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Council members sworn in for three-year terms

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Two Salem City Councilmembers were sworn in Dec. 12, to be prepared to take their seats at the first meeting of the new year on Jan. 13.

Circuit Court Judge Chris Clemens of Salem administered the oath to new Councilmember Anne Marie Green, and returning Councilman Renee Turk. Councilman John Saunders will be sworn in later. All will serve three-year terms.

They will begin their terms Jan. 1, 2025. Turk will serve her second term. She has been mayor, which is elected by fellow Councilmembers. Council will elect a mayor and vice mayor at the Jan. 13 meeting.



Judge Chris Clemens administers the oath of office to new Councilmember Anne Marie Green on Dec. 12. With her is her daughter Emily.



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Judge Clemens swears in Renee Turk for her second term on Salem City Council, as husband David Turk watches.

Showtimers staging local playwright Steve Franco's Christmas comedy

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As the holiday season approaches, Showtimers Community Theatre is ready to bring laughter and warmth to the Roanoke Valley with its production of "In-Laws, Outlaws, and Other People (That Should Be Shot)." Written by Salem native and longtime Theatre Arts teacher Steve Franco, this Christmas-themed comedy promises a delightful mix of family dysfunction, festive chaos, and heartwarming redemption.

Running from Dec. 12 to Dec. 22, the play captures the holiday spirit with a twist. It follows the Douglas family's Christmas Eve dinner, which is hilariously upended when two robbers, Tony and Vinny, take them hostage. But as producer Carolyn Watson humorously pointed out, "Maybe with this family, it's the other way around."



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The play captures the holiday spirit with a twist. It follows the Douglas family's Christmas Eve dinner.

Franco, who has taught theatre arts at Glenvar High School for over 30 years, first developed the idea for the play while studying at Roanoke College. The play's title originated from a class assignment to create something that would immediately catch an audience's attention. Over

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Cox-Hurley-Rowe Professional Development Scholarship recipients were celebrated

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There was cause for celebration at the Salem School Board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Aside from the normal order of business, four teachers were honored with Cox-Hurley-Rowe Professional Development Scholarships. Endowed by the Richard H. Fisher family in 2015-16, the scholarship honors the work of three former South Salem teachers - Jori Cox, Betsy Hurley, and Linda Rowe. The scholarships give recipients financial support for professional development or for use in their classroom. The scholarship nurtures innovative instructional strategies. This year, the Salem Educational Foundation has awarded $250 to each of the recipients, one at each of the four elementary schools.

The Honorees

Jori Cox, Betsy Hurley, and Linda Rowe were beloved and respected educators who dedicated their careers to Salem's schools and students. Cox began teaching mathematics at Andrew Lewis Middle School before moving to West Salem and later South Salem, where she earned a master's degree from UVA. Hurley started at South Salem Elementary in 1989, teaching for over 22 years until illness led to her retirement. Rowe began teaching at South Salem in 1983, earned a master's in reading, became a reading specialist, and received National Board Certification, earning Teacher of the Year honors in 2006. Despite their careers being cut short by illness, all three teachers left a lasting legacy of excellence, commitment, and love for their students. To honor them, funds will support professional development and instructional innovation for Salem's elementary teachers who carry on their inspiring work.



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Nancy Bradley, chair, poses with scholarship winners at the School Board Meeting on Dec. 10.

SY 2024-2025 Scholarship Recipients

The four recipients of a $250 scholarship are Brenda Casler, Meghan Murphy, Anna Watts, and Devon Watty.

Brenda Casler, a preschool teacher at G.W. Carver Elementary School plans to use her scholarship funds to purchase a subscription in the Musically Minded program. With this program, preschool students learn literacy, math and communication skills through music and play. The Musically Minded program includes a monthly subscription with access to new songs, circle time activities, virtual music therapy and teacher training. Casler's goal is to increase concept development and language modeling. The impact will be assessed through students' progress in self-regulation, enhanced

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Wings Etc. location coming to Salem in 2025

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Wings Etc., a restaurant franchise which prides itself on friendly atmospheres, good food, and good value, is coming to Salem in 2025. The franchise will be opened on Wildwood Road, owned and operated by Dr. Justin Lindsey and his wife, Christy, both well-known in the Salem community.

Dr. Lindsey, who practices medicine at Star City Medical, said that he's always had an interest in restaurants. A Roanoke County native, Dr. Lindsey spent time in the Army as a cook and worked in restaurants in the Roanoke area before pursuing medicine, a history to which he credits his interest in opening this new location of Wings Etc.

After some time in Ohio, where a number of Wings Etc.'s restaurants are located, it became clear that his whole family enjoyed eating there, and, vitally, "nobody argued where to eat," he said.

"You could just go to Wings Etc. and watch hockey or football and have some wings," Dr. Lindey explained. "My wife and I had a good time, and we were just sitting there one day, and she was like, 'Salem really needs something like this. This would do so well.'"

The very next day, he said, he was on the phone discussing franchising options.

First established in northern Indiana by Jim Weaver in 1994, the restaurant currently boasts over 80 restaurants, largely spread across the Midwest and in the South. The Salem location, anticipated to open in the spring of 2025, will be Virginia's first Wings Etc.

"The world was foundering in an ocean of sports bar wannabes and over-hyped, corporate-y, cookie-cutter bar-and-grill 'systems,'" reads the company's website. "The key to saving the world was building 'Happiness Centers' filled with big TVs, great (but simple) food, friendly (but not 'have-a-nice-day'-fake-y) service, and lots of cold beverages containing varying percentages of spirits. The goal? Good Food. Great Times."

The franchise also prides itself on its mission to foster stronger communities and deeper relationships by bringing people together.

Community is already playing a big part in the new restaurant; Dr. Lindsey says that around one-third of the population of Salem are patients at his medical practice, and that they have been very supportive about the restaurant even in these early days.

"Not only am I going to have to answer at the restaurant, I'm going to have to answer at the practice, too, if people aren't having a good experience," he joked.

But in seriousness, Dr. Lindsey describes nothing but well wishes and support from his community. "They've been so supportive here [at Star City Medical], I think they'll be really supportive [at the new

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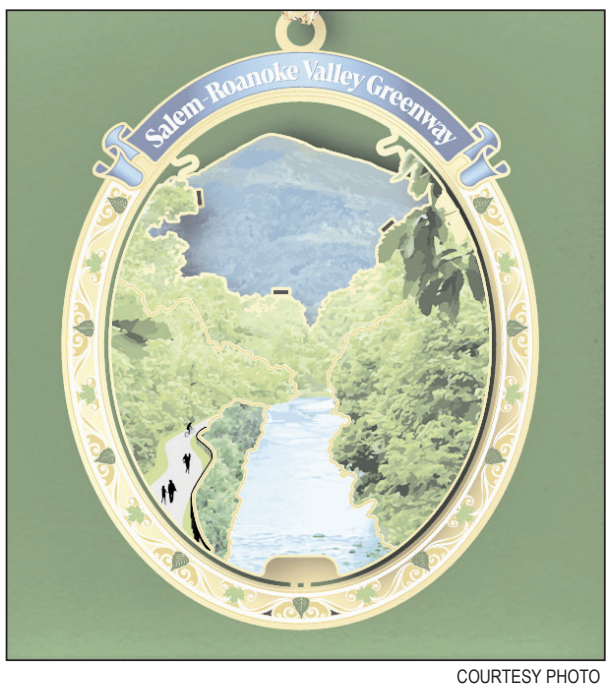
Support the Salem Museum this holiday season by collecting the brand new 2024 holiday ornament - the Salem-Roanoke Valley Greenway!

Linking more than just trails, the Greenway bonds community members together through a shared vision of an environmentally-friendly world. Whether serving as an easy recreation spot for a family outing or the go-to site for local birdwatchers, the Greenway continues to inspire the natural explorers within us all.

The Salem Museum is proud to recognize all that is fantastic about the Greenway and the local community!

Other ornaments also in stock include: Roanoke College Administration Building, Old Courthouse/Roanoke College West Hall, Andrew Lewis High School, Lake Spring Park Gazebo, Carver School, Preston Place, Salem Farmers Market, and the Salem Museum.

Visit the Salem Museum Shop for a wide-ranging collection of books on local and regional history, plus holiday and home décor, toys, and more!



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Salem-Roanoke Valley Greenway Ornament

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the years, Franco refined the concept into a comedy that he hoped would be, as he put it, "a comedy romp for the audience and the actors."



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The Christmas-themed comedy promises a delightful mix of family dysfunction, festive chaos and heartwarming redemption.

Seeing his work performed on the Showtimers stage in his hometown feels particularly meaningful. "It is a tremendous honor!" Franco said. "This show has been staged across the U.S. and in five foreign countries, but to have it done in my hometown—that is something very special to me."

The production features several personal connections for Franco. Keith Chumbley, who plays family patriarch Tom, was a student of Franco's during his early teaching years. Reflecting on their history, Chumbley said, "Mr. Franco was my high school theatre teacher from 1992 to 1997. After 20 years away from theatre, getting to be in this show—written by Franco—really brings everything full circle for me."

For Watson, this production is her first as a producer, and it holds a unique significance. "Working with Franco directly has been a joy," she said. "Hearing him talk to the cast about the show and his process gives new meaning and context to the pages. His enthusiasm is contagious, and he's been our biggest cheerleader, especially when it comes to our promotional efforts."

The cast agrees that Franco's involvement adds a special touch. Jake Dellinger, who plays Tony, shared his personal connection to Franco: "I was mentored by Steve Franco during my student teaching in college. His approach to analyzing scripts and delivering dialogue has shaped how I approached this role."

The cast members bring their own motivations and experiences to the production. Chylynn Belcher, who plays Tracy, said, "I thought a Christmas comedy sounded really fun, and the title just stands out on its own." Susan Singleton, portraying Aunt Rose, added, "I was intrigued by the title and didn't know the story. I love how the play carries out the theme of love and forgiveness, which is so meaningful during the holidays."

While "In-Laws, Outlaws" is undoubtedly a comedy, Franco infused it with an uplifting message. "The goal of every comedy is to lift the spirits of the audience members through laughter," he said. "But I also wanted this show to have a message in its madness. That message is that Christmas is a time of love through redemption."

Singleton echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the play's deeper message: "At the end, when Dad says, 'An undeserved gift—isn't that what the Christmas Spirit is all about?' it really hits home. That line sums up the true meaning of Christmas."

Adding to the hilarity, cast member Gene Marrano, who plays Uncle Leo, commented on his favorite part: "I have to admit I like zinging my wife of '53 years,' which I do all throughout the play."

The play's humor shines through even in smaller moments. Belcher and fellow cast member Sagen Blackwell both highlighted a scene involving humorous coffee shop names, including "Sacred Grounds" and "Java the Hut." As Blackwell described it, "The back-and-forth dialogue is so entertaining, and Vinny does a great job acting out his character's reactions."

