill OR 2-3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- ¼ teaspoon seasoning salt

Instructions

Whisk together all the ingredients. Serve with fresh vegetables and/or chips. The flavors get better with time;

the dip can be made several days in advance and refrigerated until ready to serve.

Notes

*Add more or less of any of the ingredients to taste based on your preferences! Grated Onion: any variety of onion will work (yellow, white, red). I've found the best method for grating an onion is using the small holes (not the spiky holes) of a box grater. Seasoning Salt: different brands of this type of salt will vary in flavor, so use one you like the taste of.

Eagle Scout

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PHOTO BY JERRY HALE

Alex Williams, a senior at Salem High School in Salem, VA, installs the sign for a new loaner life jacket stand at the DWR Scruggs Ramp at Smith Mountain Lake. Williams designed, built and, with help of Eagle Scout friends, installed the stand as his final Eagle Scout qualification project.

Capt. Nancy Ellett, ”and immediately agreed to stock Alex’s stand with U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets provided by the Sea Tow Foundation.”

Alex was assisted in the installation by several friends who have already earned the Eagle Scout rank. With the loaner stand now in place and stocked, Alex will return to the Eagle Scout Review Board to present documentation of the

completion of his life-saving project and, with their approval of his work, be awarded coveted lifetime recognition as an Eagle Scout.

Said his mom, Sarah, “Alex is looking forward to advising other Scouts who are working toward Eagle Scout service and recognition.”

-Jerry Hale

HopeTree

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current Mayor Renee Turk.

Turk, Councilman Randy Foley and outgoing Councilman Bill Jones voted for HopeTree’s PUD zoning request in June. Councilmen Hunter Holliday and Jim Wallace – who was not re-elected – voted against it.

Some speakers at last week’s joint meeting called for Council’s new vote on the PUD application to be delayed until new members take office.

HopeTree plans to sell 37 acres to developer Stateson Homes to build up to 340 single family, patio homes and apartments, and convert a few existing and unused HopeTree buildings for a boutique hotel, small restaurant and convenience store.

Council already approved a PUD plan in June by a 3-2 vote. This time HopeTree’s application was almost the same, which HopeTree President and CEO Jon Morris said included HopeTree’s proper name.

Morris explained again that changing needs and regulations have altered HopeTree’s and mission from caring for orphans to providing support for a maximum of 16 at-risk young people, an academy for day students with special academic needs, and homes for adults with developmental delays.

“We no longer need the property we once did,” Morris said, adding that HopeTree plans to invest \$10 million in the property the entity is keeping.

He said reasons for the new PUD application is because of law suits filed against the city, and that the application addresses issues raised in the litigation.

“The property will be developed,” Morris reminded, and with existing zoning could have as many as 200 single-family homes with driveways entering on Red Lane, Carrollton and other streets. Under PUD proposals, homes would be accessed by fewer major streets on the HopeTree land.

HopeTree is offering the preserve ballfields and allow city use, maintain 35 percent of the campus’ greenspace and other aspects that continue HopeTree’s mission in the community.

The majority of speakers – who were each allotted three minutes – at last week’s meeting opposed rezoning because of:

- Potential increased traffic, up to 4,000 additional vehicles per day, they estimated;
- Destroying the character of the Historic Broad Street Neighborhood;
- Commercial uses on the campus could negatively affect existing businesses on nearby Main Street,

in particular;

- Traffic danger to pedestrians walking along Red Lane, North Broad and Carrollton;
- Possible devalue of existing homes.

Among the eight who spoke in favor of HopeTree’s proposal was first speaker Dabney Ward, who lives on Mulberry Street, not in the HopeTree neighborhood.

“With the PUD, the city will be able to have some say. Under the plan historic buildings would be saved. Now there is no revenue to the city, but under the PUD proposal, when it is developed there could be up to \$1 million in revenue to defray city costs,” she said.

Terry LaRocco of Idaho Street, also spoke in favor of rezoning. “I believe there has been more transparency in these proceedings than I have ever seen,” she said. “If the property is sold to another developer, we are not going to have any say.”

LaRocco added their neighborhood did not get that kind of consideration for the water tower on Elizabeth Campus, the YMCA and other large city projects.

Red Lane resident Will Long, who lives across from HopeTree, said “I believe the development will be a great change...I think everyone in this room would like Salem in 10 years to be a place where you can work, play and live.”

Jennifer Thomas of Red Lane was concerned about traffic and pedestrians. “Red Lane is narrow. Walking is already quite dangerous.”

Another Red Lane resident, Russell Deyerle, pointed out Red Lane is not a good artery to get traffic to HopeTree. “It is not able to have two lanes, parking and sidewalks,” he said.

Attorney Nancy Reynolds urged Council to spend more time on the revised PUD proposal. “Lawsuits were filed because of errors in the process,” Reynolds said. “If the decision were to be made in January [instead December, with the existing Council makeup] there would be a different outcome.”

Opponent Mark Nayden, who lives in a historic home on North Broad, urged Council to put a focus on filling vacancies in existing commercial buildings. “A PUD is not appropriate in an existing residential area,” he said. “This will not solve Salem’s affordable housing needs.”

Broad Street resident Susan Bentley was one who previously shared concerns about the rezoning. She said last week “I believe the rushed decision is politically motivated.”

OPINION

Last week was a productive week back in session, as House Republicans elected a strong leadership team, united and prepared to fight for policies in the 119th Congress that benefit the American people. In addition, with the help of President Trump’s appointment of Tom Homan as our new Border Czar, we are fully committed to ending the border crisis that has persisted for far too long. We honored National Veterans Small Business Week and National Adoption Month, recognizing the vital contributions of veteran entrepreneurs and the loving families who provide nurturing homes. As always, it is an honor to meet with constituents, business leaders, and small business owners to hear from those who shape our local communities. Rest assured, I will continue fighting to ensure that the federal government works for folks in Virginia’s Sixth District and across the Nation – not against them.



Ben Cline
 Congressman

Newly Elected House Leadership

Last week, the House Republican Conference elected a dedicated and talented leadership team for the 119th Congress. Under the steadfast guidance of Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, we’re poised to advance our priorities and effectively drive impactful legislation on the House floor. Majority Leader Steve Scalise will spearhead our legislative initiatives, while Majority Whip Tom Emmer will work tirelessly to

ensure unity among our members. Additionally, Conference Chair Representative Lisa McClain will lead our communications efforts, delivering a clear and cohesive message to the American people.

With this exceptional leadership team, we are ready to confront the challenges our Nation faces and work diligently to get America back on track. We will reverse the four years of the Biden Administration’s damaging policies that have weakened public safety, fueled inflation, driven up housing costs, created the worst border crisis in history, and emboldened our adversaries. With a GOP-led House and Senate and a Trump presidency, we are ready to advance a bold agenda that supports hard-working Americans, revitalizes our economy, and restores confidence in our country’s future. I will continue to fight the rest of

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Thanksgiving Conversation Starters to Learn more about your Family History

Thanksgiving and the holiday season are great times to catch up with relatives and talk with those who you might see occasionally. Getting children involved in family history can be a fun and educational experience! So lay down the cellphones and tablets unless they are being used for picture-taking, recording family activities or interviews with older family members. Here are some simple, engaging questions they can ask at Thanksgiving dinner. This list of questions was derived from various genealogy sources. One activity Ancestry.com suggested was writing a question on the bottom of a place mat

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to
 build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

and then having each person answer the question or ask the question to another family member.

Questions for Kids to Ask Grandparents or Older Relatives:

- "What games or toys did you play with when you were my age?"
- "What was school like for you when you were little?"

- "Did you have a pet when you were young? What kind?"
- "What kind of food did you eat at Thanksgiving when you were a kid?"
- "What did you do for fun with your family during the holidays?"
- "Who is the oldest person in our family? What were they like?"
- "Can you tell me a funny story about when you were younger?"
- "What is something you learned from your mom or dad that you still do today?"
- "Do I look or act like anyone in the family from the past?"
- "Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving

the way we do? Who started our traditions?"

- "Are there any special recipes that have been passed down in our family?"
- "What is a tradition you had as a kid that we don’t do anymore?"
- "Did you ever meet anyone famous?"
- "What was a big event you remember from when you were young?"
- "How did people travel or communicate when you were my age?"

The Salem Public Library will be closed for Thanksgiving, November 28-30th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Salem has been lucky, so far, from a fate like what befell western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee and many of our Virginia neighbors in SW Virginia on Sept. 28. The fury of Helene will not be forgotten by folks living there, including our son Matt, who lives and

works in Asheville. Matt’s house wasn’t damaged but he lost his job for a while and some of his neighbors were less fortunate. Buncombe County’s water system’s main reservoir is on the N. Fork of the Swananoa River, which took a lot of sediment. After 53 days, on November 18th, potable water service finally resumed for most county and city residents. According to a recent article in the Washington Post, Helene caused catastrophic damage to the regions forests. Satellite images show damage extending over 200 miles through the southern Appalachians. The investigating Forest Service team wrote, “Some trees lost their foliage early because of the wind, others lost a significant part of their crowns, and some were completely uprooted.” Long-term damage includes threats to wildlife habitat, elevated wildfire risk, and potentially invasive species.

Physics tells us that each one degree rise in atmospheric temperature allows the atmosphere to hold seven percent more water, and also that warmer oceans generate more

powerful storms. Matt told me that the weather station of one of his neighbors registered 105 mph winds before it was blown away. Is it possible that Salem could be hit by a Helene-like storm? Of course! Is Salem City Council and the Planning Commission working to mitigate climate change? Well, it seems, not so much.

As a retired professor who taught science, I’ve followed climate science for decades. Currently there is a 99 percent certainty that 2024 will be Earth’s hottest year ever (since 1880), beating out 2023 which currently holds the record. July this year was the hottest month ever measured on Earth. Global sea surface temperatures have now been running above pre-2023 record highs for 20 months straight and are hotter than they’ve been in 120,000 years. Currently in Greenland, thirty million tons of ice are melting per hour. Meanwhile, only two states in the US are not in a drought. Wildfires

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Over the past two years and three months, since Hope Tree first notified the adjacent neighbors of its intentions, my wife and I have been rather heavily involved in the process surrounding the rezoning efforts. In what will hopefully be my last act of what has turned into quite the mini-drama, I am writing to affirm and underscore my strong support for the approval of the proposed Hope Tree rezoning to a Planned Unit District. Members of City Council, and both editions of the Planning Commission – all of whom have been studying and considering this proposal for over two years – have received my emails and comments, and are aware of details of my history and views that I will not repeat here.

