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Salem Council makes history with two top women leaders

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Renee Turk and Anne Marie Green made history Monday night when fellow Salem Council members elected them mayor and vice mayor, the first women to serve together in those positions.

Turk is serving her second term as mayor. Green is serving her first term on Council. They will serve as mayor and vice mayor through Dec. 31, 2026.

Councilmembers' votes were unanimous at the organizational meeting that preceded the first meeting of 2025..

Green's late husband, Mac Green, was not only a Councilmember but vice mayor for 20 years.

It was also the first meeting of this new Council year for John Saunders, who was elected in November and

previously served two years ago. He was sworn in Sunday by Circuit Court Judge Chris Clemens, in the presence of Salem City Manager Chris Dorsey and Assistant City Manager Rob Light.

Council and the audience Monday night gave a standing ovation to retiring Councilmember Bill Jones, who chose not to run again after 16 ½ years on Council.

Jones' mother, his wife, his two sons and daughters-in-law as well as the two youngest of his five grandchildren posed for photographs. Mayor Turk read a proclamation thanking Jones for his service, noting he "exemplified dedication and impactful leadership," particularly in making Salem a business-friendly city.

Turk also presented a framed photo

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Renee Turk and Anne Marie Green made history this week as the first two women elected by their peers to be Mayor and Vice Mayor of Salem City Council.



PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

A cowgirl chases down a calf in a breakaway roping event at the Salem Championship Stampede Rodeo.

Salem Stampede Rodeo celebrates 58 Years of thrills, tradition, and family fun

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

The Kroger Ram Truck Salem Stampede Championship Rodeo was in full swing Saturday at the Civic Center, drawing spectators of all ages for an evening filled with high-energy performances and thrilling competition. Now in its 58th year, this iconic event has become a cherished tradition, blending the grit of professional rodeo sports with family-friendly entertainment. The lineup featured professional cowgirls and cowboys,

lively rodeo clowns, powerful broncs, and fierce bulls, ensuring excitement at every turn.

Many of the competitors came from across Virginia, bringing local pride to events like bull riding, bronc busting, and barrel racing, all sanctioned by the International Professional Rodeo Association. These events showcased not only their skills but also the rich traditions of rodeo culture.

Rodeo spokesman Kevin DeBusk expressed his excitement about the turnout on Saturday night. "We are sold out tonight, and that's great.

This city's always been wonderful to us, and it's real exciting," he said with a smile. DeBusk noted the strong attendance on Friday and was confident that Sunday would draw an equally enthusiastic crowd. "Great crowd Friday night, and we're expecting a huge crowd again on Sunday," he added.

Wendy Delano, Director of Civic Facilities at the Civic Center chimed in, "We had approximately 10,000 in attendance for all three days of the rodeo, and Saturday was

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Roanoke College student wins national award to study in Costa Rica

As a new semester nears, Roanoke College student Kaley Hottle '27 is gearing up for more than just the start of classes — she's preparing for the adventure of a lifetime.

Hottle, a double major in Spanish and biochemistry, is headed to Costa Rica with support from a competitive Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship awarded by the U.S. State Department.

The semester abroad will mark the Winchester native's first time leaving her home state. It's an opportunity to dive into another culture, stretch herself and discover where the world can take her.

"Honestly, I just want to go everywhere," she said of her plans for her time in the historic center of Heredia, Costa Rica, just outside the capital city of San Jose. "I want to see as many places as I can."

The Gilman Program is a prestigious national award created to make it possible for more

students from diverse backgrounds to explore and study internationally. Only about one in four applicants are granted scholarships.

Hottle will be living with a local host family and studying at the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, which offers a biochemistry-focused program for international students. The opportunity is a perfect fit for her passions. As an aspiring doctor, she decided to double major in Spanish to build bridges with her future patients and make it easier for a wider cross-section of people to access health care.

"I just want to be as helpful as possible to as many people as possible," she said.

Hottle was supported through the process by Director of Global Engagement Michael Hancock-Parmer, who offered guidance and tips for success.

"My best advice for students thinking about study abroad is go see Dr. Hancock-Parmer. He's so accessible and helpful,"



COURTESY PHOTO

Hottle photographed in the halls of the Modern Languages Department in Lucas Hall.

she said. "Even if you're not sure about your options, go. There is a way. There is always a way."

Hottle is looking forward to honing her Spanish conversation skills and immersing herself in the daily life and culture of Costa Rica. There's a mix of excitement and nerves that go with taking this leap into a new experience.

But Hottle, a first-generation college student, said she's eager to discover what the unknown holds for her.

"Even now, I'm so nervous about going," she said. "But I had that same feeling about applying to college, and coming to Roanoke College turned out to be the best experience of my life."

-The Salem Times-Register

First principal of Salem High School passes



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Wilson

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Dr. Bayes Elwood Wilson, the first principal of Salem High School and a longtime educator in the Roanoke County School system, died on Friday, Jan. 10 at the age of 93.

Wilson was born on Dec. 16, 1931, on his family farm in Swords Creek, Russell County. A graduate of Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War as a Staff Sergeant and Acting First Sergeant.

Following his military service, Wilson began his career in education as a teacher at William Byrd High School and later served as the business manager for Roanoke County Schools. He became the first principal of the newly established Salem High School, serving from its opening on Aug. 29, 1977, until Jan. 1, 1979, when he returned to his former position as the assistant superintendent for Roanoke County Schools. Wilson would later succeed Arnold R. Burton and become Roanoke County's superintendent of schools on July 1, 1980. Salem schools were still part of Roanoke County until 1983. Wilson retired in 1994 after a 38-year career dedicated to public education.

"My dad had a great 38-year career at Roanoke County Schools. He enjoyed all aspects of that job. His passion was the school system and working with everybody there," John Wilson, his son,

said.

Dr. Wayne Tripp, former superintendent of Salem City Public Schools, recalled first meeting Wilson in 1982 during Salem's separation from Roanoke County Schools. Tripp, who was brought in as director of instruction during the transition, described Wilson as a professional role model and mentor. "He was everything I wanted to be, to be honest about it," Tripp said. "He was professional, well-dressed, well-spoken, and just a wonderful example of the kind of person a young administrator wanted to be." Tripp praised Wilson's kindness and willingness to treat everyone with respect, recalling how, as a young superintendent in 1989, he was treated by Wilson as an equal despite being new to the role. Tripp also reflected on Wilson's devotion to his family, noting his deep care for his wife, Ella "Tiny" Wilson, their sons, and grandchildren. "He was remarkable not just as a professional but as a family man. I was privileged to visit with him in his later years, and he was always so gracious," Tripp added.

Brian Hoffman, sports editor at The Times-Register, said, "As the first principal of Salem High School Bayes Wilson had

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to showcase it talents for this popular gathering.

Lambda Craft Vendor Fair: The fair is set for Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Andrew Lewis Middle School. There is free admission. Over 70 crafters and vendors will be on-site. Door prizes will be awarded all day. There will be a bake sale, along with festival food. For more information or to register as a vendor, email lbmdacvfair@gmail.com

Brantley Gilbert: Brantley Gilbert is bringing The Tattoos Tour 2025 to the Salem Civic Center on Thursday night, March 20. Special guests that

12/31/2024	Brandon X. Hamilton	22	Public Intoxication
12/31/2024	Gail C. Black	57	Petit Larceny Not From Person
1/1/2025	Moriah B. McCowan	32	Violation of Probation
1/1/2025	Jovan E. Wilson	22	DUI
1/1/2025	Navaeh F. Guenther	21	Domestic Assault & Battery
1/1/2025	Jackson G. Martin	21	Domestic Assault & Battery
1/1/2025	Tommy D. Evans Jr.	57	Grand Larceny, Obtain Money By False Pretense
1/3/2025	Warner L. Williams Jr.	60	Obstructing Justice
1/4/2025	Clarence L. Manns	52	Domestic Assault & Battery
1/4/2025	Michael R. Robinson	59	Obstructing Justice
1/4/2025	Thomas D. Cox	46	Public Intoxication

sincere smile, even into his later years. He left a lasting impression on the Salem community and touched the lives of many young people who passed through the Salem School System.”

Wilson was active in the community, holding leadership roles with the Salem Kiwanis Club, the Roanoke Civil War Roundtable, the Board of Directors for Snyder Nursing Home and Lewis Gale Hospital, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Salem.

Wilson’s obituary can be found on page 6.

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

Public meetings:

The Salem City Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City Council will meet on Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Week of December 24, 2024 – December 30, 2024

Weekly Arrest Report

Roanoke County, Botetourt County and the Town of Vinton are collaborating on a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan through the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) program with the goal of preventing deaths and serious injuries for all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, commercial vehicle operators, transit riders and micromobility users.