Running for two weekends at Showtimers Community Theatre, "In-Laws, Outlaws, and Other People (That Should Be Shot)" offers audiences a chance to laugh, reflect, and embrace the holiday spirit. Watson summed it up perfectly: "This show has something for everyone—a zany plot, relatable family dynamics, and a little Christmas magic."

Tickets are available now, and Showtimers encourages audiences to experience this local gem. As Franco put it, "Live stage theatre is in decline across the country, but it doesn't have to be that way in Salem. The talent on the Showtimers stage is phenomenal, and this production will leave audiences hooked on theatre."





The **Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology** invites prospective students and parents to attend one of the 2025-2026 school year informational sessions listed below to learn about our school and obtain an application. RVGS is a public regional program serving high school students from Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, Floyd, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and Salem.

Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 p.m.	Application info meeting at RVGS
Thursday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.	Application info meeting at Franklin County High School
Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.	Application info meeting at RVGS
Thursday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.	Application info meeting at Staunton River High School
Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 p.m.	Application info meeting RVGS

Informational sessions & additional information available at www.rvgs.k12.va.us



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

Festival Service of Lessons and Carols: On Sunday, Dec. 22 at 5 p.m., a Festival Service of Lessons and Carols will be offered at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 42 E. Main Street in Salem. This beloved service of readings and carols ushers in the Christmas Season. In addition to favorite hymns and carols sung by the congregation, the St. Paul's choir, under the direction of Steven R. Lawrence, will sing carol settings by Paul Manz, Peter Niedmann, Charles Wood and John Rutter. The choir will be joined by organist Margaret Johnson, flautist Julee Hickcox and a string ensemble. The Rev. J. Edward Morris, St. Paul's Priest-in-Charge, will officiate the service. An offering benefitting Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley will be received to support St. Paul's participation in sponsoring a house built by members of five Salem area churches. St. Paul's, located in the heart of the City of Salem, is a welcoming parish, seeking to proclaim by word and example the good news of Jesus Christ. We warmly invite everyone to attend this service of Lesson & Carols and hope that you will find it an opportunity for refreshment, renewal and joy. A reception follows the service in the Parish Hall. For more information, please visit www.salemstpauls.org or call the church office at (540) 389-9307.

Winterfest: Salem's annual "Winterfest Beach Bash" returns in February of 2025 with the timeless "Band of Oz". The 2025 edition of this popular indoor beach party will take place on Friday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. inside the Salem Civic Center arena. This is the 18th straight year that the Hall of Fame band has been selected to showcase it talents for this popular gathering.

Brantley Gilbert: Brantley Gilbert is bringing The Tattoos Tour 2025 to the Salem Civic Center on Thursday night, March 20. Special guests that night will include Black Stone Cherry, Austin Snell, and Colt Ford. Tickets start at $25, plus applicable fees and go on sale Friday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m.

Alison Krauss: 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. Tickets available at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or online at Ticketmaster.com.

Recipe of the Week



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Contributing Writer



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Until I graduated high school my mom worked the Christmas season at the Kroger deli or in retail and everyone knows this time of year is the busiest. Because Mom often worked until the last minute on Christmas Eve, we would keep dinner simple and easy. Mom would make grilled cheese sandwiches and we would open a can of Campbell's Tomato soup. I complained one year that we needed something green to be more Christmassy and my mom gave me a dill pickle. That started a tradition of eating dill pickles with grilled cheese and tomato soup. I got older and started to make the tomato soup myself. Serving with crunchy petite dill pickles accented the creamy fatty cheese goodness in the sandwich.

I think everyone should know how to make this meal combo. I still remember when my college boyfriend made me a grilled cheese and tomato soup meal after a snowy date. He couldn't cook anything else but his mom made sure he could make that meal. I must say it impressed me!

The grilled cheese sandwich is thought to have originated in the United States in the 1920s. While the idea of combining bread and cheese has been around for a long time, the grilled cheese became popular when inexpensive sliced bread and processed cheese became widely available. The sandwich remained a staple during the Great Depression and World War II. Grilled Cheese did not start out a sandwich. During World War II, it was just one piece of bread with a slice of cheese on top. The 1960s was when the topper was added. After the war, government institutions, as well as schools, started packaging the sandwich with tomato soup to give the meal additional nutrition.

There are multiple cheeses to use for grilled cheese; Sharp and white cheddar are the perfect foundation when making the ultimate grilled cheese sandwich. A semi-soft cheese like Monterey Jack, Havarti, Muenster, and Provolone. Or a semi-hard cheese like Gouda, Swiss, Gruyere, and Fontina would all taste great. But I am going to be brave and admit that I will never turn away a grilled cheese made with Kraft Deluxe singles and classic white non-fancy bread.

So, what is the best bread for grilled cheese? For the ideal grilled cheese, look for bread with a soft-but-hearty texture with even slices of medium thickness (about 1/4 inch). Hearty sandwich bread, sourdough, brioche, and rye all work very well. I have used raisin bread and cream cheese with good results.

The traditional spread for making a grilled cheese sandwich has always been butter. It gives a rich flavor and a golden crust, creating that grilled cheese taste and texture we all grew up loving. However, in recent years, there's been a growing trend of using mayonnaise as an alternative to butter. The appeal of mayonnaise is twofold: it spreads effortlessly on bread (even straight from the fridge), eliminating the wait for butter to soften, and it has a higher smoke point, which means it's less likely to burn while cooking, ensuring an evenly crisp, golden-brown sandwich.

I find myself reaching for mayo more often than not because it's convenient. For those who can't choose, combining both softened butter and mayo can give you the best of both worlds: the delicious flavor of butter and the perfectly golden, crispy exterior that mayo guarantees.

The acidity and sweetness of tomato soup complement the rich, buttery flavor of grilled cheese. The creamy texture of the soup balances the crispy, melty sandwich, creating a satisfying contrast. If you can't get tomato soup eating grilled cheese with ketchup is delicious because you get to taste something that is sweet, savory, and salty, all at the same time.

This week's recipes are something everyone should know how to cook.

Tomato Basil soup

- 2 cans (28 oz) each crushed tomatoes
- 1 can chicken broth (14 ½ ozs)
- 18 -20 fresh basil leaves minced
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 cup whipping cream
- ½ cup butter or margarine

In a large saucepan, bring the tomatoes and broth to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Add basil and sugar. Reduce heat to low; stir in cream and butter. Cook until butter is melted.

Grilled Cheese

- 2 ½-inch thick slices good quality bread (such as a tight-crumbed Italian or whole grain bread, with no holes)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons softened butter or mayonnaise
- 2 slices of medium or sharp cheddar cheese (about 2 oz)
- 1 oz (½ cup) shredded Gruyère cheese

Using a butter knife, spread a thin layer of the mayonnaise or softened butter on one side of each bread slice, ensuring full coverage up to the edges. Before spreading, make sure the slices are the same size and aligned so that when assembled, the shapes of the bread match up perfectly. Assemble the sandwich in the pan: Preheat a non-stick skillet or cast-iron pan over medium heat. Once heated, place one slice of bread in the skillet, mayo/butter side down. Then, layer the 2 slices of cheddar cheese onto the bread, ensuring even coverage (depending on the shape of the bread, you may need to tear the cheese for even coverage). Evenly sprinkle the shredded Gruyère over the cheddar. Place the second slice of bread on top, mayo/butter side up. Cook the sandwich for 3 to 4 minutes on one side, or until it's golden brown and crispy. Using a spatula, carefully flip the sandwich over and cook the other side for another few minutes, or until it's also golden brown and the cheese inside has melted. Remove the grilled cheese from the skillet and place it onto a cutting board. Let it sit for a minute, then cut the sandwich in half using a sharp knife. Serve immediately while it's still warm.

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vocabulary, and improved math and literacy skills within a supportive and positive learning environment.

First year teacher Meghan Murphy is a 4th grade language arts teacher at East Salem Elementary School. Murphy plans to use the funds to introduce flexible seating options for her students, such as wobble stools, seat cushions, kick bands, balance balls, and lap desks for use during instructional time. The goal is to enhance student engagement and focus, which Murphy will measure through improvements in student attention and time spent actively learning.

Anna Watts, a 3rd-grade teacher at South Salem Elementary, plans to use the funds to expand her classroom library. As a first-year 3rd-grade teacher, she aims to create a diverse collection of books to engage her students. This would provide them with a variety of reading options, encourage participation in a classroom book club, and foster excitement about reading. Having a well-stocked library in the classroom would also minimize trips to the school library, allowing students to remain in the classroom and stay focused on instruction.

Devon Watty is a 4th grade teacher at West Salem Elementary School. Watty plans to use the funds to enhance math instruction through hands-on, engaging activities for both small group and whole group lessons. He is particularly interested in tools like Versatiles, which can be adapted for various units and used independently or in small groups. Additionally, he hopes to invest in the premium version of Peardeck, a tool he already uses, to access more interactive features. The impact will be measured through student engagement as well as formative and summative assessments.

It's important to note that while these funds could be used for professional development or other classroom needs, these four teachers chose to prioritize tools, materials, and resources that directly benefit their students. Instead of using the funds for themselves, they have selflessly invested in their classrooms.

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Wings Etc.] too," he said.

Excitement such as this won't be contained for long. As Salem looks forward to its newest eatery, Dr. Lindsey says the news is out, and he's already had interest not just from future guests, but from potential employees as well. According to a press release from Wings Etc., the restaurant will bring between 50 and 70 new jobs to the area, something the Lindseys have kept at the forefront as they embark on this new endeavor, and Dr. Lindsey has already had interest from local folks looking for work.

"The Lindseys bring to the table the energy, enthusiasm and drive that we know makes for a successful franchise," said Wings Etc. CEO Rob Hensmann. "We're thrilled to welcome them to the Wings Etc. family and are supporting them every step of the way."

The target date for the opening of the new restaurant is April 2025, and it seems the Salem community is ready for a plate of good food at Wings Etc. For more information on the franchise, visit their website at wingsetc.com or find them on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.


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OPINION



Ben Cline

Congressman

It was a busy week back in session in Washington, D.C. First, House Republicans passed the FY25 National Defense Authorization Act, which authorizes our military activities for the next year. The House also voted to pass the JUDGES Act, which allows President Trump to address the federal judge shortage and ensures timely justice for American citizens. I had the privilege of joining Maria Bartiromo on Fox Business to discuss some of the key issues facing our country. I was honored to receive the Friend of the Farm Bureau Award for the 118th Congress. Last week, it was great to celebrate the National Guard's birthday and Bill of Rights Day, as well as participate in Wreaths Across America. As always, I enjoyed meeting with organizations and constituents back in the District. As we head into our last week of session for the 118th Congress, rest assured that I'll continue to fight for the people of Virginia's Sixth District up in Washington.

NDAA

Last week, House Republicans passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (NDAA), which I supported. The NDAA ensures our armed forces are equipped and prepared to deter our adversaries and protect our allies.