I’ve lived on Red Lane almost

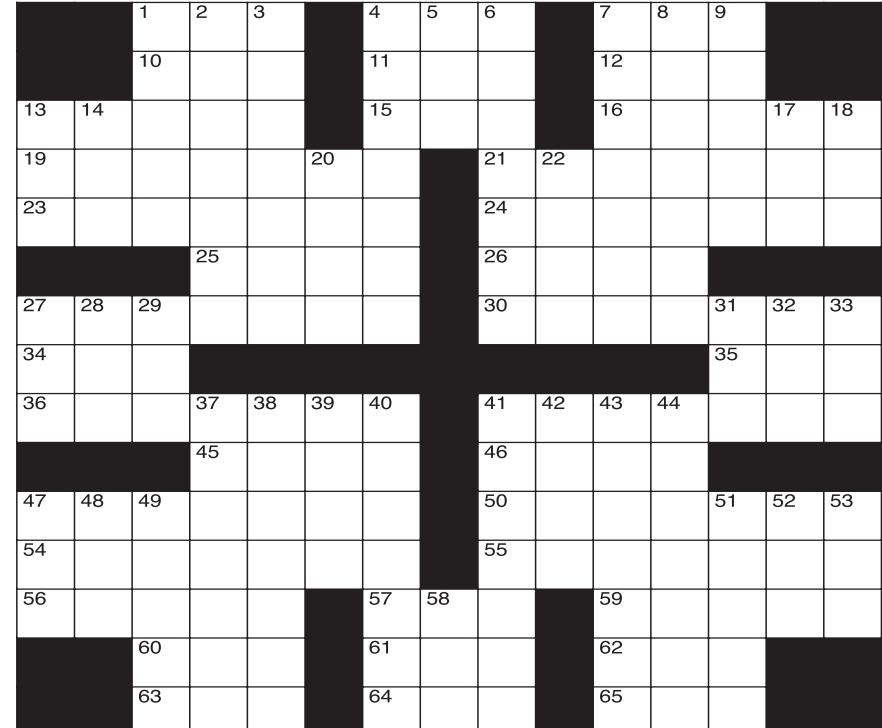
all of my 62 years. I have strong connections of a few different kinds, going back over a half century, to the Hope Tree (formerly Baptist Children’s Home) property, and to many of its past residents. I attended all of the meetings at Hope Tree in October 2022, and I’ve read the entire PUD submittal. Our address on Red Lane will be right in the middle of the construction zone. I am not aware of any other Salem citizen who checks all of those boxes. Call me a unicorn, I reckon. Knowing all of this, a less-than-fully informed person might expect me to be adamantly opposed to the rezoning. Quite the opposite is true.

Yes, my wife and I live at ground zero for whatever will happen. WE are the ones who will, on a

daily basis, be directly affected by the decision regarding the PUD rezoning. The same cannot be said for the small, yet aggressively vocal minority who have opposed the project all year. Many of this group’s members live half-a-mile to a mile away on Broad and Academy Streets, or in Emerald Hills and other neighborhoods around town; one person even moseyed on over from South Roanoke to voice their concerns about what the commercial aspects of the Hope Tree PUD would mean for their business on Main Street. Business owner or not, why someone who lives in South Roanoke feels as if they should have a say in what will happen forty feet out my front

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS
 1. Defunct airline
 4. Beverage container
 7. A team’s best pitcher
 10. Unit of liquid capacity
 11. It comes before two
 12. Male child
 13. Type of wheat
 15. One’s mother
 16. Upper side of an organism
 19. United is one
 21. Extraction process
 23. A being with lesser divine status
 24. People living together in a community
 25. Luxury automaker
 26. This (Spanish)
 27. Semitic language
 30. Period for a defined purpose
 34. Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure
 35. Up in the air (abbr.)

36. American marsupial
 41. Decadent dessert
 45. Aquatic plant
 46. About aviation
 47. Summer footwear
 50. Rugged mountain
 54. With tin
 55. Cut on the surface of a hard object
 56. Wrapped in cloth
 57. Defensive nuclear weapon
 59. “American Idol” contestant Clay
 60. Midway between east and southeast
 61. Court decision “___ v. Wade”
 62. Born of
 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
 64. Actress ___-Margaret
 65. Not even

CLUES DOWN
 1. Heat unit
 2. ___ Faulkner, American writer
 3. Guatemalan town
 4. Of funny things
 5. Actress ___ de Armas
 6. Agents of one’s downfall
 7. Takes forcibly
 8. Body lice
 9. Large nest of a bird of prey
 13. Unhappy
 14. Popular holiday dessert
 17. Habitual drunkard
 18. Used of a number or amount not specified
 20. Complications
 22. Fail to win
 27. Before the present
 28. Musical genre
 29. Flurry
 31. 007’s creator

32. Indiana Pacer Toppin
 33. Midway between north and northeast
 37. Feeling
 38. Damage another’s reputation
 39. Mottled citrus fruit
 40. Beauty product
 41. They man first, second and third
 42. Harness
 43. Herb
 44. Expressed concern
 47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
 48. Consumed
 49. Nostrils
 51. Gathered fallen leaves
 52. Express good wishes
 53. Monetary unit of Brunei
 58. Japanese Buddhist festival

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I-81 extended exit 141 ramp closure scheduled for weekend

As part of the Interstate 81 widening project in Roanoke County near Salem, an extended ramp closure on southbound I-81 has been scheduled throughout this weekend beginning Friday evening, Nov. 22, for deep mill paving work.

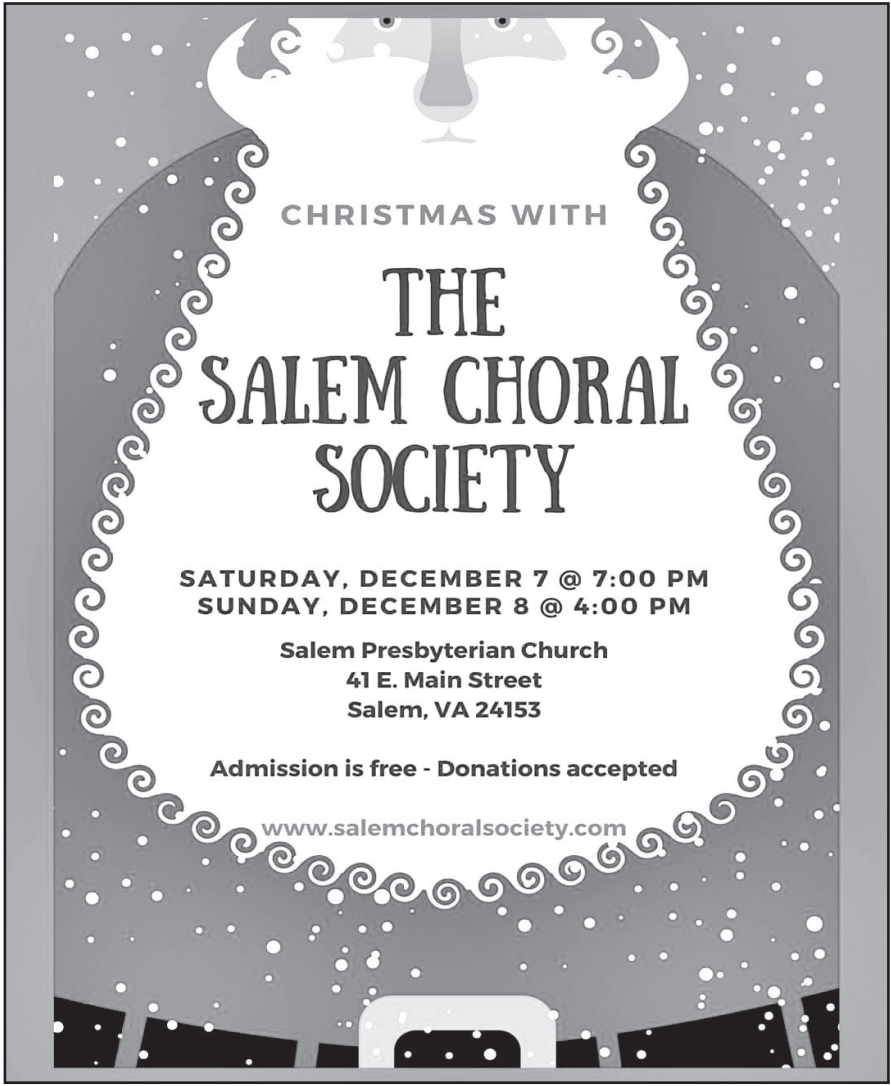
Weather permitting, starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, the I-81 southbound on-ramp at exit 141 will be closed. The on-ramp will remain closed through the weekend and reopen at approximately 5:30 a.m. the morning of Monday, Nov. 25.

A detour will be in place for drivers to use exit 140 as an alternate for access onto I-81 and message boards will inform drivers.

To get the latest traffic information, visit www.511Virginia.org.

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Christmas with The Salem Choral Society coming up



Salem Choral Society concert flyer.

Get into the Christmas mood at two free holiday concerts by the 75-person Salem Choral Society and musicians.

They will be Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. and again Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m., at Salem Presbyterian Church at 41 E. Main Street.

There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted.

The Salem Choral Society is under the direction of S. Reed Carter.

-Meg Hibbert

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— when said business is nearly a mile away — remains a mystery to me.

The endless cries of “This will destroy our neighborhood!” coming from the dedicated naysayers have seemed especially grating to my ear: where the Hope Tree development will happen, for the most part, is not their neighborhood. It’s MY neighborhood. I encourage interested parties to drive north on Broad Street from City Hall to Hawthorn Road. If time allows, also drive drive through Emerald Hills II, which, though adjacent to the Hope Tree property, will see its natural buffer of woods, fields, and pond kept intact. Then, for comparison, drive through the 900 and 1000 blocks on Red Lane, which will be starring the new development in the face. If one finds any similarities between those houses and streets and the ones in the older, leafier, tonier areas — well, they’re much more eagle-eyed than I am. The areas are of entirely different characters, and significantly different in average property value. At any rate, as Planning Commission member Reid Garst so astutely observed earlier this year, the PUD would contain a mixture of housing types that is very much like the variety that already exists on north Broad Street. In that aspect, the PUD would blend right in, tying old to new.

As has been stated many times, the Hope Tree property IS going to be developed. Compared to what the typical developer would do - raze all of the existing buildings, take out most of the old-growth trees, obliterate a good portion of the existing topography by regrading, eliminate most (if not all) green space, throw in a jumble of virtually identical houses on cookie cutter cul-de-sacs - the PUD is by far the better option. Everything within the PUD will be designed by architects and landscape architects, who will tailor the layout to the land. Hope Tree has assembled a top-quality team of designers and builders to shepherd this complex project from schematic drawings, to the last items on the punch list a decade or so down the road.

