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Salem Fire & EMS receives statewide governor's award

Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced the recipients of the 2024 Governor's Fire Service Awards last month, and Salem is one of the winners. These prestigious awards that were established in 2002, recognize excellence in Virginia's fire service in communities throughout the commonwealth. On May 11 of last year, Salem Fire & EMS collaborated with the Southwest Virginia Chapter of the American Red Cross for a smoke alarm installation event. This critical initiative focused on mobile home parks in the East Salem area and 97 new smoke detectors were installed in one day. A total of 72 homes and 177 individuals were assisted and positively impacted by this worthwhile fire safety awareness plan. "These award recipients embody excellence, dedication, and leadership in the fire service, and I am honored to recognize

their contributions to public safety across the commonwealth," said Youngkin. "In collaboration with Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Terry Cole, we celebrate and thank these recipients for their unwavering dedication and commitment to safeguarding our commonwealth."

-The Salem Times-Register



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Pictured from left to right are Fire Marshal Robert Paxton, Jordan Brown of the Red Cross and Deputy Fire Marshal Todd Bedwell.

Salem's queen bee goes back-to-back as spelling bee champion



PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF SALEM
Spelling Bee Coordinator Lauren Cundiff, from left, Carver's Beth Nielson, South Salem's Tyler Foster, Andrew Lewis Middle School Audrey Lee, Spelling Bee Caller Abbie Coleman from WSL, East's Davin Bain, West's Lyla Urbanek and Judge Leigh Leslie.

Andrew Lewis Middle School's Audrey Lee is again Salem's City Spelling Bee champion. The 8th grade student recently captured the title in the 6th round of competition when she correctly spelled the word "elevator". This is the second straight year that Lee has won the title in the 6th round. Last year, she also took home the regional title and made it all the way to the quarterfinal

round of the Scripps Howard National Bee in Washington, D.C. The competition on Feb. 25 featured Lee facing off against the top spellers from Salem's four elementary schools. Lee will now compete in the Regional Spelling Bee at Radford University on March 22. G.W. Carver's Beth Nielson finished a strong second in the runner-up spot. Congratulations to

each of this year's individual school champs for competing so well. Abbie Coleman from WSL served as the guest caller. Coleman is a product of the Salem School Division and a former member of the Salem High School State Champion Forensics program.

-The Salem Times-Register

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Salem Artist turns passion into business with custom hand-painted shoes



Hannah Butcher in her home studio.

Edmee CR Hasler
Contributing writer

For Hannah Butcher, art started as a passion in high school and has since transformed into a growing business. The Salem artist is the owner and CEO of All About You by Hannah B. Designs, specializing

in custom hand-painted shoes. "So I started doing art in high school. I was doing really good in my art class, and I absolutely loved it," Butcher said. "I did one painting that made it into an art show." That piece was later purchased by her school principal, a moment that fueled her artistic journey.

Her business idea came from a conversation with her mother. "She said, 'Why don't you paint on shoes? Because you love shoes and you love to paint,'" Butcher recalled. "At first, it was kids' shoes, and then I started doing adult shoes."

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PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER
Assistant Principal Kenya Motley, and counselors Christy Cundiff, Tricia Rucker, and Kayla Basham pose for a photo after Rucker was recognized for being a "Difference Maker" for Region 6.

Salem School Board recognizes contributions and approves key calendar changes

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Contributing writer

The Salem School Board met in February to discuss various agenda items, including recognizing outstanding contributions within the school system and approving modifications to the 2025 summer school and remediation calendar.

Recognizing Outstanding Service

February was School Board Appreciation Month, a time to acknowledge the dedicated service of school board members who work tirelessly to improve education in Salem. Superintendent Curtis Hicks emphasized their vital role in keeping the focus on student learning and success.

"A lot of times, people don't understand, but I think we're very fortunate in Salem that our City Council has the opportunity to appoint people with specific skills and relationships," Hicks stated. "As a result, we have an outstanding school board that prioritizes students and learning above individual agendas. That's why I appreciate working here in Salem."

In addition to the board members, the meeting also recognized Tricia Rucker and Susan Young for their exceptional service.

Tricia Rucker: Region 6 Difference Maker

During School Counseling Week, Tricia Rucker, a long-serving school counselor at Andrew Lewis Middle School, was named a

"Difference Maker" for Region 6. With over 20 years of dedication, Rucker has impacted countless students and families. "It has been an awesome 20-some years," Rucker said. "Of course, I could not do it as well as I do without support. I have a great staff at Andrew Lewis. This is truly a shock, but very exciting. I've never won an award in my life! This is so awesome!"

Susan Young: 2025 VSBA School Board Clerk Recognition

The Virginia School Board Association designated February 12-16 as VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week. Susan Young, the 2025 VSBA School Board Clerk, was recognized for her behind-the-scenes efforts in supporting the board, superintendents, and local schools.

Approval of the 2025 Summer School and Remediation Calendar

Another significant agenda item was the impact of snow days on the upcoming school year calendar. Superintendent Hicks explained the need for adjustments due to February's multiple closures and reviewed the state requirements for

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Briefly: Salem News In Brief

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.

2025 Juried Biennial Exhibition: Feb. 1 - March 16. Olin Hall Galleries. The Juried Biennial Exhibition at Olin Hall Galleries showcases the work of regional artists within a 200-mile radius of Roanoke College. Paintings, sculpture, graphic design, ceramics, textile, mixed media, video and photography are among the mediums considered for exhibition. Submissions were judged by juror James Salomon, director of design projects at Achille Salvagni Atelier in New York. Salomon’s decades of experience began with Mary Boone, followed by his own galleries in East Hampton and New York. He has curated numerous gallery and institutional exhibitions, as well as facilitated adventurous art projects, like Norma the Art Car by Kenny Scharf, which rolls around the Roanoke campus on occasion. The biennial exhibition has been organized every two years since 1990. It is on display at Olin Hall Galleries from 1 to 4 p.m. daily (closed during school breaks and holidays).

The David L. Guy Lecture Series with Daniel Di Martino: Monday, March 10, 2025, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Colket Center, Wortmann Ballroom. Born in Venezuela during the same year Hugo Chavez became president, Daniel Di Martino shares his personal story of how socialist policies transformed the once prosperous nation. The David L. Guy Lecture Series is presented by the Center for Economic Freedom and the Young America's Foundation.

“Hidden Gems”: Elevate your storytelling skills in "Hidden Gems," an immersive master class with Antonio Rocha. This workshop focuses on the art of transitions—the often-overlooked moments that seamlessly connect different parts of a narrative. Participants will explore voice, movement, and body language techniques to craft stories with polish, finesse, and emotional depth. Whether you're a family

historian, educator, performer, or public speaker, this workshop will help you shape compelling, unforgettable stories. Date & Time: Saturday, March 15, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Venue: Salem Museum and Historical Society, 801 E. Main Street, Salem. Tickets: \$45 – Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1236672062429?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Bishop Crumley Lecture Series with Dr. Brad Wilcox: Tuesday, March 18, 2023, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Colket Center, Wortmann Ballroom. When it comes to relationships, many young adults are confused, conflicted and unsure that they can forge a successful path toward the altar. This lecture by UVA Professor Brad Wilcox will help identify problems confronting young adults looking for lifelong love and then provide 10 steps that young men and women can take to increase their odds of finding lifelong love. The Bishop Crumley Lecture Series is organized by the Benne Center for Church & Society.

Emancipation Week Lecture: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Colket Center, Wortmann Ballroom. In a lecture entitled, “Male or Man?: American Slavery, Public Monuments, and the Containment of Black Manhood,” Dr. Charmaine A. Nelson will examine how Reconstruction Era sculptors marginalized and infantilized newly freed black men in their art. Nelson is the founding director of Slavery North, a research initiative focused on slavery in Canada and the U.S. North, and a provost professor of art history for the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Emancipation Week events are sponsored by the Center for Studying Structures of Race.

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.