The NDAA also invests in our service members' quality of life by securing a 14.5% pay raise for junior service members, improved housing for our military families, and other benefits. Moreover, this defense funding bill restores the focus of our military on lethality, not the Left's DEI and CRT agenda. I am proud to support this legislation that improves the quality of life for our service members, restores our military focus, and reinforces our commitment to peace through strength. Rest assured, I will never stop fighting to strengthen our military and protect those who protect us.

The JUDGES Act

Many Americans are currently denied timely access to our justice system due to a shortage of judges and overwhelming case volumes. It's been over 20 years since Congress authorized new judgeships, while our population has grown by nearly 100 million, and federal case filings have increased by 40%. This has resulted in significant delays for those waiting for their day in court.

To tackle this issue, House Republicans passed the Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved (JUDGES) Act, which allows President Trump to fill 66 new federal judgeships in overburdened districts. This legislation aims to reduce delays and ensure all Americans have timely access to justice. I'm proud to see the JUDGES Act pass, a crucial step toward restoring balance in our courts. While it is disappointing to hear that the Biden-Harris Administration has threatened to veto this bill, House Republicans will continue to fight these political hurdles and strengthen our justice system.

Friend of the Farm Bureau Award

I am honored to receive the Friend of the Farm Bureau Award for supporting agriculture-related policies during the 118th Congress. Farmers are the backbone of Virginia's economy, and it's essential that we stand with them. I will continue to champion legislation that empowers our hardworking farmers and strengthens agricultural communities across the Commonwealth and our country.

Celebrating 388 years of the National Guard

Last Friday, we celebrated 388 years of the National Guard. Since 1636, the National Guard has stood ready to protect and serve—whether at home or abroad.

Thank you to all the brave men and women who wear the uniform and answered the call to serve. Their commitment keeps our communities safe and our nation strong.

Bills of Rights Day

This Bill of Rights Day, we honor the ratification of the first ten amendments to our Constitution on December 15, 1791. I will continue to fight in Washington to protect, preserve, and strengthen these God-given freedoms for all Americans.

Transformation of the Salem Public Library: Kudos to my fellow staff members

Library Corner

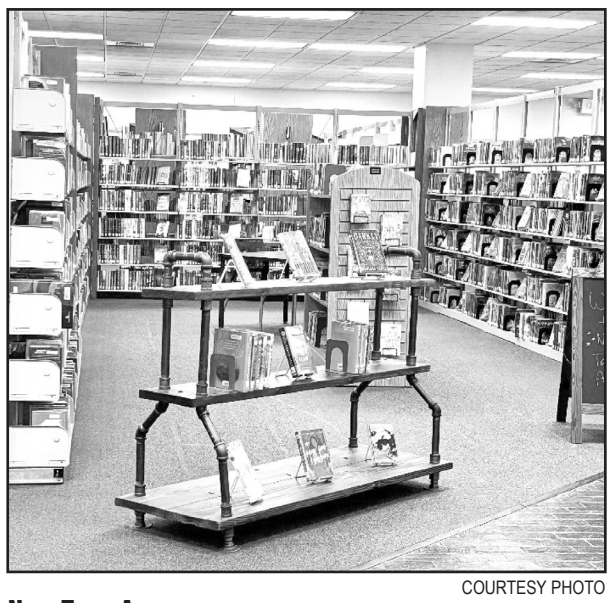
Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Benita VanCleave

Work progresses on refreshing the look of the Salem Public Library. Changes in technology drive the change in how libraries buildings are used over time. In the past, space was occupied by hard copies of all the newspapers and magazines needed for student research and to provide current reading and hobby sources for adults. Large cabinets provided storage of microfiche and microfilm of old magazines and newspapers which required the use of a microfilm reader. The reference area of the library contained two to three shelves of Reference books on a whole range of topics. Long tables with shelves contained business reference sources, telephone books from localities in Virginia and big cities in the U.S., the Thomas Register of Manufacturers, the Code of Virginia. Hard copies of these sources became obsolete as these sources including magazines became readily available online with updates being available in Realtime. While people continue to need free computer access there is also a need for more places for library users to plug in their technology. It was time to rethink the whole layout of the library.

Features of the most recent update are a larger Children's Area which will open more free space in the library for parents and children to spend time reading together as well as a new dedicated space for teens. Shelves in other parts of the library were turned to open access for walkers, wheelchairs, and strollers. It is still a work in progress.

The self-renovation of the library was made possible by staff members with the vision to see what and how things needed to be reorganized to make better use of space. Staff members with mechanical skills disassembled and reassembled shelving and furniture. All staff worked together to remove books from shelves



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New Teen Area

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congressman Cline's latest diatribe in the Opinion section of the Salem Times-Register (December 12, 2024) is just a continuation of his attacks on the Biden family. His constant allegations of Biden family corruption have proven to be unfounded, yet he perpetuates the lie. Cline claims there is evidence of corruption but he refuses to provide this evidence. Sound familiar? Cline follows the lead of one person, Donald Trump.

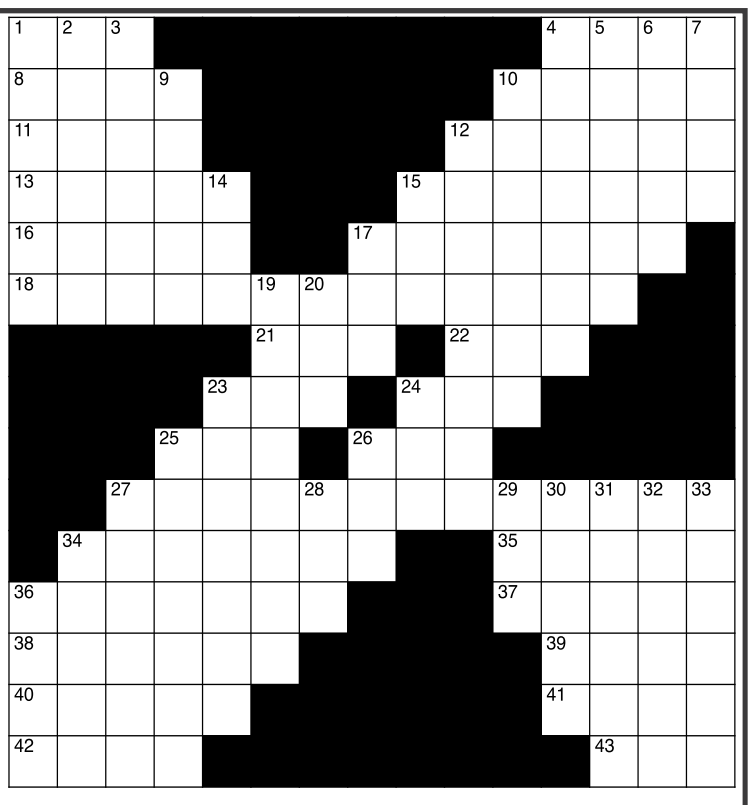
Time and again, Donald Trump has lied to the American people. In his first term as President there were over 30,000 documented lies, verified by reputable sources. All Trump did during his presidency was deceive the American people. His documented criminal activities and likely pardons of the January 6th insurrectionists reflects the distain for the rule of law that plagued the first Trump administration and will surely plague the second. No one is above the law, even if your last name is Trump.

What has Cline done for the citizens of his district? Perusing past issues of the Salem Times-Register and other sources the answer is simple - nothing. It is apparent by his voting record, that Cline, like Trump, does not care about you, your family's well-being or the country.

Cline's obsession with the Biden family and the non-existent corruption needs to stop. We have serious issues facing our country, which require serious discussions – discussions that should be based on facts, because facts do matter.

-Steve Bast
Salem

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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1. Baseball stat
4. Blaze
8. Sea eagles
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11. Monocot genus
12. Mother or father
13. The Jungian inner self
15. Covered with gold
16. Residual oil
17. Signs up for school
18. Furniture for daily meals
21. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
22. Lower limb
23. Guy (slang)
24. Get free of
25. Snakelike fish
26. Adult female bird
27. Formal window coverings
34. Break into small pieces
35. "1836 siege" of U.S.
36. Made violet-red
37. Food chopper
38. Removes writing
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41. English prelate Wm. Ralph
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Autonomous vehicle course lays groundwork for new program at Virginia Western

ROANOKE – Autonomous vehicle technology embodies a forward-thinking mindset. Teaching that technology requires buckling a seatbelt to keep up with the rapid rate of change in the emerging field. Virginia Western students now get to come along for the ride, as the college offers a new Career Study Certificate in Autonomous Vehicle Technology, according to a recent announcement.

A small cohort of them took the first leg of the journey this spring by enrolling in a new course, UMS 140: Survey of Autonomous Technologies. "We were the test dummies!" said Briana Wood, who graduated in May.

"Not a lot of people have set the stage for this," said Dr. David Berry, who steers the new program. Berry serves as associate professor and Mechatronics Program head. The technology is changing so fast, he said, that a reference from 2015 was outdated, and resources from 2020 are headed in that direction.

Key to the course would be hands-on learning and field experiences to supplement lectures. But another issue loomed when designing the course and ultimately, the new certificate program: Autonomous vehicles are large and too costly.

Or are they?

Enter "Minerva," a mobile industrial robot. Known formally as the MiR 2000, "it's made to use in an industrial setting, to move parts around in a factory floor," Berry said. "So you can program it to know where things are, and if something's in its way, it's got enough safety stuff all around it to know to stop and go a different route, and think again. And it's web-based," allowing the class to log into an interface to create maps and program missions.

Autonomous vehicles, or AVs, use combinations of technologies and sensors to detect a roadway, other vehicles and objects, according to the University of Michigan. AVs are classified into one of six levels based on each AV's amount of human intervention.

Before 2024, Virginia Western did not have classes that could prepare students for a career involving AVs. "The classes are either all automotive, which gets rid of the physics of the sensors, or they're all electronics, which gets rid of all the automotive," said Berry.

Starting from scratch

"Virginia Tech has a lab in industrial engineering, and they have similar items to ours. But they also have that model of mobile industrial robot," Berry said. As Virginia Western was designing the new AV course, Berry's colleagues at Virginia Tech were telling him about the mobile industrial robot's capabilities. "So I was like, we can collaborate. And the grad students said that they could help us. So it all overlapped and came together." One of Virginia Western's vendors helped the College locate a used MiR 2000 model.

UMS 140 participants took over control of Minerva, getting to know "her" features and quirks throughout the semester. The design looks like a box on wheels, but contains sensors such as LIDAR, which operates like radar but with the use of lasers. The MiR 2000 can support 200 kilograms. A strip of light around the base emits colors that follow a code, such as blue for a clear path; red if it senses an obstacle; purple when it's calibrating; a purple/yellow combination for an error; and green when a mission is complete. Features also include programmable sounds, such as a foghorn.

In March, the students took Minerva out for a spin in a hallway in Virginia Western's STEM Building. After mapping the classroom and the hall, they merged the maps to help Minerva navigate the hall and re-enter the classroom to complete a mission to a certain part of the room. The robot showed off a full array of color signals as Wood merged maps to overcome the robot's pauses and errors.

