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Council again votes 3-2 on HopeTree PUD

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Once again opponents crowded into Salem City Council Chambers to ask Council to delay a vote on proposed Planned Unit Development rezoning to the historic HopeTree campus in North Salem.

And again at the Nov. 25 meeting, there was a split 3-2 vote to approve a slightly changed zoning request, with Mayor Renee Turk and Councilmembers Randy Foley and Bill Jones voting for it.

Vice Mayor Jim Wallace and Councilman Hunter Holliday again voted against it.

The revised plan was largely only a to correct procedure and reflect a name change to conform to legal

requirements, the mayor pointed out. Council approved PUD rezoning in September, with the same split vote.

Holliday had made a motion to table the vote until Council meets in January with two new members, Anne Marie Green and former Councilman John Saunders taking seats now held by Wallace, who was defeated in the November election, and Jones who is retiring from Council. The motion did not carry.

Family Service's controversial project rezones the historic former Virginia Baptist Children's Home 62 acres bordered by North Broad Street, Red Lane and Carrollton Avenue.

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.

HopeTree was founded 134 years ago as the Virginia Baptist Orphanage.

Holliday read a prepared statement that asked, in part, for the HopeTree PUD be amended to limit heavy equipment working only Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; snowplowing be overseen by the city, Salem Police and fire to have access to HopeTree's private roads.

"We can't afford to pay for the things we've got going on now," Holliday said. "We think the taxes the city is going to get will not offset the costs," he added, and surrounding

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Opponents crowded into the Nov. 25 Salem City Council meeting asking for Council to delay HopeTree rezoning vote.



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Regine Archer and her sister escaped the Holocaust as Catholic schoolgirls. Here the 100-year-old is in her Salem living room.

Holocaust survivors' film features Archer

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Contributing writer

Regine Nozice Archer's life has been a triumph of hope.

The vibrant Salem resident who turns 100 today is one of three child Holocaust survivors featured in the film "Triumph of Hope" shown at the

historic Grandin Theater in November.

As a teenager in Belgium, Archer and her family heard of fellow Jewish residents being rounded up by Nazis to be sent to concentration camps. And so began the saga of Archer and her sister Jacqueline.

Their parents sent the girls into hiding during World War II in a

convent, where they were disguised as Catholic schoolgirls and known under assumed names. There Archer learned typing and shorthand, and got a job with a lawyer.

Eventually Archer and the other two area residents in the film, Helga Morrow, 85, and Arye Ephrath, who

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Feeding SWVA hosts roundtable with Sen. Warner to address food insecurity crisis

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On Saturday, Nov. 23, Feeding Southwest Virginia convened a roundtable discussion with Sen. Mark Warner to tackle the urgent issue of food insecurity. The event brought together community leaders, nonprofit organizations, and representatives from across Virginia and North Carolina to explore strategies for combating hunger, a persistent challenge impacting millions of Americans.

The conversation highlighted a sobering reality: more than 47 million people in the U.S., including one in five children, face hunger regularly. In Virginia alone, one in nine residents experience food insecurity. Senator Warner emphasized the need for collective action, urging attendees to "raise our voices" and engage diverse communities, including faith-based organizations, in finding solutions.

"We have to reach



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Senator Mark Warner speaks at the roundtable on Saturday. The main topic of discussion was food insecurity.

beyond the usual suspects," Warner said, noting the importance of broader awareness. "I'm not sure most Virginians realize the scale of this issue in their own communities."

A key topic of discussion was the decline in food donations. Food contributions have decreased significantly, forcing food banks to purchase more food to meet growing demand. Factors such as lower agricultural yields, economic pressures on

families, and rising grocery prices have contributed to the shortfall.

Warner contributed to the discussion, warning of potential policy changes that could threaten programs like SNAP. He mentioned proposals such as the "Food Thrifty Program," which could result in substantial cuts to federal food assistance funding.

"If there's a direct attempt to reduce or eliminate SNAP, schools and communities will

need to speak out," Warner said. A participant said, "The general public often misunderstands who relies on SNAP—the majority are elderly, disabled individuals, and children."

The senator also noted that SNAP participation directly impacts the viability of school meal programs like the Community Eligibility Provision, which allows schools in high-poverty areas to provide free meals

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\$1M gift establishes Treiber Center for Curricular Innovation at Roanoke College

Roanoke College announced on Tuesday a \$1 million gift from alumnus Peter Treiber '79 that will allow the college to establish the Treiber Center for Curricular Innovation. The Treiber Center will be a key component of a major new college initiative, RC-RV, which establishes a bridge between Roanoke College and the wider community, allowing the college to better serve the educational needs of employees in Roanoke Valley industries, according to the college.

As his high school years wound down, Peter Treiber '79 decided he didn't want to go away to college; he wanted to work for the family insurance firm and take classes on the side.

"My father said no," Treiber recalls. "He sat my twin brother and me down in the spring

of '75 and said 'Well, where do you want to go?' and I said, 'Roanoke College.'"

Decades later, retired and living the dream on a 60-acre Long Island farm that serves his community, Treiber says attending Roanoke was one of the best decisions he ever made — and so was taking continuing education courses to advance his career. Now a proponent of lifelong learning, Treiber and his wife, Irene, recently committed \$1 million to Roanoke College to create the Treiber Center for Curricular Innovation, which will be an integral part of the college's new partner endeavor, RC-RV (Roanoke College-Roanoke Valley).

"My family and I are very proud to be associated with this project," said Treiber.

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Fire, EMS responds to McDivitt Road fire

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to a residential structure fire on Saturday morning at 29 McDivitt Road in the Salem Village Mobile Home Park. The initial 911 call was received at 8:22 a.m. The first units arrived within five minutes of receiving the call for help and found the mobile home located at the address, according to a city news release.

In addition, an adjacent camper, also located on McDivitt Road, was on fire. Winds pushed flames and heat from the original structure to the adjacent property. All occupants were able to exit both homes without any reported injuries. One firefighter sustained minor injuries during the incident.

It took firefighters about an hour to contain and extinguish both

fires. The mobile home and adjacent camper are total losses. Two nearby vehicles also sustained damage from the heat. The overall damage estimate is \$200,000 for all property losses. The Salem Fire Marshal's Office is actively investigating the origin and cause of the incident. The Red Cross is assisting three individuals who were displaced by the fire.

Approximately 21 personnel from the Salem Fire & EMS Department and Roanoke City Fire-EMS Department (Truck 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Medic 802, Medic 803, Fire Medic 1, Battalion 1, Fire Marshal 2, Fire 2, Roanoke City Battalion 2, Roanoke City Engine 13) responded and assisted in extinguishing the fire.

-The Salem Times-Register

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Gift

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“Everybody needs continuing education, and becoming a resource for the valley is a positive thing for Roanoke. It raises the college’s profile, making it a hub.”

RC-RV creates a bridge between Roanoke College and the wider community, allowing the college to adapt quickly

to the educational needs of employees in Roanoke Valley industries. It will offer workplace development, continuing education and flexible learning opportunities for people and employers across the valley, coordinating with business, industry and nonprofit partners

on programs customized to their needs. Early possibilities include online and hybrid programs, weekend and evening courses, professional certificates, dual enrollment or even an accelerated three-year bachelor’s degree option.

RC-RV is a direct outgrowth of the

first imperative in the college’s new strategic plan, “Imagine Roanoke,” which is “to become the Roanoke Valley’s most sought-after educational partner by industry, entrepreneurs and community leaders.” The college is working to establish a board of advisors for RC-RV, and later phases of the endeavor may include transforming the historic Main Street Post Office into the future home of RC-RV and re-envisioning Salem’s Main Street corridor as a live/learn/work/play hub that further integrates the college and the community.

“From the first time I visited with Peter, he emphasized the importance of the college taking bold steps to serve the community and compete in the 21st century learning environment” said President Frank Shushok Jr. “He wasn’t just offering advice, he wanted to support, invest and champion our first steps. We could not be more grateful for Peter and Irene. Their commitment to our collective future is both humbling and an inspiration.”

These plans may be new to some in

the Roanoke College community, but they’ve been on Treiber’s mind for years. He underwrote a \$25,000 project that had Roanoke College business administration students conduct research on the viability of the RC-RV initiative. The students, whose findings supported Treiber’s idea, presented their research to college leaders in spring 2024.

For Treiber, sponsoring the student work brought back memories of his days as a business administration major at Roanoke, where he played lacrosse as part of the college’s 1978 National Championship team. Born and raised on Long Island, he came to Roanoke College sight-unseen and was charmed by Salem’s quaint downtown, mountain views and friendly people.

“I still have a lot of friends from Roanoke,” he said. “It was a great experience for me, because when I got out of college, all good things happened.” That included meeting his wife through friends from college, raising a family and helping grow the family firm, Treiber Insurance Group. When he and his brothers sold the company in 2009, it had 230 employees.

After Roanoke, Treiber went on to earn his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) credential and several special insurance licenses. He ultimately became president of his local CPCU chapter. Those classes propelled him forward in his career, he said, which is one of the reasons he suggested Roanoke consider a plan like RC-RV.

“Liberal arts colleges have to change, adapt and come up with new ideas,” he said, “and this whole center for curriculum innovation is a little piece of the pie.”

In September, the college announced that Lisa Stoneman, who was most recently chair of the college’s Education Department, will be RC-RV’s first staff member, serving as executive director for Curricular Innovation and Digital Learning.

“We are constructing RC-RV as a new ecosystem adjacent to the college; a partnership that operates agilely to make decisions about meeting the current and future needs of the Roanoke Valley,” said Stoneman. “The Treiber’s generosity allows us to hit the ground running with programming in our first few months and to grow the Treiber Center’s offerings strategically and quickly. I am honored to be leading the charge.”

Treiber said he hopes to see other benefactors match his enthusiasm and support RC-RV in any way they can.

“This is not just a Roanoke College initiative; this is a valley initiative,” he said. “Down the road, I hope RC-RV and the Treiber Center will be a vibrant, community-supported resource.”

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5–9 p.m.

Luminaries along Cedar Creek Trail and the bridge illuminated with festive colors create a magical evening. Horse-drawn carriage rides will be available on Dec. 13, 15 and 22 and cost \$25 per person. *Please call to register for a carriage ride.*

Sponsored in part by Rockbridge Area Tourism.

