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Citizens ask Council to save historic house

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Contributing writer

Some citizens who want to preserve an 1850s house are asking Salem City Council to delay issuing a demolition permit for the house at 102 North Market Street.

The 1850-era house is believed to be constructed of the same bricks made by James Deyerle and his brother for Roanoke College, which now wants to tear down the house.

Monday night three people spoke in Council's Citizen Comment portion, asking for Council to put a stop to the college's demolition plans with the possibility of the house being moved to another location.

College officials have said RC is willing to give the house to someone who will move it.

Dr. Whitney Leeson, a history professor a the college and North Broad Street resident, said the house is one of only 14 Deyerle buildings remaining in Salem. All were built approximately in the 1850s.

"It is ironic that Roanoke College intends to demolish a building built by the same person as the college," she said, referring to Deyerle whose bricks were used to construct original college buildings.

She said proposals to move the building are a last resort, and if it is demolished the decision would be irreversible.

Diane Ribble of Pexton Avenue said "Citizens in Salem are taking a back seat. Roanoke College is taking the lead" in development in the city. "President Frank Shoshok said the college is not a guest in the city but is a vital contributor." She asked Council how Roanoke College contributes financially to the city, since it does not pay taxes.

Stella Reinhard, another North Broad Street resident, noted the house is surrounded by nearby historic properties, including Salem Presbyterian Church diagonally across on North Market and East Main.

She called on Council as citizens' leaders to do something. "The city has 30 days to issue a demolition permit, and could delay that," Reinhard said.

"It's time the city has an Architectural Review Board," she said, calling on the city to extend the present historic district that includes North Broad be extended to Lake

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

This 1850s house at 102 North Market is believed to have been constructed of the same bricks James Deyerle made for Roanoke College. The college wants to demolish the house but is willing to give it to someone who will move it.



2026 Spelling Bee Champion Abigail Rude with her teacher Mrs. Garst and Principal Greg Johnston.

G.W. Carver fifth grader named Salem's top speller

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After 11 rounds of competition, a fifth grader from G.W. Carver Elementary School earned the title of Salem's top speller at the annual Salem School Division Spelling Bee, held Feb. 5 at Andrew Lewis Middle School.

Abigail Rude clinched the championship by correctly spelling "vendetta," carefully spelling V-E-N-D-E-T-T-A before an audience in the school auditorium.

Rude competed against spelling champions from the city's other elementary schools as well as top spellers from all three grade levels at Andrew Lewis Middle School. She is a student in Mrs. Garst's class at G.W. Carver and also competed alongside her older sister, Allison.

With the win, Rude advances to the regional spelling bee scheduled for March 28 at Radford University. The runner-up and alternate for the regional competition is Andrew Lewis Middle School sixth grader Beth Neilson.

The spelling bee was originally scheduled for January but was postponed because of snow.

Abbie Coleman of WSLS served as guest caller for the second consecutive year. Coleman is a Salem School Division graduate and a former member of the Salem High School state champion forensics team.



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The competition was held on Feb. 5.

Judges for this year's competition were Leigh Leslie, Lauren Cundiff, Jennifer Dean and Chris Taibbi.

Salem College to launch master of science in psychology program this fall

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Roanoke College will welcome the first cohort of students this fall into a new Master of Science in psychology program, a two-year, terminal degree designed to prepare graduates for either doctoral study or careers in the workforce.

College faculty approved the program last spring. The degree is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

"What's special about this graduate degree is how individualized it is and how it will set students up equally well for either pursuing a doctorate or entering the workforce," said Kathy Wolfe, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. "Mentoring and professional development are hallmarks of a Roanoke College education, and I know the faculty are excited to work closely with students in the program."

The program will enroll small cohorts of about a dozen students each year, a structure college officials say is intended to strengthen relationships among students and faculty and enhance learning.

The curriculum in general psychology emphasizes practical skill-building. Students will complete 11 course units, with classes held in the fall and spring semesters and summers reserved for research and professional development. Courses will be conducted in person, scheduled in the mornings Monday through Thursday to provide flexibility for students balancing other responsibilities.

Danielle Findley-Van Nostrand, associate professor of psychology and graduate program coordinator, said the

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Salem VA Medical Center nurse honored with Daisy Award

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The Salem VA Medical Center recently recognized registered nurse Carolyn Keyes as its latest DAISY Award honoree, citing her compassionate care and clinical expertise in treating a critically ill veteran.