By May, Minerva took laps around the lab as the class notated its web-based program for students who take UMS 140 and another new course, UMS 162: Applications of Autonomous Systems, in spring 2025. UMS 162, considered a corequisite of 140, will be "a little bit more intensive, a little bit more hands-on," said Berry. Both courses have a prerequisite of ETR 113: DC and AC Fundamentals.

With the inaugural version of UMS 140, "what we did the first half of the semester was sensors — the physics of our sensors and what sensors are on the vehicles," Berry said. This was a good introduction to the MiR, "because it's got all the same sensors that we talked about, like proximity sensors," Berry said. "The first half set the stage for the AV, and the second half was talking about communication, really all the communication that's internal to a vehicle."



Members of the Autonomous Technologies course took a field trip to the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute in April. Pictured with VTTI's "Smart Road" are, from left, Briana Wood, Dr. David Berry, Ashley Stanley, Adam O'Neal and Nat Stuart. Photo by Eric Holbrook, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

Taking class on the road

While lectures and labwork gave a solid introduction to AVs, two field trips gave students a real-world context that informed their lessons. Given that Virginia Western's partnerships helped fuel the program, it was only fitting that partners would provide this important lens. Separate visits to Torc Robotics and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, both in Blacksburg, pushed boundaries in students' minds.

Dr. Al Wicks of VTTI was a driving force to help Virginia Western design the AV Technology Program. In April, Wicks gave the first AV students insight into research taking place in the field.

"The Torc visit was very enlightening with respect to what the current state of the industry is in a particular niche, freight transport. Seeing the applied versions of what we had on our Mobile Industrial Robot in large scale, and seeing workers actually building and testing trucks was fascinating and educational," said Adam O'Neal, associate dean of STEM and one of five students in the class. "The VTTI visit was more diverse in the sense that there is a lot of research in many different aspects of AV, some of which had never occurred to me."

Another student, Nat Stuart, compared and contrasted the research focus of VTTI with the technological applications at Torc. "A lot of it was seeing the sensors, how they collect their data, how they're storing and what to look for," as far as issues. "But the key takeaway for me was the communications systems within the trucks."

Seeing the potential of autonomous vehicles throughout the course gave students a long view in career planning.

"I plan on going into automotive for my entire career, but applying this to more of the mechanical knowledge that I have previously helps a lot with diagnostics, if we want to look at it from a technician role," said Wood. "But just understanding the sensors in general – now I understand more of how the electrical side of vehicles work compared to just the mechanical that I already had knowledge on. Marrying the two is very beneficial to me."

What's next for AV at Western

Registration is open for spring semester, when UMS 140 and 162 will be offered together for the first time. The Career Study Certificate in Autonomous Vehicle Technology, which consists of seven courses, will be conferred for the first time in summer 2025.

"This is the first Autonomous Vehicle Technology Program available in the Virginia Community College System," said Amy White, Dean of STEM and Workforce Solutions. "This is a tremendous opportunity for folks to gain entry to this emerging field and participate in a growing workforce. We are so grateful for our partners who helped guide us as we launched this program, and we hope to attract potential students who would like become part of transportation's future."

-The Salem Times-Register



COURTESY PHOTOS

Dr. David Berry, left, helps Briana Wood and Adam O'Neal as the class fine-tunes a map of the STEM Building's hallway for the MiR 2000, a mobile industrial robot. A strip of light around the base emits colors that follow a code, such as a purple/yellow combination for an error.

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Weekly Arrest Report

Week of December 3, 2024 – December 9, 2024

12/3/2024	Michael P. King	43	Incest
12/3/2024	Mary L. Dowd	34	Public Intoxication
12/3/2024	Nicholas M. Stopka	41	Public Intoxication
12/4/2024	Timothy L. Harris	35	Petit Larceny Not From Person, Criminal Trespass
12/5/2024	James W. Reynolds	31	Domestic Assault & Battery
12/5/2024	Keenya S. Webb	51	Possession of Controlled Substance, Obstructing Justice
12/6/2024	Illana N. Asencio	21	Embezzlement, Obtaining Money By False Pretense
12/7/2024	Amonie J. Patterson	23	Petit Larceny Not From Person
12/8/2024	Theodore J. Ford	42	Public Intoxication
12/9/2024	Unique S. Agnew	23	Failure to Appear
12/9/2024	Javion D. Buckner	22	Domestic Assault & Battery
12/9/2024	Rickey J. Hosea	42	Failure to Appear

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of December 3, 2024 –December 9, 2024

DATE REPORTED	*LOCATION*	*OFFENSE REPORTED*
28-NOV-2024	100 BLK Sheraton Dr.	Malicious Wounding

Winterfest returning in February



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The "Band of Oz"

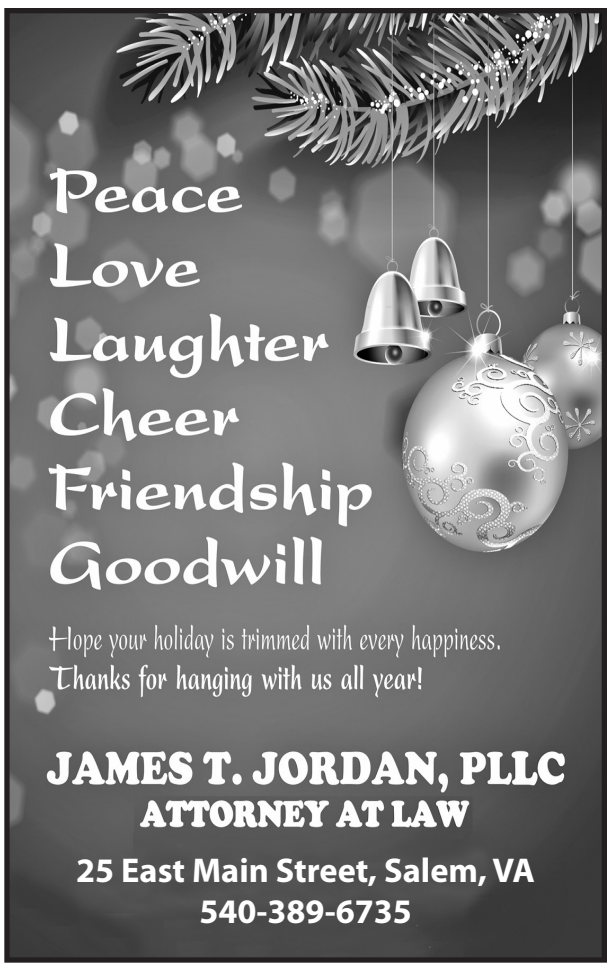
Salem's annual "Winterfest Beach Bash" returns in February of 2025 with the timeless "Band of Oz". The 2025 edition of this popular indoor beach party will take place on Friday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. inside the Salem Civic Center arena. This is the 18th straight year that the Hall of Fame band has been selected to showcase it talents for this popular gathering.

Tickets for the group's appearance went on sale at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the Salem Parks & Recreation Department, 620 Florida Street. Admission is $10 in advance and $12 on the day of the show or you can purchase a table of eight for just $80. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays from December 16 - February 7. This event is often a complete sell-out, so get your tickets early. For additional ticket information, please contact the Salem Parks and Recreation Department at 540-375-3057.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. on Feb. 7 and the band will perform from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Salem Penguin Club's community service projects. The City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department is once again presenting the event. Coolers and outside food or drinks are not permitted inside the arena for this event. Concessions will be available, including beverages from P.A. Short.

The "Band of Oz" was enshrined in the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame in 2016 along with The Avett Brothers, Kelly Pickler and The Carolina Chocolate Drops. The "Band of Oz" has been playing beach music at packed venues since 1967.

-The Salem Times-Register



OBITUARIES

Hildebrand, Thelma Jeter Shank



Thelma Jeter Shank Hildebrand, the matriarch of our family, passed away on December 11, 2024. The daughter of John Leonard and Thelma Jeter Shank, she was born in Salem, Virginia, on May 25, 1927.

Known as Tootie from her earliest years, she and her brother, John Maurice Shank, enjoyed their childhood years on Lewis Avenue. She attended Academy and Broad Street Schools and graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1945. She entered Roanoke College in that year, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1949. A member of Sigma Kappa Phi sorority, she had many admirers during her high school and college years, smitten by her charms and who vied with one another for her attention. Her lifelong choice was John Roberts Hildebrand, who proposed to her in December 1948. They were married in Salem Presbyterian Church on June 18, 1949, one week after her graduation from Roanoke College. They made their first home in Blacksburg, where she taught school while Hildebrand finished his senior year at Virginia Tech. She always referred to him by his last name. Following his graduation in June 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, they returned to Salem to an apartment on Lewis Avenue. Their first child, Martha Karen was born on December 15, 1950. She was joined by a brother, John Roberts, Jr., on November 3, 1952, by a sister, Sarah Jeter, on June 2, 1958, and by a second sister, Caroline Shank, on February 27, 1969.

Thelma Jeter Shank Hildebrand was a loving, kind, and patient lady, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Psalm 103:8). A true matriarch, she was always ready to respond immediately to her family's needs and requests, providing a listening ear, offering solutions, sound advice, or financial support as appropriate. A faithful Christian and fifth generation Presbyterian, she was an active member of Salem Presbyterian Church her entire life. Baptized April 8, 1928, confirmed March 26, 1939, she served as an Elder, a Women of the Church officer, and on many of the Session Committees responsible for planning and decorating the church facilities, including sanctuary flower arrangements for Sunday worship and the Christmas and Easter seasons. The hallmark of her faith was her insistence that her home be a Christian home. Each child was baptized and confirmed at Salem Presbyterian Church. She and her husband were faithful to the vows and commitments they made as part of their children's baptisms, and the four children began their Christian journeys early in life, journeys which continue to this day, their homes reflecting the Christian values and characteristics which they have seen in their mother.

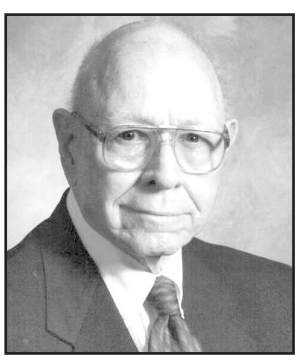
Tootie was a member of the Fort Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, recently receiving an award for 68 years of dedicated service. She was also a member of the Lake Spring Garden Club, the Roanoke College Society of 1842, and the Salem Junior Guild. She also served as a docent at the Salem Historical Museum.