Whiskey Myers: Whiskey Myers is set to stop in Salem for its “What We Were Born To Do Tour.” The tour stops at the Salem Civic Center on Sunday night, July 20. The genre-bending band

Whiskey Myers has played more than 2,500 live shows to ever-growing crowds since its emergence in 2007. In addition to headlining their own sold-out shows from coast to coast at iconic venues such as Red Rocks Amphitheatre and the Ryman Auditorium, plus performing at marquee festivals Bonnaroo, Stagecoach, the band members were also personally selected to open The Rolling Stones’ Chicago stadium show. Tickets start at \$41.50. They can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office or online at www.ticketmaster.com

Aaron Lewis and The Stateliners: Aaron Lewis and The Stateliners will be performing at the Salem Civic Center on July 24. The Vermont native first found success and notoriety with the band Staind that was formed in 1995. The group is still alive and kicking, but Lewis’ creativity stretches beyond the rock and metal genres. By embracing his roots and love of country music he has achieved incredible success on Music Row. He has two No. 1 Billboard Country Albums in “Town Line” from 2011 and “Sinner” in 2016. And perhaps he is best known for his platinum collaboration “Country Boy” with two of his with heroes - George Jones and Charlie Daniels. His 2021 single, “Am I The Only One” also hit number on the charts and in 2022, he had the top-selling country album in America with “Frayed At Both Ends.” Tickets start at \$35 and go up to \$129. Tickets can be purchased at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and online anytime at www.ticketmaster.com

Gavin Adcock: Fast-rising country music star Gavin Adcock is scheduled to make his first Salem Civic Center appearance on Friday, Aug. 29. Over the course of 12 months, Adcock’s album, “Actin’ Up Again,” was crowned the largest major-label country debut from a solo male artist released in 2024, and with more than 15 million on-demand U.S. streams week of release, Actin’ Up Again was also 2024’s top streaming major-label debut across the whole genre. Tickets start at \$38.50 and go up to \$79.50:

<https://www.ticketmaster.com/gavin-adcock-salem-virginia-08-29-2025/event/0100623E921043FA>

Alice Cooper: Electric chairs, guillotines, fake blood, and boa constrictors are on their way back to the Salem Civic Center. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Alice Cooper is bringing his Too Close for Comfort tour to Salem, Aug. 19. Cooper’s legendary shows draw equally from horror movies, vaudeville, and garage rock, and his performances are designed to heighten all of your senses. Cooper last played at the Salem Civic Center in 2017, but his first appearance at the historic venue dates all the way back to January 28, 1972, when the building was still named the Salem-Roanoke County Civic Center. Tickets are available at the Salem Civic Center Box Office Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or online at Ticketmaster.com.

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 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 School Board will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

The Salem Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m.

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

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

The Salem City School Board will meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 7 p.m.

SALEM MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT



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Salem Rescue Squad 1990 Award for Outstanding EMS Agency

This month celebrate the award winning Salem Rescue Squad at the Salem Museum!

The Rescue Squad received this award in 1990 for “Outstanding EMS Agency.” The Rescue Squad has been saving lives and tending to emergencies since their founding in 1932. They are regularly reward for their dedicated service and you can see some of their many trophies on display now at the Salem Museum.

This 1990 award is on display during Hands-On History Saturdays in March. Visit anytime to see more trophies and learn more in “Service Through Knowledge: The History of the Salem

Rescue Squad,” on display in the feature gallery.

The Museum will also host two events dedicated to the Rescue Squad this month. For their monthly lecture series, the Museum will highlight the Squad’s history on Thursday, March 13 at 7pm. Members of the Rescue Squad will be at the Museum on March 29 from 10-4 to display equipment and discuss their memories of service. All events and exhibits are free and open to the public.

The Salem Museum is located at 801 East Main Street and open Tuesday to Saturday 10-4.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of February 18, 2025 – February 24, 2025

2/18/2025	Lazarus J. Powell	21	Public Intoxication
2/19/2025	Brian T. Murtagh	58	Damage Property
2/20/2025	Michael R. Jones	29	Petit Larceny, Trespassing, Fail to Appear
2/21/2025	Jonathon M. Collins	30	Fail to Appear
2/22/2025	Loran W. Letourneau Jr.	44	Contempt of Court
2/22/2025	Megan D. Coles	32	DUI
2/22/2025	Zachary S. Barr	24	Carrying Concealed Weapon
2/24/2025	Jaezha A. Robertson	24	DUI

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of February 18, 2025 – February 24, 2025

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
2/19/2025	100 BLK Sheraton Dr	Malicious Wounding
2/20/2025	1000 BLK Electric Rd	Grand Larceny

Correction

The new registrar in Salem’s name was incorrectly published as Ben Lee in the Feb. 27 issue. His name is Ben Leeson. The paper regrets the mistake.

-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 rough surface throughout the

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

This weekend we lose an hour as daylight saving time begins again. Yes, it's a pain changing the clocks and getting used to the time change but I remember when the United States tried to stay on daylight saving time all year long. In the early 1970s the United States was facing an energy crisis so Congress passed a law on December 14, 1973, to make Daylight Saving Time permanent year-round, but just for two years as an experiment. President Nixon signed the bill the next day. They thought more sunlight in the evening would save energy. But America hated going to school and work in the dark, especially in the winter time. It also didn't reduce energy consumption. While 79 percent of Americans approved of the change in December 1973, approval dropped to 42 percent by March 1974 according to History.com. By August, as the Watergate scandal caused the Nixon administration to crumble, the experiment came to an end. Just seven days after Nixon resigned the full Congress passed a bill that would restore standard time on October 27, 1973. President Ford signed it on October 5.

I was in the 3rd grade in Michigan when this happened. Since 1967, Michigan was on year-round Standard Time. In 1972, they voted to start

daylight saving time and put most of the state into the Eastern Time Zone instead of the Central Time Zone. Daylight saving time in a Michigan winter, mixed with daylong grey skies and cold temperatures made going to school in the dark for a little extra daylight at the end of the day senseless. We wanted extra sunlight at night in the spring and summer when you can be outside and enjoy it. Of course, Michigan had year-round school then too so I went to school 45 days and then was off 15 all year long. Glad we moved in the fall of 1974 to California.

This year as we move the clocks forward and lose an hour in the morning, here's a recipe for breakfast that may help you get over the first few weeks of DST.

Cookies for breakfast (You're welcome!). As children, most of us asked at some point to have cookies for breakfast only to be denied by our parents. We needed to eat a balanced breakfast, which generally included cereal, milk and fruit. As teens, most of us had cookies for breakfast when our parents weren't looking. As an adult, I have been known to have cookies with my coffee in the morning. These breakfast cookies provide a handheld satisfying filling meal that you can



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round out with fresh fruit for a great start to your day no matter how old you are. Pack them into individual bags and grab one on the way out the door in the morning.

Jumbo Breakfast Cookies

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- ½ cup water
- 2 tablespoons vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 1/12 cups rolled oats
- 1 1/2 cup raisins
- 6 cups toasted oat cereal rings (like Cheerios®)

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375°. In a very

large bowl, mix together the sugar, peanut butter, butter, water, vanilla, and eggs until smooth. Combine the flour, baking soda, and salt; stir into the batter. Mix in the oats and raisins, then carefully stir in the cereal. Drop ½ cupful of dough onto ungreased cookie sheets, spacing cookies about 4 inches apart. Flatten cookies to 1 inch thick. Bake for 12 minutes in the preheated oven, until cookies are lightly browned at the edges. Let stand on the cookie sheet for 5 minutes before removing to wire rack to cool completely. Store at room temperature.

You can substitute chocolate chips or dried cranberries for the raisins or any combination of the three for a twist. Try substituting Rice Krispies for the Cheerios.

P.S. I never claimed they were healthy.

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Audrey Lee reacts after correctly spelling “elevator” to win the City Spelling Bee

School

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instructional hours. When school was out due to weather during the second week of February, Hicks and his team immediately began reviewing instructional minutes. They found about 10.3 instructional days more than required, allowing them to adjust the calendar while remaining compliant with Virginia's 990-hour instruction requirement. The board approved two key adjustments:

1. Adding five additional excess time days to accommodate for missed instructional days without requiring makeup days over spring break.
2. Converting the March 21 early dismissal into a full school day, maximizing instructional value while maintaining flexibility for future closures.

These changes aim to enhance calendar stability and ensure families can plan for spring break without concerns over make-up days. Hicks noted that attendance and staff availability would likely suffer if spring break was used to compensate for lost time.

“We know that attendance would take a hit if we used spring break for make-up days,” Hicks explained. “Staff also make plans, and we already struggle with substitute shortages. This change preserves instructional value while keeping our calendar flexible.”

The board also discussed long-term calendar adjustments to proactively incorporate excess time days into

future academic years. Chair Andy Raines supported the move, emphasizing the importance of flexibility.

“Why not take all ten of those days and build them in from the start?” Raines asked. “This change gives us ultimate flexibility without requiring additional board approval for adjustments in the future.”

The motion to approve the changes passed unanimously, and the revised calendar will be updated and communicated to families.

Other Key Updates

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Recognition: February is also Career

and Technical Education Month. CTE teacher Sean McNeil highlighted the success of SkillsUSA competitions, noting that approximately 20-22 students are expected to advance to the state level.

- Job Description Updates: The board reviewed and approved updates for various job descriptions, including teachers, special education, gifted resource, library media specialists, and system administrators, ensuring they reflect current responsibilities and licensure requirements.

Following the discussion, the board moved into a closed session to review personnel matters.

Shoes

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PHOTO BY EDMEE CR HASLER

Pictured is a Roanoke College design she made.

And I kept going and practicing.”

Launched around 2021, Butcher's website byannahbdesigns.com and her Facebook page allow customers to place orders. Each pair is uniquely designed, with clients getting a preview of their options before Butcher brings them to life.

“I make two sketches digitally on my computer, so they can pick one or the other,” she explained. “And if they don't like them, I can just make a new one. If they want a certain thing on one side of the shoe, I can adjust the design.”

Her artistic inspiration often comes from nature and fantasy. “I love mermaids. I love nature scenes. So anything with nature, I like. But I like mystical things,” she said.