That point can’t be overstated — this is not a choice between ‘PUD’ or ‘no development.’ This a choice between ‘PUD’ or “more of the same.” More of the same sterile, cram-’em-in subdivisions that offer only a tangle of streets without sidewalks jammed with identical cookie-cutter houses, backed up to more soulless streets jammed with the same cookie-cutter houses. Salem doesn’t need, and will not benefit from, another typical development that can

Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission shares legislative agenda

Roanoke— The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission has announced its legislative priorities for the 2025 General Assembly session. The commission said the priorities represent areas of critical investment needed to support infrastructure, economic and community development, and education in its 11-member region. Highlights of this year's legislative agenda include a special focus on the Roanoke Blacksburg Regional Airport, Route 220 and career and technical education needs.

Legislative Committee Chair Phil North said, "We worked closely with the commission's member governments as well as our General Assembly delegation to develop a set of regional priorities that are targeted, impactful, and would lift up the entire Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region." North added, "The commission focused its efforts on those areas that would complement our member governments' current priorities while filling in the gaps for our smaller, rural members."

This is only the second year the commission has developed a legislative agenda, having been directed by its board in 2023 to explore developing and promoting new legislative

action to support the region. This year, commission staff and legislative committee members have already met with several of the region's elected representatives to discuss these priorities.

"We believe that part of planning for the region's success is working with our leaders in Richmond to educate them on our needs," said Commission Executive Director Jeremy Holmes. "The greater Roanoke region is already a major economic driver for the Commonwealth, and we hope major investments from Richmond in infrastructure, workforce, industrial site development, and other projects continue to support our growth."

Roanoke County's Phil North chairs the Commission's Legislative Committee which includes Jim Wallace of the Salen City Council, Lorie Smith of the Franklin County Board of Supervisors, Peter Volosis of Roanoke City Council, and Debbie Laudermilk of Clifton Forge Town Council. The full legislative agenda can be found on the commission's website at <https://rvarc.org/policy/regional-legislation/>.

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destruction has been heavy. Many of the raw materials needed for construction have been destroyed, as have homes and factories producing building materials so the demand will far exceed the supplies for quite a while, making the building of affordable housing almost impossible any time in the near future. We will need to be creative and think outside the box—renovate or repurpose instead of tearing down.

With public safety, we need to pay and offer benefits competitive with surrounding localities to fill the vacancies we have to keep our police, fire and EMS departments fully staffed. We must keep the staff necessary to protect and serve our citizens.

Q: What steps will you take to support and grow local businesses, and are there specific initiatives you hope to introduce?

A: With a business degree from Roanoke College and with my interest in business beginning at an early age, I understand the “formula” needed to be successful. I am empathetic to the needs of businesses since I have always been so heavily involved in them, first as a Salem High business teacher and then at a management level with a wide variety of businesses and organizations in the area. I have a vested interest in Salem’s businesses not only because my son and nephew are involved in Olde Salem Brewing, but because the much-desired growth and revitalization needed in our area is directly related to the ability to increase the number and variety of businesses here.

Working through the steps to becoming a “Main Street” Community is an initiative that Tommy Miller (Economic Director) and his staff began working on over a year ago and will continue. I have great faith in Tommy and staff and Salem’s EDA to determine what entices businesses to settle here, explore what we can do better, create incentives, and determine what it is that businesses need to stay and expand in our area—they have successfully done that over the past 2+ years and will continue to do so. In addition, our schools have been working hard to provide the foundation for training a workforce ready community for a variety of businesses.

If there are roadblocks or hoops to jump through, we should do what we can to make the process easier.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like city residents to be aware of as you start your new term on the council?

A: I am thankful to the citizens of Salem for their overwhelming support in being re-elected to serve another four years on City Council. Even though things don’t move as quickly as we would like, we have accomplished a lot over the past 4 years and there is much more to be done in the years to come. As I have demonstrated up through now, I will continue to be committed to Salem, committed to you. And as we finish out 2024, let’s do what we can to help those in need and please remember to support our local Salem businesses first as we prepare for the holidays.

the best option for Red Lane residents, north Salem, and the city as a whole.

A final postscript concerning that small minority, who many months ago crossed the border from “vocal” into “obnoxious” - their behavior this year in regards to the Hope Tree rezoning has been nothing less than shameful and despicable. To hold a viable difference of opinion based on actual facts is one thing. This situation has been something else entirely. Early on, residents had flyers jam-packed with half-truths and misinformation left in their doors. The first screamed in all-caps that PUD stood for “PLANNED URBAN DEVELOPMENT.” I think most of us recognize that little fib as the coded fear-mongering it really is. Similar flyers followed, as did social media posts. Many of those who spoke in opposition to the rezoning at the meetings were rather hostile and irrational, if not unhinged. An overwhelming sense of entitlement shone through in the continued cries of, “I wasn’t asked about this!” But the crowning touch, and most galling part of this saga, came with the filing of the lawsuits. Having opted to bypass the work of actually going to all the meetings, learning the facts, and talking to the professionals involved, some of Salem’s most fortunate citizens decided to subvert our fair city’s democratic process. Instead of accepting council’s deeply-considered vote, they just went out and tried to buy the outcome they desired.Regardless of what a judge ultimately decides, the diligent work of the Planning Commission and City Council over the past twenty-seven months has led them to the right decision. The decisions of both parties have come at different stages of a process that has been anything but rushed. The Planning Commission’s vote went from 3-2 this spring, to 4-1 last week. But perhaps the good voting citizens of Salem provided the final word. That same dogged vocal minority sought to twist Mayor Turk’s involvement in the November 5 election into a referendum of sorts on the PUD rezoning. After months of heaping professional and personal abuse on the mayor and many who agreed with her, what must have been a shocked and crestfallen opposition tuned in on election night only to learn that Mayor Turk had earned the most votes of the four candidates for Council.

The people hath spoken.

-Mike Kummer
Salem



Virginia Department of Transportation

SEALED BID SALE

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

1878 WOODMERE COURT

SALEM, VIRGINIA

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in the Western District Right of Way and Utilities office located at 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, Virginia 24153, until, but no later than, 12:00 pm December 9, 2024, for the following property:

1878 Woodmere Court offers a beautifully designed split level home with a comfortable 1,484 square feet of living space that includes 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a 2-car garage. The home sits on 0.23 acre with mature tree growth, tucked away in a neighborhood yet close to dining, shopping, and entertainment. Whether you are looking for a new perfect nest or are a savvy investor looking for your next opportunity this house beckons!

The value placed on this property is \$250,000.00

Employees of VDOT, their immediate families or any person employed with the valuation and/or acquisition of this property are ineligible to bid. The property is being sold “as is” with conveyance by deed without warranty. For further information and proposals, contact Amanda Newhouse, Western Region Property Management Agent, at (540) 387-5572 or by email at amanda.newhouse@vdot.virginia.gov.

Property will be open for inspection on, November 22, 2024, from 9 am to 2 pm.

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the first customers.

“This is not only about making healthy and affordable food more accessible,” she said. “It’s about creating access to a basic resource that every thriving community deserves.”

The journey that led up to the ribbon-cutting started in 2015 when Ackley’s center and a team of government leaders, nonprofits and businesses joined together to become part of the national Invest Health Initiative and develop transformational solutions to community health inequities. Decades of community data was analyzed, and the largest-ever known survey of Northwest Roanoke was launched.

The public’s plea for a grocery store prompted extensive market research, wholesaler outreach and development planning. The vision expanded to include a wellness clinic, bank and adult learning center — a true community hub.

In 2021, Roanoke City committed \$10 million in federal pandemic relief funds to the project. Goodwill Industries of the Valleys stepped up to steward the development and build the new center at its location on Melrose Avenue, a site that also offers a public library and will be the future home of the Harrison Museum of African American Culture.

Throughout the project, Ackley and her center played a pivotal role, tirelessly researching, advocating and organizing on behalf of the neighborhood’s dream. Twenty-two student researchers from Roanoke College aided the work at different stages.

Emma Duff ’19 just accepted a new job with the Virginia Department of Health, where she’ll support health assessment initiatives in local communities, a role with direct ties to the skills she learned as a research assistant for Ackley.

The chance to be part of a project creating genuine change on the ground was an invaluable opportunity as an

undergraduate, Duff said.

“That’s part of the beauty of Roanoke College. It’s community immersed,” she said. “Liz is a wonderful teacher and showed us through example what it means to be a community changemaker. Her passion and tenacity were inspiring.”

During the ribbon-cutting, Ackley was presented with a ceremonial key to the Market on Melrose, symbolizing the key role she played in making the project a reality. In her remarks, she marveled at the extensive coalition that had come together to reach this moment: elected officials, city planners, community organizers, business leaders, educators, health care providers and hundreds of neighborhood residents.

“It is unusual for an academic institution to lead community development efforts of this magnitude, and I need to say thank you to my former and current administrative leaders [at Roanoke College],” she said. “Thank you for saying yes to innovation, for being open and eager to invest in collaborations that provide as many benefits to our community as they do to our students and faculty, and for supporting me in my role at the Center for Community Health Innovation.”

The Market on Melrose illustrates the heights that can be reached when dedicated, courageous people come together to take on challenges, Ackley added. Already, community partners are looking ahead to what’s next, including the opening of the wellness clinic and adult learning center next year.

Roanoke Mayor Sherman Lea described it as a transformative moment for the city.

“Today, as we cut the ribbon, we open more than a market,” he said. “We open doors to opportunity, to help and to hope.”

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POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of November 5, 2024 – November 11, 2024

11/5/2024	Teresa L. Beckner	56	Simple Larceny Not From Person
11/5/2024	Mason A. Jennelle	37	DUI
11/6/2024	Michelle T. Johnson	37	Contempt of Court
11/6/2024	Tyheem J. Brooks	48	Possession of Controlled Substance
11/6/2024	Richard J. Viar	46	Failure to Appear
11/6/2024	Howard F. Parker	59	Petit Larceny
11/7/2024	Tanner C. Boone	23	Aggravated Assault & Battery
11/8/2024	Olivia R. Nienke	30	Public Intoxication
11/9/2024	Jeremy B. Harvey	33	Disorderly Conduct
11/9/2024	Mitchell F. Howell	34	Damage Property, Public Intoxication
11/9/2024	Aidan N. Cheney	21	Burglary, Grand Larceny, Damage Property, Threats to Kill
11/9/2024	Sarah K. Duncan	44	Criminal Trespass
11/9/2024	Jeffrey D. Duncan Jr.	43	Criminal Trespass
11/9/2024	Sara A. Garcia	39	Petit Larceny
11/9/2024	Casey E. Lamey	19	Burglary, Grand Larceny, Damage Property
11/10/2024	Tonya C. Garman	50	Petit Larceny
11/10/2024	Jackson P. Kreter	19	Burglary, Grand Larceny, Damage Property, Threats to Kill
11/10/2024	Joseph F. Cortese	20	Burglary, Grand Larceny, Damage Property
11/11/2024	Scott M. Dawyot	53	Assault & Battery
11/11/2024	Brennan N. Bosque	23	Assault & Battery

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Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of November 5, 2024 –November 11, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
9-NOV-2024	200 BLK Craig Ave	Burglary, Grand Larceny, Threats to Kill

OBITUARY

Pitts, Richard D.