Tootie is survived by her husband of 75 years, John Roberts Hildebrand; her brother, John M. Shank; her brother-in-law, David C. Hildebrand; her children, Martha Hildebrand Sherwood and husband, Robert, John Roberts Hildebrand, Jr. and partner, R. Neal Fine, Sarah Hildebrand Caldwell and husband, Gregory, and Caroline Hildebrand Cochrane and husband, James; grandchildren, Catherine Sherwood Hagan and husband, Christopher, Elizabeth Hildebrand Strasser and husband, Joseph, Margaret Hildebrand Sherwood, Mary Claire Hildebrand and fiancé, Devin Corron, Caroline Morgan Caldwell and fiancé, John Cooledge, Catherine Roberts Caldwell Short and husband, George, Sarah Lane Cochrane Payne and husband, William, James Hildebrand Cochrane, Julia Xian Shank Cochrane, and John Hao Wright Cochrane; and great-grandchildren, Sarah Catherine Hagan, Jacob Alexander Hagan, Tyler Marx Strasser, Madison Claire Strasser, and Grant Richmond Strasser.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at Salem Presbyterian Church, 41 East Main Street, Salem, Virginia. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. She will be laid to rest privately at East Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Salem Presbyterian Church, PO Box 536, Salem, Virginia 24153. Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey.com.

Cruser, Sr., Fred Selden



Fred Selden Cruser, Sr. MD age 102 of Salem, VA died on December 10, 2024 at Richfield Living Center.

Dr. Cruser was born March 30, 1922 to Melvin Cruser, Sr. and Antoinette Norwood Selden Cruser in Norfolk, VA. (Norfolk Protestant Hospital). He was the second of two sons.

He graduated from Maury High School in June of 1938 and attended the Norfolk Division of William and Mary (now Old Dominion University) from 1938-1940 and transferred to UVA where he received his bachelor's degree in 1943.

Dr. Cruser went on active duty in the army from March 1943 to March 1946 serving in the continental U.S. and the Philippines.

Upon discharge he entered Medical School at UVA graduating in 1950 with a MD degree. From 1950-1952 he served an internship and residency at DePaul Hospital in Norfolk.

In July 1952 he opened an office in Salem, VA for General Practice. In 1973 he joined the Medical Staff of the VA Hospital in Salem before retiring in July 1999.

He and his wife Mary moved to Richfield Retirement Community in July 2014 after private home ownership in the Salem area.

Besides his parents, Dr. Cruser was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Bruce Cruser; his brother, Melvin E. Cruser, Jr.; an infant brother; and a stepson, Steven Clay Sturgill.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Hogsten Cruser; sons, Fred S. Cruser, Jr. (Sharon), Bruce N Cruser (Johnna), and Paul A. Cruser; stepson, Richard A. Sturgill (Beverly); stepdaughter, Robin Sturgill Hollowell (Charles); nephew, Dr. Melvin E. Cruser, III; three grandchildren; seven step grandchildren; and nineteen great grandchildren.

A private family service will be held at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem with interment held at a later date in Sherwood Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank the staff of Richfield Living Center as well as Good Samaritan Hospice.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

HANGING ROCK BATTLE ONLY ONE IN COUNTY

General Hunter Driven Off - General Averill Came As Far As Salem Where He Is Supposed To Have Captured Prisoners

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

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Hunter Defeated

In June, 1864, Gen. Hunter after spending several days in Buchanan and burning the town, went on to Lynchburg with a force of twenty thousand men, and was defeated by General Early. Forced to retreat hastily he came back through Roanoke county, passed out by Hanging Rock, reaching that point on June 21, and began going through the gap about seven o'clock in the morning. Two hours later General McCausland, with a small force reached the scene and opened fire on the lines from the east side of Mason's Creek. This was continued for an hour or more, when one of Hunter's divisions crossed the stream about a mile below, and flanking him compelled him to retreat by way of Green Ridge in the direction of Botetourt Springs, carrying with him about forty prisoners and forty horses. Skirmishing and sharpshooting were kept up throughout the day."

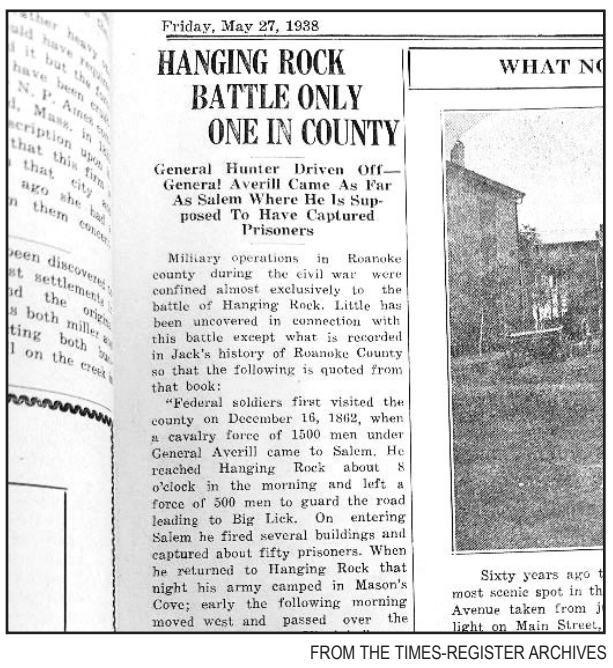
The federal loss was seven killed and forty wounded. The dead were left on the fields and afterwards buried by the confederates; later they were removed to the national cemetery in Staunton, Va. The wounded were borne away by the fugitive army. Two of General McCausland's men, Whitworth of Montgomery county and Kale of Monroe County, West Va., were killed and both buried on the land of Benjamin Brubaker. Quite a few of the confederates were wounded but all recovered."

"At four o'clock in the afternoon Hunter's rear guard passed through the Gap, just an hour before General Early's advance guard arrived at that point. Had the two armies met Roanoke county would have been the scene of the bloodiest conflict of the war. Early realized that it would be futile to attempt to further pursuit as the enemy was in possession of the mountain passes."

"The residence of John Garst was burned by a detachment of Hunter's army after having destroyed all his artillery trains, etc. There are many old people living today who distinctly remember the detonations when he blew up his caissons."

"General Hunter then made his way to the Ohio river at Point Pleasant. The third federal force to enter the county was immediately after the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. A detachment of General Stoneman's brigade of Michigan cavalry burned the depot as Christiansburg on April 9, the day of Lee's surrender, and then started eastward, burning depots and tearing up the railroad a distance of forty milled ending at Bonsack depot."

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu



Friday, May 27, 1938

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MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev.Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sundays: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed:7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST - 703 Hemlock Road N.W. Roanoke, 342-6492. Roy E. Kanode, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Awanas 5:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30p.m.; Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m.; Praiz Kidz 6:00p.m.; Family Night Activities 6:30 p.m. website: www.ridgewood-baptist.com.

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

CATHOLIC

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WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Ministers Luke Tatum and Jerry Anderson, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:000 PM.

CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON

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

CHURCH OF GOD/CLEVELAND

SALEM CHURCH OF GOD - 600 Craig Avenue, Todd Stiffler, Pastor, 387-2068, Sunday School 9:30am: Worship and Kids Church 10:30 am, Wednesday Bible Study and Classes at 7:00 pm. www.salemcog.church

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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

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

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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.eck-va.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.

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COLLEGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - 210 S. College Avenue, Salem VA 24153. Please visit our website www.collegelutheran.org for information on services.

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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 Service11:00 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.

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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.salempres.org, or Facebook, or YouTube. During in-person worship, masking for health reasons is optional.

UNITED METHODIST

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.

To list your church, contact Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or email advertise@ourvalley.org

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Legals - Botetourt County

NOTICE OF UNSAFE STRUCTURE

Deeded Owner:
HOUSMAN LINDA S
Owner Address:
1735 LUGAR LN,
FINCASTLE, VA 24090
Subject Property Address:
3770 BLUE RIDGE TPKE,
FINCASTLE, VA 24090
Tax Map Number:
75(1)2&3
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CE-24-00067

This advertisement shall serve as notice as required by Section 6-43(b)(1)b. of the Botetourt County Code that the structure listed as 3770 Blue Ridge Turnpike on the subject property has been deemed unsafe by the Botetourt County Building Official. It is the intent of Botetourt County, for the health, safety, and welfare of the community, to have the structure demolished.

The Botetourt County Development Services Department received a complaint concerning the conditions of the property identified as 3770 Blue Ridge Turnpike, Fincastle, Virginia. Our office investigated the complaint on August 2, 2024, and observed an existing unsafe structure. The exterior and interior of the then inhabited, white-colored house were examined and as the structure was identified as unsafe it was immediately placarded as such. The placards were attached to the exterior on all four sides of the structure, at entrances as safe access allowed. The specific issues observed that caused the structure to be unsafe were, without limitation:

Damaged: 1. structural members, 2. foundation and supporting exterior walls, 3. access and egress components, both interior and exterior, as handrails, guards, walking surfaces, railings, ramps, decks, stairs, windows, doors, window frames, and door frames, 4. overhangs, soffits, gutters, downspouts, roofing, and other roof rainwater management components causing water damage to the structure, 5. electrical components 6. Leaking plumbing, either fresh water supply or sanitary drainage, with discharge through the lowest floor exterior into the yard.

Failure to: 1. provide clear egress due to structural damage, inappropriate locking mechanisms (including hasps), and failure to maintain the functionality of openable windows and doors, 2. operate and maintain the woodstove and the venting system of combustion products from the stove, 3. provide sanitary conditions leading to pest infestation of the structure 4. maintain fire protection systems.

Demolition will occur following the timeline outlined in the Botetourt County Code.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 362 LOWE STREET, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 2018, in the original principal amount of $88,065.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180000875. 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 January 17, 2025, at 1:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:
LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA: TWO-THIRDS OF LOT NO. EIGHTEEN (18), FRONTING 88.92 FEET ON WATER STREET, AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 167.77 FEET TO THE REAR LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 18; THE WEST ONE-¬THIRD OF SAID LOT ADJOINS AN ALLEY KNOWN AS SECOND ALLEY, AND BEING THE SAME LAND THAT WAS CONVEYED TO H.S. HODGES BY J.E. HODGES AND M.F. HODGES, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED JUNE 18, 1934, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK`S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK "X" AT PAGE 34. LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LOT SECURING 44 FEET ON WATER STREET AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 167.77 FEET, THAT WAS CONVEYED TO H. J. SMITH AND EDRA SMITH, HIS WIFE, BY THE SAID HARRY S. HODGES AND LENA S. HODGES, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1948, AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK`S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 100, PAGE 282, TO WHICH SAID DEED REFERENCE IS HERE AND NOW MADE.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the 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-370006-1.

Legals - Montgomery County

Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearing on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

801 North Main Street Planned Residential Development with associated Conditional Use Permit request (CUP-24-3) and Right-of-Way vacation request (ROW-24-2) at 801 North Main Street with additional locations on Kabrich Street, Winston Avenue and Progress Street for LV Hokie GP, LLC (contract purchaser).
This project consists of three (3) requests, which include (a) RZN-24-2 to rezone the subject properties from (i) GC General Commercial and R-5 Transitional Residential to (ii) PR Planned Residential, which will permit the construction of an 8-story multifamily buildings with commercial space on the ground floor and three (3) townhome-style multifamily buildings, resulting in a total of up to 759 bedrooms (270 bedrooms/acre; (b) ROW-24-2 companion request to vacate a town-owned alley right-of-way of approximately 2,000 square feet extending southeast from Winston Avenue; and (c) CUP-24-3 to use an alley extending northeast from Winston Avenue for access to twenty-two (22) townhome-style multifamily units.