In addition to hand-painting, Butcher incorporates airbrushing into her designs. “It just saves me a lot of time when I airbrush it,” she noted.

Pricing varies based on the cost of the shoe, a customization fee, and shipping, with most designs ranging around \$100 to \$150.

While her business continues to grow, Butcher is also planning for her future. “Right now, I'm hoping to get into an OTA program at Virginia Western,” Butcher said.

Her work has gained recognition beyond individual orders. “I got permission to do Roanoke College shoes,” she said. “That was a big thing. They're even in the Roanoke College campus store.”

With talent running in the family -both her parents are artistic- Butcher continues to refine her craft. “It's All About You by Hannah B. Designs,” she said, emphasizing the personal touch that makes each pair of shoes special.

For those interested in a unique, hand-painted design, Butcher's work is just a click away.

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OPINION

Lots happening at library this month

March upcoming events for kids
Tuesday, March 11, 3:30pm; Grades K-1. Elephant & Piggie Book Club: Join us for an Elephant & Piggie book discussion and craft! Register at salemva.libcal.com

Wednesdays, March 12 & 19; 3:15pm; Grades 1-5; Barks & Books: Read with a therapy dog. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27; 10:15am: Book Babies: Special storytime designed especially for infants and crawlers. Register at salemva.libcal.com

11:00am, Story Explorers: Children aged 0-5. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Tuesday, March 18, 3:30pm; Grades 2-3. Book Buzz Book Club; Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express by Megan McDonald. Register at salemva.libcal.com

Saturday, March 22, 11am ; Grades 1-3. Library Buffet Storytime; We'll

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

read a food themed book and make a recipe! Register at salemva.libcal.com

March 24-28 (Springbreak): Space Alien Drop In Craft! Drop in and create your favorite alien in the Children's Department while supplies last!

March upcoming events for T(eens)

Friday, March 14, 3:30pm. Middle School Graphic Novel Club: Wingbearer by Marjorie Liu. Register at salemva.libcal.com

March upcoming events for adults

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30pm. True Crime Book Club: The Jan Broberg Story by Jan Broberg.

Wednesday, March 12, 2:00pm

Virtual Speaker Event-Dan Heath, Power of Reset and how to Change What's Not Working. He's the coauthor of the #1 New York Times Bestselling Book, Made to Stick, Switch, and The Power of Moments. Get access to the online event by registering at www.salemlibrary.info on the calendar of events listing. Virtual events are brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium.

Thursday, March 13, 2pm, Adults +18; Giggles & Grins: Come for fun and laughs! Giggles & Grins is an interactive, humorous program with jokes, funny stories, video clips and a short comedy play. Remember to bring your favorite joke. A prize will be awarded to the funniest one by popular vote.

Thursday, March 13, 6pm. Silent Book Club: Bring whatever book you are reading and hang out with book-minded folks.

FRIENDS OF SALEM
LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Friday, March 7
(Friends Members Only Sale 9am-Noon)
12pm-4:00pm

Saturday, March 8
9am-4pm

Sunday, March 9
1pm-4pm (Bag Day!)

Thousands of items for sale for all ages: books (fiction, nonfiction, youth, and large print), DVDs, audiobooks, music CDs, and much more.

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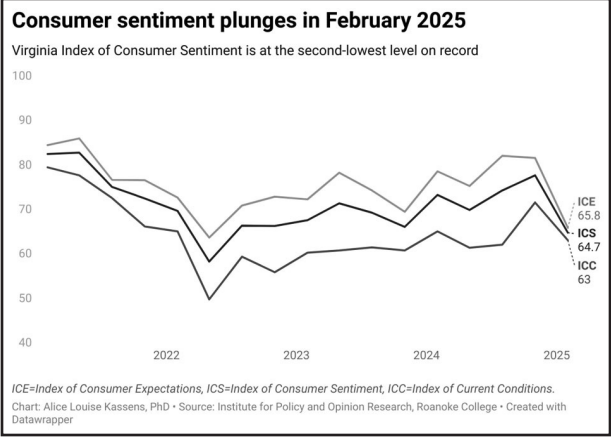
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Virginia Consumer Sentiment and Inflation Expectations Report released

Roanoke College Poll

Consumer sentiment plunges, inflation concerns elevated

Consumer sentiment plunged almost 13 points, down to 64.7, to start 2025, the second-lowest reading in series history. The drop is driven by uncertainty and renewed inflationary concerns. The labor market remains strong, as does consumer spending. However, if consumer



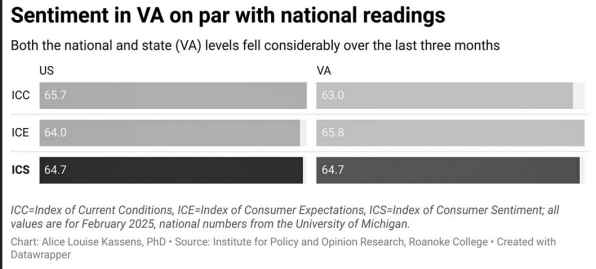
sentiment continues to flag, it could manifest in reduced spending and a shrinking economy.

Almost a quarter of respondents (23%) report their household finances are better today than a year ago. At the same time, 38% believe now is a good time to buy large, durable goods like refrigerators. The Virginia Index of Current Conditions (ICC) is 63.0 in the first reading of 2025, down 8.5 points since the fourth quarter of 2024 and slightly below the national reading. Although the labor market remains strong, uncertainty is rising, particularly surrounding inflation. Nationally, wage growth (4.1%) continues to outpace inflation (3.0%), giving workers more purchasing power. However, U.S. consumers report concern regarding the impact of tariffs on the prices of goods they typically purchase.

Thirty-four percent of Virginians believe their household finances will improve over the coming year while an equal number (34%) anticipate growing challenges. Thirty-eight percent think the coming few years will include strong economic growth. The Virginia Index of Consumer Expectations (ICE) was 65.8 in the first quarter of 2025, down almost 16 points from the last quarter. Comparatively, the national Index of Consumer Expectations was 64.0 in February. Renewed inflation fears are behind the considerable drop in expectations about the coming years.

Nationally, inflation is 3.0%, as measured by the Consumer Price Index. However, price expectations about the short term (next 12 months) and long term (next 5-10 years) have ticked up since the last quarter, suggesting consumers are apprehensive about policy inflationary effects. This comes after months of easing inflationary fears in the commonwealth. These concerns can have a chilling effect on the economy as consumers and businesses experience difficulty in financial planning.

Analysis
"Consumer sentiment crashed to kick off 2025, dropping to the second-lowest level in series history and the lowest since May 2022, which was during the peak of the post-pandemic inflation," said Dr. Alice Louise



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Kassens, Roanoke College's John S. Shannon Professor of Economics and senior analyst at the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research.

"Consumers continue to spend, which is crucial to economic growth," Kassens said. "Wage growth currently outpaces inflation, encouraging purchasing. Household spending makes up close to 70% of all economic activity, so strong consumer demand is paramount for a strong economy. If consumers cut back because of actual or expected inflationary pressures, the economy will contract and potentially move into a recession."

"Virginia's short- and long-term price expectations jumped in the first quarter of 2025, largely due to uncertainty about tariffs and their resulting inflationary effects. As goes the consumer, so goes the economy. If lagging consumer sentiment persists and manifests in reductions in consumer spending, we could be facing a challenging 2025."

Methodology
Interviewing for the Roanoke College Poll was conducted by the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, between Feb. 17 and Feb. 20, 2025. A total of 723 completed interviews came from random telephone calls and texts to 389 Virginians, and 334 responses were drawn from a proprietary online panel of Virginians. Interviews were conducted in English. Cellphones constituted 39% of the completed phone and text-to-web interviews.

-Conducted by the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College

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7. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
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14. Longest division of geological time
15. __ Alto, California city
16. Small terrestrial viper
17. Coming after all others
18. Penetrate with a sharp fork
20. Still-hunt
22. Chinese frying pan
23. Cave-dwelling salamander
24. Any thick messy substance
26. About the moon
29. AKA Tao
30. Jet cabin requirement
35. Prince Hirobumi, 1841-1909
36. An easy return in a high arc
37. Italian commune
38. L. Comfort's illuminator
44. Foot digit
45. Minute tunicate genus
46. Green regions of desert
48. Direct a weapon
49. __ de Janeiro
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64. Political action committee
65. Winged goddess of the dawn
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CLUES DOWN

1. Electronic data processing
2. Man or boy (Br.)
3. W. African nation
4. Fault's incline from vertical
5. Method of birth control
6. City founded by Xenophanes
7. Legumes
8. Beckham's spice girl
9. Explosive
11. 1936 Nobel winner Otto
12. Greenbay teammate
13. Brass that looks like gold
14. School graduates
19. Lively, merry play
21. Make indistinct
24. Egyptian mythological figure associated with floods
25. Washing sponge
27. Old name for nitrogen
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29. Radiotelegraphic signal
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32. Sun in spanish
33. Helps little firms
34. Cease living
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41. To wit
42. Mire
43. Bring two objects together
47. Filths
50. Israeli dance
51. Oil cartel
52. A particular instance of selling
53. Microelectromechanical system
54. Var. of 45 across
55. Goat & camel hair fabrics
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60. Seaport (abbr.)