Richard D. Pitts, 86, of Kingsport, TN, formerly of Salem, VA, died on November 13, 2024. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the eldest child of Clyde and Elnora Prevett Pitts. He was predeceased by his son, Drew Pitts and his sister, Hazel Turco.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judith Grubb Pitts; his daughter, Amy Blair and her husband Ray; his daughter-in-law, Dana Noell Pitts; along with grandchildren, Anna and Abby Pitts and Aaron and Travis Blair; and his sisters, Betty Marks and Judy Whitehair. He was a

faithful, loving husband, father, and grandfather. He retired from Roanoke County Schools after 34 years, serving in various positions. He was most proud of being Glenvar’s first and only coach when it opened in 1964. He coached football, basketball, and track, winning the state championship in track in 1970. Always he held a special place in his heart for the students and athletes there, many of whom became life-long friends. After retiring from Roanoke County Schools, he coached track at Roanoke College. He was also an MG enthusiast

where he competed in car shows and won many of them. He was a member of Colonial Heights United Methodist Church. The family sincerely appreciates the many kindnesses of the staff in memory care at American House as well as the tender care of Gentiva Hospice.

The family will receive friends for a Celebration of Life at Lotz Salem Chapel on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 1:30 pm. The family requests memorials be made to Glenvar Athletics or Colonial Heights United Methodist Church for flood relief.

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Cline

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this Congress and the 119th Congress for policies that deliver real results for the American people and put America first.

New Border Czar Tom Homan

Under the Biden/Harris Administration, America’s southern border has plunged into a historic crisis due to their reckless open-border agenda that has completely dismantled our oncesecure borders. In less than four years, we have witnessed an astounding 10.8 million illegal migrant encounters nationwide. The consequences of this crisis have been nothing short of devastating. Over 300,000 migrant children have gone missing, and American lives have been taken by killers set loose in our country because of the Biden/Harris Administration’s dangerous policies, underscoring the urgent humanitarian and national security crisis at our border. Furthermore, more than 70,000 Americans lost their lives in 2023 alone due to the fentanyl crisis. We can no longer allow the border crisis to persist. It’s time for our country to have an administration that not only supports real reforms but also actively utilizes the resources at its disposal to address this urgent issue.

That’s why President Trump has appointed Tom Homan as our new Border Czar. Homan, who previously served as the Acting Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), brings over 30 years of invaluable experience in immigration enforcement to the table. Right from day one, Homan will focus on restoring order at our border, upholding our immigration laws, and ensuring the safety and security of all Americans. House Republicans firmly believe that the only path forward involves substantial border

security reforms, such as those outlined in the House-passed Secure the Border Act (H.R. 2). This legislation is designed to secure America’s borders, improve the asylum process, and reduce the incentives for illegal immigration. With the incoming Trump Administration, we are poised to take swift and decisive action to secure our southern border and bring an end to this crisis that has gone on for far too long.

National Veterans Small Business Week

Our veterans are remarkable entrepreneurs who have made significant contributions to our economy. The latest data reveals that they are the majority owners of over 1.6 million firms, collectively employing nearly 3.3 million workers—representing 5.5% of all business owners in the United States.

That’s why I introduced the Veterans Entrepreneurship Act, which empowers our veterans by allowing them to utilize their GI Bill benefits to start or purchase a business. This initiative is vital to supporting those who have sacrificed for our country and helping them thrive in the business world.

Celebrating National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to celebrate American families who have opened their homes to children in need. Every child deserves a loving, nurturing environment to grow up in. Thank you to all the adoptive families nationwide.

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.

Bentley

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are now burning in the Adirondacks, in the Amazon, and elsewhere. Could such a calamity threaten our own community? Of course.

Salem is still working on its 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The City website has little about what’s in it but I attended a Planning Commission Open House at the Civic Center on August 13th. I said to a Commission member then that the exhibit content and conversation were all about housing and roads, with nothing about climate change or resilience. I was assured by that official that “environmental considerations” would be included. Salem conducted a poll about the 2040 Comprehensive plan, but many questions were poorly constructed. Nevertheless, 40% of respondents rated “proximity to nature” as a desirable strength of the City, over 50% wanted the City to “renovate public spaces” – and over 70% wanted the City to “reduce traffic congestion”.

So, would the PUD development project on the HopeTree property contribute in addressing this citizen input? Many

speakers at Council meetings over the last year have asked for an independent agency to do an environmental impact study and a realistic traffic study, yet

that hasn’t occurred, nor has Council authorize such. Many speakers opposing the rezoning cited figures indicating the PUD development would greatly increase traffic on the roads surrounding the property. Anyone who has driven on Red Lane, Academy Street, Hawthorne, or North Broad know that a higher volume of traffic would burden these neighborhoods. Many questions remain about the suitability of the HopeTree property for such a large PUD development, including 340 housing units, a hotel, restaurants and commercial office buildings.

And what about that environmental impact? Well, they’ll be using a lot of cement, concrete, and bricks in the project. Making one ton of concrete produces one ton of carbon dioxide. Making even one brick produces 0.82 pounds of CO2. Constructing and

maintaining one mile of a two-lane road can produce roughly 3,500 tons of CO2 over its lifetime. And in terms of the traffic, burning a gallon of diesel fuel produces 20 pounds of CO2 while for a gallon of gas it’s 20 pounds. Currently most of HopeTree’s 63 acres is a carbon sink, but this PUD will be a huge emitter. Any reasonable person would conclude that instead of approving a gross overgrowth project on the last large green space in Salem, smart and conscientious planning for our city’s climate future would be for our civic leaders to do just the opposite of rezoning for this PUD.

Sincerely,

-Michael Bentley
Salem

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SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST - 401 West Main Street. 540-389-2400. Minister Taylor Plott; 10:00am Sunday Bible Study; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service; Wednesday Life Groups: 5:30 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office. **WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Ministers Luke Tatum and Jerry Anderson, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:000 PM.

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

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

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

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EPISCOPAL ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 42 East Main Street, Salem, 389-9307. Sundays at 7:30am and 10am. Holy Communion in church and live-streamed on YouTube@StPaulSalemVa.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COLLEGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - 210 S. College Avenue, Salem

VA 24153. Please visit our website www.collegelutheran.org for information on services.

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

INDEPENDENT RESTORATION CHURCH - a Community on Mission Following Jesus into the World - 10:10am Sundays at the Salem YMCA - 1126 Kime Lane, Salem - 540-384-1601 - www.restorationsalem.org. Watch Live at: YouTube: Restoration Church-Salem, VA. Facebook: RestorationChurchSalem

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 226 South Broad Street, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. SundaySchool 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and PrayerMeeting 7:00 PM.

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

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHRISTIAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH - 1 CLI Way, Salem, VA, 540-343-3801 |www.clchurch.org. Sundays @ 10 am | Wednesdays @ 7 pm. Livestream on YouTube & Facebook.

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BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)

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

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

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

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

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

MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev.Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sundays: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed:7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. **RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST** - 703 Hemlock Road N.W. Roanoke, 342-6492. Roy E. Kanode, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Awanas 5:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30p.m.; Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m.; Praiz Kidz 6:00p.m.; Family Night Activities 6:30 p.m. website: www.ridgewood-baptist.com.

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - Salem Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). North Campus: 7640 Alpine Road (Roanoke). Español Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension (Salem). Worship Times: 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM for Salem and North; 10:30 AM for Español. For more information, visit: www.fcclife.org

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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL24-419
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. WELDON E. ALEXANDER, ET AL., Respondents(s)
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:
Tax Map No. 53-39
Account No. 20807
All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the Buchanan Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, containing 2.5 acres, more or less.

And being the remaining portion of the same property conveyed to Weldon E. Alexander and Rosa M. Alexander, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship, from Paul J. McCormick, widower, and Weldon E. Alexander and Rosa M. Alexnader, husband and wife, by Deed of Correction dated May 30, 1978, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 243, at Page 804.
This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 243, at Page 412, Deed Book 243, at Page 410, and Deed Book 178, at Page 814.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating the due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Weldon E. Alexander, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is P.O. Box 1035, Buchanan, Virginia, 24066; Rosa M. Weldon, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 676 Arcadia Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; Timothy E. Alexander, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 676 Arcadia Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; Carol A Simmons, whose last known address is 1138 Pico Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; H. Dean Alexander, Whose last known address is 1527 N. Princeton Drive, Covington, Virginia 24426; Linda D. McCormick, whose last known address is 802 W Ridgeway Street, Apt. 400, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

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ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before December 23, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
Entered on the 4th day of November, 2024
T. Moore, Clerk

I Ask For This:
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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL24-415
VIRGINIA:IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, AND TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. CAROL C. LAWSON, ET AL., Respondents(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the c County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:
Tax Map No. 65A (5)
107A&108A
Account No. 22685
All certain tract or parcel of land, situate, lying, and being in the Town of Buchanan, Botetourt County, Virginia, described as follows:
Beginning at a point at the intersection of Stae Route No. 43 and T 1307 located 25 feet from the centerline of State Route No. 43 and 20 feet from the centerline of T 1307; thence N 81° 05'13"E 145.10 feet to a metal fence post; thence s 9°08' 11" E 83.69 feet to a point on property now or formerly owned by Rookstool; thence s 76° 28' 26" W 137.74 feet passing through an iron pin at 1.49 feet and another iron pin at 136.28 feet to a point along route T 1307; thence N 13° 49' 12" W 95.12feet to the beginning, containing 0.29 acre, more or less, as shown on the plat of survey by Charles R. McMurray, dated July 9 1981, recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 300, at Page 516.
And being the same property conveyed to Carol C. Lawson from Lee T. Lawson and Carol C. Lawson by Deed dated May 20, 1987 and recorded December 14, 1987 in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 341, at Page 649.
The description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Carol C. Lawson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 2222 Wycliffe Avenue SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24014; Lee T. Lawson, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 3920 Three Chop Lane SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24014; Lee T. Lawson, Jr., whose last known address is 2222 Wycliffe Avenue SW Roanoke, 24014; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to the action individually and/or by

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the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before **December 18, 2024** in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
Entered on the 28th day of October, 2024.
Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

I Ask for This:
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NOTICE OF
TRUSTEE'S SALE
Timber Ridge,
Buchanan, Virginia
24066

Parcel ID No. 31978 Tax
Map No. 49-43B
BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated December 13, 2019 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument 190004704, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at the front steps of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, 5 West Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090-0219, on December 12, 2024, at 12:00 o'clock noon, property located at or near Timber Ridge, Buchanan, Virginia, which property is more particularly described as follows:

All of that certain tract or parcel of land designated as New Tract B and containing 5.012 acres, more or less, as more fully shown on that certain "Plat Of The Property of George T. & Lesley N. Kutchanman DB 392 PG 420; TM #49-43 Creating New Tract B," dated March 7, 2019 and prepared by Christopher N. McMurphy, Land Surveyor, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 63, Page 31.

