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Salem-Roanoke County chamber opens 2026 with record-setting annual meeting

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The Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce opened 2026 with its 92nd annual meeting and networking breakfast, drawing a record crowd of members and business leaders to the Salem Civic Center on Jan. 21.

Held from 8:30 to 10 a.m., the event celebrated the chamber's accomplishments in 2025 while setting the stage for the year ahead. More than 200 people attended, surpassing previous records and highlighting growing engagement within the local business community.

In a longtime tradition, the gavel was passed from outgoing 2025 Chair April Woodward, vice president of oncology at LewisGale Medical Center, to incoming 2026 Chair Matt Pumo, general manager of WDBJ7.

The program included a video recap of the chamber's 2025 achievements, produced by Red Velocity Studios, highlighting key initiatives, member successes and community impact.

Attendees also had access to complimentary professional headshots provided by Carissa Divant of By Grace Designs.

The keynote address was delivered by Lynda Foster of Cortex Leadership



The event was held at the Salem Civic Center.

Consulting, who spoke on leadership and growth in the age of artificial intelligence. Additional speakers included Gary Norris, CEO of Express

Employment Professionals, and Collin McLaughlin, CEO of LewisGale Hospital, who shared perspectives on workforce development, health care



COURTESY PHOTOS

Pumo, Woodward and Livingston from left to right.

and regional economic vitality. Chamber President Amanda Livingston See **Chamber**, page 2

Winter storm forces extended school closures, cancellations and hazardous travel across Salem



Snow accumulated along a Salem home.



PHOTOS BY SHELLY KOON

A Salem snowplow makes its way through a neighborhood.



COURTESY PHOTO

Josie Ann Sherry is pictured enjoying the snow in Salem on Sunday.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBBIE HUFFMAN BASS

Debbie Huffman Bass making snow cream.

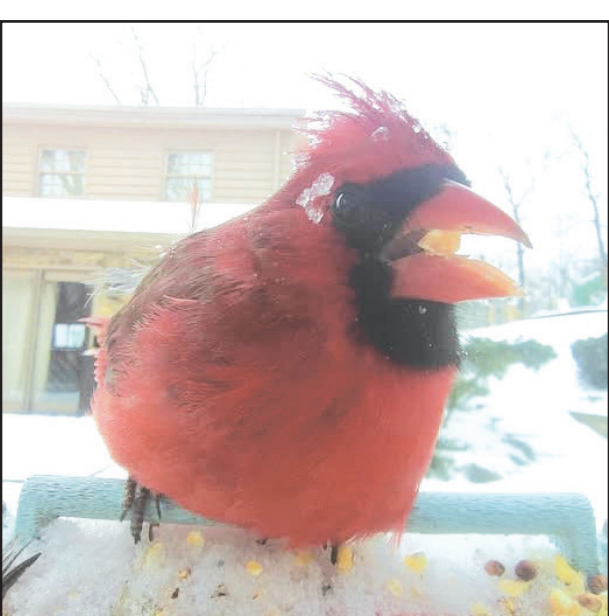


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Cardinal at the birdfeeder.

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A prolonged winter storm that brought snow, sleet and freezing rain to Salem and the Roanoke Valley over the weekend continues

to disrupt daily life, prompting extended school closures, canceled public meetings and repeated warnings from state transportation officials for motorists to stay off the roads.

Salem City Schools announced

all schools will be closed Monday, Jan. 26, and Tuesday, Jan. 27, citing the aftermath of the storm and bitter subfreezing temperatures expected to persist overnight and

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Kid zone added to Lambda Craft and Vendor Fair

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Families attending the Lambda Craft and Vendor Fair this year will find a new attraction designed especially for children.

Organizers announced the addition of a Kid Zone to the annual event, which will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Andrew Lewis Middle School, 616 College Ave. Admission is free.

The Kid Zone will feature face painting, balloon animals, a Valentine's Day card-making station, a photo booth, and oversized games including Connect 4, Jenga and cornhole. Organizers said the new area is intended to ensure the fair offers activities for all ages.

The craft and vendor fair is hosted by Lambda, a local chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority for educators. The group holds

the event annually as a fundraiser to support scholarships for future teachers.

Proceeds from the fair fund a \$2,000 scholarship awarded each year to a graduating high school senior pursuing a career in an education-related field. Organizers said the group plans to increase the scholarship amount to \$2,500 next year.

In addition to children's activities, the fair will feature wall-to-wall crafters and vendors, door prizes awarded throughout the day, a bake sale and festival food.

"Join us for a great day of shopping, food, and fun. You will also find amazing handcrafted and vendor gifts for Valentine's Day," Tarri Gauck, art teacher at McHarg Elementary School, said.

Lambda is currently accepting additional vendors and crafters. Those interested can contact organizers by email at lambdaconvfair@gmail.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2026 Lambda Craft and Vendor Fair will be held at Andrew Lewis Middle School.



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McCracken

Autumn's Law aims to strengthen response to aggravated bullying and cyberbullying

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A proposal before the Virginia General Assembly would make aggravated bullying and aggravated cyberbullying a Class 1 misdemeanor and require schools and higher education institutions to report serious incidents to law enforcement.

Known as Autumn's Law, the legislation was introduced by Sen. William M. Stanley Jr., R-Franklin County, and is intended to address what supporters describe as severe, targeted bullying that goes beyond typical school discipline issues.

Stanley said he has heard for years from families whose children experienced relentless harassment, threats and intimidation that interfered with their ability to attend school.

"These aren't cases of ordinary teasing or peer disagreements," Stanley said. "These are situations where students have been systematically terrorized or targeted to the point where they can no longer function in school."

happening to the next mother and child," he said.

The legislation builds on Senate Bill 908, which Stanley passed last year to strengthen school cyberbullying policies, including requiring schools to address off-campus cyberbullying and notify parents within 24 hours. Autumn's Law focuses on conduct that Stanley said crosses into criminal territory.

Under the bill aggravated bullying includes behavior that intentionally places a student in reasonable fear of bodily injury or death, provokes violence or targets a student based on characteristics such as race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or appearance in a way that interferes with their education.

Dr. Thomas McCracken, former pastor of CommUNITY Church in Salem and anti-bullying advocate, helped draft the legislation and said his research shows schools often lack the clarity and consistency needed to address serious bullying.

"As an educator in the Valley, having reviewed

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Stanley said the bill was prompted in part by a conversation with Summer Bushman, whose 10-year-old daughter died by suicide after being bullied. Stanley said existing law did not provide sufficient tools to address that level of conduct.

"I promised her I would propose a bill to prevent this from



Briefly: Salem News In Brief

The Losers Club: Held at the Salem Center but not just for seniors. All adults are welcome. Every Tuesday 5 – 6 p.m. No registration fee with \$3/ month dues. Contact: Charlene Lester 540-293-7753.

Parent Advocates for Salem Kids (PASK): Join us for our first bi-monthly parents meeting where we connect, share insights, and empower each other to support our children's educational and athletic journeys. Let's be champions for our kids, together! Date: Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at 28 E. Main Street in Salem. Please RSVP to parentadvocatesforsalemkids@gmail.com or join the PASK group so we can plan accordingly.

Sam Barber: Rising country sensation Sam Barber will bring his heartfelt lyrics and soulful sound to the Salem Civic Center on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026.

Winterfest Beach Bash: Salem’s annual Winterfest Beach Bash will return in February 2026, featuring the Band of Oz at the Salem Civic Center. The indoor beach party is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. inside the Salem Civic Center arena. The 2026 event marks the 19th consecutive year the Band of Oz has been selected to headline the popular gathering. This

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anti-bullying policies for many of our local districts, I can tell you that our schools are struggling with a lack of definitions, training and consistency,” McCracken said.

McCracken said his doctoral research found that many school policies are outdated and fail to adequately address cyberbullying. Even when policies exist, he said educators often feel ill-equipped to identify bullying or respond consistently.

“One of the most consistent concerns expressed by educators was that, with the tools and training they have available, they are ill-equipped to differentiate between teasing, play and bullying,” McCracken said.

McCracken said the bill’s use of the word “aggravated” was intentional, distinguishing severe, intentional harm from normal childhood behavior.

“This separates normal child play, teasing, roughhousing and banter from behavior designed to intentionally harm another, often involving an imbalance of power,” he said.

Stanley emphasized that the bill is narrowly tailored and does not criminalize ordinary student conflicts.