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TRINKLE MADE FINE RECORD AS GOVERNOR

One of State's Outstanding Citizens - Administration Noted for Business Efficiency

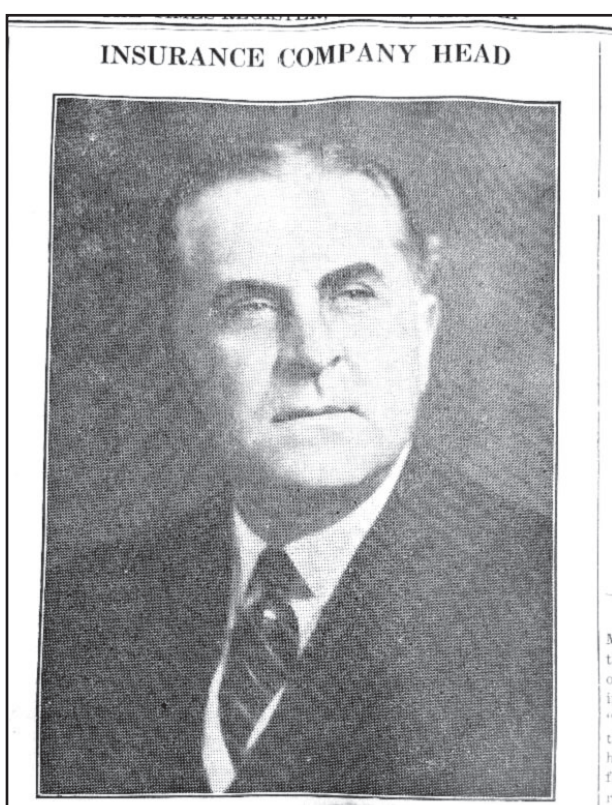
From the 1938 centennial edition of The Times-Register

One of Roanoke's outstanding citizens is former Governor E. Lee Trinkle who made an enviable record while governor and who has taken a most conspicuous part in many worth while movements as a citizen of this county. As president of the Shenandoah Life Insurance company he has been eminently successful. When he was a candidate for governor his slogan was "A business administration by a business man" and he has demonstrated his business ability as the chief executive of this State and as the head of that well known life insurance firm. Few men can boast of such a record of achievement both in public service and private enterprise.

As Governor

As governor of the state of Virginia Mr. Trinkle achieved much as his four years in the gubernatorial chair were crammed with action although some of this work was not completed when he left the governor's mansion.

During the first part of this term revenues fell off sharply and he was forced to bring into play the most efficient business methods to keep the deficit from swelling. He was instrumental in having a commission



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study the simplification of government in Virginia and much work was done along this line although he went out of office before the results of this intensive study could be put into effect.

He realized that a system of good roads was necessary in this modern era and as little had been done about such a program before he took

office it was apparent that something had to be done. His proposal for a gasoline tax met with opposition at first as few States at that time had such a tax. The general assembly at first turned down this proposal but at a special session such legislation was enacted. That the legislation was sound and that he was looking ahead is shown

by the fact that later ever state in the union has adopted a gasoline tax.

A Fine Record

One thing that he feels justly proud of is that he was the pioneer among governors in the union to cause the enactment of legislation which provides for sterilization. He took a determined stand on this question when it was not as popular as it is today when several States have similar laws which provide for sterilization among certain classes in hospitals.

Other outstanding pieces of work in his administration were the increase in power for the purchasing department, improvement of the budget system. The development of a greater educational system and betterment of the prison system.

Mr. Trinkle was born and reared in Wytheville of Virginia ancestry dating back many generations. He was an honor student while attending Hampden-Sydney college and the University of Virginia law school.

- Prepared by Lingjie Gu

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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 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 7 p.m. and 10 a.m., and for the northbound lanes between 6 p.m. through 9 a.m. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. Estimated completion is summer 2025.

Deck work postponed due to cold weather. This may resume in March. 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.

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Roanoke County offering lifeguard training program

Roanoke County— Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism and Roanoke County Public Schools are pleased to announce a collaborative effort to introduce an innovative lifeguard training program tailored for high school students. The 8-week course aims to provide students with the essential skills and knowledge necessary to become proficient lifeguards.

The course integrates virtual coursework, classroom, and in-water sessions to offer participants a comprehensive learning experience. By leveraging technology and embracing innovative teaching methods, the program ensures students receive thorough instruction in water safety, rescue techniques, lifeguarding responsibilities, and CPR and first aid procedures. Students will not only receive high-quality training but will also have the opportunity to earn an Ellis & Associates Lifeguard License upon successful completion of the course.

Moreover, the lifeguard certification and course serve as a pathway to employment, offering students ages 15 and over their first-time job opportunities. Lifeguarding not only provides valuable job experience but also instills responsibility and leadership skills that can benefit students in their future endeavors.

"We are excited to partner with Roanoke County Public Schools to

offer this innovative lifeguard training program," said Maggie Mace, Assistant Director of Recreation for Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism. "By combining our expertise in recreation and education, we are able to provide students with a unique opportunity to gain valuable skills and a pathway to employment."

The collaboration between Roanoke County High School and Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism underscores their shared commitment to the well-being of Roanoke County residents. Through this partnership, students will not only receive high-quality training but have the opportunity to earn Ellis & Associates Lifeguard License eligibility upon successful completion of the course.

The Roanoke County High School Lifeguard course represents significant collaboration between education and recreation, which further enhances the opportunities available to students in Roanoke County. Together, Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism and Roanoke County Public Schools are shaping the future of lifeguarding in our community.

For more information, please contact Alex North or Joe LeGault (contact information in attached News Release). To enroll in the program, please go to <https://forms.office.com/r/P06yWf9wch> or visit www.rcps.us.

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SALE,

of all that certain lot, tract or parcel designated as Lot Three (3) containing 29.204 acres in the Simmonsville Magisterial District of Craig County, Virginia, designated as Tax Map Number 115-A-17C (previously incorrectly designated as Tax Map Number 114-A-17), in execution of a Deed of Trust, in the original principal amount of \$72,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 6.0% dated November 3, 2015, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF CRAIG as Deed Instrument Number 150000517, the undersigned appointed Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the COUNTY OF CRAIG, at the front of the Court House building for the County of Craig located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127, on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., the property with improvements to wit: 2288 Northside Road, Newport, VA 24128, containing approximately 29.204 Acres - Tax Map Number 115-A-17C; THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. TERMS OF SALE: CASH OR CHECK. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Trustee, John N. Spicer, C/O Spicer, Olin & Associates, P.C., 504 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060 (540) 552-0007.

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NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
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MONTGOMERY
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PLANNING
COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on March 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following Ordinance: A request by Fotheringay, LLC (Agent: Balzer and Associates) for an amendment to the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan to change the policy map designation of approximately 633.72 acres of property, located off Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road) between Crozier Road and Graham Street, from Resource Stewardship to Village Expansion. The request would further designate 307.72 acres of the total 633.72 acres in Village Expansion as Open Space, with the remaining 326 acres designated as Medium-Density Residential, within the Elliston Lafayette Village. The Medium-Density Residential policy designation permits single-family housing at a density of no greater than five dwelling units per acre. The property is further identified as Tax Map Numbers 072-A 2, 54.343 acres (Parcel ID: 023523); 072-1 56, 37.824 acres (Parcel ID: 013681); 059-3 58, 15.3 acres (Parcel ID: 013682); 059-3 57.59, 60.7 acres (Parcel ID: 013683); 072-1 60.73(1)6, 304.4 acres (Parcel ID: 013684) 072-A 4A, 0.04 acres (Parcel ID: 180205) and a 162.15 acre portion of Tax Map 072-A-4, 188.1 acres, (Parcel ID:013680). Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplication> ns.

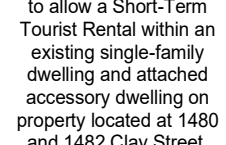
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A request by Carriage Road, LLC to rezone 1.571 total acres from Agricultural (A1) to Traditional Neighborhood Development Infill (TND-I), to allow a mixed-use development. The proposed mixed-use development will mainly consist of a community center, coffee shop, and soccer practice facility. The property is located at 1708 & 1714 Carriage Road, Riner, at the intersection of Carriage Road (State Route 704) and Five Points Road (State Route 671). The property is further identified as Tax Maps 119-A A 8, 9 (Parcel IDs: 070635, 070611), 1.571 acres, zoned A-1 Agricultural in the Riner Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Village Expansion in the 2025 Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, and is further designated as Mixed Use in the Prices Fork Village Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplication> ns.