After two rounds of community meetings and surveys in Spring and Summer 2024, Roanoke County wants your feedback on the draft Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that includes proposed solutions for high crash intersections and corridors in Roanoke County.

Read and comment on the draft Plan at www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/SS4A until Jan. 16. Next steps include:

- Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.: Roanoke County Planning Commission Work Session on comments received;
- Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.: Roanoke County Planning Commission Public Hearing on the draft Plan; and
- Feb. 25: Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on the draft Plan and consideration of its adoption as part of the Roanoke County 200 Plan.

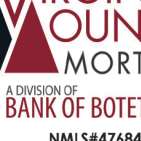
Additional information is available on each jurisdiction's Safe Streets and Roads For All webpage:

Roanoke County Project Webpage: www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/SS4A

Town of Vinton Project Webpage: www.VintonVA.gov/528/Transportation

Botetourt County Project Webpage: www.BotetourtVA.gov/SafeStreets

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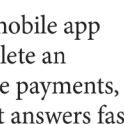
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon
Contributing Writer

As happens during the cold dreary days of winter, I was going through the China cabinet looking to see what I could get rid of. I found one of my mom’s celery vases. Yes, a vase for celery. And because I was not in a cleaning mood, I got side tracked into thinking about celery. I like celery, I like it raw with peanut butter or cream cheese, stuck in a Bloody Mary or as a chaser for hot wings.

Celery is a much-vaunted diet food. Celery is high in fiber and nutrients and low in calories. It's full of potassium, vitamins, and antioxidants. Celery is 95% water. It's a great snack if you're trying to lose weight or for regular bowel movements. Celery certainly has a lot going for it nutritionally. A powerful source of antioxidants, celery can help protect cells, blood vessels and organs from oxidative damage. Celery contains substances like flavonoids, which help reduce inflammation in your body and celery is an excellent source of vitamin K which helps with blood clotting and bone metabolism. Studies also suggest it can help boost cardiovascular health, lower blood pressure, alleviate joint pain, soothe the nervous system, and with only 10 calories per stick, it can also help with weight loss. Also, celery is a safe crunchy treat for dogs.

Humans have been consuming celery for over 3,000 years. It was primarily used as a medicine throughout the ancient world, treating a range of ailments from nervousness to indigestion. The ancient Egyptians used celery to treat rheumatism, but also used it to honor their dead. In fact, garlands of it were found in Tutankhamun’s tomb.

Native to the Mediterranean, celery cultivation began in the early 1800s in the cool, damp wetlands of East Anglia. Before refrigerated box cars and industrial agriculture, you could only grow celery in very specific places, so only a few people could get their hands on it. It was a status symbol and valuable foodstuff that people wanted to show off. During the Victorian era, celery was the hottest dish to eat. A craze for celery reached fervor. As celery became more widely available in urban markets, it was embraced by status-conscious consumers as a marker of elegance and taste. It even had its own dedicated serving container: the celery glass or celery vase. The typical vessel was shaped like a parfait glass, between eight and twelve inches



tall and made from decorated glass or silver. A celery bunch would be inserted vertically into the vase, with ice water in the bottom to keep the stalks fresh and crisp, the leafy tops spreading out above like a bouquet of flowers. Celery was also cooked, especially after it began to wilt. The cooked celery was given its own serving plate. Between the 1830s and the early 1900s, celery appeared as a standalone dish in countless cookbooks and housekeepers’ guides. Celery was served in a first-class cabin dinner with roast squab, cress, and pâté de foie gras aboard the Titanic.

Celery in the U.S. is grown mostly in California and Michigan. It requires a long, cool growing season. Just as early railroads extended the reach of market gardeners in the 1840s, the advent of transcontinental rail lines and refrigerated cars made celery a nationally marketed commodity. In the process, celery lost its linkage with the winter holidays and became a year-round vegetable. As celery lost its luster, it was no longer considered something fancy, becoming just one of the many raw or pickled vegetables—carrots, radishes, olives, cucumbers—found on the always present “relish tray” at fancy restaurants and cocktail parties in the 1950s. Celery vases may have gone out of style, but one would be hard-pressed to find a premade veggie tray without a slot for celery. Like it or not, celery isn’t going anywhere.

Alton Brown’s Braised Celery
• 8 stalks celery, rinsed and trimmed, leaves chopped and reserved



COURTESY PHOTOS

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- Pinch kosher salt
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup good quality beef stock or broth

Directions

Peel any of the fibrous outer stalks of celery with a vegetable peeler and slice into 1-inch pieces on the bias. Heat the butter in a 10-inch sauté pan over medium heat. Once melted, add the celery, salt and pepper and cook for 5 minutes until just beginning to soften slightly. Add the beef broth and stir to combine. Cover and reduce the heat to low. Cook until the celery is tender but not mushy, approximately 5 minutes. Uncover and allow the celery to continue to cook for an additional 5 minutes or until the liquid has been reduced to a glaze. Transfer to a serving dish and garnish with the reserved leaves.

Grown Up Ants on A Log

- Ingredients

- 5.3 oz tub mild goat cheese (Try not to use crumbly goat cheese, since it won’t pipe well.)
- 1/2 tsp ancho chili powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbps honey
- 8 ribs celery
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans toasted
- 1/4 cup chopped dried cherries

Instructions

In a small bowl, stir to combine the goat cheese, ancho chili powder, salt, mustard, and honey. Rinse the celery well, and pat dry. Cut into 1.5-inch pieces, and cut a small sliver off the bottom of the celery so it stands upright easily on a platter. Place the goat cheese mixture into a piping bag fitted with a star tip, then pipe the goat cheese into each piece of celery. Sprinkle with toasted pecans and dried cherries, then serve. Enjoy!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

POST OFFICES IN COUNTY MANY YEARS AGO SHOWN TO BE ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER AS PRESENT

J. G. Fitzgerald Owner of Ancient Guide For Year 1857 - Gish's Today Is Vinton

From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

Through the courtesy of J. G. Fitzgerald, of Salem, the Times-Register has been able to obtain a post office guide for the year of 1857 in which all the post offices with the names of the postmasters throughout the nation are listed. While this guide was dated July, 1857, the names of the post offices here at that time are almost the same as they are today. of course, Big Lick has been changed to Roanoke and Gish's has been changed to Vinton but few changes have been made in the past eighty-one years in the location of the post offices.

Post offices and postmasters as that time were:

- Big Lick, James W. Neal.
- Cave Springs, George G. Hartman.
- Bonsack's, Jacob Bonsack.
- Catawba, James H. Todd.
- Botetourt Springs, Ransom Jeter.
- Salem, Joseph Campbell.

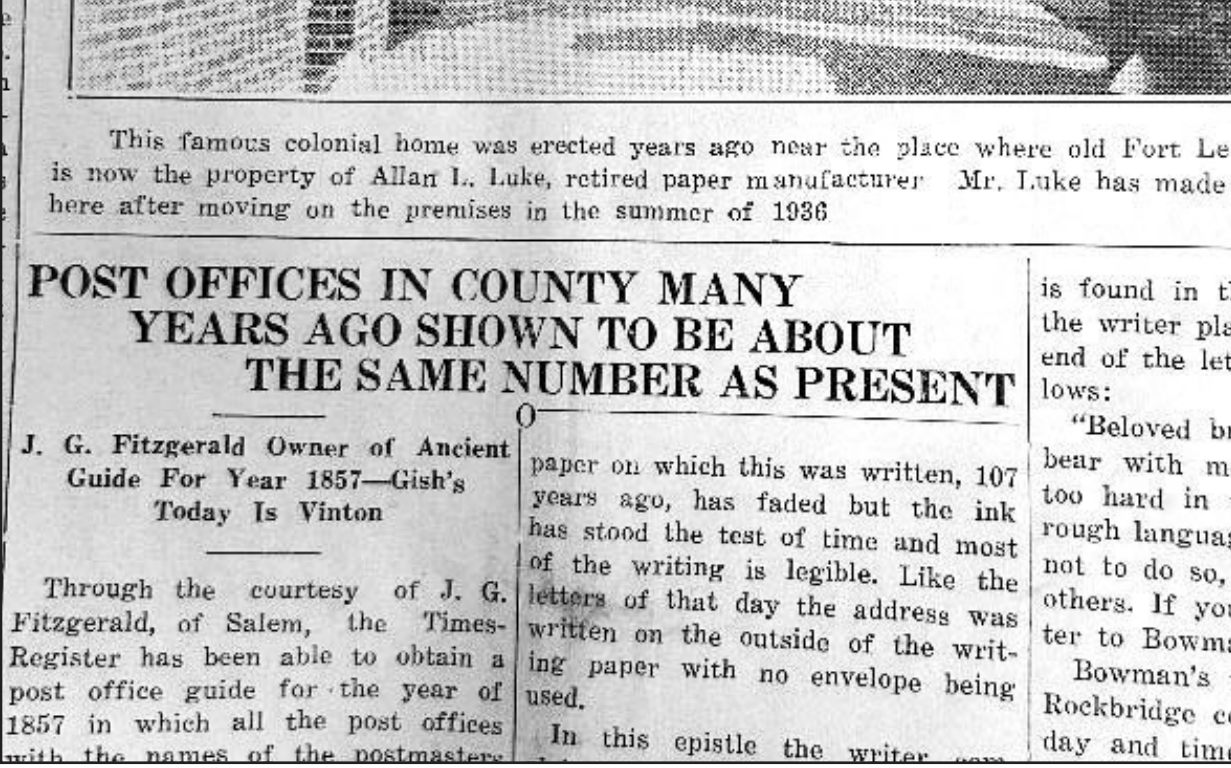
In the back of this postal guide are given the rules and regulations of the post office department and it is seen from them that a letter to any place within the United States and its territories and also France and Algeria required fifteen cent postage for single letters of one-quarter of an ounce or under. It is stated that prepayment is optional but that in the mailing of either a letter or a packet the whole postage or none at all should be prepaid. It is stated that no account is taken of prepayments of a fractional part of a single rate.