Suggested donation items include non-perishable, unexpired food items, paper towels, aluminum foil, sandwich bags, 13-gallon trash bags, laundry detergent, disinfectant spray/wipes, towels and wash cloths, body wash/soap, deodorant/body spray, shampoo/conditioner, hairbrushes, socks, diapers (size 5 and 6) and baby hygiene items.

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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 crafters 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, 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.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

It’s time to start thinking of Christmas gifts. I must admit I have given some bad gifts in the past and I have gotten some too. Those gift cards to places I would never go to or that self-help book I never read were received with a smile and an “Oh, thanks.” My favorite gift to get is homemade. If someone spends the time to make me something, whatever it is, I will like it. We always made gifts for friends and family growing up. Maybe we didn’t have the money to spend but I never knew that.

I have always made Christmas gifts. If I like you, you get a homemade gift- a crochet or food gift, sometimes both. If I get you a gift card, beware. My sister-in-law hated my homemade gifts. She thought they were tacky and cheap. Anyone who knits or crochets knows how expensive yarn is not to mention the time that it takes to create something. She got a lot of gift cards.

One of my go-to homemade gifts is puppy chow. Growing up this recipe was made by all middle school kids in home economics class. Puppy chow was a treat found at sleepovers, birthday parties, and holiday get togethers. I would stand around the bowl choosing the largest clumps of puppy chow leaving the individual pieces for everyone else. Today, I still believe the big clusters taste the best.

Sometimes puppy chow goes by other names, the next most popular being Muddy Buddies, the official name used by General Mills on the box of Chex cereal. It occasionally goes by “monkey munch” or, playing up its Christmastime association, “reindeer chow,” especially when some red M&M’s are added for red Rudolph noses. But most commonly (and always in the Midwest), it is puppy chow.

Puppy chow is a snack mix made of Chex cereal covered in melted chocolate, peanut butter, and powdered sugar. The basic recipe looks just like Purina Puppy Chow for dogs but is only for human consumption. It has all the elements of a good party food: sweet, salty, crunchy, and just messy enough to allow you to use “Gotta go wash my hands” as an excuse for leaving an awkward conversation.

Chex cereal first arrived on the market in 1937, made by the Ralston Purina Company of St. Louis, Missouri. Yup, that Purina. The company had adopted the name “chow” for its animal feeds after hearing World War I soldiers call their rations that. The company, which started as a horse-feed company, made dog chow, cat chow, and...cereal? People were a bit confused, and the name “Chex” didn’t catch on immediately.

Midwesterners will happily share recipes of puppy chow going back to the ’60s, but General Mills, the owner and producer of the Chex cereal brand since 1996, says that the Muddy Buddies recipe was developed in 2002. In 2009, the company introduced



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the packaged version, sold only as a seasonal product until 2011. Now, Muddy Buddies are found in most chip isles year-round. There are easily a hundred versions of puppy chow on Pinterest from strawberry, pistachio, and cake batter to a non-peanut butter version using Biscoff cookie butter. I have included both recipes this week.

Puppy Chow (OG version)

Ingredients

- 1 box (12 ounces) Corn Chex (or Wheat Chex or Rice Chex)
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter (not chunky, or try a nut butter you prefer)
- 1/3 cup butter, cubed
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar

Directions

Pour cereal into a large bowl. In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter. Microwave on high 30 seconds. Stir gently. Continue microwaving on high, stirring every 30 seconds, until melted and blended. Pour over cereal; gently stir to coat.

In batches, place confectioners' sugar in a large airtight container, add cereal mixture, close container and shake until well coated. Spread cereal on a baking sheet. Let stand until set. Store in airtight containers.

Puppy Chow (non-peanut butter)

Ingredients

- 6 cups rice Chex cereal
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup cookie butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Instructions

Place the rice Chex cereal into a large bowl. In a medium sized bowl, add in the chocolate chips and cookie butter. Melt the chocolate chips and cookie butter in the microwave. Microwave for 30 seconds and stir. Microwave for additional 15 second increments until melted.* Pour half the melted chocolate mixture onto the rice Chex cereal. Use a silicone spatula to gently stir without crushing the cereal. Pour in the other half of the chocolate mixture and mix to coat all the rice Chex cereal. Add half the powdered sugar. Mix using a silicone spatula. Add the other half of the



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powdered sugar. Mix again making sure all the Chex mix cereal is well coated. Enjoy!

*You can also melt on the stovetop, use low heat and stir frequently to prevent burning.

Make sure your bowl is large enough that you are placing the rice Chex into. This recipe is messy so you want to make sure you can stir it without overflowing.

Puppy Chow variations: Change up the cereal; use cinnamon Chex or chocolate Chex to change the flavor. Cake batter puppy chow; use white chocolate chips instead of semisweet chips, and Funfetti or white cake mix instead of the confectioners' sugar. Brownie batter puppy chow: Shake the coated cereal mixture with a box of dry brownie mix instead of confectioners' sugar. S'mores puppy chow: Add in some graham cereal and mini marshmallows to freshly prepared puppy chow. Cookies-and-cream puppy chow: Swap out the semisweet chocolate chips for white chocolate chips, and add some chopped or mini-Oreos to create crunchy morsels that taste like cookies and cream. Hot cocoa puppy chow: shake your puppy chow mixture with hot cocoa mix instead of confectioners' sugar for a rich chocolate-y flavor. White chocolate puppy chow: This is a great variation when you want the color of the puppy chow to match the theme of the occasion, you're making puppy chow for. After you melt the white chocolate baking chips, add a few drops of your food coloring of choice before tossing it with the cereal. Make green puppy chow for St. Patrick's Day, pink puppy chow for Valentine's Day, and more.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of November 19, 2024 – November 25, 2024

DATE	NAME	AGE	OFFENSE
11/19/2024	Walker E. Ellis	61	Possession of Controlled Substance
11/20/2024	William B. Jackson	44	Indecent Exposure
11/21/2024	Christopher A. Lindamood	63	Public Intoxication, Trespassing
11/21/2024	Auie L. Johnson	22	Petit Larceny
11/21/2024	Alexia S. Martin	23	Petit Larceny
11/22/2024	Kameron N. Jones	33	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle
11/22/2024	Ashley N. Harris	32	Trespassing
11/23/2024	Gideon N. Presley	42	Obstruction of Justice, Public Intoxication
11/23/2024	Alisha M. Leon Castel	23	Breaking & Entering with Intent to Commit Felony, Damage Property, Assault & Battery
11/24/2024	Antonio S. Orellana	21	Public Intoxication
11/24/2024	Heather D. Thill	31	Domestic Assault & Battery
11/25/2024	Jennifer R. Trompeter	50	Possess/Transport Firearm by Convicted Felon
11/25/2024	Mya R. Helton	25	Possession of Controlled Substance

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Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of November 19, 2024 – November 25, 2024

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
22-NOV-2024	200 BLK Parkwood Ave	Unauthorized Use

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

The annual Gingerbread Festival is almost here and the Museum found one gingerbread creation is very similar to an item in our collection.

One of the most popular rides at Lakeside Amusement Park was the carousel. The original carousel opened in the early 1920s and had hand-carved wooden horses, including the one pictured. They were replaced in 1972 with fiberglass horses, but the wooden ones were maintained in Park storage.

This original carousel horse from Lakeside Amusement Park is currently on display at the Salem Museum. Visitors can also see this gingerbread carousel at the Museum this Saturday.

The Gingerbread Festival takes place Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Gingerbread Festival is a favorite holiday tradition!



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Gingerbread Carousel and Lakeside Amusement Park Carousel Horse

Longwood Park will be full of family-friendly activities, while the Salem Museum hosts the Gingerbread House Competition, with dozens of creations from imaginative six-year-olds to professional master bakers, and everyone

in between. Visit the Museum on Saturday to see all of this year's entries and vote for your favorite.

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

OPINION

Planned holiday spending up from a year ago; improved financial situation behind uptick

Inflation continued to slow throughout 2024, with wage growth outpacing price growth, giving consumers more purchasing power. As a result, two-thirds of Virginians plan to spend at least as much as last year. Moving into the heart of the 2024 holiday spending season, this is good news for businesses across the commonwealth.

Nationally, inflation is 2.6%, down considerably since last year. Annual wage growth averaged 3.9% in the third quarter. When wages grow faster than overall prices, consumers have greater purchasing power in the marketplace. High prices require greater expenditures to buy the same goods; only 31% of Virginians report that their increased spending this holiday season is due to inflation, down from 43% last year. More than 20% attribute increased spending to their personal finances and employment situation. With an improved financial situation from reduced inflation and strong employment, Virginians plan to buy more this holiday season than last. This is great news for businesses seeking holiday revenues to reach 2024

Roanoke College Poll

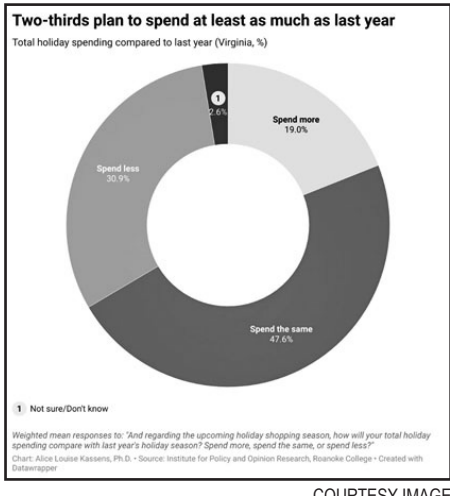
sales targets. The average anticipated holiday expenditure is up almost \$200 from last year, at \$1086. Most of that spending is expected to be on traditional gifts (\$508), followed by experiences (\$312) such as entertainment at home and socializing away from home, and non-gift purchases such as holiday decorations (\$265).

The distribution of holiday spending has changed modestly since last year. The increase in planned spending is primarily due to a shift from planned expenditures between \$100 and \$500 (down to 44.7% in 2024 from 48.4% in 2023) to between \$500 and \$1,000 (up to 20.6% in 2024 from 17.7% in 2023).

More than one-quarter of households say they plan to start shopping earlier this year than a year ago, while more than half plan to start around the same

time as last year. These values are like patterns reported in 2023. In 2022, more than a third started shopping earlier than the previous year. This indicates that over the last few years, consumers have spread their spending over a more extended period in the face of higher prices. However, changes are tapering off as price growth relative to wage growth eases financial burdens. This year, respondents plan to do about 51% of their shopping online, down significantly from 2023 (58%).