This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of up to ten percent (10%) of the successful bid in certified funds required (certified or cashier's check made payable to Spilman, Thomas & Battle, PLLC). Settlement within thirty (30) days of sale with balance of purchase price paid in cash. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale outlining additional terms of sale and settlement that will be available for review prior to the announcement of sale. Employees, directors and officers of Farm Credit of the Virginias, ACA, and their immediate family and companies in which they have an interest are not eligible under federal regulations to purchase this property at foreclosure.

Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Jennifer A. Baker, Substitute Trustees
For Information Contact: Bryson J. Hunter, Esquire
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NOTICE OF
SUBSTITUTE
TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF
4807 Pilot Rd.,
Pilot, Virginia

Legals -
Botetourt County

24138
(Montgomery
County, Virginia)

In execution of a deed of trust, from JAMES F. PHILLIPS and STEPHANIE A. PHILLIPS, dated January 31, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$64,228.59, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, as Instrument Number 07001497, Seth E. Twery, P.C. having been appointed Substitute Trustee, pursuant to Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated August 29, 2024, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 2024005255, due to default in payment of the debt secured, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia on the 4th day of December, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., that certain tract of real estate known as 4807 Pilot Rd., Pilot, Virginia 24138 situated in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being on the southwesterly side of Pilot Road (Virginia Route 615), in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, described as follows:

All that tract containing 1.012 acres as shown on the map entitled "PLAT OF SURVEY TO BE CONVEYED TO JAMES F. PHILLIPS AND STEPHANIE A. PHILLIPS," prepared by C.S. Correll, L.S., of Correll Surveying, dated March 24, 1998, Plat #1028, a copy of which map is recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Circuit Court, Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 1002, at Page 578 and to which map reference is made for a more particular description of the property hereby conveyed.

SUBJECT TO the right to use water from the spring and the right to install, maintain and renew a pipe line for the purpose of pumping said water, together.

TOGETHER WITH the right of ingress and egress for the purpose of maintaining said pipe line by instrument of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 580, Page 639.

Included with the sale of the aforesaid real estate is a 2007 Giles Manufactured Home - VIN No. G131470.

Sale subject to all conditions, restrictions, reservations and easements, if any of record and now applicable thereto.

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Order of
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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001724-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY DIANE MCLEMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR TEAGAN HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00 PM.
11/1/2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

Order of
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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001725-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY DIANE MCLEMORE v.

Legals -
Montgomery County

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR RYLAND HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSPEH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00PM.
10/31/2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

Order of
Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001726-00**
MONTGOMERY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY MCLEMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR DAYTON HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00PM.
November 6, 2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

Order of
Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001764-00**
MONTGOMERY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* STACEY LYNN MONTOYA v. JOSE CARLOS HERNANDEZ MONTOYA
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JOSE CARLOS HERNANDEZ MONTOYA appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 13, 2025 @9:00 AM.
November 12, 2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF 3025 OLIVER
ROAD, ELLISTON,
VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 23, 2011, in the original principal amount of \$63,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2011009822. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on January 6, 2025, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:

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Notice of Public
Hearing
Town of
Blacksburg
Planning
Commission
Tuesday,
December 3, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

RZN-24-3-Clay Street Apartment PRD request from R-5 Transitional Residential to PR Planned Residential at 402 Clay Street SE.
Rezone request to permit the construction of two (2) three-story multifamily buildings with a maximum of 72 bedrooms in 42 units (46 bedrooms/acre or 27 units/acre). The buildings contain 30 two-bedroom units and 12 one-bedroom units. Twenty percent (20%) of the units will be income restricted to households earning less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) and will be managed through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. This area is designated on the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use map as Medium Density Residential which is defined as up to and including ten dwelling units per acre; or up to 20 bedrooms per acre, whichever is less. The proposed development represents an increase in density above the Future Land Use designation.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) #60/ORD #2001-An amendment to amend the text of the Town's Zoning Ordinance to create a new Downtown Northwest zoning district for the area bounded by North Main Street, Turner Street, and Prices Fork Road. In 2019, the Town adopted the Downtown Strategic Plan which identified six sub districts for Downtown including the Downtown Northwest district bounded by North Main Street, Prices Fork Road, and Turner Street NW. The proposed amendment will create a new floating zoning district applicable to the Downtown Northwest area. Creation of a new district does not change existing zoning and property owners would need to rezone to the new district through a public hearing

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process. The district includes an applicability criteria, permitted use table, definitions specific to the new district, building dimensional standards, building design standards, site development standards, and signage provisions. The district incorporates many new form-based zoning regulations, which have more specificity in building and site design requirements than typically found in traditional zoning districts.

Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning and zoning ordinance amendment requests may appear and present their views. After hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the applications, staff report and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

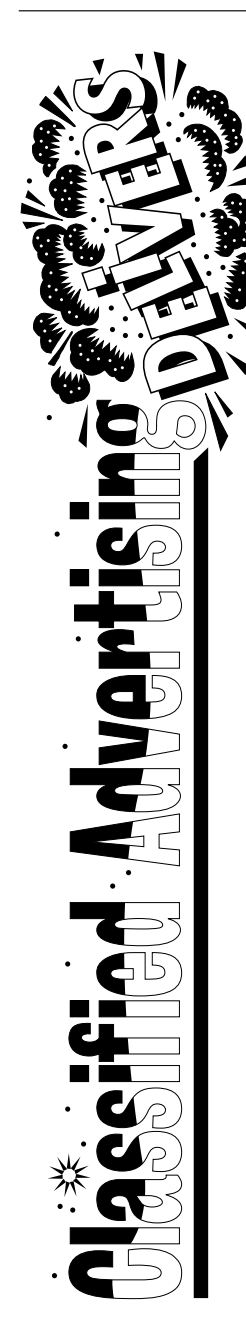
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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24007489-00**
RADFORD Circuit Court, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* KEVIN C. LYLE v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARJORIE MILLER LYLE
The object of this suit is to: PETITION FOR PROBATE OF LOST WILL. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN HEIRS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 7, 2025.
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Salem's Dorian Vance(#67) makes the tackle against Handley as Jake James(#78), Tolin Saul(#19) and Jack Camper(#10) close in.

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SALEM FOOTBALL

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moved the ball down the field, little by little, picking up first downs and eating the clock. They moved into the red zone with under three minutes to go, then faced a third and goal on the Handley four with 2:04 on the clock. The Judges stopped them on the two and Salem had fourth down on the two with 1:51 on the clock and the season in the balance.

This one was up to the Mules, and they came through. The line of Joseph Doyle, DJ Lynch, Kevin Easley, Dorian Vance, Jack Bryie and tight end Jack Camper finished the job as they opened a hole for Arrington who scored to put Salem ahead, 29-28. Taylor hit Bryson

Fraction for a two-point conversion to put Salem up by a field goal, 31-28, with 1:13 on the clock.

Handley wasn't done, at least not until Coen Logan intercepted a pass to put the game on ice. It was the most exciting game of the season, at least to this point, and the Spartans found a way to win.

"We didn't flinch when we got behind," said Holter. "We put it on the backs of the Mules like Salem has done so many times in the past."

Persinger finished with 178 yards rushing on 24 carries with a touchdown while Arrington had

39 yards on 18 carries and two scores. Taylor was nine for 15 passing for 121 yards, including three to Fraction and two each to Logan, Camper and Persinger.

On defense Logan led with nine tackles, all solo, and DaVon Jones and Conner Cox had eight each.

The winner of the Salem-GW game Friday will advance to the Region 4D final. The other semifinal finds third seeded Jefferson Forest at second seeded Sherando, and if Salem wins Friday the Spartans will have to go on the road to the winner of that game the day after Thanksgiving.



When Ron Greer finally got around to entering the football contest he made it worth his while.

A month or so ago Ron, who is a member of the chain gang at Salem Stadium, approached me at a Salem High football game. Several of his cohorts on the chain gang are regulars on our football contest and Ron questioned me on one of the rules, noting that you had to enter on the official entry blank in that week's paper. Ron said he paid for the paper on line, so how was he supposed to do that?

I had never considered that before, but he had a good point. I told him to make one copy of the entry blank and fill it out and that would suffice.

Well, a few weeks passed and no entry from Ron and I sort of forgot about it. Then, this week, I find an entry in our box by the door, photocopied from the internet, with Ron's name and address.

I took the entries home on Monday night to grade and Ron's entry blank was a little smaller than the others, so it was right on top. I graded it first and, to my surprise, Ron missed just one game. I was happy for that, because from that point on when a contestant missed two I didn't have to grade any farther. I got the contests graded in record time and Ron will get the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's, making it worth his time to go to the extra trouble of copying that entry blank. His only miss was picking Appomattox over Floyd.

For last week's 19th hole I asked you to predict the score of the game between Virginia Union and Virginia State. I expect that was pretty much a wild guess, but the winner is T.J. Beason Myers who picked Union to win, 21-17. The actual score was 17-13 in favor of the Panthers, so TJ gets a day of free golf at the Salem Municipal Course.

For this week's 19th hole give me your prediction on the Salem-GW Danville region semifinal game. Most of the time almost everyone picks Salem, but it may be different this week as the Eagles are the top seed in the region at 10-1. Put your prediction in the space provided and the winner gets a free day of golf in Salem.

And oh yeah; remind me not to wear my Eagles hat to the game this week. **-Brian Hoffman**

GLENVAR FOOTBALL

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"It took me most of the season to settle on what we are offensively," said Clifford. "Since the James River game we've been in the spread and we've gotten better each week. I'm proud of the way we executed against Martinsville, they have some good athletes. They have a lot of kids who could probably start for us."