Sending Letters Was Costly

It is stated that the postal rate on letters going to Great Britain is twenty-four cents except from the west coast. Five cents had to be added to this rate if a letter was sent from California, Washington or Oregon.

A letter going to Norway required sixty-six cents postage if sent by French mail but only thirty-six cents if sent via Hamburg or Bremen. Sixty cents was required to send a letter to many of the foreign countries.

Mr. Fitzgerald also has in his possession an old letter written in 1831 from John Kline of Bowman's Mill, Va. to John Bonsack whose address was given as Salem. The paper on which this was written, 107 years ago, has faded but the ink has stood the test of time



FROM THE TIMES-REGISTER ARCHIVES

and most of the writing is legible. Like the letters of that day the address was written on the outside of the writing paper with no envelope being used.

In this epistle the write complained that a friend of his, C. Wampler, had been cheated in a horse trade by a man names Stoner. Kline requested Mr. Bonsack to see Mr. Stoner to endeavor to get him to adjust matters with Wampler.

Was An Old Letter

Kline was evidently as very pious man for he quote from the Bible in several places in the letter.

The letter starts out as follows:

"Grace from God, our father, and peace in and through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and a hearty greed from me to you, dearly beloved brother as well as to the sister, your wife, and to all the brethren and friends in your neighborhood."

An idea of the tone of the letter is found in the first paragraph but the writer placed a postscript at the end of the letter which reads as follows:

"Beloved brother, I hope you will bear with me that if I have bore too hard in this letter or used too rough language, as my intention was not to do so, yet it might appear to others. if you write direct your letter to Bowmans Mill post office."

Bowman's mill post office was in Rockridge county, Virginia. In that day and time it was always customary to place the name of the county after the name of the town in addressing a letter.

This old letter is falling apart in the places where it was folded for mailing but otherwise is not badly mutilated.

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu

OPINION

Last week marked the first full week of the 119th Congress, and we hit the ground running by passing two critical pieces of legislation. We passed the bipartisan Laken Riley Act, which secures significant protections to combat our open border crisis. Additionally, we passed the Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act, which cuts the funding of the International Criminal Court, holding them accountable for their misguided targeting of Israel. On Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, we took time to celebrate the dedicated service of our law enforcement officers, who work tirelessly to protect our communities. As Congress prepares for another productive week in session, rest assured I will continue to fight to uphold our shared values in Washington.

Passing the Laken Riley Act

In our unwavering commitment to protect American families and uphold the rule of law, the House passed the Laken Riley Act, named in honor of Laken Hope Riley, whose life was tragically taken in Georgia last year by an illegal immigrant. This critical legislation prioritizes the arrest and detention by ICE of illegal immigrants who had already committed theft offenses, like the individual responsible for Laken's death.

The harsh reality is that the Biden Administration's failed open-border policies contributed to Laken's unnecessary loss—a tragic story among many others. These policies have turned every community into a border community, bringing with it increased grief and chaos. The President holds the authority to address this issue, yet Biden's inaction is both astounding and unacceptable. He has claimed over the last several years that Congress needs to act, even after House Republicans passed H.R. 2, the strongest border bill in history.

Our borders can't remain open, our laws must be upheld, and no more innocent lives should be lost due to policy failures. With the incoming Trump



Ben Cline

Congressman

Administration and the Republican-led Senate, House Republicans will continue to prioritize Americans and fight for meaningful change to restore order at our border.

A Victory for Free Speech on Social Media

Under President Biden, alarming revelations emerged from Meta, showing that his administration pressured the company to censor millions of Americans on their platforms. For far too long, Big Tech has colluded with this administration to silence conservative voices and stifle the free exchange of ideas.

Now, following aggressive oversight from the House Judiciary Committee, on which I serve, and with a Trump Administration on the horizon, we're witnessing a pivotal change. Meta has announced the end of its misguided fact-checking program, marking a significant victory in the ongoing battle for free speech on social media. The American people deserve the right to express their opinions without interference from unelected tech executives acting as gatekeepers. Alongside the Trump Administration, House Republicans will safeguard the American people's freedom of speech and ensure every voice is heard.

Holding the ICC Accountable

On May 20, we witnessed an unprecedented move by the radical International Criminal Court (ICC) when prosecutor Karim Khan announced his intention to seek arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister

Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant. This is outrageous, especially considering the heinous October 7th attacks carried out by Hamas, which claimed the lives of over 1,200 Israelis. Additionally, Hamas continues to hold over 240 hostages, with 96 still in captivity.

Let's be clear: pursuing a terrorist group that brutally slaughtered innocent Israeli civilians and holds hostages is not a "war crime." It is about defending Israel's right to exist and ensuring that such vicious attacks never happen again. Hamas initiated this conflict and bears full responsibility for the suffering it has caused. America unequivocally stands with Israel against terrorism—and the ICC should, too. If the ICC persists in targeting Israel, a democracy defending itself from evil, the United States must take a stand against them and hold these international bureaucrats accountable.

That's why last week I was proud to support H.R. 23, the Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act, which would impose sanctions on the ICC and any foreign entity that seeks to arrest, detain, or prosecute protected individuals of the United States and our allies, including Prime Minister Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Gallant. We must defend our allies and ensure that justice is served in the face of terrorism.

Celebrating Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Last Thursday marked National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. I want to thank all the brave men and women who protect and serve Virginia's Sixth District and communities across the country.

Thank you for your service!

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

January events for kids

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Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30; 10:15am: Book Babies: Special story time designed especially for infants and crawlers. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30; 11am: Children aged

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0-5. Story Explorers. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Friday, January 17: 10:30am. Ages 0-5. The Music Circle: Music and movement class with hands on learning and play. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Tuesday, January 21, 3:30pm. Grades K-1. Elephant and Piggie Book Club. Join us for an Elephant and Piggie book discussion and craft! Register at salemva.libcal.com

Wednesdays, January 22, 29; 3:15pm. Grades 1-5. Barks & Books: Read with a therapy dog. Read with a therapy dog! These mellow dogs love books and can't wait to listen to you read. Register at salemva.libcal.com. Everyone who signs up gets at least 10 minutes to read with a dog. You can bring your own book or pick one out when you arrive!

Saturday, January 25, 11am-12:30pm; Grades 1-3; Library Buffet Storytime. Join us for a new, delicious storytime! Each month we'll read a food-themed book

and then make its recipe together. Must be at least 6 years old to attend. Please be aware the following ingredients will be used and consumed: Keebler mini graham cracker crusts, Greek yogurt, assorted fruit, mini chocolate chips, whipped cream, maraschino cherries

Tuesday, January 28, 3:30pm; Grades 2-3. Book Buzz Book Group: Safari Pug by Laura James. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Coming Saturday, Feb 1st! 11am-1pm: Take Your Child to the Library Day! Drop in for crafts, activities, prizes, and, of course, books! All ages are welcome.

Upcoming January events for adults

Saturday, January 18, 11:00am: Easy Junk Journals: Make a no-sew easy junk journal using an old book or notebook. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Thursday, January 23, Drop in 2pm-3:30pm. Puzzles & Games Afternoon: Play board games, card games and puzzles.

Friday, January 24, 11am-4pm. Red Cross Blood Drive at Salem Library Make an appointment at www.redcross.org

Tuesday, January 28, 1pm: Afternoon Book Club: Reader's Choice with a theme of Cats & Cozies.

Wednesday, January 29, 6pm: Sit 'n Stitch: Join other fiber crafters as you work on your own project! No registration required.