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CczC-3101
VIRGINIA: IN THE
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OF MONTGOMERY
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IN RE: ESTATE OF
JAMES P.
WIGHTMAN,
DECEASED
SHOW CAUSE
AGAINST
DISTRIBUTION
ORDER

It appearing that a report of the accounts of National Bank of Blacksburg, Executor of the Estate of James P. Wightman, Deceased, and of the debts and demands against his Estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office, and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on Petition of National Bank of Blacksburg, Executor, it is **ORDERED** that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate to show cause, if any they can, on the 19th day of March, 2025, before this Court at 8:30 a.m., against the payment and delivery of the Estate of James P. Wightman, Deceased, to the distributees with or without requiring refunding bonds as the Court prescribes. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the foregoing portion of this Order be published in The News Messenger, a newspaper published in Montgomery County, Virginia, once a week for two successive weeks. **ENTER** this Order this 19th day of February, 2025. Honorable Robert M.D. Turk JUDGE

I ask for this:
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VSB #72564
Counsel for National Bank of Blacksburg, Executor of the Estate of James P. Wightman, deceased

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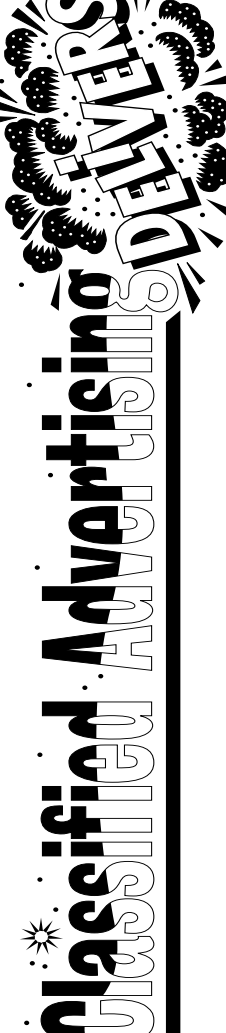
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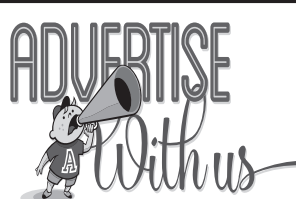
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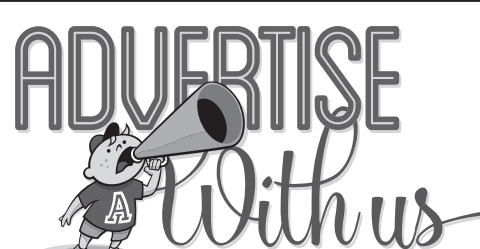
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Lynchburg men, W&L women win ODAC indoor track at RC

The University of Lynchburg men and the Washington & Lee women won Old Dominion Athletic Conference team titles when Roanoke College hosted the conference indoor track meet Saturday and Sunday. Both RC teams finished fourth in the team standings at the Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse.

Among the highlights for the RC men was an ODAC championship by Brady Fowler in the 200m, while Amari Carter and Dominic McCombs also secured all-conference recognition. Fowler secured his second straight ODAC indoor title in the 200m, setting a meet record with a time of 21.95 seconds. That mark, which set a flat track personal record for Fowler and gave him his 10th overall conference gold medal, moves him up to 18th in the NCAA. Drew Bitzer also scored for the Maroons in the 200 with a fifth-place finish at 22.35.

McCombs notched an All-ODAC performance in the pole vault, placing third overall at 4.16m. In the 60m, Carter recorded a personal-record time of 6.86 seconds to come in third, collecting all-conference honors and moving up to second in school history in the process. Bitzer finished fifth in 6.94 seconds, and he now ranks third in the program record book in the 60 and fourth in the 200.

Daniel Graham was the fourth-place finisher in the 60m hurdles, logging a time of 8.62 seconds in the finals. That mark ranks fourth in Roanoke annals. The Maroons also placed fourth in the 4x400 relay, where Bitzer, Salem High grad Bryson Hill, Lorenzo Camobreco and Brandon Heffinger clocked in at 3:24.53, good for the second-fastest time in school history.

Roanoke placed fourth overall on the team leaderboard with 69 points, tying for the best finish since 2010. Lynchburg handily won the team championship with 213 points, finishing 112 points clear of second-place Washington and Lee (91 points). Bridgewater came in third with 78 markers.

The RC women crossed the tape first in the 4x400 relay and collected a total of five All-ODAC honors.

Dickinson gives RC lacrosse men first loss; Maroons home Saturday

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team went down to defeat for the first time this season when the Maroons dropped a 14-6 decision to Dickinson College Saturday at Salem's Kerr Stadium.

Dickinson, ranked No. 14 by USILA this week, took an early 7-0 lead before RC's Wyatt Whitlow scored at 6:44 of the second period. Blake Rieger followed 32 seconds later with a man-up goal to cut the Red Devil lead to 7-2 but Dickinson scored the next two goals to go ahead 9-2 at halftime.

The Red Devils pushed the lead to 11-2 in the third quarter before Whitlow posted his second goal of the game. Luke Kammerman scored from Whitlow with 5:47 left in the contest and Luca Docking and Patrick Cullen scored in the closing minutes.

The loss dropped RC to 4-1 on the season. Roanoke was scheduled to play Grove City College in Jacksonville, FL Wednesday before returning home to host Christopher Newport this Saturday in Salem. Game time is 2 pm at Kerr Stadium.



PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Roanoke College shortstop Kyle Moshier makes the tag on a Denison runner just in time to get the out stealing in Saturday's action at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

Denison takes two of three from RC baseball

The Roanoke College baseball team is 6-5 after going 1-2 in a weekend series with Denison University in Salem last weekend. The Maroons split a doubleheader on Saturday then lost the getaway game on Sunday at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

Saturday's two games were slug-fests. Denison won the opener, 11-10, highlighted by an eight run sixth inning. Parker Stallard had two hits and four runs batted in for Salem and Liam Murphy had a home run.

The Maroons rallied to win the nightcap, 11-10, as Denison lost for the first time this season. The Big Red outscored Roanoke 7-1 until the bottom of the sixth when the Maroons plated three runs. After Denison added two more in the top of the seventh Roanoke tied it up at 10-10 in the

eighth. Stallard then finished the job in the bottom of the tenth with an RBI single to drive in Lord Botetourt grad Nate Prince.

Trevor Orth earned his second win of the campaign after striking out one in a scoreless top of the tenth. Stallard led yet again in RBIs with three. Kyle Moshier, Corey Coogan, and Ryder Swanson also tallied multi-RBI games.

On Sunday it was all Denison as the visitors took a 10-0 shutout win. Roanoke avoided a no-hitter when Moshier singled.

This week the Maroons open a four-game spring break road trip. They're at Christopher Newport Wednesday then play two at Bridgewater Saturday. Next Tuesday they go to Misenheimer, NC for a single game with Pfeiffer University.

Mendoza is ODAC Defensive P-of-W in volleyball

Junior Colin Mendoza of the Roanoke College men's volleyball squad earned ODAC Defensive Player of the Week accolades as announced by the conference on Monday evening.

Mendoza takes home the honor after recording 21 total blocks in a 3-0 week for Roanoke. The Midlothian, Virginia product put together a program record breaking 10 block assists and 11 total blocks in a 3-0 win over Eastern Mennonite. Mendoza then followed that performance with a seven-block outing against another ODAC foe, Virginia Wesleyan, over the weekend. Additionally, the middle hitter racked up 21 kills, a .400 hitting percentage, and seven digs in the week in the 3-0 win over the Marlins.

The Maroons are now 13-7 overall and will host St. Andrews University at 5 pm this Friday at the Cregger Center in Salem.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Brady Fowler of Roanoke College(left) steams around the corner and down the stretch on his way to winning the ODAC 200 meters in meet record time at the Cregger Fieldhouse Sunday. Drew Bitzer of RC, right, finished fifth.

Mae Kaufman, Ophelia Ladner, Maryrose Molina-Shuman and Lindsey Hobin joined forces to win the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:00.89, ranking fifth in program history. All four members of the relay also scored in the individual 400m, with Hobin securing All-ODAC honors by placing second overall in a personal-record time of 59.19 seconds, good for seventh in Roanoke annals. Molina-Shuman (1:00.35) finished fourth, followed by Ladner (1:00.74) in seventh and Kaufman (1:01.00) in eighth.

Hobin also recorded a runner-up showing and an all-conference designation in the 200m, clocking in at 26.03 seconds -- the sixth-fastest time in the school record book. Nalonda Henderson set a personal record and garnered All-ODAC laurels in the 60m, finishing as the runner-up with a time of

7.86 seconds, which ranks third all-time at Roanoke. Hinckley placed seventh at 8.06.

Roanoke also got four scoring performances in the 60m hurdles. Rebecca Carr snagged an all-conference honor by placing third in 9.01 seconds, followed by Olivia Viers (9.07) in fourth place, Cammi Winston (9.35) in sixth and McKenna Riolo (9.50) in seventh. Winston's run ranks eighth all-time in the school record book, with Carr and Viers already holding spots in the top 10.

The Maroons tallied 76 team points. Washington and Lee won the team title with 195.75 points, followed by Bridgewater (128 points) in second and Lynchburg (116) in third.

The Maroons will take part in Shenandoah's Final Qualifier event this weekend.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Patrick Cullen of Roanoke College (#45) takes a shot against Dickinson Saturday.