Analysis "Planned holiday spending has accelerated from a year ago," said Dr. Alice Louise Kassens, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics and Senior Analyst at the Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research. The average Virginian plans to spend about \$1,100 between gifts for others, experiences, and other non-gift purchases, up by over \$100 from 2023. The accelerated spending is not primarily due to higher prices. Instead, purchases are increasing due to improved financial positions for Virginians. Wages are growing faster than overall prices, putting power



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in consumers' wallets. People are feeling better about the economy, and consumer sentiment is rising. This is good news for businesses looking to top off their annual revenues this holiday season. An online shopping platform will be advantageous, as Virginians plan to do about half of their shopping online."

-Roanoke College Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

Salem Public Library stays open late Friday night

The Salem Public Library will stay open late Friday, December 6th, from 5-6:30pm for Pre-Parade warming and a Christmas Card Making Activity. All are welcome to stay warm while you wait for the parade to start and enjoy snacks and hot cocoa. A Christmas Card Making Station will be available to make cards to give to warm the hearts of local senior citizens at

Library Corner

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including The Night We Lost Him, have been optioned for film and television. She resides in Santa Monica, California. Register at www.salemlibrary.info If you miss the livestream, you may watch it later.

Thursday, December 19th, 2:00-3:30pm: **Puzzle and Games Afternoon for Adults.** Come enjoy an afternoon of fun with board games, card games, and jigsaw puzzles. Bring your favorite game or recommend one. No registration required. Refreshments will be available.

Monday, December 23rd, 12-4pm; **Red Cross Blood Drive at Salem Library:** Make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org

December Upcoming Activities for Tweens
Friday, December 20; 3:30pm-4:30pm **Middle School Book Club Party.** Do you want to read more books in 2025? Join one of our middle school book clubs! Come to the party and grab January's books for both the Middle School Book Club and the Middle School Graphic Novel Book Club, enjoy snacks, hot chocolate, and make a winter themed craft! **The Middle School Book Club and the Middle School Graphic Novel Book Club are open to middle schoolers who are in grades six through eight.**

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Snyder's Nursing Home. **December Upcoming Activities for Adults**
Wednesday, December 11, 2pm. Watch at home. **Virtual Speaker Event: On Pulse-Pounding, Family Driven Mysteries: A Conversation with Laura Dave.** Join us for a captivating conversation with #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Last Thing He Told Me, Laura Dave, as she chats online about her newest book The Night We Lost Him. Laura Dave is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of several novels, including The Last Thing He Told Me and Eight Hundred Grapes. Her novels have been translated into thirty-eight languages, and six of them,

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sometimes elected leaders attempt wildly inappropriate projects. HopeTreePUD is just that—a misfit in every way that will cost Salem dearly.

In 1998, I led citizen opposition to rezoning Elizabeth campus' 52 acres and Earth's largest above-ground water tower that crowns it—the remaining acreage of King George's original land grant to General Andrew Lewis—later the Elizabeth College (1896-1922), the Lutheran church's working farm orphanage (counterpart

to the Baptist Children's home) and subsequently held tax-free by Roanoke College. The central campus generated convincing reasons to partner with citizens for fully developing a vision to preserve its open-space qualities. That did not happen. We still lack Council's promised token "walking trails."

Council rejected Rowe Furniture's factory and dismissed a housing development which would overburden Salem schools. Councilman Alex Brown crudely articulated Council's vision: "Chop

it up and sell it off." Those 52 acres were rezoned 5-0 against citizen opposition, including a 3-year-long citizen-funded lawsuit and supporting a visionary Council candidate in 2000.

Our current council's majority vision for HopeTree seems no loftier and it proposes far denser parcels. Council's pro-PUD trio seems to be willing to inflict on themselves a few painful weeks of vociferous opposition and division

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Shops up
5. One up utilize
10. Sings with closed lips
14. South American hummingbird
15. Serves as a coxswain
16. Liquor distilled from coconut or rice
17. Spur
18. Senile
19. Tanzanian people
20. Cruel
22. Boxing's "GOAT"
23. Yokels
24. London soccer team
27. Chinese chess piece
30. Supervises flying
31. 007's creator
32. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
35. A spider makes one
37. Liquefied natural gas
38. Opaque gem
39. Brazilian palm
40. Periodical (slang)

CLUES DOWN
1. Not low
2. Small water buffalo
3. A mark left behind
4. Archaic form of have
5. Fiddler crabs
6. Popular Hyundai sedan
7. Deport
8. Making over
9. Midway between south and southeast
10. Arabic masculine name
11. Type of acid
12. Popular 1980s Cher film
13. Outdoor enthusiasts' tools
21. Chinese city
23. "Star Wars" character Solo
25. The bill in a restaurant
26. Old, ugly witch
27. Burn with a hot liquid
28. To claim or demand
29. "A Doll's House" playwright
32. Involuntary muscular contraction
33. Pea stems (British)

CLUES ACROSS
34. Double or multiple fold
36. No longer is
37. Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)
38. S. American plant cultivated in Peru
40. Cloth or fabric
41. Flanks
43. Disfigure
44. Angry
46. Baltic coast peninsula
47. Large, flightless birds
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Medieval Norwegian language
51. Polio vaccine developer
52. Not soft
53. Exchange rate
54. Voice (Italian)
57. Baseball's Ruth
58. Famed guitarist Clapton
59. Take a chance
61. Wife
62. Elaborate handshake

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OBITUARIES

Swann, Nancy Moran

Nancy Moran Swann, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother went to be with the Lord on November 19, 2024. Born on August 25, 1939, in Salem, Va., to Valeria P. Moran and Curtis L. Moran, Nancy lived a life full of love and dedication to her faith, family, and community.

Nancy was married to William C. (Bill) Swann, Sr. for over 60 years. Together, they built a loving family and shared countless memories. She is survived by her children, William "Billy" Swann, Jr. (& Ann), Curtis "Ken" Swann, and Michael Swann (& Sarah); her sister/cousin, Brenda Kingerly; her grandchildren, Joshua Ulerly (& Noel), Lindsey Gomez (& JC), Benjamin Swann, and Nathaniel Swann; and her great-grandchildren, Braxton Ulerly and Isla Gomez.

A proud graduate of Longwood University, Nancy dedicated her early career to nurturing young minds as an elementary school teacher. Later, she extended her love and care by running an in-home daycare for 25 years. It felt as if "Ms. Nancy" watched half the kids in her neighborhood at some point or another, helping to care for our community through her generous spirit.

Nancy was a long-time resident of Midlothian, Va., where she lived for the past 50 years. She was an active member of Salisbury Presbyterian Church, where her faith and kindness were evident to all who knew her. Nancy found joy in the simple pleasures of life, especially feeding and watching the neighborhood birds and squirrels.

Nancy's warmth,



generosity, and unwavering love will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her legacy of compassion and dedication will live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

A graveside service will be held in Salem, Va., on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Sherwood Memorial Park, 1250 E Main St., Salem, Va., 24153. Michael L. Swann will officiate.

A celebration of life service will be held in Midlothian, Va., on Saturday, January 4, 2024, at Salisbury Presbyterian Church, 13621 W. Salisbury Rd, Midlothian, Va., 23113. Time is yet to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Nancy's name to The Parkinson's Foundation (parkinson.org).

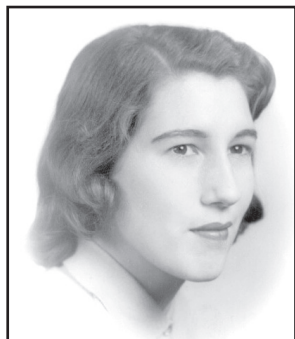
Online condolences may be expressed to the Swann family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

Harnsberger, Shirley Jean Adams

Shirley Jean Adams Harnsberger, age 86, of Salem passed away peacefully Friday, November 22, 2024, after a battle with Parkinson's. Shirley was born and raised in Craig County, Virginia, the youngest child of Cline and Ruth Adams. She was a retiree of Verizon.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Bruce L. Harnsberger, Jr and dear friend Donald R. Cook; brothers: Aubrey, Lawrence, Gerald, Harold and Wayne and sister Edith Caldwell.

Shirley was a strong believer in family and survived by sisters-in-law, Hattie Adams (Follansbee, WV), Nancy



Adams (Salem, VA), and Betty Harnsberger (Cleveland, TN) and 14 nieces and nephews and their families.

Shirley is also survived by her very dear friends Carolyn Couser, Inez Harmon and Rose Hedrick.

The family would like to thank the staff at Our Lady of the Valley

for caring for Shirley for the past 3 years and Good Sam Hospice as she ended her battle with Parkinson's. The family sincerely appreciates the many acts of kindness from the staff and the family atmosphere created for Shirley.

The family will receive friends for visitation at Salem Lotz Chapel on Saturday, December 7 at noon. A Celebration of Life will follow at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Craig County Historical Society 141 Court Street, New Castle, VA 24127 or VFW Post 4491 295 Hunters Drive, New Castle, VA 24127-6211.

John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home to hold Annual Candlelight Remembrance Service Dec. 10

The holiday season is full of trees and trimmings, caroling and gifts, wonder and joy; but for families who have recently lost a loved one, it can also be a difficult time of grief and heartache. For this reason, John M. Oakey and Son Funeral Home will host its Annual Candlelight Remembrance Service on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. in their chapel.

"We understand the grief journey that many families go through after losing someone they love," said Cathie Thomas, president of John M. Oakey and Son. "Perhaps there is no time of the year when we are more aware of the empty space our dear one has left behind than during the holiday season."

Aaron Housh, CEO of Good Samaritan Hospice, will share an inspirational message of healing and hope to help families prepare their hearts for a holiday season following a loss. "Walking through grief can be a difficult and uncertain trek," explained Dave Vanderpool, manager, "especially for families who are experiencing the first holiday season absent of someone they love."

The beautifully decorated historic home is all set to warmly welcome families inside to share memories and to light

candles of remembrance in honor and memory of loved ones lost. "We want to emphasize that this is a special service for the community and not just for families that we have served this past year," said Thomas. "All are welcome."

The reading of the poem, "The Four Candles" is always a meaningful part of the service after which guests are invited to light a candle of remembrance for their dear ones.

"We have orchestrated a meaningful service which we hope will be of comfort to families," said Thomas. The John M. Oakey and Son family has a special gift for each guest as a memento of gratitude for allowing them the privilege of caring for their family during a most difficult time. "Each family we serve is special to us and becomes part of our family," explained Thomas. "We are so grateful for the faith and trust bestowed upon our

funeral home by our community."