“The bill explicitly states that bullying does not include ordinary teasing, horseplay, argument or peer conflict,” Stanley said. “Those situations remain in the school discipline realm where they belong.”

He added that the legislation includes First Amendment protections and preserves prosecutorial discretion.

Supporters of the bill say consistent statewide standards are needed. McCracken said allowing each school or district to handle bullying

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into Tuesday. School officials said hazardous road conditions remain a concern and urged families to prioritize safety.

Roanoke College also closed campus Monday because of winter storm impacts. College officials advised students and employees to remain indoors and avoid travel. Sutton Commons operated on a limited schedule from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., while other campus dining venues, the Campus Store and Health Services remained closed. Community leaders were supplied with blankets, flu and COVID-19 tests and basic medications in case of emergency.

The storm also affected city government operations. Mayor Renée Ferris Turk canceled Salem City Council’s work session and regular meeting scheduled for Monday due to weather conditions.

The Virginia Department of Transportation continued around-the-clock operations across western Virginia, including the Salem District, as crews worked to clear snow and ice from roadways. VDOT reported that after snow ended overnight, one to three inches of sleet accumulated beginning early Sunday morning, with snow transitioning to sleet and freezing rain across the region late Saturday into Sunday.

Chamber

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recognized Woodward’s leadership and looked ahead to the year to come.

“This morning we honor outgoing Chair April Woodward. We thank April for her dedication and enthusiasm as she led the chamber,” Livingston said. “As we look ahead, I am thrilled to have Matt Pumo lead this thriving chamber in 2026. Our chamber will continue to focus on supporting business and growing our region.”

During the meeting, Member One/Virginia Credit Union announced it

year’s concert is sponsored by Renewal by Andersen. Tickets went on sale at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Salem Parks and Recreation Department, 620 Florida St. Advance tickets are \$10, with tickets priced at \$12 on the day of the show. Tables seating eight are available for \$80. Cash, check and credit cards will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays from Dec. 16 through Feb. 5. Organizers note the event typically sells out.

Lambda Craft and Vendor Fair: The Lambda Craft and Vendor Fair will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Andrew Lewis Middle School, 616 College Ave. in Salem. Hosted by Lambda, a chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, the annual fundraiser supports scholarships for students pursuing careers in education. The event features wall-to-wall crafters and vendors, food, door prizes and a new Kid Zone with face painting, balloon animals, games and hands-on activities for children. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Candidates by Robert Munford - A Staged Reading at the Salem Museum: The Salem Museum is excited to host a staged reading of Colonel Robert Munford’s “The Candidates; or, The Humours of a Virginia Election - A Comedy in Three

independently has led to uneven enforcement and confusion.

“In one school I researched, I saw three different approaches to bullying incidents under one district policy,” he said. “Students thrive under clear and defined policies that translate to consistent, fair and balanced practices.”

McCracken said the legislation is also personal. He represented the Catawba District on the Roanoke County School Board, founded an anti-bullying advocacy group, authored research on bullying and has worked with families affected by bullying-related tragedies.

“The bullying landscape is much different than it was years ago,” McCracken said. “With cyberbullying, there are no safe places for victims to escape. We must do better to protect this vulnerable population.”

Stanley said he hopes the bill will improve student safety, deter severe bullying and give schools clear authority to involve law enforcement when necessary.

“When conduct rises to the level of criminal threats or bias-based harassment that denies a child access to education, families deserve consistent protections regardless of where they live,” Stanley said.

If enacted, Autumn’s Law would require school boards and higher education institutions to adopt detailed policies addressing aggravated bullying, including reporting procedures, disciplinary actions and resources for victims.

“This is about protecting our most vulnerable students,” Stanley said. “Our children are our greatest natural resource, and we must protect them.”

As of Monday, interstates and primary routes were in generally good condition, though some minor slick spots remained. Crews working 12-hour shifts had shifted focus to secondary routes, including residential roads and subdivision streets. While these roads are being plowed, officials cautioned they will not be fully cleared and motorists should not expect bare pavement.

VDOT said significant improvement on secondary roads will depend on cold temperatures and sunshine throughout the week. With extremely low temperatures forecast to continue, snowpack and ice are expected to remain on many surfaces, and refreeze will be an ongoing issue.

Motorists are urged to avoid travel if possible, particularly on secondary and neighborhood roads where snow and sleet can become compacted by vehicles, making plowing more difficult. Officials warned that roads appearing wet could still be icy, especially on bridges, shaded areas and higher elevations where ice tends to form first.

Ahead of the storm, VDOT applied brine to major roads and prepared for a multi-day response. Depending on temperatures and lingering winter conditions, some subdivisions may not see significant improvement for several days.

will serve as the chamber’s registration sponsor, helping subsidize programming and reduce costs for members. Northpoint Insurance Advisors also distributed branded ice scrapers to attendees in anticipation of an upcoming snowstorm.

The cover of the 2026 “Around Salem” annual magazine was displayed, and attendees were invited to contact Tom Field of Berryfield about advertising opportunities ahead of the magazine’s March release.

Acts." Written and set in the early 1770s on the eve of the American Revolution, this farcical tale about a Virginia House of Burgesses election satirizes the corrupt campaigning culture of the day. With stinging critiques of electioneering and witty dialogue to boot, Munford's three act comedy will be put on in the Roanoke Valley for the first time ever through a staged reading at the Salem Museum. Volunteer Steve Aaron will lead this production, and is actively seeking participants to read for numerous characters. If interested in reading a part or volunteering on the project, please contact the Salem Museum via phone at 540-389-6760 or via email at info@SalemMuseum.org.

Black Label Society: Heavy metal powerhouse Black Label Society will bring its blistering riffs and high-energy performance to the Salem Civic Center on Tuesday, May 12. The band will be joined by openers Zakk Sabbath and Dark Chapel. Tickets can be found at the Salem Civic Center box office and through Ticketmaster.

Public meetings: The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 9.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10.

The Salem City Council will meet at

6:30 p.m. on Feb. 23.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 9.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on March 10.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 23.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 13.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on April 14.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 27.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 11.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on May 12.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 26.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 8.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on June 9.


The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 22.


The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 13.

The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on July 14.

The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 27.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department			
			
Weekly Arrest Report			
Week of January 13, 2026 – January 19, 2026			
1/13/2026	Holly E. Dean	41	Domestic Assault & Battery
1/13/2026	Logan N. Gabrielson	29	Disorderly Conduct, Obstruct Justice
1/13/2026	David M. Cheresnowsky	46	Fail to Appear
1/14/2026	Clarence O. Anderson	37	Assault on Emergency Services Personnel
1/16/2026	Harold Taylor	67	Fail to Appear
1/17/2026	Avery C. Scaggs	21	Public Intoxication
1/17/2026	Jeffery M. Phillips, Jr.	22	Public Intoxication
1/17/2026	Brittnie M. Hughes	40	Damage Property, Trespassing, Obstruct Justice
1/17/2026	Laura M. Brunk	45	Domestic Assault & Battery
1/18/2026	Brittany N. Howard	28	DUI
1/19/2026	Christopher A. Lindamood	64	Petit Larceny, Public Intoxication, Trespassing

City of Salem Police Department		
		
Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)		
Week of January 13, 2026 – January 19, 2026		
DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
1/13/2026	400 BLK E Main St	Assault on Emergency Services Personnel
1/15/2026	2000 BLK Apperson Dr	Obtain Money By False Pretense

Cline-backed funding for I-81 improvements passes House

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives last week passed the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill, advancing \$17 million for safety and capacity improvements along Interstate 81.

The funding, secured by Rep. Ben Cline, R-Va., would support critical upgrades and potential widening along the I-81 corridor in Virginia’s Sixth Congressional District. The bill now awaits consideration in the U.S. Senate.

“For years, residents of Virginia’s Sixth District have told me how dangerous and congested I-81 has become,” Cline said. “This bill’s passage out of the House puts us one step closer to critical improvements that will make I-81 safer, more efficient, and better equipped to serve commuters, families and the truck drivers who keep our regional economy moving.”

Interstate 81 carries significant freight and passenger traffic, with more than 12 million commercial trucks traveling the corridor each year and transporting more than

\$300 billion in goods. As traffic volumes continue to increase, the need to modernize the highway has grown, according to federal and state officials.