Women's lax downs St. Mary's

The Roanoke College women's lacrosse team will play two games in Memphis, TN this week as they hit the road for spring break. The Maroons will play Mary Washington today at 11 am and Rhodes College on Saturday at 10 am.

The Maroons are 2-0 and have yet to play a home game. Last Saturday in St. Mary's City, MD they took an 18-9 win over St. Mary's College at Jamie L. Roberts Stadium

It was a low scoring first quarter that saw St. Mary's tally the first two goals. Roanoke responded with three goals in the last two and a half minutes of play in the period. RC then went on a five-goal run to go up 8-2 and never trailed thereafter.

Raegan Becker led in goals with her career high five in the game. Zoe Blair and Grace Koutouzis were right behind Becker with four tallies each. Blair, a Salem High grad, went a perfect 4-for-4 in shots on the day and also had three assists.

The Maroons don't have a home game until March 15 when they host Averett University.

Maroon softball sweeps Mary W.

The Roanoke College softball team had their home opener on Tuesday and swept two games from Mary Washington at the Moyer Complex.

In Tuesday's opener RC broke open a 4-1 game with five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. The big blow was a bases loaded triple by Carsyn Michaels that cleared the bases. Michaels was two-for-three with four runs batted in. Lindsay Gedro

picked up the win with a complete game, allowing five hits and fanning four to improve her record to 2-1.

In the nightcap the Maroons won 8-3 as Maggie McCray had a career high 15 strikeouts in the circle. Roanoke had a 4-3 lead after five and a half innings but Brooklyn Gunter singled home a run, Haleigh Vaughan had a two run run double and Cassidy Lancos had a bunt sin-

gle RBI to polish off a four run inning for some insurance for McCray.

The Maroons are now 4-4 on the season. Last weekend in Maryville, TN they went 1-3, splitting with host Maryville College but dropping two to Rhodes College.

Roanoke is back at the newly renovated James I. Moyer Complex this Saturday to host Southern Virginia University for two games beginning at 1 pm.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

A homer at the "Hokie"

Villanova players greet Ava Franz(#10) at the plate after her home run against Penn State in the "Hokie Invite" softball invitational at the Moyer Complex last weekend. Tech hosted the three day tournament and went 4-1, splitting with Villanova and defeating Radford, James Madison and Penn State.

Salem's Goens named Parks & Rec. Director for City of Radford

Salem High grad Charlie Goens is coming back home to southwest Virginia. He'll start his new job as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Radford on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, and he feels like he's found his pot of gold at the end of the rainbow in Radford.

"I'm extremely excited to be back home in Southwest Virginia," said Goens. "I want to thank Radford City Manager Craig Meadows and City Council for this opportunity to serve the City of Radford."

Charlie is well known in Salem. A city native, his kids play sports at Salem schools and Charlie has served as a baseball coach at Salem High and a coach and official for recreation sports in Salem.

"I have so many people to thank, especially former director of Salem Parks and Recreation Charlie Hammersley, Roanoke County Assistant Administrator Doug Blount and City of Tucker Parks and Recreation Director Rip Robertson, to just mention a few for their guidance and mentorship to help me advance my career," said Goens. "I'm looking forward to getting started."

Charlie is replacing former Radford Parks and Recreation Director Greg Holbrook, who retired. Goens most recent position has been in Georgia where he'll be leaving the position of Parks and Recreation Operations and Facility Division Manager

for the City of Tucker. Prior to joining the City of Tucker Goens served from 2017 to 2023 as the Athletic Supervisor/Parks Maintenance Supervisor for Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

In addition to assisting with the Salem High baseball team Charlie served as a college baseball coach with several universities, including the University of Richmond, and has worked as Facility Operations Manager/Heads Groundskeeper throughout minor and major league baseball, including for the Staten Island Yankees, a Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees.

"My passion for recreation, athletics, and creating vibrant accessible spaces aligns perfectly with Radford's dedication to enhancing quality of life through dynamic programs, athletics and facilities," said Goens. "I look forward to bringing my energy and commitment as a servant to this community, to create spaces that inspire healthy, active lifestyles while fostering a sense of belonging and connection for all who call this special city home."

Goens has a bachelor's degree in Recreation-Sports Management from Newberry College and received his Master's degree in Recreation-Administration from Western Kentucky University. He is a Certified Parks and Recreational Professional through the National Recreation and Park Association.

"The city received a number of excellent applica-



CHARLIE GOENS

tions for this position," said Meadows. "After interviews and discussion, Charlie's passion for recreation and his strong experience in both athletics and facilities stood out to us, making him the best choice to be the city's next Director of Parks and Recreation."



PHOTO COURTESY SALEM SWIM TEAM

Salem boys competing in the state meet were, left to right, Andis Hamden, Starke Griffith, Carter Biscotte, Jack Lawrence and Riley Handy.

GHS boys are state swim champs

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The girls relay team was up next with Sophie Nicely, Macy McMahon, Izzy Lavoie and Hannah Street pacing the Highlanders to an 11th place finish.

The boys 200 freestyle was next and the Highlanders were well represented with three swimmers in the finals. Freshman Aspen Thompson placed third with a new school record, big brother Avery was seventh and Cooper Ermel placed 15th.

The third event of the day was the 200 individual medley. Cairns, a junior, turned on the jets in the final 100 yards, pulling away from the field and winning the first individual state title of the day by nearly seven seconds. Sophomore Macy McMahon also dropped five seconds from her morning swim and placed sixth for the girls.

Next, senior Wilkes touched the wall just six one-hundredths of a second (.06) out of first place in the 50 Free, taking runner-up honors. At the first awards break, the Highlander boys led second place Nandua High School 119-70.

Senior Alec McIlwain swam to a ninth place finish in the boys 100 freestyle, notching another nine points, then came the grueling 500 freestyle, which

is 20 lengths of the pool. Glenvar had three entries in the event and Wilkes touched the wall first for the third consecutive year in a dominate time, more than 21 seconds ahead of second place while setting a new school record.

The always exciting 200 freestyle relay came next and once again the Highlander boys didn't disappoint. The foursome of Aspen Thompson, Cairns, McIlwain and Wilkes narrowly missed another team record, winning the event for the second straight season. The girls' team of Nicely, Lavoie, Street and McMahon had an exciting comeback in the final 10 yards to edge out region rival Giles and capture the consolation final.

The 100 backstroke proved to be the most exciting race of the day. Glenvar's Aspen Thompson, Marion's Sawyer Jennings and Clarke County's Ryan Hooks battled back and forth the entire race with Thompson out touching Jennings at the wall by two one-hundredths of a second (.02). Avery Thompson added a fifth place finish and the brothers added another 34 points to the team total.

The last individual event of the day saw Cairns set another school record

Salem's Mangus is state diving champ

The Salem High swim team competed in the Virginia High School League Class 4 swimming and diving meets in the past week after they were rescheduled due to inclement weather. The diving was held at St. Catherine's School in Richmond on Februar 26 and the swimming was Monday at the SwimRVA facility, also in Richmond.

Salem's Avery Mangus earned a state championship in the diving event. She won the competition with a score of 298.65.

Salem's best finish in the swim meet was a seventh by Carter Biscotte

in the 100 Freestyle. He swam a time of 49.19 for seventh place in the state and was also 12th in the 50 Free.

Other highlights include the 200 medley relay team consisting of CBiscotte, Riley Handy, Jack Lawrence, and Starke Griffith who came in 13th place with a time of 1:45.35. Handy was also 16th in the 100 breaststroke with at 1:06.06 and Lawrence came in 16th in the 100 fly with a time of 57.21.

"The kids had such a good weekend and I am very proud of each of them," said Salem coach Christen King.



PHOTO COURTESY GLENVAR SWIMMING

Connor Wilkes swims the freestyle in the state Class 2 swim meet in Richmond.

in the 100 breaststroke, placing second behind Radford's state record holder Trent Hollandsworth. McMahon got on the podium with a fourth place finish in the event for the Glenvar girls.

The final event of the day was the 400 freestyle relay. Avery Thompson, Avery McClanahan, Kees VanGerven and McIlwain placed sixth and scored 26 points for the boys to seal the win.

For the day, the Glenvar boys' team won five of 11 contested events and were runners-up twice and also had a third place finish. They also set four

new team records.

Wilkes concluded his Glenvar High School swimming career as one of the most decorated athletes in school history. Over four years he claimed five individual state titles, two individual runners-up, five relay state titles and two team state titles.

"The boys and girls teams took to heart Glenvar's 'tough with a purpose' philosophy in practice and lived up to the team motto 'best conditioned and most prepared'," said Glenvar coach Shannon Hall.

Highlanders 4th on state mats

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Chase won 16-1 to polish off his fourth consecutive VHSL state championship. It may be his final hurrah, but maybe not as he finished this season 28-0.

"If the opportunity opens itself for somewhere that seems to be a good fit,

then yes," he replied when asked if he might continue wrestling in college.