Immediately following the service, families are invited to stay for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Holiday traditions are special at John M. Oakey and Son and the staff would like to invite the community to participate in one of their own by honoring the memory of a loved one on the Lights of Love Memorial Tree. This too is not just for families who have called upon John M. Oakey and Son this past year, but all are welcome to place a "light of hope, joy and peace," on the tree to shine throughout the holiday season.

For more information about the candlelight service or to add a loved one's name to the Lights of Love Memorial Tree, at no charge, call 389-5441 or email info@johnmoakey.com

-Candy Long

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Munley

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of Salem while appearing careless about their HopeTreePUD project's permanent pain to downhill neighbors and all of Salem.

Here's a question: Did Salem's zoning administrator give HopeTree the idea of a PUD? Why were North Salem neighbors not given the same input opportunities as neighbors of Simms Farm and Valleydale developments? Why are neighbors not offered public hearings about the site plan to be arranged after the vote?

Mayor Turk was elected as a listening candidate in a "change" election. Her initial welcoming tone was lauded, but she changed—acting more like the power brokers of the 1998 Salem Council. Protection is needed—not an assault on Salem's essential historic neighborhood which contributes mightily to making Salem Salem. Mayor Turk needs better mentors but would be forgiven if she justifiably voted to postpone the rezoning to next year so we can enjoy Yuletide season united in moving Salem forward—not backward.

On November 25's first rezoning reading, Salem Council's Turk/Foley/Jones majority clarified its opposition to hearing citizens as they voted against Councilman Hunter Holliday's motion allowing more speakers than five. Later, also voting against every reasonable limit that Holliday proposed, claiming details were coming later.

HopeTree's downhill neighborhood has been most protected over decades—deservedly so because it constitutes quintessential Salem. Leaders want to advance Salem's Main Street project to the next level but instead attack it with unending construction traffic. Flooding Salem's downtown area with years of super-annoying lose-lose traffic will not help fill those haunting vacant commercial buildings.

If Turk worries about the cost of conducting a proper VDOT traffic study, she should consider all the costs to Salem taxpayers from a flood of HopeTreePUD harms running down the torn-apart hill along with defending legal challenges. Turk either lacks imagination to comprehend the magnitude of this project or she does indeed know the magnitude, but still

wants to force it through at a dizzying speed before the new council majority takes power.

Salem citizens need leaders who protect—not a misguided majority who coordinates a downright assault on their quality of life. Salem business should further a positive vision and quality of life. As Preserve Salem's organizer, I fought the MVP pipeline for eight years due to its foreseen damage to surrounding mountains and Salem's headwater sources on Bent Mountain, (with little support from Salem leaders). I never foresaw that the greatest threat to Salem's character would be from Salem's own mayor.

The minimum of Council doing its job is to welcome maximum citizen pre-vote input preceding a critical rezoning vote and to conduct needed studies. Adding insult to injury, Salem's Turk/Foley/Jones majority shocked and astonished citizens on November 25 by simultaneously doubling their own salaries! Is this the Salem way?

A new Salem Council majority "reset" cannot come soon enough.

Meanwhile, approaching Christmas, we pray that at least one majority vote and hopefully all three will see the light, reject the injustice of this farfetched HopeTreePUD rezoning request that will leave huge forever scars to Salem's historic neighborhoods and to Salem's normally proud, united spirit. Stop dividing Salem by forcing through this ill-conceived, ill-defined and downright harmful project of the city-promoted HopeTreePUD—another reason to bring trained, educated professional planners to the zoning department.

Remember Oakey Field was saved in 1997 on a second reading! That contributes to Salem sports. Nixing HopeTreePUD saves Salem's historic neighborhoods that support Main Street.

Affected citizens are determined to protect themselves by stopping this project. Let's work together starting on December 9. Be the leaders to interrupt this battle so we all can enjoy Yuletide24 together and quintessential Salem forever!

-Cynthia Munley
Salem

Alison Krauss & Union Station to bring Arcadia 2025 Tour to Salem



COURTESY PHOTO

Alison Krauss, Union Station and Jerry Douglas.

Bluegrass music icon Alison Krauss is coming to Salem on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025. The 27-time Grammy winner revealed this week that she and her band, Union Station, featuring Jerry Douglas, will embark on their first tour together in a decade next year. The tour will make a stop at the Salem Civic Center on Tuesday, September 23. The Arcadia 2025 Tour will see the acclaimed group play 73 dates across the United States and Canada.

Fans can expect to hear new music from the band for the first time since its 2011 masterpiece "Paper Airplane". That album was hailed as "shining, dramatic, and beautiful" by NPR Music, and it debuted at #1 on the Billboard Country, Bluegrass, and Folk Album charts.

For nearly four decades, Alison Krauss & Union Station have upheld their legacy as one of the most influential and widely celebrated groups in American music, performing on historic stages from The Ryman to Red Rocks, Radio City to The Royal Festival Hall. They are five distinct personalities, each of whom enjoys a flourishing solo career. But when they come together, they transform into a peerless group of musicians who share a singular focus that transcends the boundaries of roots music, country, rock & roll and pop.

Tickets available at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or online at Ticketmaster.com. They range from \$35-\$125.

-The Salem Times-Register



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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died in April at 81, survived, thrived and went on to lead productive lives although their appreciation for life was shaped by their Holocaust experiences, they said.

Archer became president of Blue Ridge Beverage founded by her husband and she still sits on the board. Morrow was a nurse who with her physician husband helped treat people in third-world countries, and Ephrath was an aeronautical engineer and college professor.

During the war Archer's parents stayed in a chalet home in Sprimot that belonged to the mayor. They hid in deep woods when the Gestapo came.

When the Germans first arrived in Belgium everyone in Liege knew there were things going on in other countries, Archer said. Eventually the Jewish schools were closed and people began getting notices to relocate. Residents were skeptical and started leaving the country if they could, she said.

Archer was 20 when the war ended. She recalled hearing a noise like 200 planes coming over. It was trucks of Americans roaring through the streets to show Belgians

the war had ended, Archer said, and the country was liberated in September 1944.

"A Jeep in the convoy came up and it had a German officer strapped on the hood," she said, laughing.

Although her parents survived, most of Archer's family members had not, "my uncle, his family, everybody." So much of their family died in Poland, where Archer had been born, she said.

"The four of us were really blessed to make it," she added.

She got a job in Liege as a secretary and interpreter with the American Army, and that is where she met her husband, James Milton Archer Jr. They married and came to the United States in 1948 with their first child, Nancy. Altogether they had six children.

The film "Triumph of Hope" was first shown in September at Roanoke College's Olin Hall. The film was sponsored by the Roanoke Jewish Foundation, with money raised by Lori Strauss. Red Velocity was the production company. No plans have been announced for it to be shown in the Roanoke area again.

Council from page 1

homes are going to lose value. I'm not against PUD zoning. I just think this is the wrong place for it," he concluded.

Holliday and his wife live near HopeTree.

In other matters at the Nov. 25 meeting, Council:

- Voted to raise Council and Mayor's salaries, under new guidelines from the Virginia General Assembly. Salaries would almost double, with up to \$22,000 for Councilmembers and \$24,000 for the mayor, who is elected by Council peers. Currently the mayor's salary is \$13,000 and Councilmembers'

is \$12,000. Vice Mayor Wallace opposed the idea, saying "Just because we can, doesn't mean we should. I think it's a bad idea...It may attract people who just want the money." The increases would not take effect until July 2027.

- Held a public hearing on regulations regarding storage containers, including their placement, how long they can be on property and no signage.

The meeting ended at 7:45. The last Council meeting of the year will be Dec. 9. Council voted previously to eliminate the Dec. 23 meeting because of its proximity to Christmas Day.

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to all students.

Senator Warner also addressed the challenges of securing federal funding for anti-hunger initiatives. He explained that while direct appropriations are often difficult to obtain, tax policy changes might offer an alternative route for supporting food programs.

"Farm bills are front and center, but we need creative solutions," Warner said. "If you have ideas—whether it's related to food or other issues—this is an open forum. Don't be shy."

Warner noted the positive impact of policies like the now-expired Child Tax Credit, which significantly reduced childhood poverty and hunger during its brief implementation. He expressed a need to learn from such successes and ensure future initiatives are sustained.

Participants also highlighted grassroots efforts to alleviate hunger. A school administrator shared how local backpack programs, which send food home with students for the weekend, have

expanded from serving 27 children last year to 45 this year.

One of the meeting's central themes was the importance of expanding support to include caregivers and grandparents, who are increasingly stepping into parental roles. Participants emphasized that rethinking resource distribution could lead to more equitable and humane outcomes.

"Many of these kids are being raised by grandparents, and the need is growing," they said. "We also rely on free school lunches and breakfasts, but the demand for snacks and additional support is higher than ever."

"These are hard issues," one speaker acknowledged. "But if the community comes forward with fairer ways to address this, we need to educate policymakers."

Warner cautioned that looming federal budget cuts could threaten not only food assistance programs but also other critical services, such as education, infrastructure, and transportation.

"If funding for military, Medicare, and Social

Security is preserved, domestic discretionary spending—programs like these—could face significant reductions," he warned. "We have to be ready to advocate and prioritize."

The roundtable closed with a renewed commitment to advocacy, collaboration, and innovation. Feeding Southwest Virginia and its partners vowed to amplify their efforts to address the food insecurity crisis, leveraging community voices and policy opportunities to drive change.

"This is not just a local issue; it's a national epidemic," said a Feeding Southwest Virginia representative. "Together, we can make a difference, but it will take all of us to ensure that no one goes hungry."

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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!

ECKANKAR
ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A light and sound service is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eckva.org or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

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 Intercessory Prayer Service at 8:00 a.m. (conference call line). Sunday Women's Bible Study Class at 8:30 p.m. (Zoom). In-person Worship on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. or worship with us on line via Facebook. Church office can be contacted for additional information.

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 41 East Main Street, Salem, VA . 389-3881. Come worship with us, Pastor, Rev. Chris Vogado, and our Associate Pastor, Rev. Janet Chisom each Sunday at 11:00 AM (10:00 AM from Memorial Day - Labor Day). In- Person Sunday School is 9:30 AM (9:00 AM Memorial Day - Labor Day). You may still worship with us online live at www.salem-pres.org, or Facebook, or YouTube. During in-person worship, masking for health reasons is optional.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Pastor Alan Combs, Sunday: Genesis Contemporary Service at 8:45 a.m., Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School classes meet at 9:50 a.m. www.fumcsalemva.org.