Keyes, who works in the medical-surgical intensive care unit, was nominated by a veteran patient she cared for while the patient was experiencing severe health issues and preparing for a medical procedure, according to an announcement from the medical center.

Hospital officials said Keyes ensured the patient's safety and carefully coordinated preparations ahead of the procedure while providing ongoing support during a stressful time.

In the nomination, the veteran credited Keyes with helping them feel protected and confident that all necessary staff and resources were in place during the procedure.

"She gave 100% for me to live … she is the best nurse I ever met … she is my hero," the veteran wrote.



COURTESY PHOTO

Keyes

The DAISY Award is a national program that honors nurses for extraordinary compassion and care. The Salem VA Medical Center encouraged staff and the community to join in recognizing Keyes for what it described as "life-changing care, expertise and sincerity" provided to veterans each day.

Panda Express planned for West Main Street site in Salem

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A 0.93-acre property at 816 W. Main St. has been sold and is slated for redevelopment as a Panda Express restaurant, according to an announcement from Cushman & Wakefield | Thalhimer last month.

CFT Developments purchased the site from Driven Brands Inc. for $1.5 million. The buyer plans to redevelop the property for the restaurant, with completion scheduled for early summer 2026.

Connie Jordan Nielsen and Alicia Brown of Cushman & Wakefield | Thalhimer handled sale negotiations on behalf of Panda Express, the company said.

The site is located along the West Main Street commercial corridor, one of Salem's primary retail and dining areas.

"We're pleased to see continued interest from nationally recognized brands choosing to invest in our community. Projects like this help reinforce the West Main corridor as a vibrant destination for residents and visitors alike," Tommy Miller, Salem's director of economic development.

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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.

Cannabis and the Criminal Justice System: Monday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. Join us for a timely, thought-provoking conversation about the local and national impact of cannabis reform, led by veteran attorney Will Thompson. As federal authorities shift cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule III classification, what does it really mean for the criminal justice system and for everyday Americans? Thompson offers an insider's perspective on those questions and more, drawing on his experience working at all levels of government to shape drug policy and legal interpretations. For a link to this online talk, click here. This event is part of the Distinguished Speakers in Cannabis Lecture Series co-sponsored by the Roanoke College Cannabis Studies Program and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Peggy Haas Howell: Acclaimed organist Peggy Haas Howell will present a solo organ recital at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 42 E. Main Street, Salem, VA 24153, on Friday, February 27 at 7 p.m.

Cannabis and Longevity: Monday, March 23, 7:30 p.m. Dr. Farzana Kennedy, a pharmacist and leader in the medical cannabis dispensary movement, has spent years exploring the intersection of cannabis and health care. Her current focus is on understanding how cannabis can support longevity, a timely question as Baby Boomers and Gen Xers emerge as fast-growing groups of cannabis users. Join her for an insightful look at the science, trends, and potential health benefits of cannabis across the lifespan. For a link to this online talk, click here. This event is part of the Distinguished Speakers in Cannabis Lecture Series co-sponsored by the Roanoke College Cannabis Studies Program and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Better Babies, Better Life?: Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m. Colket Center, Wortmann Ballroom. Enhancing our children's genes: moral obligation or travesty? In this year's Crumley Lecture from the Benne Center for Church & Society, Dr. James Peterson explores a life-changing ethical question that has presented itself. Dr. Peterson, an internationally known ethics expert, is a professor emeritus whose work focuses on both medical and religious ethics. He's been extensively published, including authoring or contributing to over a half-dozen books, and was the longtime editor of the journal Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith.

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 Acts" on Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. 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.

Gary Allan in concert — Multi-platinum country artist Gary Allan returns to the Salem Civic Center on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale Friday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. at the Salem Civic Center Box Office and at Ticketmaster.com. Ticket prices range from $14.92 to $134.75. A presale will be held Thursday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Ticketmaster.com with the code RUTHLESS.

The Dandelion Tour — Ella Langley will perform at the Salem Civic Center on Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m., with special guests Dylan Marlowe and Gabriella Rose. Tickets range from $53.50 to $123.50 and go on sale Friday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at the Salem Civic Center box office, open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and online at Ticketmaster; additional fees may apply to online purchases.

Public meetings:

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.