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- 5. People of northern Vietnam
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- 12. Regions
- 14. The center of a city
- 15. Hindu serpentine deity
- 16. Roared
- 18. Sun up in New York
- 19. "Sir" in Malaysian
- 20. Shrimp dish
- 21. Muckraker Tarbell
- 22. Apex
- 23. Harmonic effects
- 26. One of Babe Ruth's nicknames
- 30. Groups in organic chemistry
- 31. More pleasant-tasting
- 32. Spring forward
- 33. Noted writer

CLUES DOWN

- 34. Building occupied by monks
- 39. "The world's most famous arena"
- 42. Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
- 44. Long or fast speech
- 46. Things you can eat
- 47. Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
- 49. Actor Idris
- 50. I (German)
- 51. Taxes
- 56. Indonesian island
- 57. Nuisance (slang)
- 58. Shawl
- 59. Digits
- 60. Moved on foot quickly
- 61. "For goodness ___"
- 62. Facial body part
- 63. Russian river
- 64. Urinates

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Partner to "oohs"
- 2. Scaly water dweller
- 3. Pueblo people of New Mexico
- 4. Music producer Teo
- 5. Greek mythological goddess
- 6. Got together to discuss
- 7. Acquires
- 8. Involve
- 9. Some are tomato-based
- 10. Old Irish alphabets
- 11. A sheet of glass in a window or door
- 13. Blood poisoning
- 17. A moon of Saturn
- 24. Neither
- 25. Sums
- 26. They follow "A"
- 27. Satisfaction
- 28. People of southeastern Burma
- 29. Small amount

CLUES DOWN

- 35. Guy (slang)
- 36. Sound unit
- 37. Midway between northeast and east
- 38. Affirmative
- 40. Almost at the top
- 41. Extremely slow
- 42. Pearl Jam's debut album
- 43. Influential mid-century playwright
- 44. Martens
- 45. Approval
- 47. Dallas-adjacent Texas city
- 48. African nation
- 49. Dark brown or black
- 52. A place to get caught
- 53. Large-headed, elongated fish
- 54. Type of sword
- 55. Scottish tax or levy

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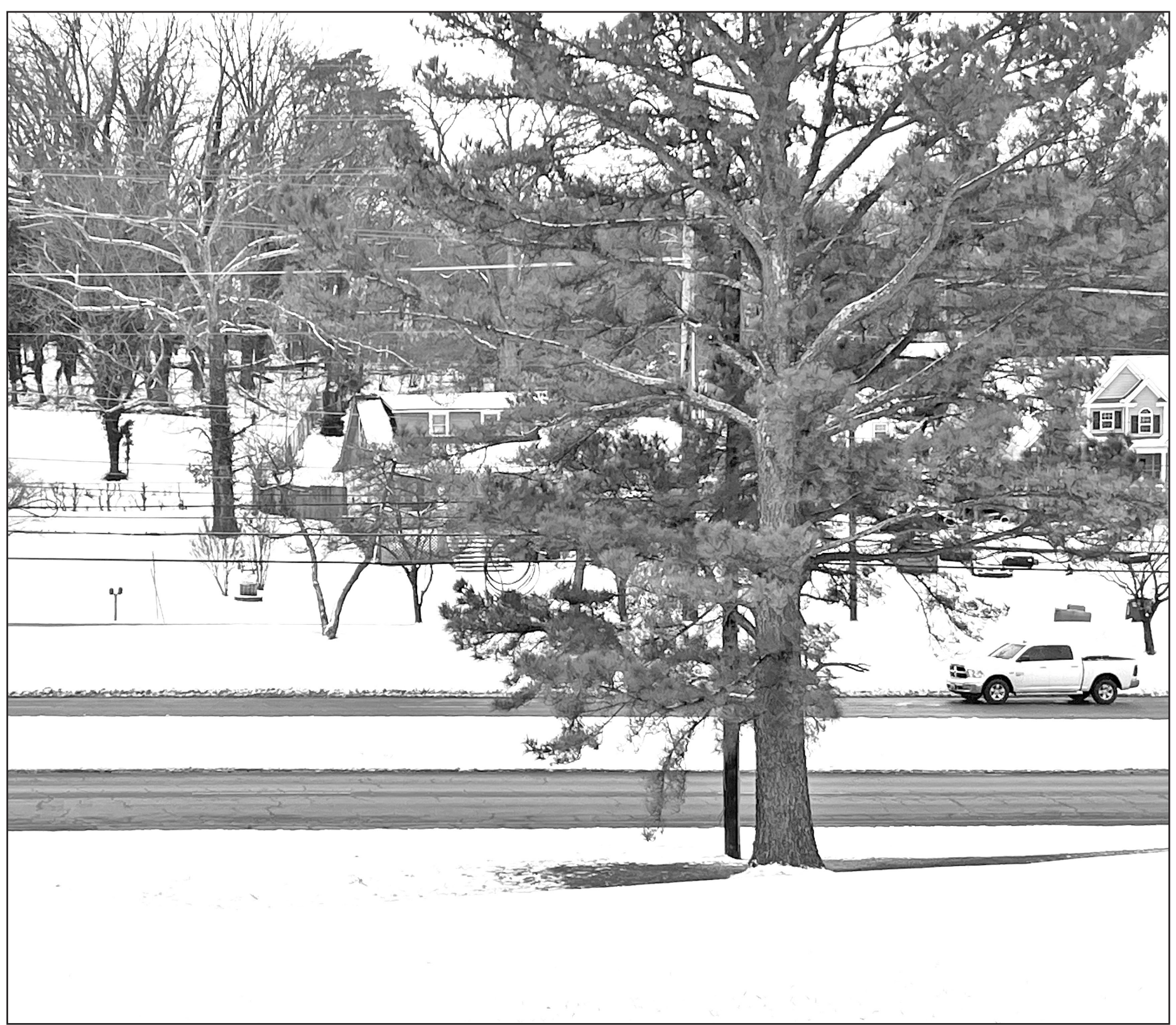
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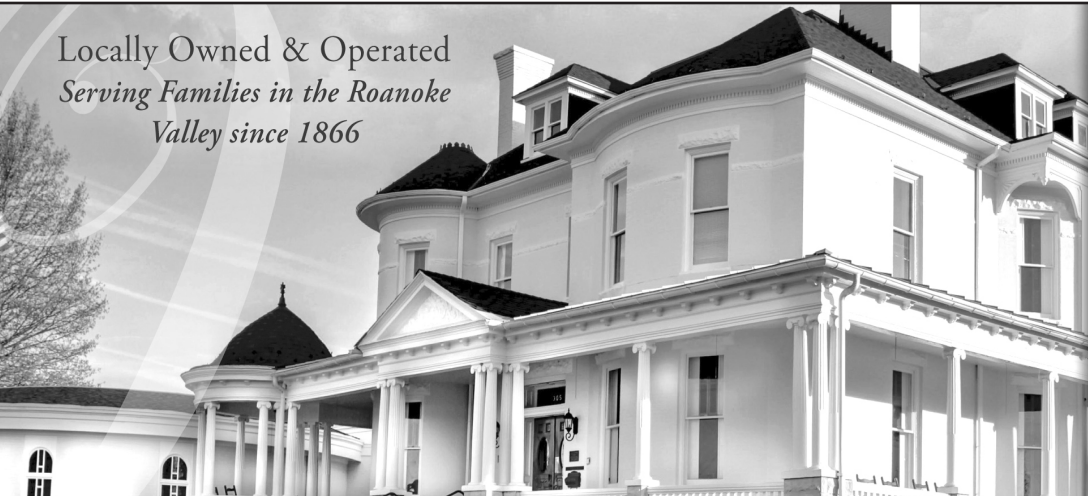
Second snow of season blankets Salem



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Snow once again fell in Salem late last week. Pictured here is Salem on Saturday morning near the American National University campus.

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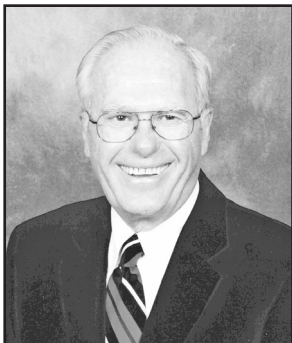
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OBITUARY

Wilson, Bayes Elwood

Dr. Bayes Elwood Wilson, 93, of Salem, Virginia, died on Friday, January 10, 2025.