LOCUST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 3415 Locust Grove Lane, Salem, 540-541-1303, Pastor Russ Gresham. Each Sunday Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.

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Construction Quotes

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The Town of Troutville Planning Commission and Council

will hear request of property subdivision for Tax Map Lot #101D(7)B, Valley Road, no physical address within the Town of Troutville on Monday December 16 at 7:00pm at Troutville Town Hall. Public comment will be received. Contact the Town Office at 540-992-4401 for additional information.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 142 PIPER GLENN, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 18, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$252,400.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 130003354. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 10, 2025, at 12:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, DESIGNATED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT 28, SECTION 1, COBBLESTONE, AS SHOWN ON THE SURVEY PLAT OF COBBLESTONE, SECTION 1, BY RODERICK F. PIERSON, LLS, DATED MAY 22, 2000 AND RECORDED JUNE 29, 2000 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 67, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREBY. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower,

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in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-370221-1.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Timber Ridge, Buchanan, Virginia 24066

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2272 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on MONDAY, December 16, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors intention to act on the following Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A FORTY FOOT (40') WIDE UNIMPROVED RIGHT OF WAY PORTION OF GREENBRIER CIRCLE LOCATED ADJACENT TO LOT 301, PARCEL ID 003542 AND LOT 302, PARCEL ID 000520, IN THE MOUNT TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT IN SECTION II OF CLACKSBURG COUNTY CLUB ESTATES SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 1 IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY RESERVING A FIFTEEN FOOT (15') PUBLIC DRAINAGE EASEMENT WITHIN THE VACATED PORTION OF GREENBRIER CIRCLE RIGHT OF WAY. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/planning>.

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New River Valley HOME Consortium and Town of Blacksburg HOME and CDBG Grant Programs Notice of Public Comment Meeting

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) PROGRAM YEAR 2023

In accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the New River Valley HOME Consortium and the Town of Blacksburg seek public comment on the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2023 program year of the New River Valley HOME Consortium's Home Investments Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Town of Blacksburg's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

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0.08 miles southeast of the intersection of Harding Road (State Route 785) and Luster's Gate Road (State Route 723). The property is further identified as Tax Parcel 042-A 1 77A (Parcel ID: 000020), 3.483 acres, zoned Residential (R-2) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

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: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOWIT: LOT B, CONTAINING 15.165 ACRES AS SHOWN ON THE SURVEY PLAT FOR AND BEING A FAMILY SUBDIVISION FOR GERALD AND ELAINE M. BAHNKEN AND ROBERT AND CARLA T. BAHNKEN SHOWING NEW LOTS A AND B, CONTAINING 18.619 ACRES TOTAL SURVEYED, LOCATED IN THE MOUNT TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2007, PREPARED BY PIERSON ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 137. SUBJECT, HOWEVER TO AN ACCESS EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS CENTERED OVER THE TWENTY (20) FOOT GRAVEL DRIVE OVER LOT B AS SHOWN ON THE AFORESAID PLAT. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENT, COVENANTS, OIL GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. Substitute Trustee has identified an unreleased security instrument which may be superior to the subject Deed of Trust. Substitute Trustee disclaims any implication that the Property will be sold free and clear of all liens. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale

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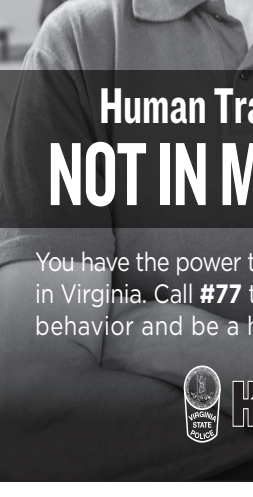
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Maroon hoop men take five game win streak to H-SC

The Roanoke College men were scheduled to take their 5-1 basketball record on the road this week to face Hampden-Sydney, the number 13 ranked team in the D3hoops.com poll. The Maroons received votes in the poll last week and would like move into the rankings with a win.

Roanoke had all they could handle with Randolph College in a pre-Thanksgiving home game last week. The Wildcats led 50-43 three minutes into the second half before the Maroons finished strong to pick up their fifth straight win. The Maroons tied the game at 58-58 with 11:16 left but didn't take control until opening a 78-71 advantage with three minutes remaining.

Joshua Morse also had a big second half for Roanoke, scoring 11 of his 16 points in the final 20 minutes. Jackson Bell posted 13 points, four rebounds, four assists and three blocked shots and Clayton Gaither scored 11 points and tied for the game-high with seven rebounds.

After Wednesday's game at Hampden-Sydney the Maroons will be off until they travel to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida December 20 and 21 to compete in the Cruzin' Classic. They won't be home again until the Cregger Invitational on December 29 and 30.

Roanoke women beat UMW

The Roanoke College women's basketball team snapped a four game losing streak with a 58-42 win over the University of Mary Washington in Fredricksburg Tuesday. Roanoke improved to 2-5 with the win.

Roanoke led 31-22 at the half. UMW staged a comeback to bring the game within a point but the Maroons capitalized on three pointers and free throws to stay ahead and make it a 44-36 advantage heading into the fourth. Freshman Reese Fritz made three straight from behind the arc, which in tandem with contributions

from Paige Bruer and Kiley Hylton, ended up being enough to solidify the win for Roanoke.

Fritz went 5-8 in three pointers to put up a career high and team leading 15 points. Fritz's fellow freshman, Bruer, was the only other player to tally double digit points with 13. Mariah Cain continued to dominate in the rebound and assist games, pulling eight off the board and dishing out six helpers.

The Maroons are back on the road Saturday for a 2 pm ODAC game against Randolph-Macon in Ashland.

Salem, Glenvar wrestlers loaded for bear as season opens this week

The Salem and Glenvar wrestlers are back on the mats this week with head-to-head action and a tournament for both.

Salem was scheduled to wrestle at William Byrd Wednesday in a middle school-varsity doubleheader with the Terriers. The Spartans have a solid group of returnees with Patrick Patterson, Derek Bush, Kollyn Eastman, Shawn Jones, Dylan Pugh, Tolin Saul, Rocket Cowling, Jay Preston, Jackson Bryie and Robert Herndon who all saw the mat last year.

Coach Lawrence Van Liew also expects an additional showing in double figures to come out now that the football season is over and has a good group coming up from last year's Lewis team as well.

"We want to stay healthy and finish in the top four in every tournament," said Van Liew.

The Spartans will have wrestlers in the Hidden Valley Toughman Tournament as well as a tournament in Louisa County this weekend.

Glenvar was scheduled to host a match Wednesday before competing at Hidden Valley Friday and Saturday. The Highlanders are in their second year under coach Tim Miles and has some good ones.

Chase Miller will be vying for his fourth state title and a National Ranking while Jacob Campbell will be looking to improve upon his fifth place finish from last year. Jacob Flowers was seconds away from placing last year and has been improving and Chris Hernandez was a match away from qualifying for state last year. He trained all off season and is primed for a good season.

"I'm excited for a new group of freshman," said Miles. "Nick and Jack Yetzer(sons of Roanoke College coach Nate Yetzer) are twins and you'll see both starting at 106 for us. Levi Wright, Jack Osburn and Haden Henderson are all new to the line up but are battle tested and ready. Expect to see all these guys near the top of the Podiums for four years.

"We are trophy hunting this year. . .another region title and cracking the top three at the state tournament."



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Above, Clayton Gaither of Roanoke College goes to the hoop in last week's win over Randolph College at the Cregger Center. Below, Jackson Bell is surrounded.



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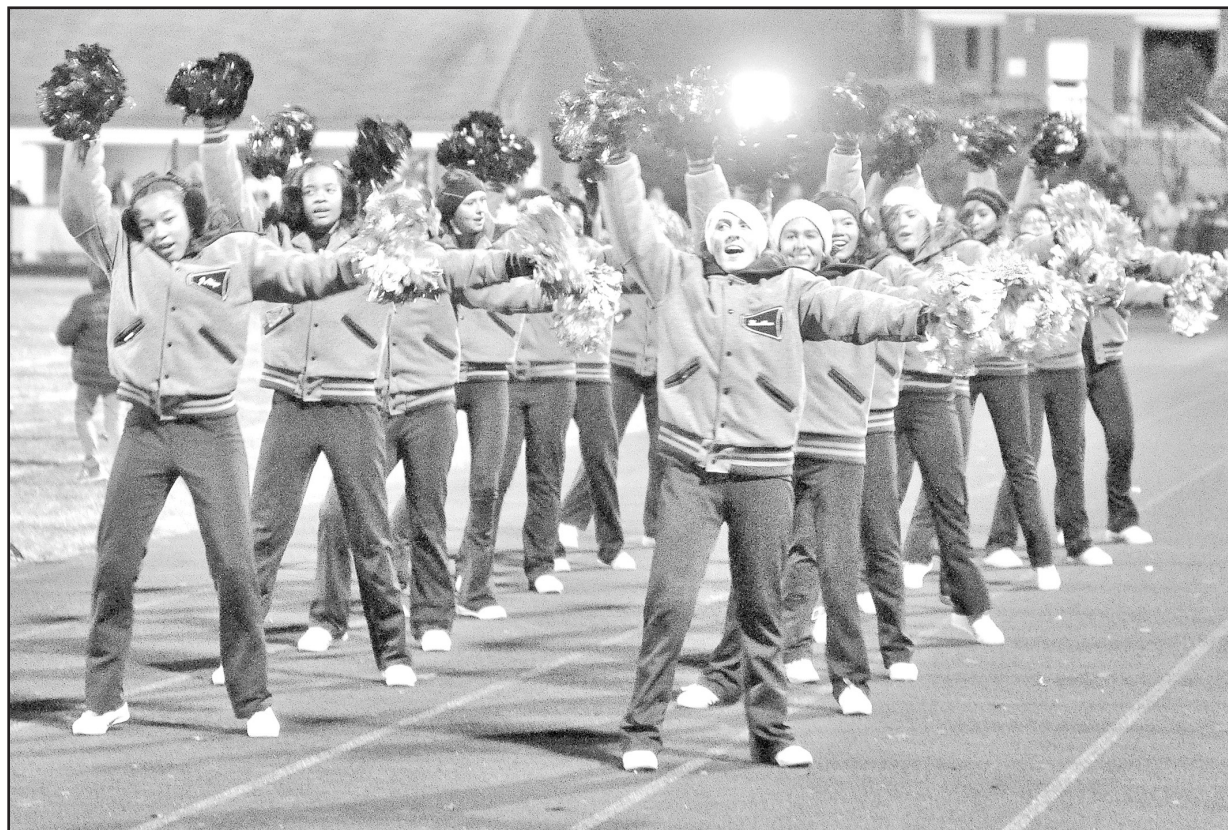


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Salem cheerleaders didn't let the cold weather keep them from cheering on the Spartans in last Friday's football game in Stephens City.