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

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOTICE OF TAKING PROOF OFDEBTS AND DEMANDS

At the request of the Executor for the Estate of Thomas Daniel Bowles, deceased, as provided by §64.2-550 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby designate 9:15 a.m., on the 3rd day of January, 2025, as the time, and my office located at 104 South Franklin Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, as the place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the estate.
Given under my hand this 10th day of December, 2024.
Daniel Hamrick
Commissioner of Accounts
For Montgomery County
104 S. Franklin Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073
(540) 382-0131

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOTICE OF TAKING PROOF OFDEBTS AND DEMANDS

At the request of the Executor for the Estate of James P. Wightman, deceased, as provided by §64.2-550 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby designate 9:00 a.m., on the 3rd day of January, 2025, as the time, and my office located at 104 South Franklin Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, as the place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the estate.
Given under my hand this 10th day of December, 2024.
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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No.**CL24001556-00**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA a Municipal Locality of the Commonwealth of Virginia,
Complainant, v.
FRANCES K DICKASON,
Respondent(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows:
Tax Map No. 497-29 9
Account No. 004978
All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the Shawsville Magisterial District, Town of Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly designated and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a point on the Northerly side of Sunnyside Lane, N.E., at the Southeast corner of (now or formerly) Mary Elizabeth Karr's lot; thence running N 0° 31 ' 00" E 99.94 feet to a point; thence N 81° 00' 30" E 97.50 to a point: thence S 8° 05' 50" E 94.09 feet to a point; thence S 78° 43' 10" W 112.63 feet, parallel to the Northerly side of Sunnyside Lane, N.E.; and being all of Lot No. 9, Sunnyside, Section III, as shown on a plat recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County. Virginia in Plat Book 8, Page 127.
And being the same real property conveyed to Frances K. Dickason from Poff Construction, Inc., a Virginia corporation, by deed, dated October 7, 1 976 and recorded October 29, 1976 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 377 at Page 57.
This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Plat Book 8 at Page 127.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Frances K. Dickason aka Kathleen Dickason Spencer, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Larry Ingram, whose last known address is 525 Sunnyside Ln, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby
ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before January 20, 2025 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
Entered on the 11th day of December, 2024
Honorable Judge
K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.

I ask for this:
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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104
Case No.**CL24001914-00**
MONTGOMERY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* BRITTNEY FAYE TILSON v. WILLIAM MATTHEW TILSON
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that WILLIAM MATTHEW TILSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before February 6,2025 @9:00 am
December 4/2024
November 6, 2024
Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

Legals - City of Salem

LEGAL NOTICE Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing Mason Creek Greenway – Phase 3 (419 Multimodal Improvements)

The City of Salem is proposing to construct a new sidewalk system around Lakeside Plaza. The proposed sidewalk would begin at the trailhead of the Hanging Rock Battlefield Trail, located at 1386 East Main Street. The sidewalk would parallel East Main Street and continue to Electric Road. The sidewalk would continue on the western side of Electric Road (Lakeside Plaza side) to Springfield Avenue. A new pedestrian crossing with ADA accessibility and pedestrian crossing signal will be installed at this intersection. The sidewalk will continue south on Electric Road with sidewalk being installed on both east and west sides of Electric Road. The eastern portion of sidewalk will terminate at McCauley Avenue, while the western portion will terminate at Northern Drive. The City will also install two new Valley Metro Bus Shelters on East Main Street; one on the north side in front of Goodwill and the other on the southern side near the Kroger Fuel Center. This is part of the larger regional Roanoke River and Mason Creek Greenway Trail system. This project is funded through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) SmartScale Program and being developed through the Locally Administered Projects (LAP) Program. To view plans for the project, visit the web at https://www.salemva.gov/767/Projects or go by the City of Salem's Community Development Office, located at 21 S. Bruffey Street. Please call (540) 375-3032 or email Will Simpson (wsimpson@salemva.gov) or Josh Pratt (jpratt@salemva.gov) to schedule a time to view the plans or if you have any additional questions.
If your questions or concerns cannot be addressed through discussions with staff, the City is willing to hold a public hearing. You can request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to:
William L. Simpson, Jr., PE
City Engineer
P.O. Box 869
Salem. VA 24153

Requests for a public hearing must be received on or prior to December 27, 2024. If any requests for a public hearing are received prior to this date, a notice will be posted on the City's website detailing the date, time, and location of the public hearing.

Project Number: UPC 111367; FHWA # EN20-154-251

Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE

LND VA STORES LLC., trading as EZ STOP 13, 3348 ORANGE AVE NE, ROANOKE VA 24012-6334

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

JAY PATEL, MEMBER.

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

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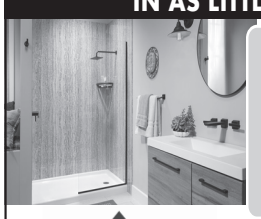
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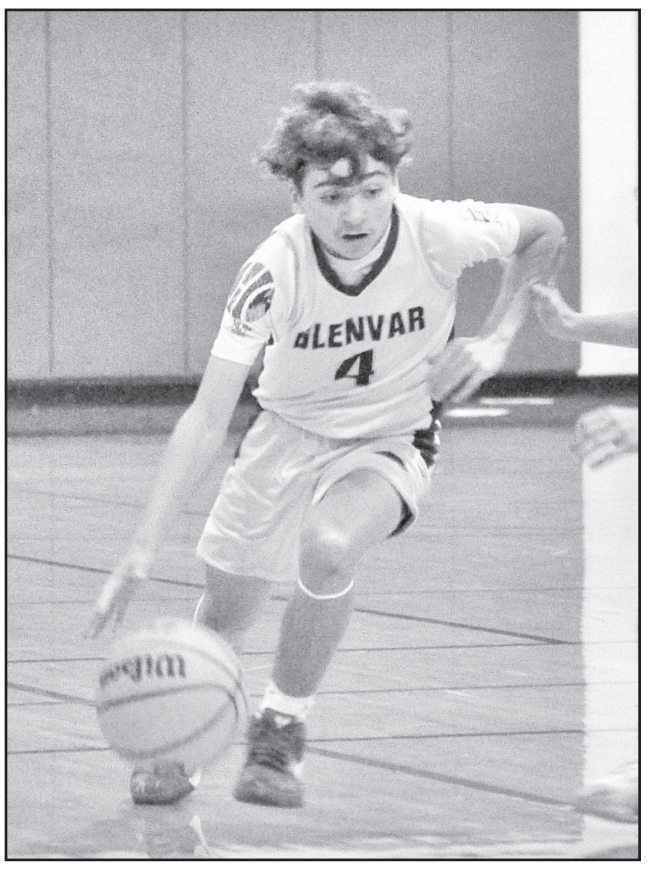
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Left, Landon Nunley(#22) of Andrew Lewis looks to pass in last week's win over Northside. Right, John Deel of the Glenvar Middle School team drives by a defender.

Middle School hoops wrap up this week

The middle school basketball seasons are coming to close this week. Lewis teams were scheduled to wrap up their seasons on Tuesday at Blacksburg and the Glenvar Middle School teams will finish up today with a home doubleheader against Central Academy.

The Lewis boys fell one win short an of an undefeated season Tuesday in Blacksburg as they lost 40-29 with three starters missing for various reasons. They were 15-0 after defeating Cave Spring at Lewis on Monday, 40-25, and last week the Wolverines beat Northside, 51-29, as Ji'Zaiah Haynes had 16 points, Crayton Boger had 13 and Landon Nunley scored 11 and had four assists. Jahamere Nance had eight points and eight rebounds before leaving with an injury and missing this week's games.

The Lewis girls won at Northside last Thursday, 37-3, as Daviah Goodman had 10 points and Kate Elder had nine.

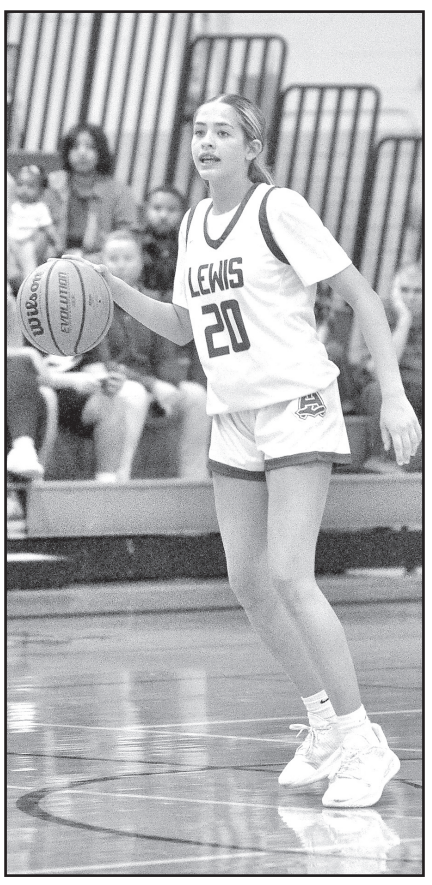
"The team played with great energy throughout the game," said coach Nat Franklin. "We managed to secure the win with a strong defensive effort that spearheaded our offense."

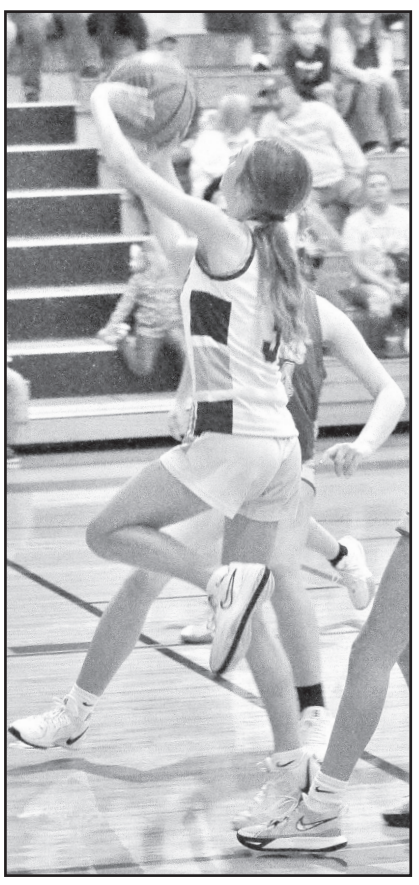
On Monday at Cave Spring Lewis pulled out a 36-27 win. Goodman had 13 poins, Na'Ryyah Jones had a dozen and Leela Hamden had nine as Lewis came from seven down in the first half to tie the game at 25-25 after three quarters, then outscore the Squires 11-2 in the final period.

The Glenvar Middle School boys defeated Carroll County, 45-24, and Pulaski County, 52-39, last week. JD Williamson had 16 points against Carroll and 22 against Pulaski. John Deel hit four three pointers in the win over Pulaski and finished with 14 points and three steals as Glenvar improved to 9-2.

"The guys have had an excellent season so far, hopefully we can finish strong this week," said coach Josh Jones.