Glenvar led 55-7 at the half and scored two more touchdowns in the second half with a running clock despite not throwing a pass across the line of scrimmage after intermission. Dawyot finished his night with 19 completions on 24 passes for 239 yards and six TDs. He also ran for 55 yards and two scores while Ranger Swanson had 13 carries for 165 yards and a score.

Dawyot spread the ball around. Peyton Deel had six catches for 122 yards and two scores, and he also had a 48 yard punt return for a touchdown and an interception on defense. Mullins had seven catches for 57 yards and a touchdown, Devin Clark had three catches for 42 yards and two TDs and Cale Vaughan had two catches for 14 yards and a score.

On defense Nick Wilson had 14 tackles, including three for losses and two and a half sacks. Vaughan had 11 tackles and Dawyot had nine, including three for losses and two and a half sacks, in a limited role.

The Highlanders are now 10-1 and have clinched a season of double-digit wins for the seventh time in the past 11 years. But that's not the end game, as Clifford and his team would like to take this season well into December. If they win this week they'll be home against the winner of a game between Radford and Gretna the day after Thanksgiving.

"It's important to just enjoy being in the moment," said Clifford. "It's important to go out there and have fun every day."



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar's Rhett Henderson celebrates after sacking the Martinsville quarterback in last Friday's win at Highlander Stadium.

Virginia Union rules CIAA

Virginia Union University's Jada Byers rushed for 178 yards and a touchdown as VUU defeated Virginia State University, 17-13, in the CIAA Football Championship on Saturday, November 16, in Salem. It marked the second straight championship for the Panthers, a feat that the school hadn't accomplished since the 1982 and 1983 teams won back-to-back CIAA Championships.

VUU's Mark Wright passed for 96 yards and a touchdown while teammate Reginald Vick, Jr., caught two passes for 59 yards and a touchdown. On the defensive side, Virginia Union's Shamar Graham led the Panthers with 11 tackles and a sack.

Virginia State received the ball first. After managing a first and goal at the one, Virginia Union's defense hunkered down and managed to hold VSU scoreless on the next three plays and force a fourth and goal from the two-yard line. The Trojans faked a field goal but were stopped in their tracks, resulting in a turnover on downs.

The Panthers then used that momentum to put together a strong offensive drive that saw them on the doorstep of the end zone. As he did many times this

season, Jada Byers carried the ball in for a two-yard touchdown run to help VUU strike first, leading 7-0.

VSU responded with a 33-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 7-3. Then, with time winding down in the second quarter, the Panthers added three more points as Brady Myers hit a field goal as the clock hit zero, carrying a 10-3 lead into halftime.

Virginia State tied the game in the third quarter but Virginia Union's Wright connected with Vick for a 23-yard touchdown pass to put VUU back ahead, 17-10.

With the game nearing its end, Virginia State had one last shot to drive down the field with 27 seconds left on their own 11, but their last-second hopes were shut down on the first play, as William Davis picked off a Trojan pass to seal the championship victory for Virginia Union.

Virginia Union's Byers was named MVP of the championship game after a stellar performance.

Virginia Union will face Wingate University in the first round of the NCAA Division II Football Playoffs at 1 pm this Saturday, November 23, in Wingate, N.C.



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Curtis Allen of Virginia Union (#9) hurdles a Virginia State defender in Saturday's CIAA football championship at Salem Stadium.

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-All entries must be on an official Salem Times-Register entry blank. No duplicates please. No limit on the number of entries as long as the current blank is used.
-Each advertisement on this page includes one football game to be played this week. Find the game in the ad and print your predicted winner on the line corresponding to the advertiser in the list included on this page.
-First prize will be awarded to the person who picks the most games correctly.
-Be sure to include your name, address, and high point total for the week. High point total is decided by the most points scored by ANY ONE TEAM in the games listed for the week. High point total is used to break ties only, and all decisions will be final.
-Clip and mail THE ENTRY PART ONLY to Salem Times-Register, Football Contest, P.O. Box 1125, Salem, VA 24153. Entry must be postmarked by 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately following the date of the paper, or bring your entry by the Salem Times-Register office at 1633 West Main Street in Salem. Your entry must be in the box by 5 p.m. Friday.
-All entries not conforming to the rules may be declared null and void. Decisions are final. For questions call Brian Hoffman @ 389-9355. Winners will be announced in the contest story the following week.

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The 19th
Hole
(see story)

Roanoke College men dominate Frankie Allen Tip-Off Tournament

The Roanoke College men's basketball team cruised to the championship in the Frankie Allen Tip-Off Tournament at the Cregger Center in Salem last weekend. The Maroons beat two opponents by 31 and 44 points to claim the title.

In Friday's home debut the Maroons defeated Springfield College, 90-59. Roanoke jumped off to a quick start, leading 55-23 at the half and coasting to the win. The Maroons shot 56 percent from the floor in the first half, including 63 percent from three point range as they made seven of 11 from behind the arc.

Six Maroons scored in double figures, led by Clayton Gaither with 13 points. Jackson Bell, Patrick Clevenger and Marcus Morgan had a dozen each and Gavin O'Malley had 10 points. Clevenger led the Maroons in rebounding with 12.

Josh McClary did not score on Friday, but on Saturday he bounced back with a game high 24 in the championship against Saint

Vincent College as the Maroons took a 101-57 win. McClary also had seven assists and five steals in the victory.

Saint Vincent took an early 7-4 lead in this one but McClary had 11 points in a 19-0 run as the Maroons took charge. They upped the lead to 49-28 at the half and it was all over at that point.

Clevenger, a sophomore from James River High, finished with 12 points, five rebounds and three steals in the win. Bell had 11 points, Joshua Morse had 10 and Gaither and Morgan had eight each. Morgan was named the MVP of the tournament and Clevenger also made the All-Tournament team.

The win was the third in a row for the Maroons after losing their opener. Roanoke was scheduled to host Washington & Lee in their Old Dominion Athletic Conference opener on Wednesday and next Tuesday, November 26, Randolph College comes to Salem for a 5 pm

RC women split home games

The Roanoke College women made their home basketball debut last weekend when they split two games in the Jean Beamer Tip-Off Classic at the Cregger Center in Salem.

The Maroons opened the Classic on Saturday with an 82-36 win over Wilkes College of Pennsylvania. It got late early for Wilkes as RC outscored the visitors 27-4 in the first quarter, then stretched the lead to 38-12 by halftime. The Maroons outscored Wilkes 44-24 in the second half to win by 46 points.

Ashley Fowler led the Maroons with 23 points. Mariah Cain had 12 points and a game

high 14 rebounds while Reese Fritz and Katie Lam had 11 each. Kiley Hylton had 10 boards.

On Sunday afternoon Roanoke faced a much tougher opponent in Gettysburg, the 15th ranked team in the nation in Division III. The Bullets remained undefeated on the young season with a 91-69 win as the Maroons fell to 1-2 on the season.

Gettysburg led 47-32 at the half. Although the Maroons raised the intensity defensively after the half Gettysburg kept finding ways to score, making it 68-45 through three. The Maroons ended up outscoring the Bullets in the fourth, 24-23, to bring the score to final at 91-69.

Freshman Paige Breuer and sophomore Ashley Fowler were both named to the All-Tournament team. Breuer recorded her first 20 plus point game of her young career against the Bullets, tallying 21 points. Abigail Rice and Lam also hit the double-digit threshold, recording 14 and 13 points respectively, and Alicea Farmer led the team in rebounds with six.

The Maroon women will head to Ashland this weekend to compete in the Randolph Macon College Tip-off Classic. Roanoke will take on sixth ranked Johns Hopkins Friday at 8 pm and Dickinson Saturday at 2 pm.



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Abigail Rice scores for the Maroons in Sunday's game with Gettysburg in the Jean Beamer Classic.

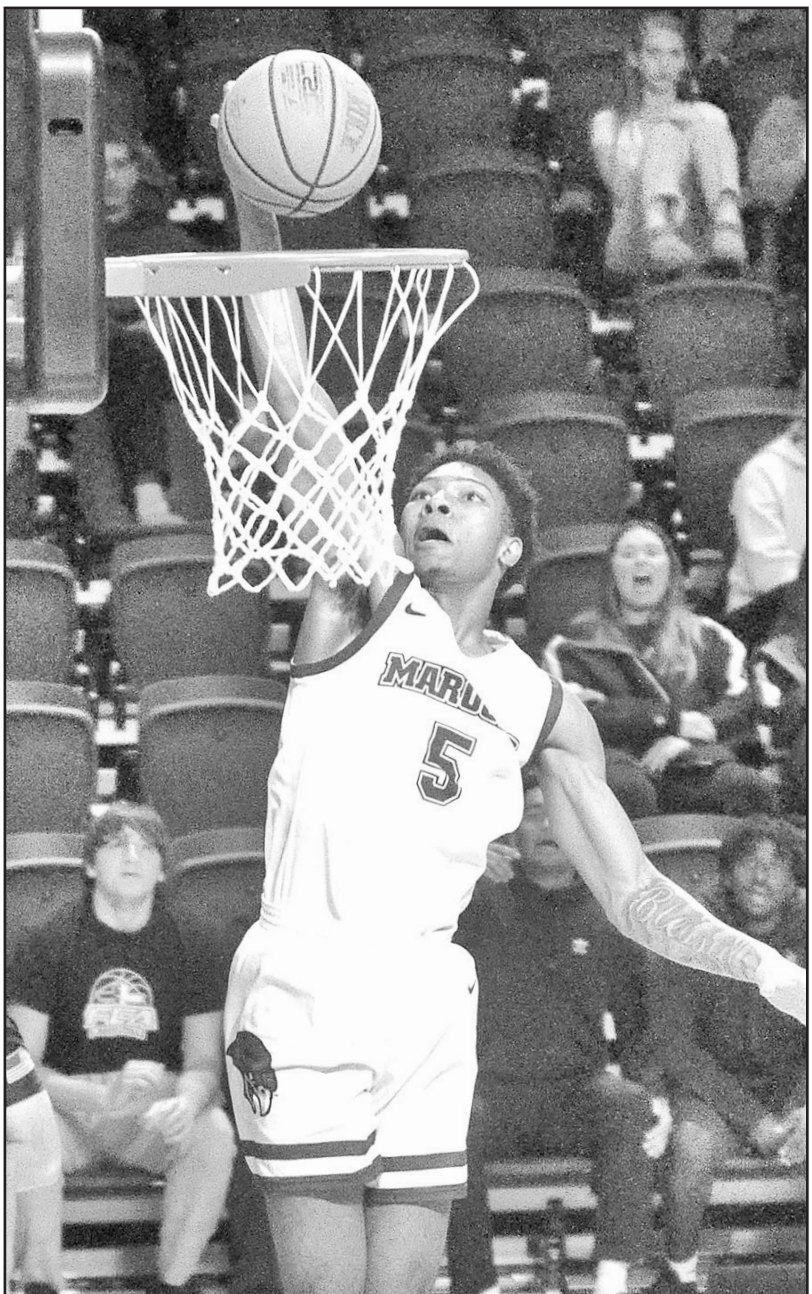


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Jackson Bell of Roanoke College goes to the hole against Springfield.