Originally constructed more than 50 years ago, I-81 has struggled to keep pace with current traffic and freight demands. A 2018 state report identified urgent needs along the corridor, and while Virginia has taken steps to address those issues, additional federal investment has been cited as necessary to complete major improvements.

Travel delays along the interstate have become more frequent and unpredictable, affecting both commercial freight movement and personal travel. Virginia’s Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program includes plans to widen the highway from two to three lanes in key sections, a move aimed at reducing congestion, improving emergency response access and lowering crash risks.

Cline represents Virginia’s Sixth Congressional District.

-The Salem Times-Register

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

While waiting for a snowy weekend to get here my coworkers and I discussed what food we would be making while snowed in. Most of us were making chili. This led to a discussion about the beans in our chili. While most use kidney beans and I usually use black beans, our graphic designer Debbie prefers white beans in her chicken chili.

Are white beans the little black dress of the pantry? Maybe! They are quite versatile, and their pale color lets them blend into some recipes where the color bleed from red or black greens wouldn't look so good.

White beans are a general term for cannellini beans (a white Italian kidney bean), great northern beans, and navy beans. While these beans are fairly interchangeable, most recipes will call for cannellini beans (unless it's a recipe for navy bean soup!), and that's generally the type of white bean you'll find in cans.

White beans are very healthy, serving as a nutritional powerhouse packed with plant-based protein, fiber, complex carbs, and essential minerals like iron, folate, copper, potassium, and magnesium, supporting heart health, digestion, blood sugar, and bone strength while being low in fat and cholesterol. They are a versatile addition to diets, promoting satiety and overall well-being. A half-cup of cooked white beans provides nearly 7 grams of fiber and 9 grams of protein. They are considered "slow carbs," contributing to a steady rise in blood sugar rather than spikes.

White beans tend to have thinner skins, so they cook a bit more quickly, get more tender, and work wonderfully in soups, sauces, and casseroles.

Some of the common varieties of white beans include cannellini beans (white kidney beans) that are large and meaty with a nutty flavor and creamy texture, ideal for salads and pasta. Great Northern beans are medium-sized with a delicate flavor, known for holding their shape well in stews and cassoulet. Navy beans (pea beans) are small and fast-cooking, these become very creamy, making them perfect for soups, mashes, and baked beans. Baby Lima beans (Butter Beans) are small and creamy with a buttery texture, often used in soups and casseroles.

Before I get to four of my favorite white bean recipes, here are a few more tips and tricks for where you can slip in some white beans. Add to soups, stews, and chilis. Mash into dips (like hummus) or onto toast. Blend into smoothies for added protein. Roast with spices for a crunchy snack. Replace 1 cup flour in your blondie recipe with pureed white beans. Mix white beans with



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

some garlicky sautéed greens and top with a fried egg and some grated Parmesan cheese for a nutritious breakfast. Replace half of the ricotta cheese in your lasagna with pureed white beans. Heat white beans, broth, canned diced tomatoes and chopped fresh greens or other veggies to make a quick soup. Add mashed white beans to your mashed potatoes for a fiber and protein boost. Or just throw some on a salad.

Easy White Chicken Chili

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 ¼ cups chicken broth
- 3 (15 ounce) cans cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chiles
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 pinches cayenne pepper, or to taste
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro, or to taste (I left the cilantro in the list but I NEVER use it)
- ½ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese, or to taste
- salt to taste

Instructions

Heat olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Cook chicken, onion, and garlic in hot oil until chicken is browned on both sides, about 5 minutes. Transfer chicken to a cutting board; cut into 1-inch pieces. Return chicken pieces to the Dutch oven. Add chicken broth, cannellini beans, green chiles, oregano, cumin, and cayenne pepper. Bring the mixture to a simmer and cook until the chicken is cooked through, 30 to 40 minutes. Divide cilantro among 4 bowls. Ladle chili over cilantro and top with cheese. Season with salt to serve.

Classic White Beans

Ingredients

- 1 pound package dried white beans (Great Northern or Navy)
- 1/2-pound smoked meat (ham bone, pork hocks, turkey)
- 3 quarts water, or enough to cover
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon chicken base or bouillon
- 2 teaspoons seasoned salt (like Lawry's)
- 1 teaspoon each onion powder and garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper

Instructions



Rinse and sort through the beans, soak overnight or add to a stockpot and cover with water plus about 1 inch. Bring to a boil; boil for 3 minutes uncovered, turn off heat, cover and let soak for one hour. Drain, rinse and set aside. In a large stockpot, add smoked meat, cover with water, bring to a boil and boil for 15 minutes. Reduce to a medium simmer, add onion and all the seasonings, and continue cooking for 45 minutes. Add beans and bring back up to a hard, rolling boil. Continue with a hard boil for 20 minutes. Reduce back down to a low simmer, cover pot and simmer for 1-1/2 hours, stirring occasionally and adding a little water only if needed. Pull any meat from the bone and return to the pot, discarding the bone. Taste and adjust seasonings. For a creamier texture, scoop out a ladle of beans and mash, returning to the pot. Repeat as needed to reach desired consistency. Serve as is or over rice, with biscuits, rolls or cornbread.

Mediterranean White Bean and Tuna Salad

Ingredients

- 1 cup chopped red onions or shallots
- The zest and juice of 1 lemon or 2 limes (can sub a tablespoon or two of cider vinegar)
- 2 (5- to 6-ounce) cans tuna packed in olive oil
- 2 (15-ounce) cans cannellini or Great Northern white beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup (loosely packed) chopped parsley or arugula, or 2 tablespoons thinly sliced mint
- 1 can sliced Kalamata olives
- 1 can quartered artichoke hearts
- Master Vinaigrette, whisk all together and make in advance
- 2/3 cup olive oil



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- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- 3 tbsp white or red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp coarsely ground black pepper

Instructions

Master Vinaigrette: Combine all the ingredients in a medium jar with a lid, seal and shake till well combined. Alternatively, you can whisk them all in bowl and then transfer to a container and store in the fridge till needed. If you make this well in advance, you will need to bring it to room temperature before using. To Assemble Salad: Add the drained beans and tuna in a large bowl. Use as much of each vegetable or briney condiment, etc till you have a good serving bowl filled nicely. You should have about 1.5 cups or more per person. Drizzle with dressing and toss gently. This can be a side salad if you are grilling kebabs, sausages, lamb etc. Seal and store in the fridge and bring to a get-together. Leftovers will keep for a few days in the fridge. Feel free to add cooked and cooled pasta (toss the drained pasta with a little of the dressing and then let it cool.

Spinach & Feta White Bean Dip

- 2 cups loosely packed fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup canned navy or cannellini beans
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese
- ½ small lemon, juiced
- ¾ tsp garlic powder
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- salt and pepper, to taste

Instructions

Add all ingredients to a food processor. Blend until you reached the desired consistency. Taste and adjust seasonings per preference

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OPINION

From District 4

The 2026 Virginia General Assembly is underway and I am quickly reminded of Gideon J. Tucker's historic observation that, "No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

The Commonwealth was already running a \$1.2 Billion surplus, or 8.6% ahead of original projections just six months into the current fiscal year when Governor Glenn Youngkin exited the Executive Mansion. Despite the Commonwealth's robust revenues, Democratic legislators are introducing bills that would give Virginia the nation's highest state income tax, extend the sales tax to services for the first time, create a new tax on streaming services, and raise the existing sales tax on goods. These unnecessary taxes would be economically damaging to working Virginians if enacted, but just the proposals damage efforts to recruit new businesses and high-paying jobs to Virginia.

Helping Virginians Keep More of



David Suetterlein

Senator

Their Paycheck

My focus this year is helping you keep more of your paycheck, fighting electric bill overcharges, and expanding career and technical education opportunities.

I introduced Senate Bill 7 to extend the enhanced standard deduction so Virginians are not hit with a \$661 tax increase next year. I also introduced Senate Bill 9 to full eliminate the grocery tax like forty other states. Unfortunately, Senate Democrats provided initial defeats to both tax relief proposals on party-line votes. Despite this setback, Delegate Joe McNamara and I are continuing the fight for these important efforts to let working Virginians keep more of their paychecks.