He was born on December 16, 1931, on the Wilson family farm at Swords Creek, Russell County, Virginia. His parents were Bert and Jettie Wells Wilson. He was a graduate of Swords Creek, Honaker High, Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia. He liked to refer to himself as a Hokie — Who. He was a Korean War veteran having served in the US Air Force in Japan and Korea as a Staff Sergeant and Acting First Sergeant. He was proud of his military service. He was a member of Post 3 of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, past president of the Salem Kiwanis Club, Roanoke Civil War Roundtable, Board of Directors of Snyder Nursing Home, Board of Directors of Lewis Gale Hospital, and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Salem, Virginia. After graduating from Virginia Tech in 1956, he was a teacher at William Byrd High School, Business Manager of the Roanoke County School system, first Principal of the new Salem High School, and Superintendent of



Roanoke County Schools. Bayes wanted the best for his students and had great appreciation and respect for the teachers, parents, and all the different staff members. He served 38 years in the Roanoke County School system, retiring in 1994.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Ella (Tiny) Gordon Wyrick Wilson (formerly of Marion, Virginia); sister, Joyce Dye; and brothers-in-law, Jim Dye and Don Thompson.

He is survived by sons, David Wilson and wife, Kimberly Wilson, and John Wilson and partner, Dr. Dianna Curtis; grandchildren, Charles Wilson and wife, Tina Wilson, Ashleigh Wilson and husband, Joey Gonzalez, Alex Wilson and partner, Veronica Di Bella, Samantha Wilson and partner, Der'on Divers; great-grandson, Damien Wilson; sister, Nancy Young and husband, Bruce Young;

sister-in-law, Evelyn Thompson; niece, Donna Link; as well as many other nieces and nephews of whom he was very fond.

The family would like to express sincere gratitude for the care and service given by all the providers involved with Bayes's care recently and over the years including those at the Park at Oak Grove, Heartland Hospice, Salem Veteran's Hospital, Dr. Stephen Phillips, Dr. Eric Womendorf, and Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Periods of visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2024, at the John M. Oakey & Son Chapel in Salem, Virginia. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2024, at the First United Methodist Church, also in Salem. Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to the Dr. Bayes E. Wilson Scholarship Fund of the Roanoke County Schools Education Foundation at 5937 Cove Road, Roanoke Virginia 24019. Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey.com.

DePaul marks anniversary of newest program

ROANOKE— DePaul Community Resources has announced it is marking a major milestone for its Agency-Directed Services program. Since its inception in January 2024, the program has served more than 100 families in desperate need of help at home.

“When we received our license in January, we knew the need for this program in the Roanoke Valley was great and it grew quickly,” said Lauren Sherwood, director of ADS. “At DePaul, we value serving others through opening doors to hope and belonging, and we consider it a privilege to have been able to bridge the gap in 2024 through this new program.”

ADS was introduced for families with a Medicaid waiver in Virginia who need to receive a little extra support at home. Services range from bathing and feeding to mobility support and light housekeeping. When families enter the program, a registered nurse develops a plan of care to meet the unique needs of each individual in the program. The ADS team guides individuals and their families as they choose the care needed and who provides that care, whether it's a family member, if qualified, or a provider in the area.

“DePaul has given us care that we never imagined possible,” said Casey Guthrie. “They have changed our lives, and we are forever grateful to DePaul and the incredible souls who carry out their job with such compassion there. They make life with a special needs child easier, and for that we owe them everything.”

"DePaul has been a beacon of hope for our family, offering the support and resources we needed during

some of our most challenging times with Braedyn's health,” said Kristen Hartman. “Their commitment to providing compassionate care has made an immense impact on our journey, helping us navigate complex needs with confidence. The DePaul program isn't just a service; it's a lifeline that allows us to focus on what matters most—Braedyn's well-being and his future.”

“I was initially nervous to switch to ADS, but now I'm so glad I took the plunge,” said Brittany Clark Slaughter. “Everyone at DePaul has been incredibly welcoming, kind, and knowledgeable. The support I've received has made the transition smoother than I imagined, and the relief I feel is palpable.”

DePaul's ADS program serves all ages from infant to elderly. Currently, the program serves Covington, Alleghany, Botetourt, Roanoke, Salem, Franklin, Bedford, Craig, Montgomery and Floyd. While the program has served many, calls for assistance continue to come in every day from all over the state. In time, DePaul hopes to expand the program, reaching more individuals and families searching for help at home, hope, and belonging.

“We hope to expand our license in 2025 to include more counties and be able to serve additional families through this service in the years to come,” said Sherwood. “We are grateful for the families who have trusted DePaul to serve their loved ones with excellence as we celebrate this milestone.”

-The Salem Times-Register

VDOT ROADWATCH

INTERSTATE 81

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

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

- **LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.
- **LANE CLOSURES** scheduled as follows:
 - Tuesday, January 7 – Northbound left lane closure from mile marker 147.5-148.74.
 - Wednesday, January 8 – Northbound right lane closure from mile marker 147.5- 148.74.
 - Thursday, January 9 – Northbound right and left lane closures from mile marker 147.5-148.74.

• **FLAGGING OPERATIONS:** Flagging operations possible on Route 635 and Route 619.

• **UNEVEN PAVEMENT:** Drivers may experience some uneven pavement and/or rough surface throughout the project.

• **TRAFFIC SHIFTS:** Drivers may experience periodic lane closures, narrow ramps or quick merges into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound or northbound exit ramps of exit 140 off of I-81. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.

• **TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD:** Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road

after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

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

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 NB & SB DECK OVERLAY AT PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7 - Repair work is underway on the northbound and southbound bridges on I-81 over Peak Creek near mile marker 95.7. This repair work will require nighttime single lane closures for the duration of the project. Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday mornings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For the deck overlay process, lane closures may be in place between Sunday nights through Friday mornings. For the southbound lanes these will occur between the hours of 7pm and 10am, and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6pm through 9am. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. Estimated completion is February 2025.

• Deck work postponed for next eight weeks due to cold weather. Alternating nighttime northbound and southbound left and right lane closures may or may not be in place from mile marker 96 to 94 during the hours of 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. while other work on the project continues.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8

p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project.

• **LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime left lane closures are scheduled Monday, January 6 through Wednesday, January 10, on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

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

• **SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

I-81 IMPROVEMENTS FROM MILE MARKER 143 TO 151 – Periodic lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., on northbound and southbound I-81 for survey and preparation work for an upcoming widening project along I 81.

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

INTERSTATE 581
I-581 PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, beginning August 18, crews will perform paving and patching operations. Lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound, Sunday through Thursday, during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

ROANOKE COUNTY
APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 311 – A new pedestrian bridge is under construction over Route 311 at McAfee Knob trailhead. The trailhead parking lot is currently closed and will remain closed during construction. Bridge beams were placed across Route

311 on the new bridge on June 11. Flagging operations will be in place daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Occasional slow rolls during nighttime hours are possible. Alternate areas for parking and updates on the shuttle can be found by calling 540-387-5588 or visiting the shuttle website at www.roanokecountyva.gov/McAfeeShuttle. Expected completion by end of 2024 or early 2025.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN ROANOKE AREA - Blue Ridge Parkway may be repairing roads in our area that require road closures and flagging operations and detours may be in place. Visit their website at www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm for more information.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossing and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is January 2025.

CRAIG BOTETOURT SCENIC TRAIL BRUSH CUTTING AND STABILIZATION WORK - Residents along the former Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Craig Valley Branch railbed in Botetourt and Craig counties may notice maintenance work continuing on the old railbed starting in mid-November. These activities are intended to prevent additional deterioration and to help designers who are developing plans for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail. VDOT continues to collect data and conduct site visits and field reviews on the railbed. The cost estimate for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail is still being refined and a specific schedule for construction has yet to be determined. VDOT plans to hold public hearings on the project in 2025. The hearing dates have not yet been announced.

CRAIG COUNTY
MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE – The Mountain Valley Pipeline construction project is underway. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the project to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is January 2025.

Leaders from page 1



John Saunders is sworn in to a seat on Salem City Council Sunday by Circuit Court Judge Chris Clemens, right, with Salem Assistant City Manager Rob Light, left, and City Manager Rob Chris Dorsey



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

collage of some of the highlights of Jones’ years and people he worked with, as well as projects he championed: renovations and expansion to Salem High School and complete renovations to Moyer Sports Complex.

Councilman Randy Foley, who

served with Jones for most of his terms, thanked Jones for his service. “We didn’t always see eye to eye, but I know you always had Salem at heart,” Foley said.

Jones worked for Yokohama Tire, then opened his own Fast Signs franchise. He now has a real estate

business. He was a sports official and coach and friend to many, Turk said.

During the Citizen Comment period, Planning Commissioner Jackson Beamer remembered former chairman Vicki Daulton who died recently. “She made Salem a better place to live and do business,” he

said, voice breaking. He asked for a moment of silence in her memory.