Lewis basketball sweeps Northside, Cave Spring

The Andrew Lewis Middle School basketball teams swept two Roanoke County foes as the Wolverines defeated Northside and Cave Spring Middle in the past week.

Last Thursday the Lewis boys were at Northside for a 53-24 win. Cayson Boles led the Wolverines with 15 points, hitting five of seven three point shots. Jahamere Nance had eight points and seven rebounds and Landon Nunley chipped in seven points and five assists.

The girls played the Norsewomen at home and won 37-11. Na'Rryah Jones had eight points, Leela Hamden had seven and Daviah Goodman scored six for the Wolverines, who outscored Northside 24-3 in the second half.

"We had a slow start to game, but our defense got going the second half and really fueled the offense," said Lewis coach Nat Franklin.

On Monday the boys edged the Squires at Cave Spring Middle, 36-35, behind 14 points six rebounds, four assists and three steals for Nunley. Crayton Boger had 10 points and six steals. Lewis was up 12 with two minutes left but held on to win.

"We let them get back in it," said Rutledge. "I have to do a better job managing those situations. Super proud of the kids for a gritty win on the road."

The Lewis girls defeated Cave Spring at home Monday, 26-10. Goodman had 17 points.

Both teams hosted Pulaski on Tuesday but results were too late for publication. Next Monday, November 25, the boys go to Franklin County and the girls will host Ben Franklin Middle in Salem.

C'burg tops GMS hoops

The Glenvar Middle School basketball teams played at Christiansburg Monday and dropped both games.

The boys lost to the undefeated Christiansburg team as Grayson Harri

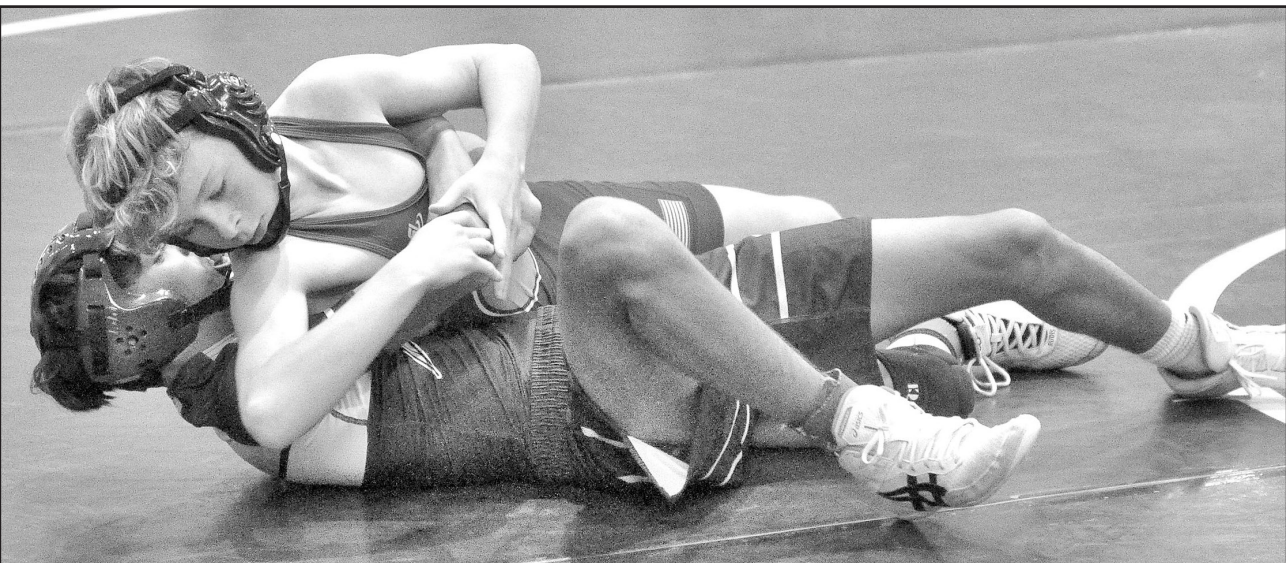
led Glenvar with nine points. The Highlanders are 4-2 and both losses have been to Christiansburg. They beat Radford last week, 37-26, behind 18 points and five steals by JD Williamson.

"Our defensive effort was tremendous during the course of this game," said coach Josh Jones. "This allowed us to create turnovers and turn them into points which made a huge difference in the game."

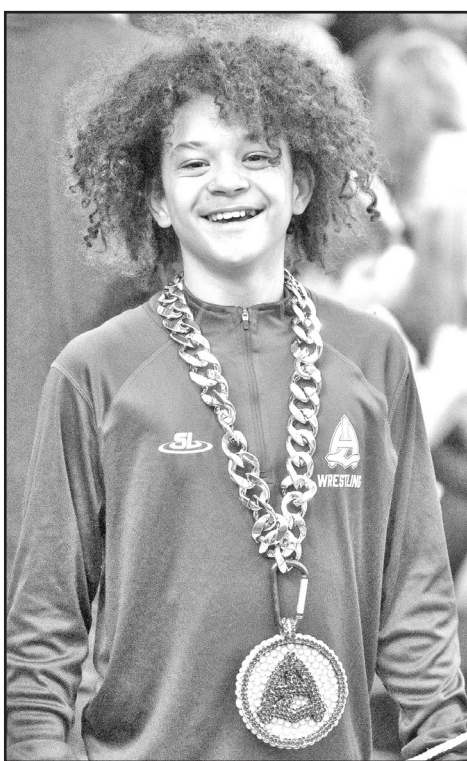
The girls dropped a 53-14 decision at Christiansburg Monday. Maudie Doolan had four points to lead Glenvar.

"Christiansburg played a hard 3-2 zone we struggled to beat," said Glenvar coach Andrew Quillen. "Lots of turnovers."

Both Glenvar teams were scheduled to play in Covington Tuesday in their final games before Thanksgiving.



Above, Noah Stevens of Glenvar Middle School is on top in his match against Northside at the Wolverine Duals at Andrew Lewis Middle School Saturday. Below left, Layden Holland of Lewis pins his opponent in 21 seconds in his match, and below right dons the Lewis "Pin Chain."



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Blacksburg wins Wolverine Duals

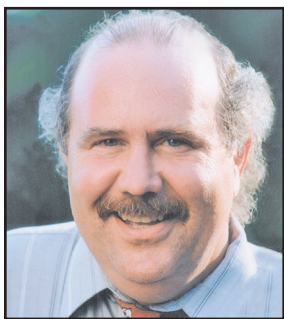
Blacksburg was the team winner as host Andrew Lewis and Glenvar were among the competitors in the Wolverine Duals middle school wrestling tournament in Salem last Saturday.

Andrew Lewis was the team runnerup, defeating Central Academy, 47-45, Glenvar, 72-25, Northside, 72-24, and Pulaski, 55-33, to win pool A. In the finals, Lewis faced the winner of pool B, Blacksburg, and the Bruins beat Lewis for the second time in two short weeks to cement their first place finish. The final score was Blacksburg 57 and Lewis 41.

Chris Verner, Wyeth Garnett and Zaire Reynolds all went undefeated on the day for Lewis while Barry Gladden, Landynn Bryant, Layden Holland, and Grant Martin all went 4-1.

Wyatt Frantz and Cael Short went 5-0 for Glenvar. Brentley Ferguson and Kyle Bratton were both 4-1 on the day.

Brian Hoffman



I was sad to learn that Richard Pitts, the first ever football coach at Glenvar High School and coach of the 1970 Glenvar state champion track team, died last Wednesday, November 13, at 86 years of age. Richard had been living in Kingsport, Tennessee with wife Judith after living in Salem for many years.

A native of Philadelphia, PA, Richard was a football and track standout at Franklin High School in Philadelphia. He was named the most outstanding football player of his graduating class in a school of around 500 students.

I loved hearing Richard tell stories of his high school days. He ran track against NBA basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain in the Penn Relays at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field as a high schooler. Wilt was a hero of mine as a child and to hear Richard talk about competing against him was fascinating for me.

Richard was the athletic director at Glenvar when I started working for the paper in 1974. He was head coach of the first Glenvar football team in 1967 and led the Highlanders to their first win ever on September 16th of that year, a 33-0 win over North Cross. Glenvar went 2-6 that first season.

Pitts coached the Highlanders for their first five

Pitts was Glenvar's first football coach, led Highlanders to 1970 state track championship

seasons and had a 17-29 record before stepping down to become athletic director. Steve Hyer of Salem, a former coach, teacher and administrator, was on Richard's football staff for two years.

"He was a real gentleman, very professional," said Hyer. "He didn't have a lot to work with in those early years but he did a good job and was a very nice fellow. He did a heck of a job coaching track."

Glenvar won the state track championship in 1970 with just a handful of competitors, a feat still ranked among the best in school history. After retiring from Roanoke County he coached track at Roanoke College.

Richard's obituary can be found in this week's paper. In recent years he suffered from dementia but still made his way back to Salem on occasion to watch his granddaughters run. His daughter Amy was a standout on the Salem High track team and he leaves two granddaughters, Anna and Abby, who were track and soccer standouts for Salem High.

"He was a good teacher and a great guy," said Sheldon Henderson of Roanoke County, who was a freshman football player during Richard's last year as Glenvar varsity coach. "He knew all the kids names."

A moment of silence was held for Pitts prior to last Friday's playoff football game at Highlander Stadium. As I stood there thinking about Richard, his smile and his laugh still alive in my head, I wondered how many people in the stands actually knew this man who once meant so much to Glenvar High. For the many who knew only the name, they missed a good one.