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go for two. Josiah ran the ball again and was close to getting in, but was called just short and the Spartans remained up by five.

"I thought he was in," said Holter. "They said he hit the ground, then reached, but it looked to me like he was a yard into the end zone when he reached. It was close, and when you're on the road in a game like that you can't leave any doubt."

The Warriors regained the lead just before the end of the third quarter. A debatable pass interference call on a long pass set the Warriors up in good position and Donovan Blackwell of Sherando ran in from the 10. Quarterback Micah Carlson then threw a two-point conversion pass for a 29-26 Sherando lead as the third quarter ended.

The two teams traded possessions in the fourth quarter and Salem took the ball for one last chance. Salem faced a fourth and three on their own 37 but picked up the first down with 2:37 on the clock.

The Spartans drove into Warrior territory with about a minute and a half to go and faced a fourth and two on the Sherando 41 with 49 seconds on the clock. Arrington picked up a tough first down, then Salem got a break when Sherando was called for a questionable pass interference, moving the ball 15 more yards toward the goal. Persinger was stopped on first down and Holter called his second timeout of the half with five seconds on the clock and the ball on the Sherando 16. The field goal team came on, the ball hit the post, and the Sherando players celebrated

a hard-fought region championship.

"I'm proud of our kids," said Holter. "The effort was as good as any game all year, warm or cold."

Persinger finished with 177 yards rushing on 26 carries. That gave him 1,570 yards on the season and a 9.5 yards per carry average for the entire year.

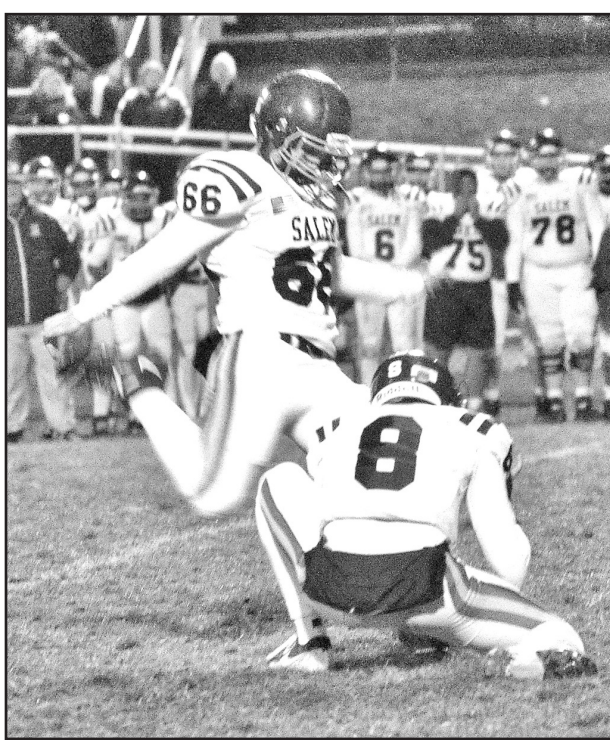
Arrington had 77 yards on 13 carries and Taylor was nine for 17 passing for 85 yards. Arrington, Josiah Boardley and Bryson Fraction had two catches each.

On defense DaVon Jones led the team with 10 tackles. Conner Cox had nine tackles, John Douglas had eight and Tolin Saul, Dorian Vance and Persinger had seven each.

With the loss Salem ended the season one win shy of a second straight Region 4D championship. The Spartans have played in the region championship game all four years the senior class has been in the program, winning two and reaching one state championship game. In the past four years Salem is 44-10.

"I'd like to be practicing after school today and scheduling busses to go to Hampton, but it just didn't work out that way," said Holter. "Looking at our body of work, we had a very good year. We got better every week, we won the district and we beat a very good GW (Danville) team."

"This group has played 54 football games in four years and been part of two region titles. I think that says a lot about our program. I'm excited about the youngsters we have returning and ready to start working toward next year."



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left, Eli Taylor holds as Ethan Millard attempts a 33 yard field goal on the final play of last week's game. Right, Josiah Persinger breaks a tackle and goes 93 yards for a second quarter Salem touchdown.



Twice the Fun

This is a big week for the football contest with two weeks of winners to announce so let's get right to it.

The first winner will be from the November 21 edition, which I didn't have time to correct in time for last week's paper due to early Thanksgiving deadlines. The winner of that week is Betty Schultz of Craig Avenue with just three misses. Betty picked Radford over Gretna, JMU over Appy State and the Commanders over the Cowboys but got everything else correct. Way to go Betty.

For last week's contest four was good enough, but it took the tie-breaker. Matt Jennings of Chamberlain Lane and several others missed four but Matt won by the tie-breaker. He missed three high school games and Michigan over Ohio State but got all the pros correct.

Betty and Matt will each receive a \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's restaurant in Salem, and they don't have to go together.

Now for the 19th hole. If you can believe it, Joe Whelby of Salem won the free day of golf BOTH DAYS, and he'd already won a previous time. Joe is just one win away from winning a foursome at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street.

The first week I asked you pick the winner of the Salem-GW game and the final score was 24-3. Most everyone picked a higher score, especially for Danville, but Joe went with 17-14 and that was the closest.

Last week I asked you to pick the Tech-UVA game, and it finished up 37-17 in Tech's favor. Joe almost hit it right on the nose with a guess of 34-17, so he wins the free round of golf this week as well. I hope he's as good a golfer as he is a football predictor.

This week Joe will be going for his fourth round of free golf and it's up to you to stop him. For this week give me your prediction on the state Class 2 semifinal between once beaten Glenvar and undefeated Graham. The winner gets a free day of golf at the Academy Street course.

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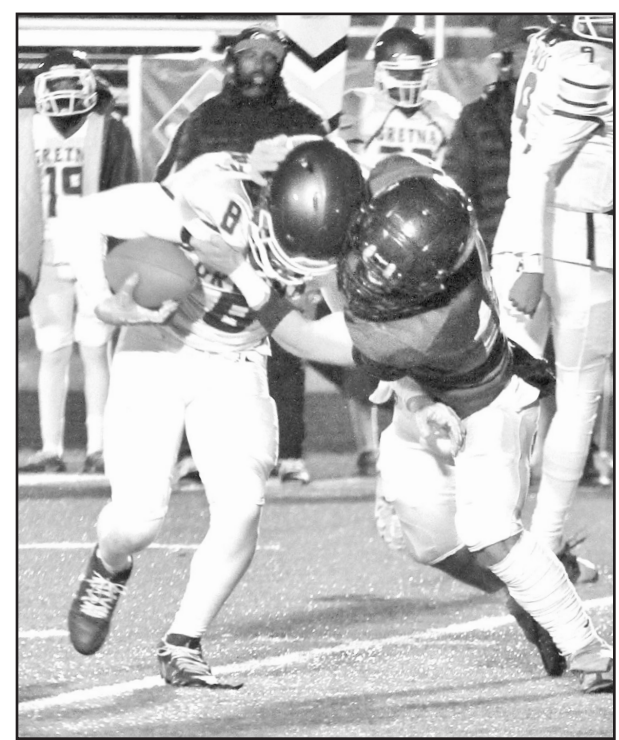


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Glenvar's Nick Wilson stops a Hawk before he can take flight in last Friday's region championship game.

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against the winner of a game between Strasburg and Poquoson at Poquoson High School Saturday. The state championship is at Salem Stadium at 5 pm on December 14th, and if Glenvar can get there it will be Glenvar's first trip to final since they beat Wilson Memorial in overtime in 2014.

"Everybody's picking Graham to win, but no one was picking us in 2014 either," said Clifford.



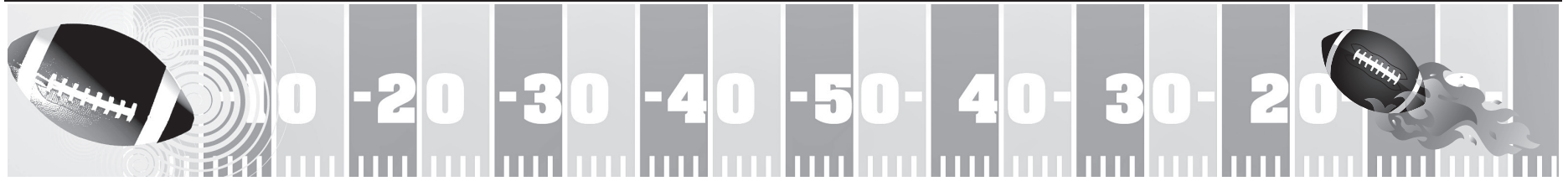
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Hokies win Governor's Cup

The University of Virginia and Virginia Tech played for the Governor's Cup in their annual football rivalry Saturday at a cold Lane Stadium in Blacksburg. It was the final home game for the Hokies and the final regular season game for Salem twins Jayden(#38) and Jorden(#39) McDonald, who were recognized with the rest of the seniors prior to the game. Above right, Tech senior Bhayshul Tuten scores the first touchdown of the game for the Hokies. Right, Tech's Aeneas Peebles makes a shoestring tackle on Virginia runningback Noah Vaughn. Tech took the win, and the Cup, by a 37-17 score.



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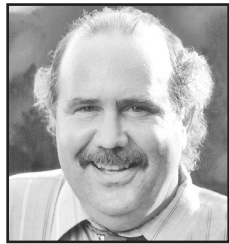
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Brian Hoffman

HALL OF FAME HONORS COOK

Congratulations to Salem's Murray Cook, who was informed Monday that he'll be going into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Cook started out as a "gopher" for the Salem Pirates at Salem Municipal Field (now Billy Sample Field at Kiwanis Park) to become the universally recognized top expert on building and maintaining baseball fields.

Cook is one of nine members of the Hall of Fame Class of '25. He'll go in with former Detroit Tigers star Lou Whitaker, UVA basketball player and television analyst Dan Bonner, former NBA player Joe Smith, soccer player Ali Krieger, former FFA and NFL lineman Ed George, Virginia Wesleyan basketball player Brandon Adair, sportswriter Harry Minium, Jr. and former Hampton High football coach Mike Smith.