Mayor Turk recognized three new Salem Police Officers McGee, Warren and Martin, who were attending their first Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Rodeo

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A cowboy showcases his skill and grit in a saddle bronc riding event, thrilling the crowd as he holds on to the bucking bronco at the Salem Championship Stampede Rodeo.

a sell-out! It was a great weekend for everyone who was able to join us,” she said.

One of the most heartwarming aspects of the rodeo is its appeal to families, particularly children. “The kids love it,” DeBusk shared. “I tell people to look at this not just as a sporting event but as entertainment.” His sentiment was echoed by longtime attendee Melissa Foster, who brought her children Gavin and Lily. “It’s just something fun to do with the kids.

They really enjoy it—especially Lily, who loves horses,” Foster explained, adding that the event has become a cherished family tradition for them.

The rodeo is more than just a spectacle; it’s a celebration of heritage. “We combine sports and entertainment, and that’s why families keep coming back—some for five, ten, even 15 years,” said DeBusk. “We’ve got people who date back to the original event in the 1960s still attending with their families, grandchildren, and even

great-grandchildren.”

There’s also an educational aspect woven into the event. “While this is a sport, much of what you see reflects traditional ranching practices,” DeBusk explained. “Bareback riding and bronc busting originated from breaking horses, and calves still need vaccinations. We’re teaching our heritage and history. Many people don’t realize their grandparents or great-grandparents lived this same lifestyle.”

DeBusk emphasized how vital

events like this are for preserving history. “You want to ensure your heritage and history continue for generations. This family-oriented event welcomes everyone from age 2 to 102,” he said.

With nearly six decades of history, the Salem Stampede continues to thrive thanks to its ability to resonate with audiences across generations. “That’s why it’s become so popular and why this community has fallen in love with us for 58 years,” DeBusk concluded.



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A rider demonstrates teamwork with his horse during a calf roping event at the Salem Championship Stampede Rodeo at the Civic Center.

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ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 42 East Main Street, Salem, 389-9307. Sundays at 7:30am and 10am. Holy Communion in church and live-streamed on YouTube@StPaulSalemVa.
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COLLEGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - 210 S. College Avenue, Salem

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

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 226 South Broad Street, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. SundaySchool 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship 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.

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 41 East Main Street, Salem, VA . 389-3881. Come worship with us, Pastor, Rev. Chris Vogado, and our Associate Pastor, Rev. Janet Chisom each Sunday at 11:00 AM (10:00 AM from Memorial Day - Labor Day). In- Person Sunday School is 9:30 AM (9:00 AM Memorial Day - Labor Day). You may still worship with us online live at www.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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announced at the time of the sale. The Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq. Trustee
For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN Law, PLC
3140 Chaparral Drive, #200-C
Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

Legals - City of Salem

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.

Legals - Montgomery County

www.christiansburg.org/479 /Capital-Projects. To request a hard copy of the project information sheet and related documents, please call the Engineering Department at (540) 382-6120.

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Legals - Montgomery County

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 196 Carroll Lane, New Castle, VA 24127 Tax Map No. 99-A-80

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated April 17, 2024, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Craig County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 240000203, the Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on January 22, 2025 at 10:00 am, at the Craig County Circuit Court, 182 Main Street, Suite 4, New Castle, Virginia 24127.

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Craig, Commonwealth of Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a ½" by 30" iron reinforcing rod with aluminum cap, approximately 1106 feet southeast of Route 311, a common corner with George P. and Sandra C. Jones. Thence, S. 60° 56' 25" W., 4101 feet a Common line with Jones to a White Pine on line; thence, S. 60° 56' 25" W., 374.60 feet continuing & common line with Jones to a ½" by 30" iron reinforcing rod with aluminum cap, a common corner with Jones; thence, N. 13° 55' 20" W., 216.21 feet to a ½" by 30" iron reinforcing rod with aluminum cap; thence, N. 60° 56' 25" E., 358.96 feet down a slope, crossing an overhead electric line to a ½" by 30" iron reinforcing rod with aluminum cap; thence S. 29° 06' 40" E., 208.71 feet to the point of beginning; and Being a 1.86 acre tract of land described on a plat or map by Mountain Top Surveyors, Inc., dated April 5, 1985, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Craig, Virginia in Deed Book 61, page 430.

TOGETHER WITH a 15 foot road right-of-way or easement leading from Route 311 through the grantor's remaining property to and through this property thereby giving access to the grantee herein as well as access established for George P. Jones and Sandra C. Jones by deed recorded in the aforementioned Clerk's Office in Deed Book 61, Page 423.

TOGETHER WITH those water rights as set out in Deed of Easement dated June 16, 1994, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 91, page 292.

Date of Sale: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 10:00 am outside the Craig County Circuit Court, 182 Main Street, Suite 4, New Castle, VA 24127.

Terms: CASH; a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence.

OPTIONS:
1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third-party purchaser.
2. The Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No.**CL25-04**
VIRGINIA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAIG THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF C.D. ABBOTT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF CURTIS R. ABBOTT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF JUNE ABBOTT LUGAR a/k/a JUNE ESTELLE ABBOTT LUGAR, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF RUSSELL BROWN LUGAR, DECEASED, DAVID RUSSELL LUGAR a/k/a DAVID LUGAR, ALAN RAY LUGAR a/k/a ALAN LUGAR FRANCES CAROL ALDERMAN a/k/a CAROL ALDERMAN, DORIS ANN BEAUCHEMIN a/k/a ANN BEEAUCHEMIN, RANDOLPH PRESTON ABBOTT, JAMES REED ABBOTT, CHRISTOPHER S. SWINGLE, SR. a/k/a CHRIS SWINGLE, JAMES L. SWINGLE, JR., PARTIES UNKNOWN, who may hold an interest in the Property, including the unknown heirs, successors and assigns of the Defendant(s) and their predecessors in title, who are collectively made Defendant(s),

The object of this suit is to: Enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Parcel Nos. 47A3-1247-4 and 47A3-124-5. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may not be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title, made Defendants by the general description of Parties unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before January 31, 2024, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
January 8, 2025 Sharon P. Oliver, Craig County Circuit Court Clerk, County of Craig Virginia
I ask for this: N. Reid Broughton (VSB No. 38899) Katie M. DeCoster, Esq. (VSB No. 82696) Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg Virginia 24068-2009 (540) 260-9011 (540) 2260-0022 (facsimile)

Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia
that the Board hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:15 p.m., in the Board Chambers, Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia for the purpose of receiving citizens' comments on the following:

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County Budget
The purpose of this public hearing is to gather citizen comments on the upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

Legals - Montgomery County

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hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the Board Room in the Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia to receive citizen comments on whether the County should continue General Reassessment every four (4) years or consider employing either an annual or biennial General Reassessment.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

BWW# VA-372774-1TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1402 KARR LANE, BLACKSBURG, VA 24060.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 8, 2014, in the original principal amount of \$75,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 14002319. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 10, 2025, at 2:00 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 MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF BLACKSBURG, PRICE'S FORK MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT(48), GLADEWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE III A, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "FINALSUBDIVISION PLAT OF GLADEWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE III A", PLAN NO. T-4408-01-A, PREPARED BY DRAPER-ADEN ASSOCIATES, INC., WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 283. 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.

Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearing on Tuesday, February 4, 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:

CUP-24-4-Conditional Use Permit request to permit lighting at a Public Park or Field at 2100 Toms Creek Road on behalf of the Town of Blacksburg. Section 5601(d) of the Town's Zoning Ordinance limits the height of light poles in residential areas to 20 feet. Section 4320 permits field lighting in public parks and recreation areas with a conditional use permit. The proposal is to replace six (6) 53-foot light poles with six (6) 60-foot light poles at the Toms Creek Park and athletic field. The applicant is also requesting a modification to Section 4320(b)(2) of the Blacksburg Zoning Ordinance to not require evergreen tree screening along Toms Creek Road.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 130 HELM DRIVE, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 26, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$77,284.21 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2005014678. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows:
ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF VA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 973 PAGE 241 ID# 59-A-6-5, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5, MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR E AND V ENTERPRISE, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 973 AT PAGE 243, RECORDED 08/29/1997. 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.

N. Franklin Sidewalk Infill Project Town of Christiansburg

Find out about the proposal to install sidewalk and curb & gutter along N. Franklin Street from Mill Lane to Water Street. The goal of this project is to provide safer pedestrian access to shopping, the aquatic center, residential areas, and downtown.

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Town of Christiansburg - Roanoke St. Crossing and Sidewalk & Roanoke St./Depot St. Pedestrian Accommodations

Find out about the proposal to install pedestrian activated crosswalk signals and curb ramps for the crossing of Roanoke Street at Depot Street. Sidewalk will also be extended along the south side of Roanoke Street to Barkwood Street as well as along the north side of Roanoke Street from Depot Street to the existing sidewalk on the adjacent property to the east.