SIXTH DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE

Two bipartisan bills passed the House to uplift Main Street

The House completed all 12 critical appropriations bills

I joined Tim Young to discuss the newly released Reconciliation 2.0 platform

Helped a constituent navigate IRS loopholes and secured the tax return she was owed

Strengthening Main Street and Local Economies

Main Street is the backbone of America and the heart of our local communities. Supporting small businesses and ensuring their voices are heard in Washington has always been a priority of mine. Last week, the House advanced two important bipartisan bills designed to strengthen Main Street, expand opportunities for entrepreneurs,



Ben Cline

Congressman

and help small businesses grow and compete across the country. The first bill, the Main Street Parity Act, aims to level the playing field for small business owners. It modernizes the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 504 loan program by removing an outdated requirement that forced certain businesses operating on limited or single-purpose properties to contribute additional equity. By standardizing these requirements, the bill ensures fair and equal treatment for all industries, lowers barriers for new entrepreneurs, encourages investment in local infrastructure, and strengthens businesses in towns and cities nationwide. This legislation is about giving small businesses the ability to succeed without unnecessary hurdles standing in their way.

The second bill, the AI for Main Street Act, prepares small businesses for the future of our economy. It directs the SBA's Small Business Development Centers to provide guidance, training, and resources to help entrepreneurs responsibly adopt and use artificial intelligence in their operations. This legislation ensures that small business owners are not left behind as new technologies reshape the economy, providing them with the tools to grow their businesses, create jobs, and better serve their communities. It is about empowering people and businesses to leverage new technology while maintaining the personal touch and human leadership that define Main Street. By enacting these bipartisan measures, Congress is reaffirming a clear commitment to America's small businesses and to the job creators who drive our local and national economy.

House Delivers Full-Year FY26 Funding with 12 of 12 Appropriations Bills Passed

House Republicans have achieved a major victory by completing all twelve Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations bills without a bloated omnibus or another continuing resolution. These bills provide full-year funding, lower overall spending compared to the current continuing resolution and deliver real savings for hardworking Americans. Following a 43 day government shutdown last October, Republican lawmakers restored regular order and returned the appropriations process to a committee-focused, member-driven system, led by members who have consistently advocated for their constituents and

teachers to achieve licensure.

Track Legislation

My Senate Bill 538, to ensure prosecutors are notified when the Parole Board is considering granting early release to an inmate, advanced from the Senate Rehabilitation Committee on a bipartisan 10-3 vote last week. You read every bill and keep up with votes through the Legislative Information System located at <https://lis.virginia.gov>.

Share Your Views

With two thousand votes a year, I do not expect us to always agree, but I always want to hear from everyone. You can share your views with me by taking the legislative survey at: <https://tinyurl.com/2026VASurvey> or by emailing David@Suetterlein.com or calling 540-302-8486.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Commonwealth.

Senator David Suetterlein represents the Roanoke and New River Valleys in the Virginia Senate. He and his wife Ashley live in Roanoke County where their children attend public schools. David works as a Realtor at MKB, Realtors.

worked for the betterment of their local communities.

H.R. 7147 provides approximately \$92 billion to the Department of Homeland Security, an increase of \$3.27 billion over Fiscal Year 2025. It funds agencies such as Customs and Border Protection, ICE, the Coast Guard, TSA, FEMA, and CISA. The bill reinforces President Trump's border security policies, removes programs that previously contributed to the border crisis, and equips frontline agents with the tools they need to keep Americans safe. H.R. 7148 strengthens our military, fully funds a 3.8% pay raise for troops, invests in shipbuilding and next-generation weapons, and ensures multiyear procurement of critical munitions.

These bills fight wasteful spending from the previous administration and uphold conservative priorities. They remove harmful Biden-era restrictions on immigration enforcement, and direct resources where they are most needed, including to border, law enforcement, education, health care, and infrastructure. They advance the America First agenda by empowering frontline agents, revitalizing our military, and modernizing transportation, biomedical research, and rural health care. Legacy protections remain in place to defend unborn children, support livestock haulers, and prevent illegal aliens from receiving housing assistance. This is responsible and accountable governance achieved through careful negotiation between House and Senate Republican leaders to advance core priorities and put Americans first. Passing these appropriations bills is not just good policy, it fulfills a promise that was made to the American people.

Reconciliation 2.0: Renewing a Cornerstone of the American Dream

Congressional Republicans are taking a serious, policy-focused approach to affordability. Last week I joined podcaster Tim Young to discuss how the Republican Study Committee's Reconciliation 2.0 framework can help deliver meaningful results for Americans across the country. For four years, the Biden Administration imposed federal housing regulations that artificially raised construction costs. These costs were passed on to American families, driving up housing prices. The American Dream of homeownership slipped further out of reach, with the average age of a new home buyer now exceeding 40 years old, not because families are unwilling to work hard, but because Democrat policies have made it harder and more expensive to build and buy a home. Federal red tape has quietly added thousands of dollars to the cost of new construction, and those costs are inevitably passed on to first-time buyers.

As President Trump said in his 2025 address to

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Shed tears
5. Luxury jewelry designer
10. Goddess of wisdom
12. Convert into a particular form
14. Working-class people
16. It borders Canada (abbr.)
18. A princess can detect its presence
19. Red-brown sea bream
20. Defunct retail empire
22. Vase
23. Demeter's equivalent
25. Monetary unit of the Maldives
26. French and Belgian river
27. Small amount
28. High schoolers' test
30. Animal's foot
31. Some is red
33. Per ____: each
35. Swedish jazz pop duo

CLUES DOWN

1. Global public health agency
2. Snake-like fish
3. Midway between north-east and east
4. Dabbed
5. TV show
6. Folk singer DiFranco
7. Canadian flyers
8. Of the dowry
9. Commercial
10. The act of imitating
11. Equipment used to broadcast radio or TV signals
13. Lands of an emir
15. Swiss river
17. Island
18. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
21. One who surrenders under agreed conditions
23. Garfield is one

CLUES ACROSS

37. Plate for Eucharist
38. Train line
40. Russian pop duo
41. Stake
42. Plant by scattering
44. Female sibling
45. City of Angels hoopers (abbr.)
48. Popular cookie brand
50. Group of Niger-Congo languages
52. A team's best pitcher
53. Vomits
55. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
56. Men's fashion accessory
57. Its capital is Pierre (abbr.)
58. Expensive cut of steak
63. Popular James Cameron film
65. A ____ relating to knowledge gleaned from deduction

CLUES DOWN

24. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Small boats used in the Black Sea
29. Small savory Spanish dishes
32. Body part
34. Touch lightly
35. Popular grilled foods on a stick
36. ____ Hess: oil company
39. Antelope with a reddish coat
40. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
43. Pink Floyd's Roger
44. Short and thick
46. Small, sac-like cavities
47. Performer ____-Lo
49. Entrails of animal used as food
51. ____ King Cole, musician
54. Where construction is done
59. Chap
60. Investment vehicle
61. Often mixed with tonic
62. Holiday beverage egg ____
64. Against

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**Trustee's Sale
187 SPRING
HOLLOW RD,
TROUTVILLE, VA
24175
(Parcel ID: 11123)**

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 1/5/2024, in the original principal amount of \$264,926.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Botetourt County, Virginia on 1/8/2024, as Instrument No. 240000041, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on 3/4/2026 at 2:00 PM, Front of building of the Circuit Court Building For Botetourt County, 1 West Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090, the property designated as 187 SPRING HOLLOW RD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

Located in the County of Botetourt, Commonwealth of Virginia: Lot 15, Block 2, according to Map No. 2 Subdivision, Portion of Property of S. E. Wilkinson and G. W. Wills, made by C. B. Malcolm & Son, S.C.E., dated November 21, 1951, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 3, page 184, and being further described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of Lot 14 and Lot 15 at an iron pipe in the edge of Spring Hollow Road; thence along the property line of Lots 14 and 15, N. 30° 22' W. 203.14 feet to an iron stake in the property line of Lots 2 and 3; thence N. 58° 44' E. 100.01 feet to an iron stake in the property line of Lots 15 and 16; thence S. 30° 22' E. 204.71 feet along the property line of Lots 15 and 16 to an iron stake in Spring Hollow Road; thence S. 59° 38' W. 100 feet along Spring Hollow Road to the point of Beginning; and BEING the same property conveyed to the Grantor herein by Deed dated January 4, 2024, recorded contemporaneously with this Deed of Trust.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$26,492.60 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Vylla Solutions - Virginia, LLC, 283 Constitution Drive, Suite 102, Office B, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, File No. 25-37622, Tel: 888-313-1969