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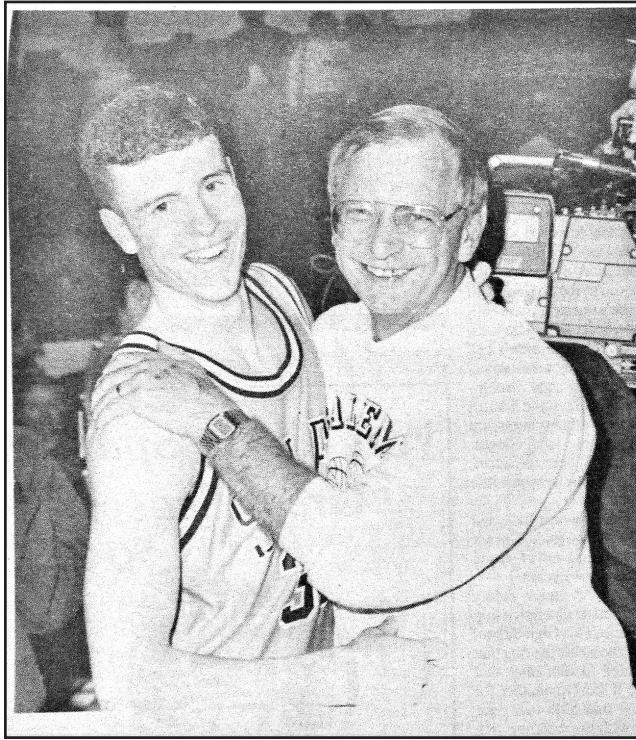
is president of Brightview Sports Turf Division, which manages the operations for MLB special games in the United States and all over the world. He's also been involved in creating fields for Olympic baseball and just about anywhere the game is played.

"When Will Driscoll (VaHOF Director) called me with the news I actually thought he was trying to reach the other Murray Cook," said Murray, referring to the former Pirates' front office person who often visited Salem to check on players. "It was some random Norfolk number. So he gave me the news and once he got into the conversation a bit I was like, 'no way.' I was standing in the middle of the Bristol Speedway doing a site visit for next summer's Speedway Classic. Anyway. It's still hard to believe."

Cook is also a member of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. He'll be inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in April in Virginia Beach.

BYINGTON COACHES AT TECH

Salem native Mark Byington is in Southwest Virginia this week. His Vanderbilt Commodores bas-



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ketball team was scheduled to play Virginia Tech in Blacksburg Wednesday night.

Mark took the job at "Vandy" after coaching James Madison to the Dukes' most successful four-year stretch in 30 years. He coached at Georgia Southern for seven years prior to taking the job at JMU and was an assistant at Virginia Tech for the 2012-13 season.

Vanderbilt jumped out to a 7-1 start this season prior to Wednesday's game at Tech, with results too late for publication. That game was part of the SEC/ACC Challenge and, as luck would have it, the matchup brought him back close to home despite being scheduled prior to his taking the job in Nashville.

Sadly, Mark's father Dale passed away on November 21 and isn't here to enjoy Mark's success in Tennessee. Dale was a long time sandlot coach in Salem and a fixture at Salem High games when the Spartans won their first basketball state championship in 1994.

I can remember Salem beating Northside in the state Group AA semifinals in '94 at University Hall on the campus of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. It was the sixth time the Spartans had beaten their district, region and state rivals that season and Salem went on to win the state championship in the final over Louisa County. After that game parents and fans gathered outside the arena waiting for the boys to exit and out comes Dale with a big smile on his face, proclaiming, "they just said they're not going to give us the trophy until we play Northside one more time at Longwood Park!!!"

That drew a big laugh. He was a good guy and a mentor to a lot of kids growing up in that era. He would have really enjoyed Vanderbilt basketball.

SEC RIVALS ONE YEAR AFTER STATE FINAL

Last year at this time Salem High football players Peyton Lewis and Chris Cole were preparing to head to Leesburg for a state semifinal football game against Tuscarora. A year later they're looking at playing in the first 12-team NCAA FBS Division I football playoff tournament.

Cole is a freshman linebacker for the University of Georgia. After winning a wild eight-overtime game with Georgia Tech last Friday the Bulldogs are playing Texas this weekend in the SEC championship game. A win gets them into the playoffs and with a loss they still may go.

Cole has had a great season as a true freshman. He had a pair of tackles and a pass breakup in win over Texas and was credited with four tackles, including three solo stops, in a win over Florida. Chris recovered a fumble and tallied a pair of stops with a quarterback pressure in win over Tennessee, then recovered a fumble and recorded a 28-yard return in a win over UMass for his first collegiate touchdown. That's a far cry from playing against Hidden Valley.

Lewis, a true freshman at the University of Tennessee, has had an equally outstanding college debut. He's played in all 12 games for the Volunteers and has rushed for 265 yards on 54 carries, an average of 4.9 yards per attempt. He's scored three touchdowns, including two in a win over UTEP on November 23rd.

Tennessee, now 10-2, will learn its final College Football Playoff ranking and matchup on Sunday, Dec. 8, at noon ET. The show will air on ESPN. First-round on-campus games are scheduled for Friday, Dec. 20 (one game) and Saturday, Dec. 21 (three games), with sites to be determined this Sunday.

Counts named to softball HoF

Salem's John Counts was inducted into the USA Softball of Piedmont Virginia Hall of Fame on Saturday November 16, 2024. John joined five others as members of the 11th class in a dinner ceremony at the Bedford Moose Lodge.

John received this honor for Meritorious Service for the sport of Softball. Counts has been involved in all levels of the game from coaching, umpiring, announcing, scorekeeping, scheduling and running tournaments. He was the former head coach for Salem High School and helps Roanoke College softball with statistics.

John is also responsible for scheduling fast-pitch and slowpitch tournaments all across the

state of Virginia, including the Chance Crawford Slowpitch tournament, from February through November.

"You can always find John in the tower, working on the next change to the current tournament, or creating the schedule for the next tournament," said Hall of Fame Committee member Randy Sprouse. "John loves this game and what he does for the sport. He contributes to the success of each tournament in his attention to detail when it comes to getting the tournament organized for play. So much of what he does is behind the scenes, but the success of the games and tournaments depends on John."



Left to right: HoF committee member Randy Sprouse, John Counts, and Steve DeJarnette of USA Softball of Virginia.

Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame names Class of '25, former MLB manager Terry Collins is speaker and inductee

Former Major League Baseball manager Terry Collins, who played on the 1972 Salem Pirates Carolina League championship team, will be the guest speaker and one of five inductees for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame's 33rd hot stove banquet and induction ceremony. The banquet will be held at the Salem Civic Center on Sunday February 2nd, 2025. In addition to Collins the Class of '25 includes Ed Culicerto, Casey Hodges, J.D. Mundy and F.L. Slough.

A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Collins was drafted and signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1971 and spent 53 years in professional baseball. He was an infielder for the Carolina League champion Salem Pirates in 1972, playing with future big leaguers Dave Parker, Ed Ott, Doug Bair, Ken Macha and Mario Mendoza.

Collins played 10 seasons in the minor leagues, including six in AAA, before he was hired to manage the Lodi Dodgers of the Class A California League in 1981. He managed 11 years in the minors for five different teams before the Pirates hired him as coach with the Major League team.

In 1994 the Houston Astros selected Terry to be their manager and he spent three years at the helm before moving to Anaheim for a three year stint as Angels' manager. His next stop was the far east for two years as manager of the Orix Buffaloes of the Japanese Baseball League, then back to the states in 2011 for seven seasons as manager of the New York Mets.

Terry's Major League career spanned 16 years, including a stint as coach with the Tampa Bay Rays. He man-

aged team China in the 2009 World Baseball Classic and was the minor league director of the Los Angeles Dodgers for five years. He also served as a baseball analyst for SNY network's Baseball Night New York.

Culicerto was head baseball coach at Northside High School for 16 years. His 2011 team won the Group AA state championship and Ed's overall record is 244-121-2. During that time the Vikings won four district titles, two regional titles and made four state tournament appearances. He was selected as the state AA Coach of the Year and Timesland Coach of the Year in 2011.

Mundy is a 2016 graduate of Northside, where he was a four year starter and three time All-State player. He hit .550 his senior year and was the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame's Ray Bellamy Award winner as the outstanding player in the Hall of Fame area and he was named Timesland Player of the Year.

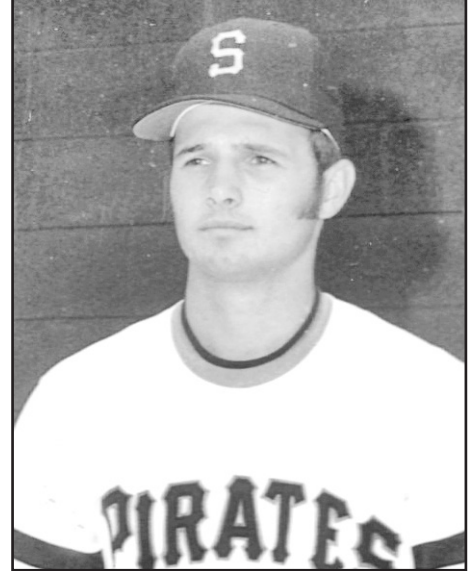
Mundy played two years at Virginia Tech, then played his junior and senior seasons at Radford University. He led the team with 13 home runs his junior year and hit .385 as a senior, earning VaSID All-State first team honors.

J.D. signed as a free agent with Baltimore Orioles and spent two seasons in their organization, reaching the AA level. He spent two seasons as assistant coach at Western Carolina University and is presently coaching at Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Hodges is a former Franklin County High School, Radford University and University of Mount Olive pitcher and infielder. He had a 10-1 record on Mount Olive's National Championship team with a 2.52 ERA, pitching in the



Terry Collins as a manager of the New York Mets, left, and as a player for the Carolina League champion Salem Pirates in 1972.



championship game and earning All-American honors.

Casey was drafted in the 23rd round of the 2008 Major League draft by the Atlanta Braves and played four seasons and 100 games in professional baseball, reaching the High Class A level. He has served as an assistant coach at Patrick Henry Community College and as the pitching coach at the University of Charleston in West Virginia.