Review the project information and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion online at

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE
LOS POLLOS AMIGOS INC., trading as WINGS ETC., 260 Wildwood Road, Salem City, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a retail Restaurant or Caterer Application-Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

JUSTIN LINDSEY, PRESIDENT.

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **JJ020503-01-00**
MONTGOMERY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* TURPIN, RICHARD AIDEN ISIAH REEDY, NINA v. TURPIN, MICHAEL BRANDON
The object of this suit is to: DETERMINE CUSTODY. It is ORDERED that TURPIN, BRANDON MICHAEL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before FEBRUARY 18,2025 @8:30 AM. December 18, 2024 Amy Blankenship, Clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

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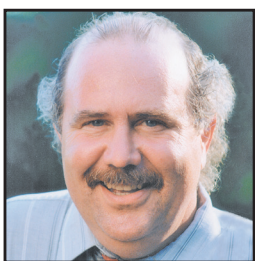
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Brian Hoffman



The Salem High football schedule for the 2025 season has been finalized and it’s a challenging one. In addition to the six River Ridge District teams Salem will play two games against strong Class 4 schools and two Class 5 schools. The Spartans are in Class 4 of the Virginia High School League.

Last season Salem scrimmaged Albemarle and had a benefit game with Brookville, but both are off the docket this August. This year’s preseason opponents will be an upgrade, to say the least.

On August 15 the Spartans will scrimmage Maury High of Norfolk at Fork Union Military Academy. Maury is a Class 5 school that was undefeated last season, defeating Briar Woods in the final, 46-0, to win the Class 5 state championship. They had six shutouts and didn’t give up more than 14 points in a game all season while finishing 15-0, so you figure they’ll give the Spartans an early test and, as the coaches like to say, “show us what we need to work on.”

On Thursday, August 21, Salem will play a benefit game, only this year it won’t be at Salem Stadium. The Spartans will travel to Amherst to take on the Lancers in their final preseason tuneup.

Salem opens the season with two home games, against Class 4 rival E.C. Glass on August 29 then Class 5 Franklin County on September 5. Then they’re back on the road for the next two games at William Fleming and at Dinwiddie.

Challenging schedule for 2025 Salem football team

Fleming, as you probably know, finished 11-2 last year under former Spartan quarterback Nick Leftwich. They beat Salem for the first time since 2002, winning 25-7 at Salem Stadium.

Dinwiddie is a traditional power in Class 4. Last season the Generals were 11-2, reaching the Region 4B championship game where they lost to Varina. Salem has played Dinwiddie three times in the history of the schools. In 2016 the Spartans won 31-27 at the College of William & Mary to win the state championship. They played regular season games in 2017 and ’18 with the Generals winning both times, 25-20 at Salem Stadium in 2017 and 27-20 the next year in Dinwiddie.

Glass and Dinwiddie are replacing Liberty Christian Academy and Northside on the Salem Schedule. The Spartans opened with LCA the last two years, losing 21-14 at home in 2023 and 35-21 in Lynchburg last fall. Both seasons LCA finished undefeated and won the state championship in Class 3. A private school, that has been a sore spot among Class 3 competitors who feel the Bulldogs have a recruiting advantage but that’s a story for another day.

Northside opted out of playing Salem beginning this year. The two school areas border each other and you’d think with travel expenses as they are it would be a no-brainer to continue what has been a good rivalry. I live in Salem and I can get to Northside High quicker than I can get to Salem High.

The Vikings have played Salem every season since Salem High opened in 1977. They were district foes in the old Roanoke Valley District, then the Blue Ridge District before the BRD split into the Blue Ridge and River Ridge Districts with Northside staying in the BRD and Salem moving to the then-new RRD. The two have played 51 times since 1977 with

Salem holding a 37-13-1 edge, including wins in 18 of the last 21 games.

“It’s disappointing,” Salem coach Don Holter said about Northside dropping the Spartans. “It’s been a good rivalry for 45 years or so and with Andrew Lewis before that. We’re two schools that need to play each other. Sometimes you have to do things that are good for high school football in the area.”

Holter said Salem has reached out to several area schools to get them on the schedule to no avail, including former district rivals Lord Botetourt and William Byrd and region rival Jefferson Forest.

“We’ve called Byrd for four years and sometimes they don’t even return the call,” said Holter.

The River Ridge District season begins September 26 with a home game against Blacksburg, and that’s Homecoming. Next is Patrick Henry, home for Youth Night, and then a trip to Cave Spring on October 10.

Salem’s bye week comes after the seventh game on October 17, and the Spartans finish up with a home game against Pulaski followed by trips to Hidden Valley and Christiansburg.

It’s a good schedule, and if the Spartans do well it should help them in the Virginia High School League rankings that determine home games for the playoffs. Of course, it would also help if Hidden Valley, Cave Spring and Blacksburg would win more games, as those three combined to go 6-24 last year and that hurt the Spartans when it came to “rider points” when the final ratings were tallied.

“It’s a challenging schedule,” said Holter. “Our non-district schedule is a heck of a challenge. We open with a Seminole District rival, then play a well-coached Franklin County team followed by the Blue Ridge District champs and Dinwiddie. It’s a front loaded schedule and should make for some really good football.”

Big week of wrestling highlighted by doubleheader at RC tonight

It will be a big time on the mats tonight as the Roanoke College Cregger Center will be the site of a high school-college wrestling doubleheader. The first whistle is scheduled for 5 pm.

In the opener the Salem High team will take on Glenvar in what will be “Senior Night” for the Spartan boys. Then, at approximately 7 pm, the Roanoke College team will take on Shenandoah University in an ODAC match, and it will also be “Senior Night” for the Maroons.

Tonight’s doubleheader will be the highlight of a full schedule of wrestling action, beginning with a middle school match between Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School at Glenvar Wednesday. Also on Wednesday, Salem High was scheduled to wrestle at Northside against Hidden Valley, Franklin County and the host Vikings.

This weekend Salem and Glenvar are both scheduled to wrestle in the Big Blue tournament at Christiansburg High School. This year, for the first time, the Big Blue is a dual tourna-

ment with nine teams scheduled.

On Saturday Northside High’s gym will be the site of the annual Norsemen Invitational, the big event for all middle school teams in the Roanoke Valley. Lewis and Glenvar are both scheduled to compete.

A big weekend continues on Sunday when Roanoke College and Ferrum College battle in the “Match at Mill Mountain Theatre” in Roanoke. The two teams will wrestle on the stage at Mill Mountain Theatre in an event that proved to be very popular last

season.

The Maroons are currently 10-2 overall in dual matches and 2-0 in the ODAC. Last Saturday in Williamsport, PA the Maroons finished in second place at the 16-team Budd Whitehill Duals, hosted by Lycoming College. The Maroons, ranked No. 8 this week in dual match rankings by TheOpenMat.com, defeated Springfield College (Mass.), 26-12, before falling 31-16 to No. 5 Wisconsin Eau Claire. Jonah Paulino of RC earned a spot on the all-tournament team at 133 pounds.

RC women host W&L in basketball Saturday

The Roanoke College women will host Washington & Lee this Saturday when they celebrate “Alumni Day.” The game has a scheduled 2 pm tip-off at the Cregger Center in Salem.

The 2000 Roanoke College women and men will be recognized as both have home games Saturday, with the men to follow against Shenandoah. In 2000 both teams won ODAC championships.

It will be a tough opponent for the Maroon women, as W&L comes into the week at 4-1 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and 12-2 overall. Roanoke is 6-8 and 2-3 in ODAC games after losing to Shenandoah in Winchester last Saturday, 77-47. With the win the Hornets improved to 9-4 overall and 5-1 in the ODAC.

Maroon V'ball men win 2 of 3

The Roanoke College men’s volleyball team opened the season last weekend with a trip to Springfield, Ohio for the Wittenberg Kickoff Classic at Wittenberg University. The Maroons took two of three matches to get the season off to a good start.

Roanoke met host Wittenberg on Friday night and fell in three sets. However, on Saturday the Maroon men bounced back by beating Thiel College, 3-2, and Concordia University of Chicago, three games to one.

Against Theil Jackson Rutkowski paced the team in kills with 18. Michael Cummins also reached double digit kills with 13 and sophomore Gabe Fabbro did most of the setup work in the match, racking up 39 assists.

In the match with Concordia Rutkowski added another 18 kills while Cummins and Cade Kinne had 10 a piece. Fabbro took the bulk of the assist work again, totaling 42 in the match. His total is a new single game career high for Fabbro, beating his previous high which was set in the earlier game of the day.

This weekend the Maroons Roanoke will take a trip to Pennsylvania to face Penn State Altoona on Friday (Jan. 17) at 6:00 pm. Then, on Saturday, they’ll head to Lancaster to play Widener and Lancaster Bible.