The Glenvar girls lost to Pulaski, 30-25, after falling behind 10-2 in the first period. Maudie Doolan led the Highlanders with six points and Tae Byrd and Ryleigh Dickerson had five each.





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Left, Leela Hamden of Andrew Lewis brings the ball up for the Wolverines. Right, Raegan Duncan of Glenvar Middle School drives to the basket.



Two winners will go to Mac & Bob's

It's always fun when you have more than one winner of the football contest to announce, and that's the case this week. We have $50 gift certificates from Mac & Bob's from winners of both the December 5 and December 12 contests.

Let's take December 5 first. If you remember, we had a dead heat last week between two contestants, Tyler Coe and Darin Creger. Both missed just two games and both had the exact same number for the tie-breaker. So, we went into overtime.

The two contestants who tied last week entered the contest again this week, with the one who did the best winning the gift certificate. Tyler and Darin had only two different guesses on this week's contest as Tyler picked Phoebus over Varina and Tampa Bay over the Chargers while Darin had Varina and LA. So, when all the corrections were made, Tyler had three total misses and Darin had five, which makes Tyler Coe the winner of the gift certificate for the December 5 contest.

This week's winner only missed one fewer than Coe. Wayne "Pickle" Dillman, a faithful member of the Salem Stadium chain gang, missed just two for the week. His only slipups were picking favored Army over Navy and the Lions over the Bills on Sunday night. So, Wayne gets the $50 gift certificate for December 12, and don't hold the pickle when you order at Mac & Bob's.

As mentioned, Army was a six and a half point favorite in the annual battle of service academies but Navy pulled off a 31-19 upset win. That was our "19th Hole" question for last week and a majority of folks picked the Cadets to win. But not Cissy Sowers, who picked the Midshipmen by a score of 31-17. That was the closest of the week, so Cissy gets a free day of golf at the Salem Municipal Course on Academy Street.

For this week's contest we have the first four games of the NCAA CFP tournament. One game particularly interests me, and that's Tennessee at Ohio State. So, we'll go with that this week for our 19th hole. Predict the winner and score and the closest to the actual result will get a free day of golf.

And one more thing. Next week's contest is the last of the season so we'll add a year's subscription to the Salem Times-Register to our usual prize from Mac & Bob's. That way you can enter the contest for free all next season. **–Brian Hoffman**

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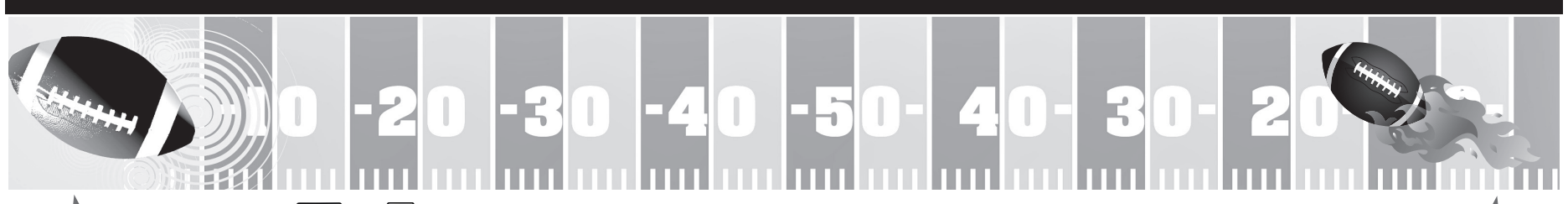
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Glenvar's Avery Steger(left) was the Outstanding girls' wrestler at the Indian Classic and Chase Miller of the Highlanders wrestled to the Outstanding boys' award.

GHS wrestlers shine in Tennessee

The Glenvar High wrestlers finished 12th among 24 teams at the Indian Classic wrestling tournament at Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport, Tennessee last weekend. There were teams from six different states at the tournament.

Staunton River High School was the team winner in the tournament with 225.5 points, followed by Woodrow Wilson with 212 and Tuscaloosa with 197. Glenvar finished with 95 points and had a champion in Chase Miller at 175 pounds. Chase was named the Outstanding Wrestler in the boys' division.

Miller remained undefeated on the young season with a big day in Tennessee. He had pins of 1:22 and 24 seconds, then pinned Brady Barns of Staunton River in the final in 3:17. Chase also had a 15-0 technical fall win in the second round.

Levi Wright, a freshman, took third place at 126. Jack Yetzer was fifth at 106, his brother Nick was sixth at that weight class and Jack Osburn took a sixth at 144.

"We brought home a lot of hardware," said Glenvar coach Tim Miles. "We had four freshmen on the podium at a tournament that some would say is harder than the state tournament."

Glenvar also had a champion in the girls' division as Avery Steger finished first at 145 and was named the outstanding wrestler. She won five matches, all by pins, including a 37 second pin in the championship match against Paiton Antone of David Crockett High. Three of Avery's five pins were under a minute.

This Saturday Glenvar girls will compete in the "Lady Cat" Invitational at Radford High School. The boys aren't back on the mats again until December 27 for a tournament at Heritage High School.

Salem B team takes 4th at "Round Table"

The Salem High wrestlers will compete in the annual Big Orange Classic tournament at William Byrd High School in Vinton Saturday. The Big Orange, the oldest continuous tournament in the Roanoke Valley, is a one day affair with wrestling starting at 8:30 am and finals at approximately 6 pm.

The Spartans, who are 40 strong this season, took their "B Team" to the Cave Spring Knights of the Round Table tournament last Saturday. It's a dual tournament and the Spartan second teamers were still able to finish fourth out of a dozen schools. Host Cave Spring edged Lord Botetourt in the championship match to win the tournament.

The Spartans won their pool, defeating Tunstall 53-22 and a Wildcats team, 57-18. They then lost to Carroll County, 40-29, Lord Botetourt, 59-15, and Cave Spring, 65-15.

SHS boys swim past Botetourt

The Salem High swim team was scheduled to wrap up their pre-holiday season with a meet at the Kirk YMCA in Roanoke Wednesday. Last week the Spartans swam at the Bedford Y against Lord Botetourt and host Jefferson Forest.

Salem's boys split at Bedford, defeating LB 68-10 but losing to host Jefferson Forest. The girls only have six swimmers and dropped both, 60.5 to Lord Botetourt and 65-24 to Jefferson Forest.

"The kids did well, they really pushed hard and had a lot of great swims," said Salem coach Christen King. "The boys had a lot of competition with JF, but held well against them."

Among the top finishers for the Salem boys were first places by Carter Biscotte in the 50 free and Starke Griffith in the 100 free. Salem boys had second places by Biscotte in the 100 free, Mike Bateman in the 200 IM and Zack Bocock in the 100 breast. Salem also won the 200 free relay with Biscotte, Andis Hamden, Riley Handy and Jack Lawrence.

For the girls, seconds went to Teagan Wood was second in the 200 free.

Glenvar boys dominate in the pool



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Kees VanGerven swims for the Highlanders.

The Glenvar swimmers were at the Botetourt YMCA last Thursday to take on Giles, Carroll County, Northside and host James River in a five team meet. The GHS boys swept the competition and the girls went 3-1 with a narrow 67-65 loss to Giles.

The boys 200 medley relay team of Avery Thompson, Avery McClanahan, Landon Cairns and Connor Wilkes claimed victory over the foursome from Carroll County by .08, or eight hundredths of a second. The girls team of Sophie Nicely, Chloe Childers, Macy McMahon and Hannah Street cruised to a seven second victory.

Freshman Aspen Thompson added to his state championship qualifying time resume by winning the 200 freestyle. Boys captain Connor Wilkes won the 200 individual medley in state qualifying time and teammate Avery Thompson came in second.

Cairns took the victory in the 50 freestyle with another state qualifying time and Macy McMahon won the event for the girls. Aspen Thompson then took the win in the 100 butterfly for the boys, adding another state time. Alec McIlwain placed second in the 100 freestyle.

The race of the night saw the Glenvar boys' 200 freestyle relay A team battle back and fourth with the B team with the A team prevailing, 1:50.82 to 1:51.00. Cooper Ermel, McClanahan, McIlwain and Aspen Thompson represented the A team with Nikita Larin, Kees VanGerven, Zach Adams and Wilkes for the B team. For the girls, Addi Cockram, Lila Nicely, Chloe Childers and McMahon took the victory.

Wilkes won the 100 breaststroke with yet another state qualifying time. The 400 freestyle relay ended swimming for the evening with the boys A team of Avery Thompson, Grayson Shearer, Ermel and Aspen Thompson finishing second. The girls A team of Sophie Nicely, Addi Cockram, Maddie Frackelton and Macy McMahon placed second.

"Six more state qualifying times for the boys on the night and great swims all around," said GHS coach Shannon Hall. "Our team is really starting to come together after the first month of practice. We need to keep working hard through the holidays and get stronger the second half of the season."





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Athletes compete at RC meet

The Kerr-Cregger Fieldhouse on the campus of Roanoke College was the site of the East Coast Elite Roanoke #1 track meet in Salem last Thursday. Both Salem and Glenvar High Schools had athletes competing in the meet.

For the Salem boys, Justice English won the 300 meter dash while Nazeser Miller was second, Carter Black was fourth and Ty Hicklin was fifth. English also took a fourth in the 55 meters and the boys' 4x800 relay team of Grant Horner, Anthony Higgins, DeMarco Patterson and John Stovall took a first.

For the girls, Erin Armistead was fifth in the 55 and the 4x800 relay team of Audrey Harmon, Blair Bowers, Addy Funk and Addison Hancock was fifth.

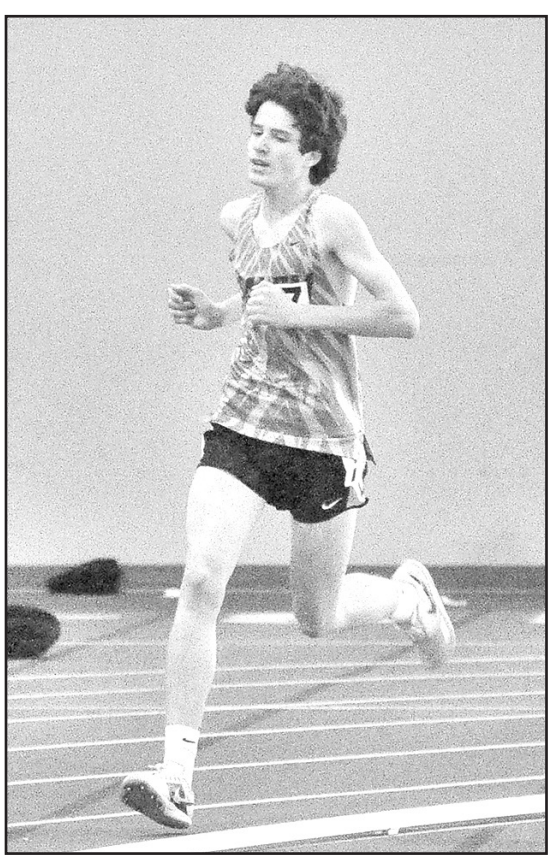
For Glenvar, Joey Loder took third place in the 55 hurdles and qualified for the state indoor meet. Joey also placed eighth in the 300 hurdles and state qualified in that event as well. Tyson Hobbs qualified for the state with a fourth place in the triple jump and Glenvar's 4x800 relay team of Aldin Smith, Casey Weeks, Cash Harold and Tyler Davis was fourth.