Slough coached high school baseball for 22 years with a record of 188-109 as head coach. He was at Franklin County High from 1988 until 2007 and was head coach of the Eagles for 14 years, winning five district championships and a region championship.

F.L. served as assistant coach of the West Squad for the Commonwealth Games for 18 years, worked at the

Baseball Factory for four years and the Ferrum College Summer Baseball Camp for 10 years. He coached over 40 players who went on to play at the college level.

The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in 1991 and honors players and contributors from the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties. The Hall of Fame building is located on the grounds of the James E. Taliaferro Complex, next to the Salem Red Sox administrative office behind the third base seating area of Salem Memorial Ballpark. It is open to the public on selected nights during the Carolina League season and upon request.

Salem and Glenvar boys and girls will play each other next Tuesday

Spartan girls open season with win over JF, Glenvar girls fall to Parry McCluer at home

The high school basketball season tips off this week and Salem and Glenvar will be going head-to-head a week into the season. Next Tuesday, December 10th, Glenvar will host a doubleheader with Salem both girls and boys.

The girls will open the doubleheader at 5:30 pm, followed by the boys at approximately 7 pm. The boys' jayvee teams from Salem and Glenvar will play at Salem High that night at 6 pm. Glenvar does not have a girls' jayvee team, so the Spartan jayvees will be idle.

Glenvar's varsity girls opened their season Monday with a home game against Parry McCluer under new coach Cheryl Hayes. The Highlanders, who were winless last year, played hard but dropped a 48-19 decision to the visiting Blues. Grace Fiedler led Glenvar with five points.

"Parry McCluer did a great job on their half court press," said Hayes. "We struggled to handle the pressure and we struggled on executing our defensive strategy"

Needless to say, the Highlanders are rebuilding. They have a team of one senior, one junior, eight sophomores and three freshmen.

"We are working every day to build the girls' confidence and skills and to build their basketball IQ," said Hayes. "We want them to give all out effort and compete in practice and games and to persevere in games that are tough and compete in the games we can."

The girls were at Auburn Wednesday and will host William Byrd Friday night before playing Salem next week.

The Spartans got off to a good start Tuesday with a 62-39 win at Jefferson Forest. Coach Scott Jester has a strong group coming back from last year's team that went 23-5 and earned a trip to the state tournament.

Gabby Crawley led the Spartans in Foreset with 20 points while Emme Custer had 14 and Kourtney Goens had seven. Salem jumped out to a 25-3 lead after the first quarter.

"We talked about the importance of coming out with defensive intensity and were able to do that," said Jester. "Happy to get a road win against a region 4D opponent to start the season."

Salem will be led by Crawley, a first team all-region selection last year. Bailey Rider was second team all-region and Custer was Honorable Mention. Also returning are Elizabeth Smith, Charli Wynn, Shaniya Robinson, Ashley Adkins and Lexi Hart while Goens, a post player, returns to Salem after living in Georgia last season. She was a strong player at Andrew Lewis as an eighth grader.

"Our goal is to ork hard to improve every day and stay hungry," said Jester. "We have a very talented team. We know that if we focus on getting better each day we can reach our potential and have a deep run in the post season."

The girls are home against Northside Friday.

Salem's boys finished at an even 12-12 last year and look to improve on that record. They have a tough opener Friday against always tough Northside on the road.

The boys have been impressive in summer camps and preseason scrimmages. They return Mari Foff, Kam Brown, Cam Boles, Elijah Paddyfote and Parker Dallas. Newcomers to the varsity include Jaydius Hamm, Braylon Smith, Gabe Martin, Logan Sparks, Jack Stroud, Ben Keffer, Tanner Overstreet and A'Marion Williams.

"We want to be competitive every night to reach our ceiling as a team and enjoy the process of getting better," said coach Kevin Garst.

The Glenvar boys also have a new coach as Hank Luton takes the helm. He'll be assisted by former Glenvar head coach Dave Redding along with former Highlander standouts Hank Conner and Tyler Crockett.

"I'm really fortunate to have these former Glenvar leaders on the staff," said Luton.

Hank knows the program as he was the jayvee coach last year. Rich Drew will come up from the middle school team to take that position this year and Josh Jones is now the middle school coach.

Aiden Hylton, Grayson Sheperd and Luke Farmer are three seniors who should have big seasons. Brody Dawyot was last year's leading scorer and his brother Trey is also a good player but they're still on the football team. The Highlanders were scheduled to open at Auburn Wednesday but their game at William Byrd Friday has been postponed until January 20, as both teams are still playing football.



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Above, new Glenvar girls coach Cheryl Hayes coaches the Highlanders in Monday's opener against Parry McCluer. Below, new GHS boys' coach Hank Luton coaches during last week's scrimmage against Galax.



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Spartans lose heartbreaker in region final

Fall 29-26 on cold night at Sherando

Salem's 2024 football season ended six inches to the right of overtime last Friday when Ethan Millard's 33 yard field goal attempt hit the post as time expired. Six inches to the left and the game would have gone into overtime, but instead host Sherando High took a 29-26 win in Stephens City in the Region 4D championship game.

"One play doesn't decide a football game," said Salem coach Don Holter. "There were a lot of big plays in that game that could have gone either way. Ethan has done an outstanding job for us all year."

For awhile it didn't look like a last second field goal would be necessary. Salem had the ball first and marched right down the field. The big play was a swing pass to Kyshead Arrington that gained 43 yards and moved the ball inside the 10, and Kyshead did the honors with a one yard TD run less than two minutes into the game.

Salem's defense held the Warriors to a three-and-out on the next possession and the Sherando punter put his knee to the ground on a bad snap, giving Salem the ball at that point. The Spartans quickly took advantage of the break and drove inside the five where Arrington scored again. Millard's extra point kick made it 14-0 halfway through the first quarter.

On the next series Salem's defense held again but Sherando's punter, who boomed them all night, dropped the ball inside the 10 and the Spartans started the drive on their own seven. Not to be outdone, Josiah Persinger burst up the middle, broke a tackle and left two defenders smelling his fumes as he raced 93 yards for a score and a 20-0 Spartan lead with 9:36 until halftime. The extra point was blocked and that didn't make Holter happy, as he claimed the player who blocked the kick hurdled a Salem lineman illegally.

Sherando got on the board on the next series. A long pass set up a 22 yard connection and it was 20-7 at the 8:22 mark. Things went downhill for Salem at that point as the Warriors hit on a 34 yard TD pass with 2:43 on the clock, then Salem fumbled it back to them on the Spartan 31 yard line. The Warriors punched it in with 1:03 to go and led 21-20 at the half to the delight of the somewhat frozen home crowd.

"I think we got a little bit happy when we went up 20-0," said Holter. "We had 'em on their heels but then we didn't execute on defense."

Persinger's interception ended a Sherando drive in the third quarter and turned the momentum. The ensuing drive resulted in a 14 yard run by Persinger to make it 26-21, and Salem decided to

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Above, Salem's Kyshead Arrington battles to pick up a big first down on fourth and two on Salem's final drive against Sherando. Below, Jackson Bryie(left), Dorian Vance(#67) and Kevin Easley(#71) protect Salem quarterback Eli Taylor as he cuts loose in Friday's region championship game.



Highlanders dominate Hawks, will play Graham in state semifinal



Above, Glenvar's Brody Dawyot follows Rhett Henderson and Emeilio Harris(#59) into the end zone for a first half touchdown in last Friday's win over Gretna. Right, Nick Wilson holds the ball high in celebration after returning a fumble for a TD as Cooper Mullins looks on.

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The Glenvar Highlanders are Region 2C football champions and one win away from playing in the state championship game in Salem Stadium on December 14. The Highlanders cruised to the title with an easier-than-expected 30-8 win over Gretna in the region championship game at a very cold Highlander Stadium last Friday.

"The kids showed a lot of heart," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "I was pleased with the effort. They executed well and played a pretty clean game."

The Highlanders were up 30-0 by halftime. Quarterback Brody Dawyot, who had thrown 21 touchdown passes in the previous four games, used his legs on a cold night and ran for touchdowns of one, 15 and 12 yards to put the Hawks on their heels.

"We got a couple short fields and we didn't have to throw the ball," said Clifford. "We ran the clock and played smart."

A 22 yard field goal by Carl Muse added three more points and then Dawyot went to work on defense, stripping the ball from a Gretna player deep in Hawk territory. Nick Wilson picked it up and ran 12 yards for a killer score just before the half.

The third quarter was scoreless and Gretna scored a meaningless touchdown near the end of the game to ruin Glenvar's shut out bid. At that point the Highlanders were running the ball to eat up clock and let the fans get to a warm car.

"The second half we just wanted to maintain," said Clifford. "At this point of the season it's survive and advance."

Dawyot three 18 passes, mosting in the first half, and completed 10 for 119 yards. He ran 14 times for 84 yards and three TDs.

Ranger Swanson carried the ball 16 times for 83 yards and Cooper Mullins, a tailback converted to receiver in early November, had eight catches for 63 yards. Peyton Deel had one catch that went for 50 yards.

On defense Jacob Campbell and Wilson had a dozen tackles each to lead the team, and Nick also had two sacks, two tackles for losses and the fumble recovery for a touchdown. Cale Vaughan and Rawlin Hanks had 10 tackles each, Dawyot had nine with four sacks and Deel had eight tackles and an interception.

Now 12-1, the Highlanders advance to the Class 2 state semifinal this Saturday. They'll take on undefeated Graham at Mitchell Stadium in Bluefield at 2 pm.

"They're big and physical and they like to run the ball," said Clifford. "They're 13-0 for a reason."

The "G-Men" have a rich football tradition with legendary coaches like Burrhead Bradley and Glynn Carlock. Tony Palmer has been the coach since 2015 and Graham has won state championships in 2018 and 2022 while finishing runnerup to King William in 2021. This Saturday will be the first time Graham and Glenvar have played.

Saturday's winner will advance to the state championship

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Roanoke College Cregger Center is site for NCAA D-III Volleyball

The Cregger Center on the campus of Roanoke College will host the 2024 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship this week. The eight team tournament will run from Wednesday through Saturday.

Four games were scheduled for Wednesday, including Washington & Lee of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference against Hope College. Other matches had Juniata against

La Verne, Johns Hopkins against Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Emory against Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The semifinals are today, Thursday, at the Cregger Center with matches at 5 pm and 7:30 pm. If W&L won Wednesday they would play the Juniata-La Verne winner at 7:30 pm.

The Division III national championship match is scheduled for Saturday at 4 pm.