While Miller was wrapping up his high school career Levi Wright is just getting started. The freshman won the 126 pound state championship with three pins. He pinned Max Gollither of Marion n 3:49 in the quarterfinal round then Conner Miller of Strasburg in 5:14 in the semis.

"My toughest match was the semis," said Levi. "I lost in the semis a couple times this year and in the past. It's a hump I was trying to get over."

With that hump crossed Wright faced Arnoldson Destne of Nandua in the championship match and pinned him in 5:01. Levi finished 34-5.

"I rode him out in the second period, and I could feel him get tired," said Wright. "That's when I knew the match was won."

Levi finished 34-5 in his first season and the future is bright for the Highlanders as a sophomore and three freshmen also scored points for the team. Sophomore Jacob Flowers finished fifth at 120 and ended the season at 24-13 and freshman Haden Henderson took a fifth 138 to cap off a 28-9 varsity debut. Freshman twins Jack and Nick Yetzer both placed as well, Jack with a fifth at 113 and Nick with a sixth at 106. Jack finished 27-11 and Nick was 28-12.

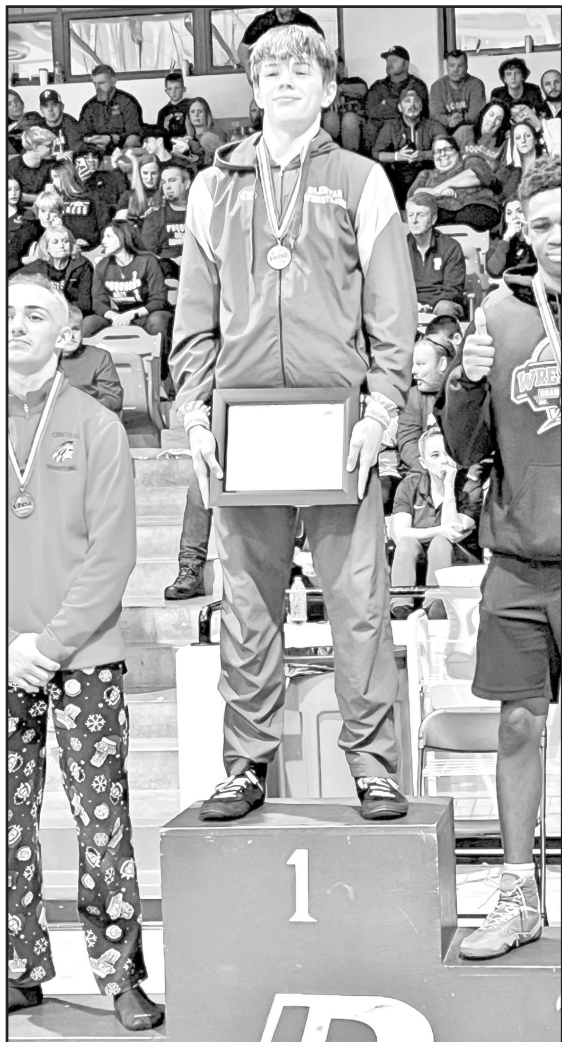


PHOTO BY KENNY FORD

Glenvar's Levi Wright is on the top step of the podium after winning the state at 126 pounds.



PHOTO COURTESY SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Salem's Derek Bush wrestled to a second place finish in the 120 pound class.

SHS wrestlers 14th in state

The Salem High wrestling team scored 55 points and finished 14th among 42 schools at the Virginia High School League Class 4 wrestling tournament at Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach Saturday. The tournament was held in one day with Woodgrove High winning the team title with 209 points

"It was a long amazing day," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "We competed for every point and left it all out there."

Salem's best finish was a runnerup at 120 by sophomore Derek Bush. Last winter Bush defeated Bryce Schnelzer of Loudoun County in the 113 pound final to win the state championship, but this year Schnelzer turned the tables on Bush and beat Derek in the 120 final, 14-1.

"I've never seen someone wrestled Derek that well," said Van Liew. "He was determined after last year."

Bush finished the season with a 37-5 record and he's now 74-7 in his first

two years on the varsity mats. He had two pins and a 5-0 decision to reach the championship match Saturday.

Freshman Jake James took fourth place at 285. He had a 37 second pin in his first match then lost, 2-1, in the quarterfinal to Adams Turpin of Varina. Jake wrestled back with an 11 second pin and two decisions to reach the third place match, where he lost to Turpin again, this time 13-4. Jake finished 32-4 in his first high school season.

Salem's other place winner was Sayge Herndon at 106. He went 3-3 on the day to take sixth place and finished the season with a 35-12 record.

Winning one match each in the state tournament were Patrick Patterson(34-14) at 113 pounds, Anthony Baudanza(35-13) at 126 and Tolin Saul(31-17) at 165.

"We learned, we laughed," said Van Liew. "It was a tough day but we graduate one senior and we will be back with force next year."

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the Wolverines to just four points in the fourth quarter. Salem led 14-2 at the outset and had a 23-12 lead after the first quarter. Spartan center Emme Custer was near unstoppable with 13 first quarter points.

“We knew we had an advantage inside and were able to exploit that, especially early on,” said Salem coach Scott Jester. “We knew they would make a run, but we showed some toughness and held the lead.”

The Spartans led by as many as 18 in the second quarter as Bailey Rider’s three point shot made it 32-14 with 4:30 left in the half. However, at that point Woodgrove went on a 9-0 run to close the gap and Salem led 35-26 at the half.

The Wolverines scored the first six points of the second half to cut the lead to 35-32 before Custer scored a layup and Gabby Crawley drained a three. It was a hard-fought third quarter with Woodgrove finishing on a 10-0 run to cut the lead to 47-45 after three.

That was as close as the Wolverines would get, as Salem’s defense came through in the fourth quarter. Salem went on a 9-2 run to open the period and take back control. Woodgrove scored just four points in the quarter including two foul shots with 30 seconds to go and the game decided.

“Great win over the defending state champions,” said Jester.

Custer was dominating in the paint, finishing with a game high 26 points. Rider had 15 and Crawley finished with eight.

With the win the Spartans improved to 26-2 on the season. They were the number one seed in Region 4D last week and swept the three games to claim the region crown.

Salem opened the region with back-to-back wins over Jefferson Forest, 67-22, and E.C. Glass, 71-47. The win over Glass was big as that clinched a spot in the state tournament. Rider had 17 points, 11 rebounds, eight steals and six assists



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Left, Salem's Emme Custer(#20) contests a shot in Tuesday's win over Woodgrove. Right, Bailey Rider drives the lane.

for Salem while Crawley and Custer had 13 points each.

“Hard fought win against a good team,” said Jester. “We did a good job of attacking the paint offensively and feel good about our efficiency any time we score more than 70 points.”

The Spartans hosted Charlottesville High in Friday’s Region 4D championship game. A home game for the state quarterfinal went to the winner and the Spartans came out on top again, 63-47. Rider had 17 points and six boards, Custer had 15 and seven and Crawley had a dozen points and five rebounds.

“Proud of our effort,” said Jester. “We knew we were on a collision course with Charlottesville all season and it felt good to beat them after losing to them in the regional championship last year. We played at a very high

level, especially in the second half to get the win.”

With Tuesday’s win the Spartans are in the state Final Four for the first time since 2013 when they won the Class 4 state championship.

Friday's state game is on WRTZ radio

The Salem High girls’ state semifinal basketball game will be aired live on WRTZ radio, 1410 on your dial, this Friday from Salem High School. Ron Myers will do

play-by-play with either Bob Southard or Dave Ross providing color commentary. The game will come on the air 15 minutes before the 7 pm scheduled start time.

If the Spartans win Friday Ron said WRTZ would also do the state championship game next Friday, March 14, at Virginia Commonwealth University.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Guilford tops Roanoke in ODAC basketball final

Fifth seeded Guilford overcame a higher seed for the third time in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament on Sunday afternoon in the Salem Civic Center, grinding out a 79-74 win over third-seeded Roanoke College for the program's fifth ODAC title.

Free throw shooting played a major role between the Quakers and Maroons. Guilford went 15-of-16 from the stripe -- all in the second half -- including converting its final 11 attempts with several down the stretch. Roanoke, conversely, was just 7-of-17 from the foul line.

Tournament MVP Nick Farrar led all players with 21 points and 12 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season. Fellow All-Tournament Team members Chase Ellis and Luke Proctor added 13 and 12 points, respectively, while Caleb chipped in 10 markers. Those four Quakers combined to go 14-of-14 from the line.

Jackson Bell led Roanoke with 20 points on 8-of-12 from the field including 4-of-6 from three-point range. Teammates Marcus Morgan and Joshua McClary earned All-Tournament Team recognition. Morgan finished with 18 points, seven rebounds, four assists, and three steals, while McClary went for 16 points, six rebounds, seven assists, and a pair of steals.

The Maroons earned a spot in the final with an 89-75 win over Ferrum in tournament quarterfinal game at the Cregger Center on the RC campus, then a 96-92 overtime thriller against the University of Lynchburg in Saturday’s ODAC semifinal at the Salem Civic Center. McClary had 23 points, Morgan had 16 and Patrick Clevenger and Josh Morse both had 14 against Lynchburg.