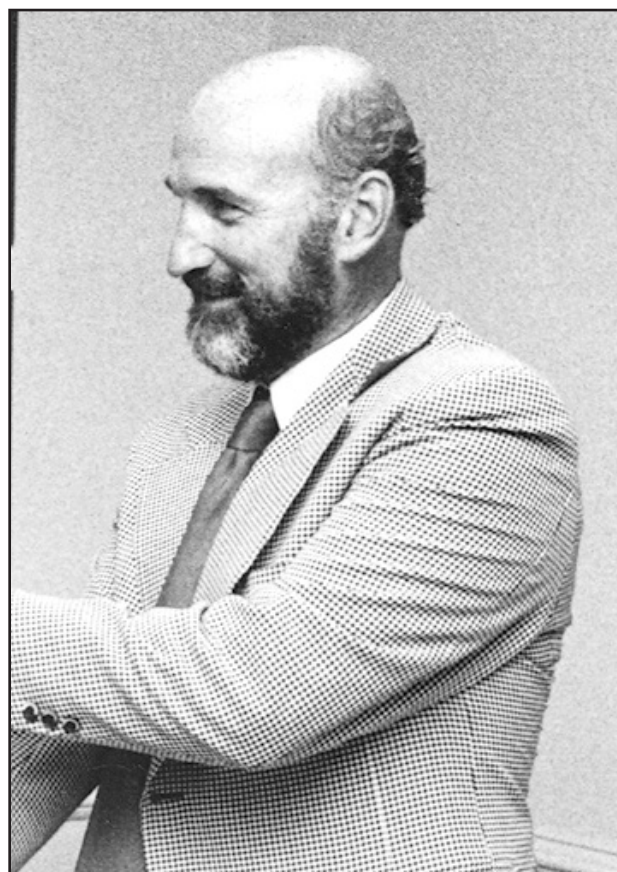


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RICHARD PITTS



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Above left, Glenvar's Tyler Davis placed 13th overall in the Class 2 championship race. Above right, Bryce Austin races midway through the Class 2 cross country championship. Below, Valeria Castillo placed 26th at the Class 2 girls' state championship race.

Glenvar boys 6th in state Class 2

The Glenvar High boys' team and three Glenvar girls competed in the Virginia High School League state Class 2 meet in Blacksburg last Saturday. The boys finished sixth among 12 teams.

Tyler Davis led the Highlanders with a 13th place finish in the meet, covering the 5,000 meters in 17:10. The winning time was 16:15 by Mason Erchull of Three Rivers District rival Floyd County.

Second for Glenvar was Aldin Smith in 18:02. Also scoring for the Highlanders were Bryce Austin (42nd in 18:24), Cash Malcolm (79th in 20:14) and Jackson Wimmer (82nd in 20:26). Casey Weeks was 83rd and Asher Faught was 91st.

For the girls, Valeria Castillo led the Highlanders with a time of 22:26, good for 26th place. The winning time was 18:58 by Abigail Rhudy of Tazwell.

Two other girls ran individually for the Highlanders. Everly Shanks was 36th in 23:21 and Anna Hall was 41st in 23:33.

Floyd County won the girls' state championship and Clarke County took second. In the boys' meet the order was reversed with Clarke taking first and Floyd second.



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Grace Vernarelli and Katherine Seal of the Roanoke College field hockey team received all-conference honors as announced by the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Vernarelli, a senior, was named to the first team after posting a team leading 13 goals and five assists for 31 points. This is the third time in her career that Vernarelli has earned all-conference honors. She previously was named to the first team in 2023 and second team in 2022.

Junior defender Seal received third team honors. Seal was a staple of the Roanoke defense this season, starting all 18 games and helping the squad to five shutouts. This is the first conference award of her career.

Salem's Funk runs in Class 4 state XC Improves time and place from '23

Salem High senior Addyson Funk completed her high school cross country career with a run in the Virginia High School League Class 4 championship meet last Saturday. The meet was held on the 5K course at the Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg.

Addy finished 50th among 104 girls with a time of 21:43 in her second trip to the state meet. She improved both her time and her place from last year when she was 65th in 22:04 on the same Leesburg course.

"Addy joins a special group of girls who competed in the state meet multiple times," said Salem coach Tom Roth.

Elaina Pierce of Charlottesville was the race winner in a time of 18:07 and Blacksburg High of the River Ridge District was the team girls' champ. Blacksburg also won the boys' state championship and the individual winner was Michael Tafe of Loudoun County in a time of 15:54.

RC men are 8th in South Region meet

The Roanoke College cross country team ended their season with a run in the NCAA South Regional Championship last weekend on the Choctaw Trails course in Jackson, Mississippi. The Maroon men finished eighth and the women were 17th.

For the men, Matt Garis earned all-region honors as the Maroons put together their best showing at the regional cross country championship in 21 years. Roanoke collected 265 points to finish in eighth place in the 22-team field in a meet hosted by Belhaven University.

Garis led the way with a lifetime-best time in the 8K race, finishing in 26:17.9 to place 31st. He garnered All-South Region honors in the process. Seth Perry logged a time of 27:09.4 to finish in 51st place and score 50 points. Fellow freshman Elias Ammon came in just one second later, clocking in at 27:10.4 to place 53rd and notch 51

points.

Lynchburg narrowly won the team title, totaling 51 points to finish just ahead of Emory (56 points) and Washington and Lee (59). The Hornets' Chasen Hunt was the individual medalist with a time of 24:29.62.

The Maroon women scored 487 team points to claim 17th place in the 24-squad field. Sarah Kochanski led Roanoke with a time of 25:18.7 in the 6K race, placing 82nd overall and logging 76 points. Savannah Reid registered a mark of 25:36.2, placing 96th and scoring 90 points. Allie Gallaher's time of 26:02.0 was good for the 102nd spot and 95 markers.

Washington and Lee put four runners in the top eight, including individual champion Olivia Warr (21:34.70), to claim the team title with 38 points. Emory finished second with 49 points, and Lynchburg came in third with 98.

RC wrestlers pin W&L in ODAC opening match

The Roanoke College wrestling team opened the 2024-25 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) season in impressive fashion Saturday with a 33-7 win at Washington & Lee University. The Maroons, ranked seventh this week in dual matches by "The Open Mat," won eight of 10 matches.

The Maroons opened the evening with three-straight wins, starting at 174 pounds. Xavier Preston started the match off with a 20-8 major decision. Vincenzo Corvetto also had a major decision win at 184 and Lorenzo Pellot-Vázquez won via sudden victory at 197.

Josh Noble pinned his General opponent at 125 pounds and Jonah Paulino had a 20-5 technical fall win at 133. Mark Samuel and Andrew McDougal had decision victories at 141 and 157 pounds, respectively. David Reid closed out the night with a pin at 165 pounds in 2:36.

The Maroons travel to Hoboken, N.J. this Saturday to face Castleton at noon and Stevens at 1:30 pm.

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Spartans score late to defeat Handley, GW is next



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Above, Salem's Kyshead Arrington(#21) is in the end zone on fourth and goal from the two for the winning touchdown against Handley last Friday. Below, Coen Logan(#4) returns an interception that sealed the game for the Spartans with under a minute to play.



It may not be good for the heart, but a close football game can be good for the team. Salem High had a close one last week as the Spartans escaped their Region 4D football playoff opener with a 31-28 win over Handley High.

With the win the fourth seeded Spartans are off to Danville this Friday to take on top-seeded George Washington High. The Eagles opened their playoff run with a 24-7 win over a solid E.C. Glass team at J.T. Christopher Stadium in Danville last Friday.

GW is 10-1 on the season with 10 straight wins after losing to Dinwiddie, 55-21, in the season opener. Salem has had a similar season, winning nine straight after opening 1-2 with losses to Liberty Christian and William Fleming. Danville will be the best team Salem will play since the third week of the season.

"They're a very good football team," said Salem coach Don Holter. "Coach (Nick) Anderson does a good job and they have a good quarterback and some excellent skill people."

Salem is coming off a close game, and that may be a good thing. The Spartans ran up some big scores in the final three weeks of the regular season but they needed a touchdown in the final minutes to beat Handley.

"We needed that one," said Holter. "The true measure of what you're made of is how you respond in difficult circumstances. Anyone can do it when it's easy, but when you do it when it's hard it builds confidence and resolve."

After beating Handley 42-0 in last year's playoffs this game was much different. The Judges ran the ball successfully against the Spartans in the first half and jumped out to a 21-10 lead at intermission. The mood in the Salem locker room at halftime was reminiscent of the past.

"I challenged the Mules," said Holter, referring to Salem's traditional nickname for the offensive line. "We knew we could run the ball, and it was important to come out and get a score on that first series of the second half."

And Salem did just that, scoring just a minute and 13 seconds into the half on a 35 yard run by Kyshead Arrington. Ethan Millard's extra point kick cut the lead to 21-17 and the momentum swung to Salem's side.

The Spartans took their first lead of the half with 4:07 remaining in the third quarter. Eli Taylor hit Josiah Persinger on a wheel route for a score. The conversion failed but Salem had a 23-21 lead.

Handley didn't quit. The Judges rallied back to score on a four yard run with 9:28 to go to regain the lead at 28-23 and Salem needed a touchdown to keep the season alive.

At that point Salem football took over. The Spartans

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Highlanders have rematch with Floyd after dogging Martinsville

At the end of the movie "Rocky" boxing champ Apollo Creed tells the challenger, played by Sylvester Stallone, "You're not gettin' a rematch," after a brutal fight won by Creed. To that Rocky replies, "don't want one."

Well, if you saw "Rocky II" you know that Rocky got that rematch and ended up winning. Glenvar football fans are hoping the same thing doesn't happen this Friday when Floyd County gets a rematch in the Region 2C football playoffs.

The Highlanders and Buffaloes met on November 1 and Glenvar won a unanimous decision, 45-13, over visiting Floyd in a Three Rivers District bout. . . game. Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford is taking nothing for granted in the rematch.

"Floyd presents a lot of problems," said Clifford. "Coach (Tim) Cromer is a good football coach and we'll have to play well to beat them."

Glenvar comes in as the clear favorite in the region semifinal game. Last week fourth seeded Floyd edged fifth seeded Appomattox, 20-15, while top-seeded Glenvar knocked out eighth seeded Martinsville, 69-7. The 69 points is the most ever scored by a Glenvar team. Glenvar had 63 on five other occasions, all under Clifford, the most recent in September of this year against Hidden Valley.

Clifford points to the first Floyd game as a key point of the season. The

Highlanders were 7-1 at that point but had struggled running the ball a week prior against a weak James River team. Kevin decided to go with a spread offense for the

Floyd game, moving Cooper Mullins from tailback to receiver and letting quarterback Brody Dawyot air it out. In the next three weeks they scored 45, 48 and 69 points as

Dawyot threw for 15 touchdowns in the three games. In his new role Mullins had 25 catches in the three wins.

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Above, Glenvar offensive linemen look to the bench for instruction. Left to right are Caleb Terry (#56), Alex Hale (#65), Cole Winebarger (#66) and Rhett Henderson (#51). Left, Cale Vaughan (#11) and Nick Wilson (#10) close in on a Martinsville ballcarrier.