Roanoke won’t have a home match until February 22nd when they host Regent University.

Roanoke swimmers split with BC

The Roanoke College swim team split a meet with Bridgewater College at the Nininger Hall Pool in Bridgewater. The RC women took a 156-102 win while the Eagles won the men’s meet, 158-104.

The Maroon women's team is now 4-0, with a 3-0 mark against conference foes. Susanna Price of RC won the 100 free, the 400 free and the 200 IM while Julianna Morrow won both the 100 and 200 back.

Other firsts for the Maroons included Carter Satterfield in the 200 free, Lily Mullens in the 50 free, Kate Pearson in the 200 breast and Bella Cowan in the 100 fly.

For the men, RC’s Ethan Brewer won the 800 and 400 free. Ryan Franceys won the 200 fly and Tyler Hill won the 100 fly.

The Maroons go to Boone, NC this Saturday for a tri-meet with Lees-McRae and Mars Hill.

All-Timesland meet rescheduled for Sat.

The All-Timesland Swim meet scheduled for last Saturday was postponed due to the weather and rescheduled for this Saturday. Salem and Glenvar are both scheduled to swim in the big meet, beginning at 9 am at the Gator Center in Roanoke.

Salem and Glenvar were also scheduled to swim at the Salem Y on Tuesday of this week but results were too late for publication. Both local school teams will be back in the Salem Y pool for a meet next Tuesday, January 21.

Roanoke College will host Finn Pincus Invitational this week; Salem, Glenvar indoor track teams will run at various meets

Local high school athletes from Salem and Glenvar will be competing in track meets at various locations this weekend, and there will also be a big college meet at Roanoke College.

Salem High is scheduled to compete this Saturday at VMI in the Walt Cormack Meet sponsored by the VTCA. Glenvar is sending athletes to two meets. A few Highlands

will be competing at the Virginia Showcase in VA Beach and the rest will be at Liberty University.

Roanoke College will host the annual Finn Pincus Invitational at the Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse this week. The meet, named for the long time RC track and cross country coach, will attract schools from all over and be held Friday and Saturday.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem's Ashlyn Adkins is hammered as she goes to the hoop in Tuesday's win over Patrick Henry at Salem High.

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Cam Boles led Salem with 18 points, Kam Brown had 13 and Mari Foxx hit for a dozen.

At Salem High the girls also had a big win over visiting PH. The Spartans jumped to a 9-0 lead to start the game but the Pats fought back to 10-7 by the end of the quarter and tied the game at 21-21 at the half.

Salem caught fire in the third period. Emme Custer scored on two layups to put Salem up four to open the second half and the Spartans led the rest of the way, increasing the lead to 38-30 by the end of the quarter. Gabby Crawley led the Spartans with 17 points, Custer had 11 and Bailey Rider had six of her eight points in the second half.

“Big district win for us,” said coach Scott Jester. “We faced some adversity and responded well. Proud of our resilience and we're looking forward to three more games this week.”

With the win Salem improved 10-0 on the season. They were scheduled to play at Northside Wednesday, at Pulaski Friday and on Saturday they go to Western Albemarle to make up last week’s “Play for Premies Showcase” that was postponed by weather last Saturday. Jester wasn’t sure who Salem would be playing at press time as a few teams dropped out after the postponement, but Salem will be playing someone.

The Spartan boys are 8-1 after Tuesday’s win and they’ve won eight in a row after losing their opener at Northside. They have a chance for revenge this week as the Vikings were scheduled to play here Wednesday. Results were too late for publication, and Salem will also be home Friday to host Pulaski County.

“The first time we played Northside I felt like we could be competitive and we weren’t,” said Garst. “We could have played a lot better and we’re looking forward to playing them again.”

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Salem High retired the jersey of former standout Tay Taylor prior to Tuesday's basketball game with Patrick Henry at SHS. Here Taylor holds her framed #30 jersey surrounded by family, former and current Salem coaches and a couple current players holding up the banner that will go up at the high school. It was decided to conduct the ceremony Tuesday because Taylor is an assistant coach for the Patriots.

Salem High basketball teams sweep Patrick Henry for big district wins

Tuesday was a big night for the Salem High basketball teams as the Spartans swept Patrick Henry for the first time in recent memory. The Salem boys won 54-47 in Roanoke and the girls beat the Patriots in Salem, 50-42.

Both games were the first in a week and a half for the Salem teams, as both teams had three games postponed last week. The boys were iced out of games with Hidden Valley, Christiansburg and last Saturday's

big game with Glenvar. But while the temperatures were still below freezing Tuesday night the Spartans warmed things up in the PH gym. After trailing for most of the game the Salemites used a big fourth quarter to catch the Patriots and pull away.

"We finally got the lead and were able to hold on," said Salem coach Kevin Garst. "I'm proud of them. They hung tough and fought hard."

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Key district games for Glenvar basketball teams this week

The Glenvar basketball teams have a busy week as both the boys and the girls played Monday followed by games against district arch-rivals Radford and Floyd.

The girls will be at Floyd tonight after opening the week with two district losses. On Monday at home the Highlanders lost to Patrick County, 46-13. Freshman Zella Hayes led Glenvar with four points and five rebounds.

A night later the girls traveled to Radford and dropped a 60-25 decision. Audrey Moles had a dozen points as Glenvar is still looking for a win after 10 games. They fell to Hidden Valley last week at home,

53-21, as Grace Fielder scored six points, Hayes had four and Kinley Phillips had five rebounds.

The boys played at Hidden Valley last Thursday and took a 55-51 win over the Titans behind 25 points by Brody Dawyot.

"Solid road win against a good team," said coach Hank Luton. "We struggled to guard them but got stops late when we needed to."

On Monday the Highlanders were at Lord Botetourt and it just wasn't their night as they dropped a 72-46 decision to a hot-shooting group of Cavaliers. Dawyot led with a dozen points.

"Out-played and Out-coached

from the start," said Luton. "They were much better prepared than us, give credit to them. We didn't function well on the road against a good offensive team but credit to our guys for continuing to play hard in the fourth quarter despite the large deficit."

The loss dropped Glenvar to 4-2 on the season. The boys were scheduled to host Radford on Wednesday followed by a home game against Floyd County on Friday.

Next week the boys are at William Byrd Monday while the girls host Alleghany. Next Tuesday the boys go to Alleghany.



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Graysen Shepherd goes to the hoop for Glenvar in Monday's game at Lord Botetourt.



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Left, Jackson Bell of Roanoke College throws down a dunk in the Maroons win over Virginia Wesleyan Saturday. Above, the Cregger Center was a warm place to be as snow covered the RC campus on a cold afternoon.

Maroons tie for ODAC lead with win over VWU

The Roanoke College men's basketball team jumped into a tie for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference lead when the Maroons downed Virginia Wesleyan last Saturday. Roanoke took a 77-67 win over the Marlins at the Cregger Center in Salem.

With the win the Maroons moved into a logjam at the top of the conference standings, with five teams having just one conference loss prior to Wednesday night's games. Roanoke, Guilford, Hampden-Sydney and Randolph-Macon were all 5-1 in the ODAC prior to Wednesday while Virginia Wesleyan fell to 4-1 with the loss to the Maroons. In addition, all five teams were 11-3 overall.

Roanoke was scheduled to play at the University of Lynchburg Wednesday. The Hornets were 3-2 in the ODAC under former Maroon great Hilliary Scott and they can be dangerous. This Saturday Roanoke will host 1-5 Shenandoah University at 4:30 pm in the Cregger Center, followed by a trip to 3-2 Ferrum next Wednesday, January 22. The Maroons play Randolph-Macon, Guilford and Hampden-Sydney down the home stretch, all at home, as they battle for position in the end-of-season ODAC tournament at

the Salem Civic Center.

Last Saturday in Salem the Maroons opened a big first-half lead, closing on a 27-9 run over the final 10:31 to go into intermission ahead 48-30. Marcus Morgan had 14 points, four rebounds and three assists in the first half, and RC shot 20-31 (64.5%) over the first 20 minutes.

Roanoke led by double figures nearly the entire second half. The Marlins cut the edge to nine on a three-pointer in the final minute but that was as close as they came.

Roanoke's offense saw five scorers reach double figures, led by Jackson Bell with a team-high 16 points. Morgan finished with 14 and tied for a game-best with nine rebounds. Joshua Morse compiled 10 points and eight rebounds, Joshua McClary had 10 points and seven assists and Gavin O'Malley scored 10 points. Porter Stanley had nine rebounds off the bench for the Maroons.

The Maroons will play ODAC opponents for the rest of the regular season until February 22 when they host the non-conference Apprentice School for Senior Day.