Four ODAC teams make NCAA field

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in 1983.

Pfeiffer (18-7) earned the USA South's automatic bid, defeating North Carolina Wesleyan University in the tournament finals. The Falcons competed against four ODAC schools this season, going 2-2. Pfeiffer defeated Averett University (62-52) and the University of Lynchburg (66-63), but fell to Guilford (85-72) and Hampden-Sydney (96-67) Colleges.

Tickets are now on sale at the Freeman Center Ticket Office. Chair back seats will be \$15 and general admission tickets will be sold for \$10.

Guilford (22-6) claimed its fifth ODAC men's basketball trophy on Sunday. That helped the Quakers finish with the 24th-best NPI rating (62.251). Guilford, a national semifinalist last season, is making its second straight and eighth overall appearance in the Division III bracket.

The Quakers are positioned in the upper-left quadrant of the bracket and will begin their journey at Emory University. Guilford opens play with Berry College (19-8), while the host Eagles (20-5) square off with Huntingdon College (22-6) in the other first round game in this four-team pod. Emory is ranked 12th in the country, while Berry and Huntingdon are both unranked.

Hampden-Sydney (21-5), which defeated Guilford in last year's semifinals on the way to a national runner-up finish, earned its third straight and 17th overall berth to the national tournament. Ranked seventh in the country by D3hoops.com, H-SC owns the 11th-highest NPI rating (64.393) in the country.

The Tigers are located in the upper-right portion of the bracket and will host early round play for a second straight season. Hampden-Sydney takes on Bryn Athyn College (20-8) in the later of the two first round games, while The College of New Jersey (20-7) meets University of Pittsburgh-Bradford (23-3) in the earlier outing.

Randolph-Macon (23-4) saw its 20-game winning streak snapped by Guilford in the ODAC semifinals on Saturday. RMC is ranked fifth by D3hoops.com and boasts the seventh-best NPI rating (65.604).

The Yellow Jackets can be found in the lower-left quadrant of the bracket and will travel north to Franklin & Marshall College for first and second round competition. Randolph-Macon squares off with Westfield State University (21-6), while the host Diplomats (21-6) meet Catholic University (22-5) in the other first round contest.

ODAC

Above, Marcus Morgan of Roanoke College scores in Sunday's game with Guilford. Right, Walter Morgan scores between two defenders as Salem recreation teams played at halftime of the Roanoke-Lynchburg game Saturday.



Jackets win 26th straight to win ODAC women's tourney, advance to NCAA field along with Washington & Lee

Randolph-Macon College is back atop the ODAC women's basketball world with an ODAC tournament championship at the Salem Civic Center last weekend.

The nationally 18th-ranked Yellow Jackets weathered a third-quarter comeback by 20th-ranked and two-time defending league champion Washington and Lee University to post a 65-58 victory over the Generals and lift their 11th conference trophy on Saturday night in the Salem Civic Center. Randolph-Macon earns the

ODAC's automatic entry into the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament bracket and W&L also earned a spot in the field of 64 that was announced Monday.

Randolph-Macon (27-1) has now won 26 games in a row, the latest victory pulling RMC to within two championships of ODAC all-time leader Roanoke College at 13 crowns. Washington and Lee (24-4) finishes as the runner-up for the second time in program history.

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Salem girls beat defending champs, punch ticket to state semis



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The Salem High girls pose for a group shot with the Region 4D championship trophy after defeating Charlottesville High Friday evening.

The Salem High girls are in the Class 4 state basketball semifinals. The Spartans won their state quarterfinal game at home Tuesday over Woodgrove, 59-47, to punch their ticket to Friday's semifinals.

Salem will again be the host team Friday at 7 pm against Region 4A champion Manor High, who beat Region 4B runner-up Monacan on Tuesday. The state championship game is scheduled for Friday, March 14, at the Siegel Center in Richmond on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. The girls are scheduled to play at 6 pm with the Class 4 boys' state championship to follow.

On Tuesday at Salem High the girls jumped out to big lead, then survived a comeback by Woodgrove, holding **continued on page 11**

Glenvar's Miller wins fourth state wrestling championship

Freshman Wright also wins as Highlanders finish 4th

One outstanding high school career ended and another was just getting started as the Glenvar High wrestling team took fourth place in the Virginia High School League Class 2 tournament last Saturday. The Highlanders had two state champions, a senior and a freshman, at Virginia High in Bristol.

The tournament was delayed a week by bad weather and held on just one day. It lasted until well after midnight before Poquoson concluded a decisive team championship with 242.5 points. Strasburg High took second with 173 points, Central of Wise was third with 114 and Glenvar was next with 103.5 as 35 teams competed in the tournament.

Glenvar had two state champs, senior Chase Miller at 190 and freshman Levi Wright at 126. Miller concluded a four-year career with his fourth state championship and a 110-2 record, having not lost a match since

his freshman season.

"It was mentally tough leading up to the tournament, knowing the significance of this tournament being the last one ever, probably," said Miller.

Chase had an extra week to think about it due to the postponement, but that didn't bother him.

"No, because it gave me more time to prepare coming off of some adversity a few weeks prior," he said. "Battling my own emotions and mindset was the toughest thing."

Chase had a round one bye, then pinned Osiel Ojeda San Juan of Amelia in 53 seconds in the quarterfinal round. In the semis he went up against Zan Sayre of Fort Defiance and pinned him in 59 seconds, so Chase was in the finals and hadn't yet wrestled for two minutes in the tournament.

Austin Conley of Poquoson, who came in at 30-9, was Miller's finals opponent. He didn't get pinned, but **continued on page 10**



PHOTO BY BRANDI WIMER

Glenvar's Chase Miller has his hands raised in victory after winning his fourth straight Class 2 state championship in Bristol Saturday.

Maroons make D-III hoop tournament, open with game at Christopher Newport

The Roanoke College men's basketball team has earned an at large bid to the NCAA Division III and will open play Friday against Pfeiffer University at 4 p.m. at Christopher Newport University in the Freeman Center. The other half of the four-team bracket has CNU facing John Jay University, with the two winners competing on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. for the right to advance to the round of 16.

The Maroons are one of four ODAC teams to make the field, joining Randolph-Macon, Hampden-Sydney and ODAC tournament winner Guilford. This is the fourth time overall -- 2010, 2013, 2024 -- and second straight season the ODAC has seen four teams qualify for the Division III men's basketball championship. Randolph-Macon has featured on each of those occasions.

Championships in Division III feature a few changes in 2024-25 starting with a bracket increase for several sports. Men's basketball maintains a full 64-team bracket with 43 schools earning automatic bids like GC and 21 garnering at-large nods like H-SC, RMC, and RC.

The method in which at-large selections were determined also changed this season. New for all Division III team sports is the NCAA Power Index (NPI). All teams in a given sport -- 410 in D-III men's basketball -- feature a NPI rating. Those NPI ratings are ranked sequentially and form a transparent method of selecting teams at-large to Division III brackets, replacing the former process of the sport championship committees selecting teams at-large based on predetermined selection criteria. Once the 43 automatic qualifiers are known, the next 21 best NPI-rated teams form the list of at-large selected programs to fill out the bracket.

The Maroons, ranked No. 19 in last week's D3hoops.com Top 25 poll, are 23-5 on the season. Roanoke advanced to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title game, falling to Guilford College 79-74. The loss broke a nine-game winning streak.

Roanoke earns its 14th NCAA Division III Tournament appearance in program history and the first since the 2001 campaign. RC is 13-15 all-time in NCAA play and advanced to the national semifinals **continued on page 11**



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC's Josh McClary dunks in the ODAC semifinal.

Glenvar boys win Class 2 state swim championship

The Glenvar boys are Virginia High School League Class 2 swim champions. The Highlanders scored 280 points at the SwimRVA pool in Richmond last Thursday to outswim runnerup and Three Rivers District rival Radford by 75 points.

Radford was also second in the girls' competition behind Bruton High School. The lady Highlanders were 12th for the second season in a row among 29 teams in the competition.

After a five day delay due to inclement weather, 17 Highlanders departed for Richmond to participate in the 2025 VHSL Class 1&2 State Swim & Dive Championship. The team's first stop was for the diving competition held at St. Catherine's School on February 26. Senior Layla McCall, the first diver in Glenvar school history, successfully completed 11 dives and when the water had settled she took third, securing 16 points for the girls' team.

Swimming was a day later at the SwimRVA facility and the Highlanders wasted no time as the foursome of Aspen Thompson, Landon Cairns, Connor Wilkes and Avery Thompson set a new school record claiming the State Title in the 200 Medley Relay. **continued on page 10**



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The Glenvar boys are state Class 2 swim champs. Left to right are Coach Daniel Smith, Cooper Ermel, Connor Wilkes, Grayson Shearer, Landon Cairns, Aspen Thompson, Kees VanGerven, Avery Thompson, Darren Delby, Coach Shannon Hall, Avery McClanahan, Alec McIlwain and Zach Adams.