**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF 3774
Springwood Road,
Fincastle, VA 24090**

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$212,000.00 dated February 13, 2023 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on February 13, 2023 as Instrument Number: 230000384, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on March 5, 2026 at 12:30 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Beginning at a point and corner in the center of State Secondary Route No. 630 and corner to the property of K.N. King; thence with the center of said road N. 69° 14' 13" E 238.59 feet to a point and corner in center of said road; thence leaving said

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road and two new lines through the now or formerly Thompson property as follows: S. 21° 18" E, passing an iron Pin at 19.17 ft., 233.50 feet to a point and corner; thence S. 68° 32' 52" W. 238.58 feet to a point and corner on the property now or formerly of K.N. King; thence with King N. 21° 18' W. 235 ft., passing an iron pin at 211.70 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.283 acres, more or less, all as shown on a map of survey, a copy of which is of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 190, Page 405. Tax ID: 21685. TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 25-001275) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC O/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com

**TRUSTEE SALE OF
1131 2nd Street,
Blue Ridge, VA
24064**

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$148,265.00, recorded as Inst. 1700004619, assigned as Inst. 200000435, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt on February 24, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., the property located at the above address and described as Lot 5, Block 7, Section 5, Blue Ridge Heights, County of Botetourt. TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE. A deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", no person checks accepted. Balance due within 15 days from date of sale VIA BANKWIRE ONLY. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at dolanreid.com/foreclosures-sales. THIS IS A

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COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. For Information Contact: DolanReid PLLC and G. Benny Moore, Substitute Trustee(s) 12610 Patrick Henry Dr., Ste. D, Newport News, VA 23602; (757) 320-0255, ext. 220 or ext. 260

**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF 1449
LAKERIDGE
CIRCLE,
TROUTVILLE, VA
24175.**

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 4, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$175,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000421. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on March 19, 2026, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING LYING AND BEING THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEING LOT 17, BLOCK 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF, BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C.B. MALCOLM AND SON, S.C.E.'S, DATED AUGUST 15, 1960 OF RECORD IN TILE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 102. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-372477-1.

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**ABC NOTICE
TANGLED WISDOM LLC,
trading as TANGLED
WISDOM, 4287 & 4289
North Fork Road, Elliston,
Montgomery Co. VA 24087.**

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Farm Winery license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Sean Burrows, Managing Member

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

Legals - City of Salem

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to

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consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of McDonald's Corporation, property owner, to rezone the property located at 101 Electric Road (Tax Map # 80 – 4 – 1) from HBD Highway Business District with condition to HBD Highway Business District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316;-317,20-104
Case No. CL25000427-00
CITY OF SALEM
2 EAST CALHOUN ST
SALEM VA 24153
MICHAEL EUGENE MORAN
v.
AMBER NICHOLE MORAN,

The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE
IT IS ORDERED THAT AMBER NICHOLE MORAN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before April 15,2026
Entered January 9,2026
Stacy L. Owen
Deputy Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE TOWN OF
CHRISTIANSBURG
PLANNING
COMMISSION**

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by LZM-BAM, LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, for an amendment to proffers on property located at 2886 Roanoke Street, identified as Tax Parcel 501 - ((1)) - 24A (Parcel ID 011123), consisting of approximately 0.968 acres. The property is zoned General Business District (B-3) with proffers, and the request is to amend the proffers accepted with the 2001 rezoning action. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, Property Owner, to allow operation of a Carnival from March 26, 2026 through April 5, 2026 on the property located at 782 New River Road NW, Tax Parcel 435 - (A)) - 41, Parcel ID 007741, zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

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Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, by phone at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

**LEGAL NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE TOWN OF
CHRISTIANSBURG
TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: Rezoning request by Roger Woody, Registered Agent for RWJW Properties, LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, to rezone property located at 300 Kimball Lane SW, identified as Tax Parcel 557-((A))-20; (Parcel ID 016002), and consisting of approximately 37.987 acres, from Agricultural District (A) to Single-Family Residential District (R-1). The applicant has proffered new conditions after the initial public hearing for this request. Current proffered conditions are related to density, construction of a public road connection, warranted road improvements, preservation of an existing vegetated area, and phasing. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@cchristiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

VYY WOODMUJI, INC., trading as FUJIYA RAMEN 103 3RD AVENUE, RADFORD, VA 24141-4703.

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

YUJIE YANG, OWNER

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

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF 2507 THIRD
STREET,
RADFORD, VA
24141.**

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$56,840.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Radford City, Virginia, in Book 236 at Page 710 as Instrument No. 0300609. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 18, 2026, at 11:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH ALL THE EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING THERETO, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE WEST WARD OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF LOTS NUMBER TWO (2), FOUR (4), FIVE (5), AND SIX (6), SECTION EIGHTEEN (18), PLAN A, MAP OF THE RADFORD WEST END LAND COMPANY, WHICH ORIGINAL MAP IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 32, PAGE 460 AND OF RECORD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, IN

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DEED BOOK 42, PAGE 18. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-380049-1.

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RC grads inducted into Long Island lacrosse Hall of Fame

Roanoke College's Sean Smith '83 and John Sullivan '79 were inducted into the Long Island Men's Lacrosse Foundation's Hall of Fame last Saturday, January 24. The ceremony was held at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, N.Y.

As a player at Roanoke College, Smith was named a USILA Division III second-team All-American in 1982 and First Team All-America in 1983. In addition, Smith was honored as a first team member of the All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference team in 1981, 1982 and 1983. He was named Conference Player of the Year following the 1983 season.

Smith concluded his college career as Roanoke's leader with 145 goals. Smith also ranked third in career scoring with 208 points in 43 games at the end of his three-year career and still holds the record at Roanoke with 4.8 points per game. In 1986 Smith was inducted into the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Following graduation from Roanoke, Smith began his coaching career in 1985 when he served as an assistant coach at Ohio Wesleyan University. In 1986 he moved on from Ohio Wesleyan and joined the lacrosse coaching staff at the United States Military Academy at West Point where was an assistant coach from 1986 through 1990.

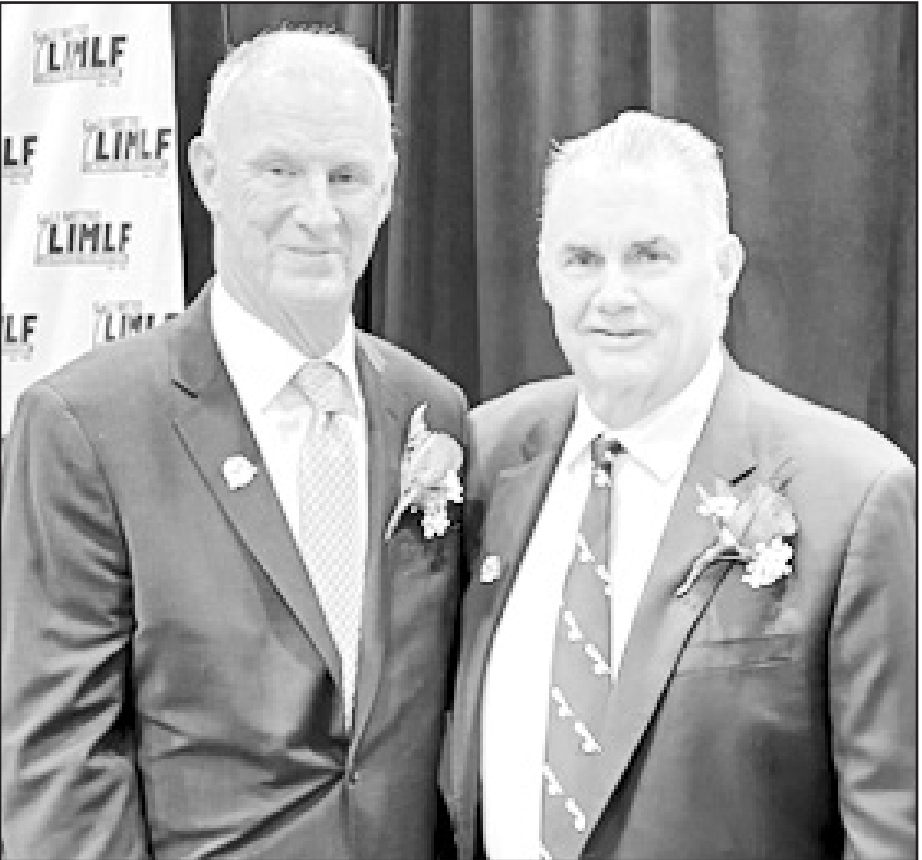
In 1990 Smith returned to Long Island and served as the head varsity lacrosse coach and physical edu-

cation teacher at Levittown Division Avenue High School until 1998 when he moved on to Hofstra University to join John Danowski's staff as a graduate assistant and obtained his Administration Degree. Following the completion of his course of study, Smith was asked to stay on at Hofstra by John Danowski and remained on his staff until 2006. He finished his career working with current head coach Seth Tierney through the 2012 season.