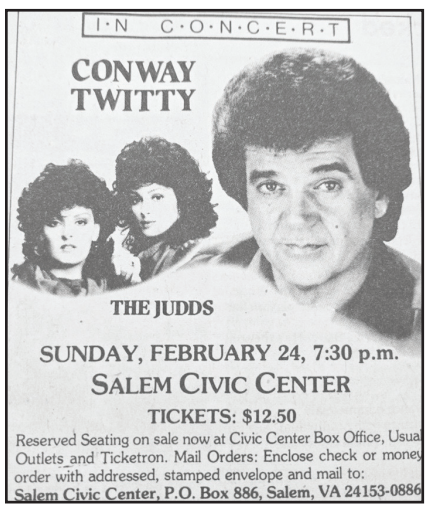
The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 27.

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Old Ads

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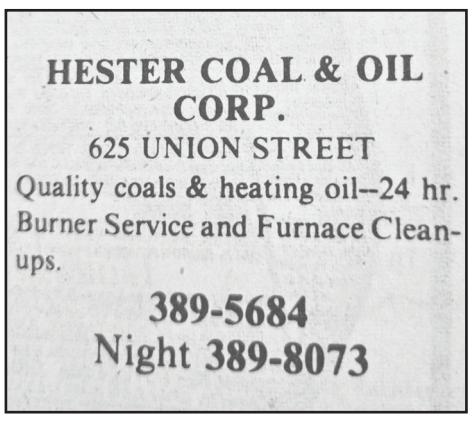


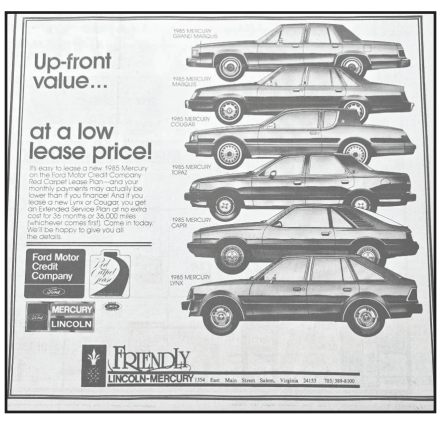


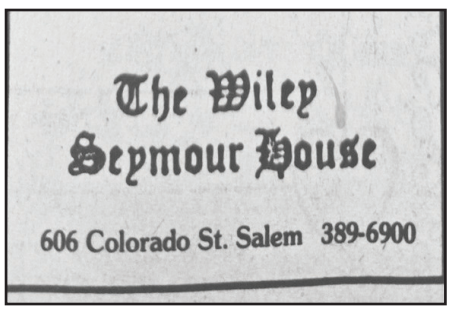


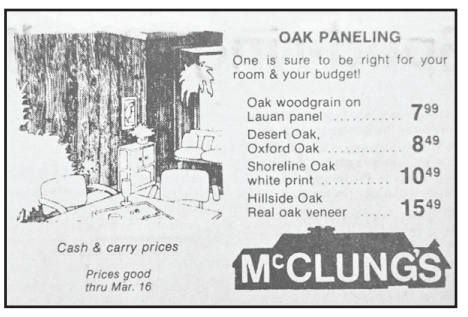
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-Prepared by Shelly Koon









Cline-backed funding for I-81 improvements signed into law

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has signed the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill into law, including $17 million for widening projects and safety enhancements along Interstate 81, according to the office of U.S. Rep. Ben Cline, R-Va.

Cline, who represents Virginia's 6th Congressional District and serves on the House Appropriations Committee, said the funding will support efforts to address congestion and safety concerns along the heavily traveled corridor.

"Interstate 81 is a critical component of the Shenandoah Valley and plays an outsized role in the region's economy and daily life," Cline said in a statement. "From local commuters and families to farmers, manufacturers and truck drivers, countless Virginians rely on this corridor every day. This funding allows us to begin tackling persistent safety and congestion challenges while laying the groundwork for future capacity improvements."

Interstate 81 carries both passenger and freight traffic through western Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. According to information provided by Cline's office, more than 12 million commercial trucks travel the interstate each year, transporting more than $300 billion in goods.

Originally constructed more than 50 years ago, sections of I-81 have struggled to keep pace with rising traffic volumes. A 2018 state report identified significant needs along the corridor, and Virginia has undertaken improvement projects in recent years through its Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program.

That program includes plans to widen portions of the highway from two lanes to three in key areas, a change intended to reduce congestion, improve reliability and provide additional space for emergency response vehicles. Transportation officials have also said such improvements can help reduce crash risks by allowing more room for vehicles to maneuver.