For the Glenvar girls, Aiden Beverly was seventh in the 55 meters and Val Loredo-Castillo took a sixth in the 1,000 meters.

The girls also had two relay teams place. The 4x800 team of Anna Hall, Loredo-Castillo, Rose Adams and Rayya Bryson finished third and state qualified and the 4x400 team of Hall, Kailee McDonald, Bryson and Beverly was third.

"It was a great start to our season, with 11 PRs and five state qualifying times and jumps," said GHS coach Bekka Loder.

Both Salem and Glenvar will be back at RC for a meet today, December 19.



Above left, Kailee McDonald of Glenvar is up and over in the high jump event at Roanoke College Saturday. Above, Addy Funk (#6) of Salem rounds the corner at the Kerr-Cregger Fieldhouse and, left, John Stovall runs for the Spartans.





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Left, Salem's Ashlyn Adkins shoots a corner jumper for the Spartans in last week's win over William Byrd. Right, Bailey Rider goes high for a rebound against the Terriers.

SHS girls are 5-0 after defeating Wm. Byrd, Floyd

The Salem High girls improved to 5-0 on the season with two dominating wins on the basketball floor in the past week. Salem beat William Byrd last Friday, 73-20, then downed Floyd County on Monday, 69-30, both at home.

The Spartans jumped on Byrd early and led by 25 points, 31-6, midway through the second period. Salem's pressure defense gave the Terriers all kinds of trouble.

"Really good defensive effort for 32 minutes," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "We forced a lot of turnovers, which led to easy buckets for us on the offensive end."

Gabby Crawley led Salem with 18 points and Bailey Ridge had 16. The two combined for 14 steals, eight for Rider and six for Crawley, and Charli Wynn had three steals.

One Monday night the Spartans hosted Floyd County, a traditionally strong Class 2 school. This one was no contest again as Salem won by 39 points. Crawley and Rider had 16 each, Emme Custer had nine points and Shaniya Robinson had eight.

"We played very well against a solid team," said Jester. "Our defense was locked in from the tip and that allowed us to build a lead early."

The Spartans will host Cave Spring in their last game before Christmas on Friday. Then, after a week off, they'll return the trip to William Byrd on Friday, December 27.

Maroon women rally to beat Methodist, men play in Fort Lauderdale this week

The Roanoke College men's basketball team is in Florida this week and the women will have two weeks off for Christmas break. Both will host tournaments on December 29 and 30 to usher out 2024.

The Maroon men will take a 5-2 record to Fort Lauderdale, Florida this week for the "Cruzin Classic." The men will play Montclair State on Friday at 4 pm and the Coast Guard Academy on Saturday at 6 pm. Then they're off until the Cregger Invitational on December 29 and 30.

The women's team will host the Susan Dunagan Holiday Classic on December 29 and 30, and that will be their first action since last Saturday when they beat Methodist University, 52-46, at the Cregger Center in Salem. With the win the Maroons improved to 3-6 on the season.

Methodist held a 12-9 lead after one quarter and a 29-23 advantage at the half, but the Maroons rallied in the third period. Roanoke outscored the Monarchs 20-9 to take a 43-38 lead into the fourth quarter and never trailed after that.

Junior Mariah Cain recorded her second double-double of the season, tallying a team leading 12 points and 10 rebounds. Paige Breuer topped the team in assists with four, the most helpers she's dished out in a game this season and she also grabbed a career high seven rebounds. Kiley Hylton had eight points for the Maroons.





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Glenvar's only senior, Abby Teubert, looks to pass.

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Top, players on the Roanoke College bench react to a three-pointer in a recent game at the Cregger Center. Left, Ashley Fowler scores in last week's women's win over Methodist, and above Alicea Farmer drives by a Monarch defender.

Glenvar girls are still looking for first win of 2024

The Glenvar girls are hungry for a win as they saw their losing streak stretch to 28 games over three seasons on Monday night. The Highlanders lost to Parry McCluer in Buena Vista, 51-27.

It's been a tough ride for the Highlanders since reaching the Class 2 state tournament in March of 2023. Glenvar was winless last season and hired Cheryl Hayes to try to turn things around this year. Rome wasn't built in a day and it's going to take some time for this program as Glenvar has opened 0-6 with mostly freshmen and sophomore girls.

"The scores don't reflect how much our girls are working at getting better at the little things," said Hayes. "We are still focusing on small victories and gaining confidence on the court. Our girls are playing hard each game. I'm super proud of them."

In Monday's game with Parry McCluer Audrey Moles led the team with 12 points while Ryan Jones added six. Kinley Phillips had a dozen rebounds and the 27 points was eight more than they scored in the first game with the Blues.

Last Friday at Hidden Valley the host Titans downed Glenvar 52-24. Abby Teubert, the only senior on the team, led Glenvar with six points, Moles had five and Phillips had eight rebounds.

The Highlanders were scheduled to play William Byrd in Vinton on Wednesday of this week. That will be their last game before opening their Three Rivers District schedule at home against Patrick County on Monday, January 6.

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Left, Salem's Kam Brown goes to the hoop against Lord Botetourt last week. Center, Cam Boles drives on LB's Carson Edwards and, right, Elijah Paddyfote scores a big basket with less than a minute to go in the game in Salem's 62-55 win.

Spartans open district season at Cave Spring Friday night

The Salem High boys will have two basketball games this week before taking a week off for Christmas break. Both are on the road, with a game at Radford Wednesday and the River Ridge District opener at Cave Spring on Friday night.

The Spartans are 2-1 in the Blue Ridge District thus far. Salem, a member of the River Ridge District, has played three BRD teams to open the non-district portion of the schedule. The Spartans lost their opener to Northside but last week they beat Blue Ridge members Lord Botetourt and William Byrd in a back-to-back.

On Thursday of last week the Spartans hosted LB and took a 62-55 win after trailing 48-45 after three quarters. Elijah Paddyfote's running one-hander gave Salem a 57-54 lead with just under a minute to go and the Spartans hit their free throws to seal the deal.

"I thought we showed a lot of composure to come back and get it done," said Salem coach Kevin Garst.

A night later in Vinton the Spartans took on William Byrd and pulled out a 52-40 win. This was another close one as Salem led just 36-33 after three quarters but outscored the Terriers 16-7 in the fourth quarter.

Cam Boles led the Spartans with 17 points and six rebounds while Kam Brown had 12 points and eight boards. LaMarius Foxx 10 points, six assists and three steals and Paddyfote had nine points and six dimes.

Salem won despite shooting just 45 percent from the foul line, making 10 of 22 attempts to keep the Terriers in the game. Salem also had 16 turnovers to just 13 for Byrd but the Spartans outrebounded the Terriers and shot 44 percent from the floor to just 30 percent for the home team.

After Friday's game at Cave Spring the Spartans will have a week off, returning December 27 for a return trip by William Byrd at the Salem High School gym.

Highlanders open, finally, with wins over Hidden Valley, Bruins

It took a while for the Glenvar boys to play a basketball game, but when the time finally came the Highlanders made the most of it.

After having three games postponed due to the continuing success of the football team the Highlanders opened at home last Friday against Hidden Valley. It was the Glenvar head coaching debut for Hank Luton and it was a good night as the Highlanders presented him a 56-46 win.

""Huge shout out to our football guys to come out and play at a high level fresh off a great season," said Luton. "Fortunate to win game one but a long way to go."

Brody Dawyot, just six days after playing both ways for the whole game in the state football semifinal, looked to be in mid-season form on the basketball court. He led the Highlanders with 17 points, dominated the backboard with nine rebounds, handed out three assists and had three steals.

Glenvar had four players in double figures in a balanced attack. Aidan Hylton had 16 points, Luke Farmer had 13 and Jax Bolling had 10 points and four boards.

"The kids played hard but we want to play faster," said Luten. "Give credit to Hidden Valley, who were playing their third game in four days. They are a very good team."

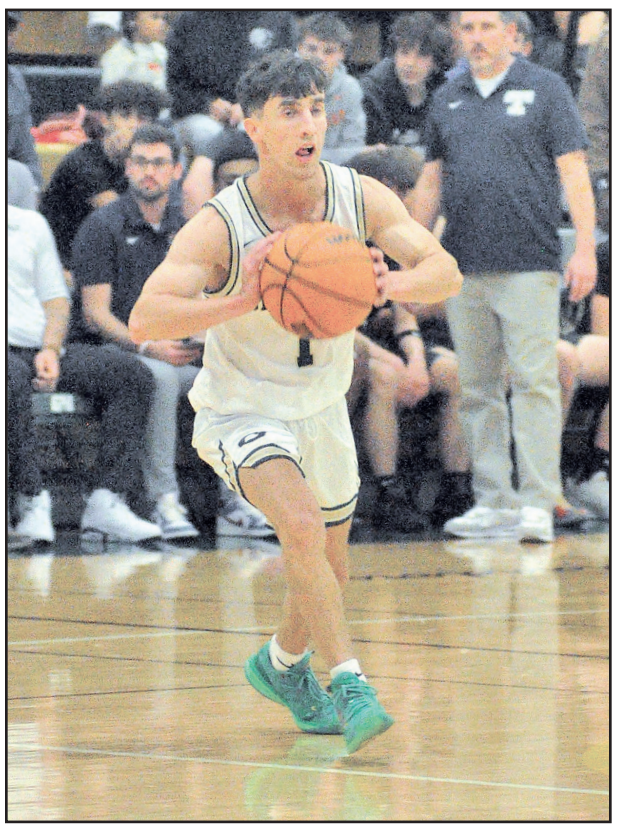
On Monday of this week the Highlanders were home again to host Class 4 Blacksburg and it was all Glenvar as the home team rang up a 78-54 win to go 2-0.

"A good win against a well-coached Blacksburg team," said Luten. "It was just our fifth time on the court together as a group and we have to guard better moving forward. We are a work in progress and will have to play much better to compete each time out"

Dawyot scored a game high 27 points in this one while Jack Atkinson chipped in with a dozen. Bolling had nine points, four rebounds and four steals and Hylton had nine points and three steals.

The Highlanders were scheduled to be back on the floor Wednesday with a home game against William Byrd, then they'll wrap up the pre-holiday schedule with a home game against Auburn Friday. Then it's two and a half weeks off before returning for the Three Rivers District opener at Patrick County on January 7.







Above right, Glenvar's Brody Dawyot goes to the hoop with authority in last week's season opening win over Hidden Valley. Right, Grayson Shepherd fires a one hand pass down the court and, left, point guard Luke Farmer finds an open teammate.

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