Smith is retired from a 35-year career in the Levittown School District and he and his wife Carol now live in Calabash, NC. They have three sons, JP who lives in Tampa Florida, Brendan who lives in West Islip, NY, and Conor who lives in West Babylon NY.

Sullivan transferred to Roanoke after winning the MVP award of the Junior College Lacrosse National Championship at SUNY-Farmingdale. He was also named MVP of the 1978 National Championship after making 18 second half stops in a 14-13 RC win over national-power Hobart. In 1978, he made 92 saves for a 68.1 save percentage enroute to capturing the championship.

"Sully" helped the Maroons return to the NCAA Tournament in 1979 and a No. 1 ranking during the middle of the season. By season's end, he was nationally recognized as a Second-Team USILA All-America selection along with a North-South All-Star



Sean Smith(left) and John Sullivan were inducted into the Long Island Men's Lacrosse Foundation's Hall of Fame on Saturday night.

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game appearance.

Sullivan won the 1979 Paul S. Griffin Award for "dedication and leadership."

This is Sullivan's fourth Hall of

Fame induction, also joining the SUNY Farmingdale College Hall of Fame, National Jr. College Lacrosse Hall of Fame and the Roanoke College Hall of Fame.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team huddles around new coach Grant Zimmerman after a cold practice Saturday afternoon.

Maroon lax team will scrimmage in Maryland Saturday

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team has a scrimmage this weekend with the start of the season scheduled for February 14 at the University of Mary Washington. The Maroons will scrimmage Stevenson University in Owings Mills, MD this Saturday at 2 pm.

The Maroons are slated to face five teams that ended the 2025 season in the top 25; Dickinson College, Christopher Newport University, Washington & Lee University, the University of Lynchburg and Ohio Wesleyan University.

"The Roanoke men's lacrosse team is excited for

our upcoming 2026 schedule," said first-year head coach Grant Zimmerman. "We compete against some of the best competition in the country on the road and at home at Kerr Stadium to help prepare us for our ODAC conference slate."

Roanoke's first home game is also its first Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) contest of the season, February 25 against Averett University. RC also hosts Grove City College, Illinois Wesleyan University, Lynchburg, Virginia Wesleyan University, Randolph College, Bridgewater College and Guilford College.

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the Spartans.

The loss followed a 70-49 non-district win over Lord Botetourt last Wednesday, January 21.

"I thought we played consistent for four quarters," said Garst. "Our scoring was very balanced. I thought we did a pretty good job of contesting their threes and running them off the three-point line."

"We fell behind early against Salem with some poor decisions and shooting," said Cavalier coach Josh Aliveto. "Against a team as talented as Salem you have to be able to eliminate mistakes and make the most of all opportunities if you want to give yourself a chance, and we did not do that."

The Spartans were weathered out of a game with Blacksburg on Tuesday. On Friday Hidden Valley is here for a rematch of the Titans' 60-48 win at Hidden Valley on January 6. The Titans are 14-1with their only loss coming at Patrick Henry.

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into overtime and then won the game.

"Dropped another close one on the road where we were in control down the stretch," said Luton. "We needed to foul before they got shot off, so that's on me to make sure we are all on same page."

Bolling had 26 in this one, Doolan had 16 and Evan Harris had 14 pnts.

"Guys showed toughness to keep competing but at end of day we have to make a few more plays and coach better," said Luton.

Glenvar is now 7-9 overall and 3-3 in a very strong Three Rivers District. The Highlanders were weathered out of a game at Martinsville on Tuesday and are scheduled to host Carroll County tonight, Thursday, in another big 3RD game.

"We're a handful of plays away from being on the other side of the win/loss column, but that's athletics," said Luton. "We're excited about finishing strong."



Ripkens are guests at VT Baseball Night

Brothers Billy and Cal Ripken Jr were the featured guests at Virginia Tech's Baseball Night in Blacksburg Friday. The event was moved up to Friday night from Saturday due the impending snow storm. Here Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr, pictured with wife Laura Kiessling, visits with Hokie fans.

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Salem's Zippy Elliott swims breaststroke during the 200 yard IM, placing third in a time of 3:03.67 at Blacksburg.

PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

Weather plays havoc with swimmers

The Glenvar High swimmers are scheduled to compete against James River, Lord Botetourt and Radford tonight at the Botetourt Family YMCA for the annual "Swim for the Cure" meet. The first whistle is scheduled for 7 pm.

James River is the host and the Knights' first Swim for the Cure meet was held in 2009, raising money to fight cancer. The team will recognize survivors and those affected by cancer while swimmers, staff and spectators are encouraged to wear pink.

Glenvar had a meet at the Bedford YMCA last week against Liberty, Appomattox and Altavista. The meet started strong for the boys, as the 200-yard medley relay team of Darren Delby, Nikita Larin, Cooper Ermel, and Brendan Miller finished first. In individual events, Landon Cairns won the 50-yard freestyle and later took first place in the 100-yard breaststroke. Avery Thompson had a great meet, winning both the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. Glenvar also swept the relays late in the meet, winning the 200-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The girls' team also had several standout performances. Macy McMahon placed first in the 200-yard individual medley and later won the 100-yard freestyle. Chloe Childers dominated the distance events, taking first place in the 500-yard freestyle. In sprint events, Chloe Childers and Addi Cockram helped Glenvar earn strong

finishes throughout the meet. The girls closed the night with a first-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay, swum by Addi Cockram, Evelyn Gard, Chloe Childers, and Macy McMahon.

"We are hitting our stride in practice and all the conditioning and hard work is paying off," said Glenvar coach Shannon Hall. "Hopefullythe weather won't cause us to lose that momentum."

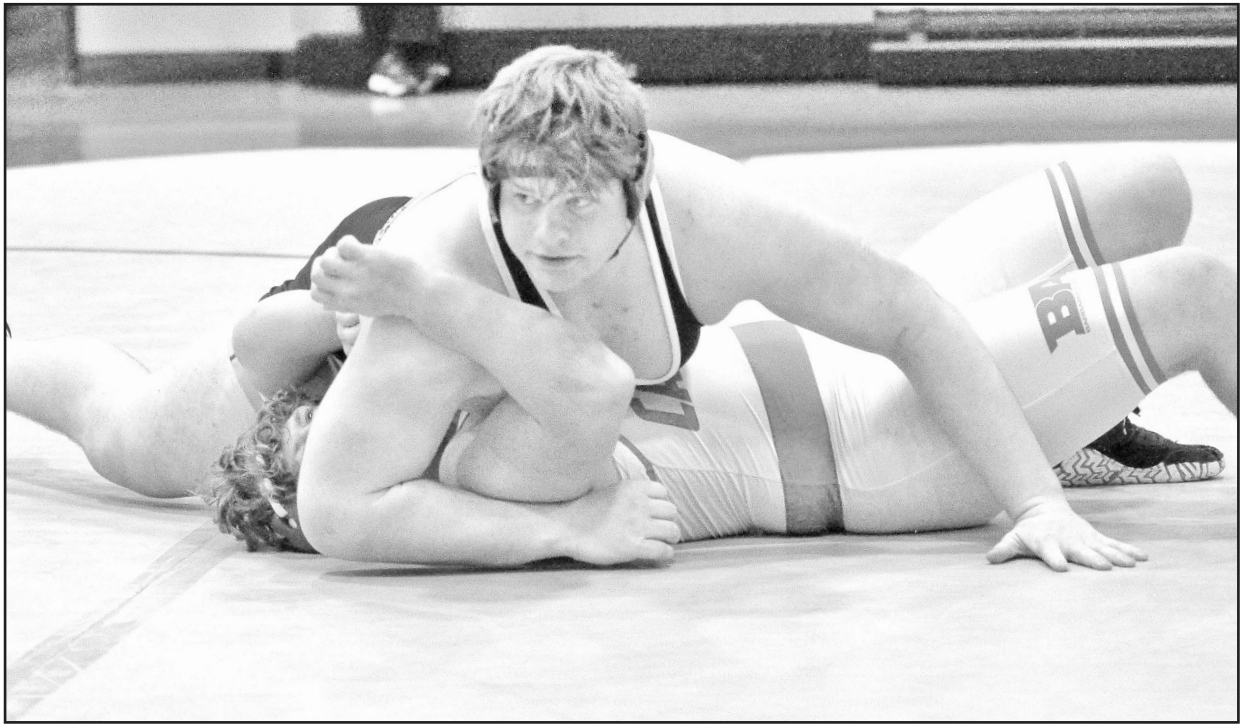
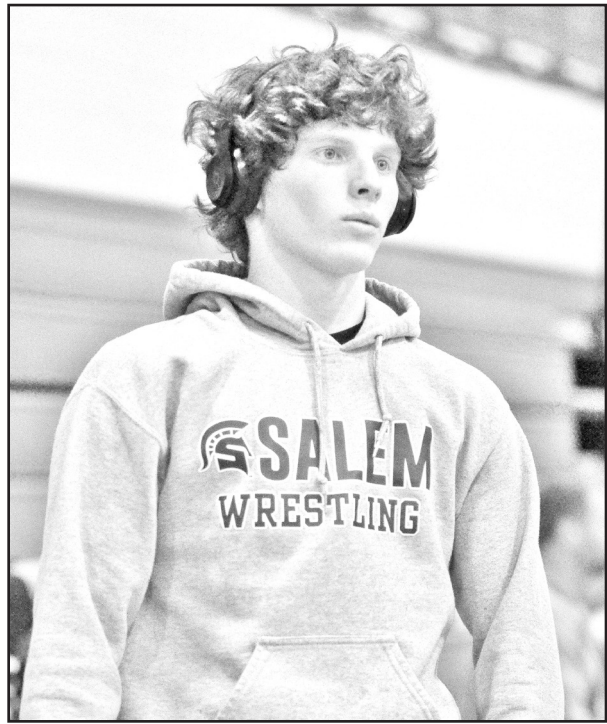
Salem was off last week. The Spartans had a meet in Christiansburg postponed on Tuesday of this week and a Wednesday meet at the Alleghany YMCA was also in jeopardy at press time.

Salem's last meet was January 16 in Blacksburg. The boys won 432 to 351 but the Bruins took the girls' meet, 516 to 301.

For the boys, Spartan 200 medley relay teams came in first and second. Jack Lawrence came in first in the 200 free and the 100 fly. Riley Handy won the 200 IM and came in second in the 100 breast. Carter Biscotte came in first in the 500 free with Austin Prosser and Garrison James coming in second and third. Mike Bateman came in second in the 200 free, Starke Griffith was third in the 100 back and Isaac Snow came in third in the 100 free.

For the girls Aubrey Snead came in third in the 200 free. The girls' 400 free relay was second.

"Overall the kids had a great meet," said coach Christen King.



Above left, Salem's Derek Bush awaits his next match at Lord Botetourt last week. Derek won his 100th match as a Spartan that night in Daleville. Above, Salem's Jake James puts the finishing touches on a pin in his heavyweight match.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

28 wrestling teams are entered in Highlander Invitational this weekend

Bush wins his 100th high school match in January of his junior year

Wrestling teams in the area and across the state are hoping for nice weather this weekend with Glenvar High School scheduled to host the annual Highlander Invitational wrestling tournament. The tournament is scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm Friday and pick back up at 9 am Saturday.

Salem High is one of 28 teams planning to attend, weather permitting. Others joining host Glenvar will be Christiansburg, William Byrd, Hidden Valley, Northside, Galax, William Fleming, Rural Retreat, Union High, Central of Woodstock, Holston, Lebanon, Chatham, Parry McCluer, Grayson County, Floyd County, George Wythe, Heritage of Lynchburg, Liberty of Bedford, Pulaski County, Grundy, Carroll County, Patrick County, Jefferson Forest, Martinsville, Radford and Washington High of West Virginia.

Glenvar has not been on the mats in competition since the “Big Blue” in Christiansburg on January 16 and 17. Salem had a tri-match last week against Lord Botetourt and Jefferson Forest in Daleville. The Spartans beat host LB, 47-30, and took down JF, 73-6. In the process junior Derek Bush picked up his 100th win as a Spartan. At this pace Bush would be Salem’s



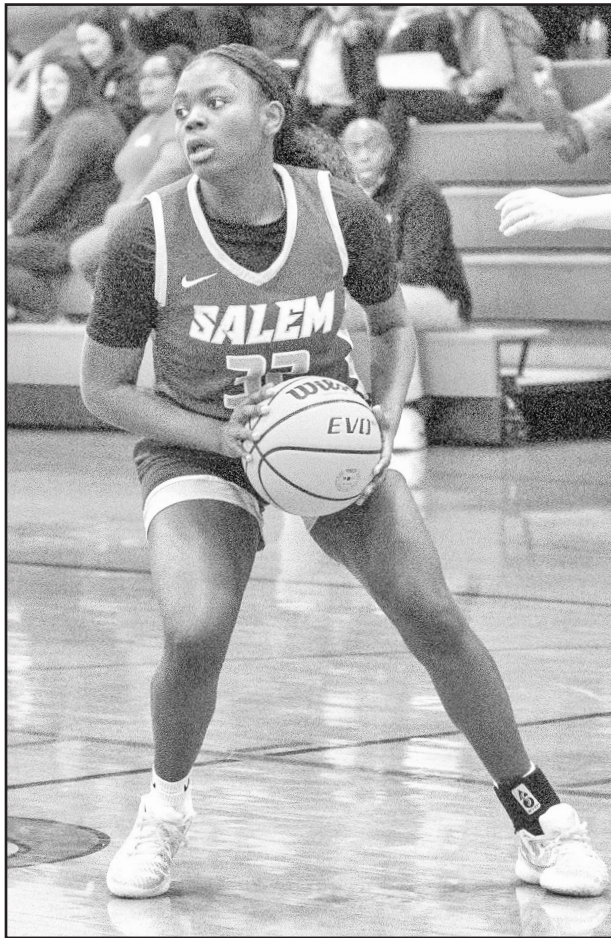
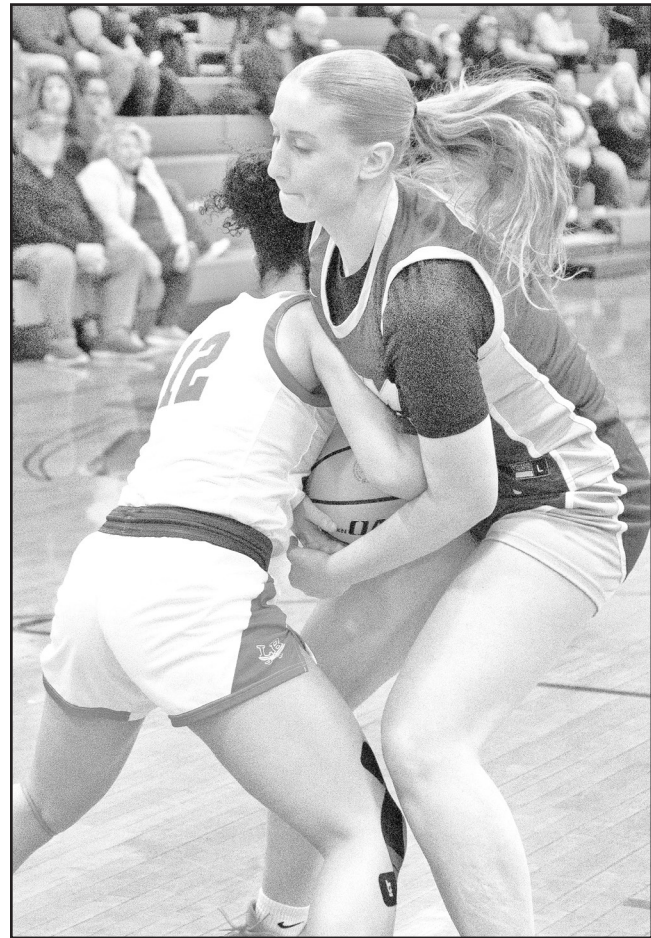
Salem's Anthony Baudanza is on top and in control in a win over his LB opponent at 132 pounds.

all-time winningest wrestler by the time he finishes his senior year.

“We had a ton of exhibition matches and saw many successes there as well,” said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew.

The Spartans were scheduled to wrestle in a tournament in Orange County last weekend but that was cancelled due to the weather. The Spartans had a tri-match scheduled for Cave Spring on Wednesday but that was also in jeopardy due to the weather.

Salem girls win two more to go 17-1 on the season



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Left, Salem's Kourtney Goens ties up a Cavalier in last week's win in Daleville. Right Aniyah Fox looks to pass.

Glenvar girls go to Carroll Friday

The Glenvar girls were scheduled to host Giles on Wednesday night hoping to break a losing streak that has now reached 56 games going back to the post-season of 2023. Giles comes into the week at just 2-11 after losing to Class 1 Bland County by 25 points last week.

The Highlanders have come up empty 14 times this season and were weathered out of a home game with Martinsville on Tuesday. Giles is a team the Highlanders have an even-

money chance to beat but continued cold weather and ice put that game in jeopardy at press time.

Last Wednesday Glenvar host William Byrd and fell 56-25. Ryan Jones had seven points and Reagan Duncan led the team with eight rebounds.

On Friday at Floyd the always tough Buffalo gals stampeded the Highlanders to the tune of 70-19. Audrey Moles had nine points and Zella Hayes had seven points and 14 boards.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Reagan Duncan(left in white) and Halie Watkins defend William Byrd's Skye Williams in last week's game at Glenvar High.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Ashley Fowler of Roanoke College had 19 points against Randolph-Macon.

RC women host Randolph College at Cregger Center

The Roanoke College women fell to 1-7 in Old Dominion Athletic Conference games with a 77-71 loss to Randolph-Macon in Ashland last Friday evening. It was the fourth straight ODAC loss for the RC women, who fell to 7-10 overall.

The Yellow Jackets built an eight point lead in the first half at 34-26. The Maroons cut the lead to 57-53 in the third quarter but Roanoke couldn't catch the Jackets down the stretch.

RC's Ashley Fowler led the RC scoring with 19 points. The junior was one of three players to break double figures on the evening as Alicea Farmer had 17 points and Paige Breuer hit for 13. Mariah Cain led the way in rebounds, grabbing six boards.

The RC women were scheduled to return to the court on Wednesday and they had their work cut out for them against undefeated Washington & Lee in Lexington. Results were too late for publication.

This Saturday the Maroons will host Randolph College at noon.

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Left, Salem's Tanner Overstreet shoots a three-pointer in last Friday's game at Cave Spring. Right, Elijay Paddyfote saves the ball in.

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Spartans look for revenge against Hidden Valley Friday

The Salem High boys' basketball team lost for just the third time this season when Cave Spring swept the season series from the Spartans last Friday night. The Knights took a 60-55 win in a packed Cave Spring High School gym.

With the loss Salem dropped to 13-3 on the season and all three losses have been to South Roanoke County teams, two against Cave Spring and one to Hidden Valley. The Spartans are scheduled to host

Hidden Valley at SHS this Friday.

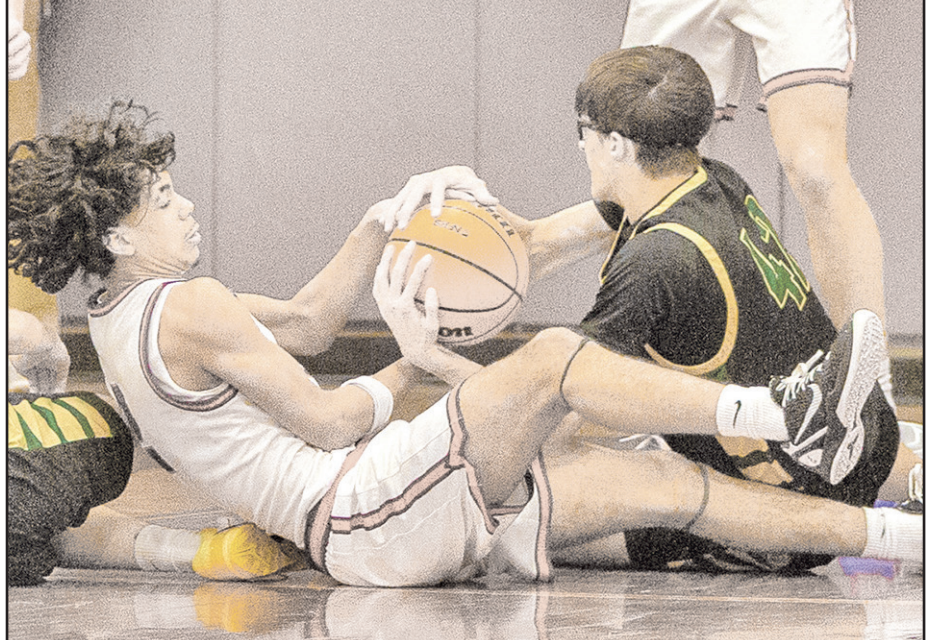
The Cave Spring gym was alive Friday in an exciting high school game. The Knights led 12-11 after the first quarter and 30-19 at the half, but the Spartans cut the lead to 47-41 after three periods and got as close as two points in the fourth quarter but never could draw even.

"I thought the difference was offensive rebounding," said Salem coach Kevin Garst. "We had some

pretty good possessions defensively that we couldn't finish with the rebound. They hit a couple threes in the second half off offensive rebounds that kept us from getting over the hump."

Braylon Smith led Salem with 13 points and Tanner Overstreet had a dozen and a team-high seven rebounds. Cave Spring outrebounded Salem 40-16 for the game with 16 offensive rebounds to just three for

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Glenvar's Evan Harris(right) goes to the floor to battle for the ball at William Byrd.

Highlanders get big win over Floyd



Jax Bolling drives to the bucket between two Terriers.

The Glenvar boys knocked off a solid Floyd County team last Friday at GHS for a signature win. The Buffaloes were 11-2 before losing to Glenvar, 69-66.

"Great defensive performance by our guys," said Glenvar coach Hank Luton. "We were in control throughout."

Floyd turned a double digit game into a one possession game late but the Highlanders were able to hang on. Ryder Francisco led Glenvar with 23 points followed by 21 for Parker Doolan and 17 for Jax Bolling.

"Really proud of the collective leadership of our group against one of top teams in AA," said Luton. "Floyd is so well coached, we are fortunate to get a W."

It was the second close game of the week for Glenvar. Last Wednesday in Vinton the Highlanders battled Class 3 Roanoke County rival William Byrd into overtime before falling 78-71. Glenvar was up by three points with five seconds to go but Byrd hit a three to send the game

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Maroons are in race for 1st place in ODAC

The Roanoke College men's basketball team went 2-0 in Old Dominion Athletic Conference games last week to hang tough in the conference race. The Maroons are one of three teams with two ODAC losses, close on the heels of 6-1 Virginia Wesleyan.

Roanoke hammered the University of Lynchburg, 92-68, behind a 31 point performance by Jackson Bell last Wednesday, January 21, in Lynchburg. Caleb Franze scored 18 points and Marcus Morgan had 13 points, five assists and three steals for the Maroons.

On Friday evening Roanoke was back home to play a game originally scheduled for Saturday afternoon, but moved up due to the impending winter storm. A balanced scoring attack and stingy defense led the number 22 ranked Maroons to a 74-57 win over visiting Bridgewater College. A total of 10 Maroons got in the scoring column, including seven with six points or more.

The Eagles led 5-1 in the early going before a 17-2 run by the Maroons gave them an 18-7 lead with 11:37 left in the first half. Zach Rosenthal had a personal 9-0 surge within that run, nailing three successive shots from behind the three-point arc. Roanoke led 36-21 at halftime and scored the first seven points after intermission. The Maroons led by as



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Jackson Bell scored 31 points against Lynchburg.

many as 27 points in the second half.

Franze scored a game-high 15 points, hitting four three pointers. Morgan netted 12 points and Tyler Barnes delivered 10 points and eight rebounds in just 15 minutes of game time.

With the win the Maroons improved to 6-2 in ODAC play and 13-4 overall. They were scheduled to take a four

game winning streak to Randolph College Wednesday, then host Averett University this Saturday at 2 pm. Averett is 11-4 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

After this weekend the Maroons will make trips to Washington & Lee and Eastern Mennonite on February 4 and 7, then finish the regular season with four straight home conference games.