Cline represents communities across western and central Virginia, including much of the I-81 corridor.

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Police Report

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Arrest Report

Week of January 27, 2026 – February 2, 2026

1/27/2026	Sharon P. Childress	56	Simple Assault & Battery
1/28/2026	Joseph L. Sartin	31	Concealed Weapon, Receive Stolen Goods
1/28/2026	Terri L. Turner	56	Violation of Probation
1/28/2026	Carlton C. Logsdon	41	Fail to Appear
1/29/2026	Zachary L. Hannah	40	Fail to Appear
1/30/2026	Kenneth L. Campbell, Jr.	42	Public Intoxication
1/31/2026	Wakeena M. Austin	51	Simple Assault & Battery, Public Intoxication
1/31/206	Ronnie M. Fisher, Jr.	44	Petit Larceny
2/1/2026	Joshua L. Shrader	47	Simple Assault & Battery
2/2/2026	Matthew D. Gustafson	46	Simple Assault & Battery

City of Salem Police Department

Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of January 27, 2026 – February 2, 2026

DATE REPORTED	*LOCATION*	*OFFENSE REPORTED*
1/28/2026	1200 BLK Southside Dr	Grand Larceny
1/30/2026	100 BLK St John Rd	Grand Larceny
2/1/2026	500 BLK Yorkshire St	Vehicle Theft
2/2/2026	1400 BLK W Main St	Assault on Police Officer

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



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If I have a choice of chocolate or cinnamon flavored candy I pick the red stuff every time. Red Hots, Big Red gum, Hot Tamales, and Atomic Fireballs are all my choices.

Before the Tik Tok and internet challenges of hot peppers and hot sauces, I grew up in the time of the atomic fireball challenge. These red cinnamon balls are around 3500 Scoville Heat units. The challenge was an informal, word-of-mouth dare among friends to see who could endure the intense, constant cinnamon heat of the candy for the longest time. It was a common childhood test of toughness in junior high and elementary schools, where the candy was sometimes treated as a form of currency. The primary goal was to keep one or multiple Atomic Fireballs in the mouth without spitting them out due to the escalating "burning" sensation. These aren't candies… they're a challenge. Atomic Fireballs start sweet, then immediately choose violence. Cinnamon heat that builds fast, lingers long, and lets everyone within a 10-foot radius know you're not to be messed with. They are so hard to find now that I haven't had one in ages, but I can still remember the good "pain" that they invoked. I know that spicy sweets aren't for everybody, but some people just must have them.

What makes cinnamon so intriguing is that its "heat" isn't the same as chili peppers. Peppers get their burn from capsaicin, which activates pain receptors on the tongue. Cinnamon's fiery sensation comes from cinnamaldehyde, a compound unique to cinnamon trees that tricks our senses into feeling warmth. That's why cinnamon feels cozy in autumn treats like Mexican horchata, but also powerful enough to deliver the spicy punch of Hot Tamales. It's a spice that can comfort and challenge your sweet tooth at the same time.

Around Christmas and Valentines Day Red Hots appear in stores. Red Hots are small, fiery red, spicy cinnamon candies made by Ferrara Candy Company. Introduced around 1932, they're made with cassia cinnamon for their signature heat and have a hard shell, often sold in classic little boxes or theater boxes.

Red hots were first sold in 1932. The Ferrara family came to the US from Italy, where they opened a bakery. Candy sales started to outstrip pastry sales and the family realized that there was an opportunity to make the most of this change in the market.

They started making panned candies because these were the easiest candies to make on the top floor of the small two-story brick building, they built for their candy-making plant. Panned candies were much easier to make and much less costly than things like candy bars. Before refrigeration became commonplace this was a clever strategy by the family. Candy bars would melt in the summer, which meant that any candy sales that involved chocolate would not be viable during the summer months.

Items like panned candies could survive the heat of the summer and they were able to be sold year-round. When the candies that they were making had begun to make a name for themselves, the Ferrara Candy Company was made. Their direct competitor was Farley's & Sather's who sold candies that were made in the same way. For years these two candy companies battled for supremacy in this space. They would eventually merge in 2012 to create the Ferrara Pan Company.

Today the Ferrara Pan Company has 7 plants that manufacture their candies. They are the largest maker of candy canes, and they also make a large portion of the Jellybeans that are sold in the US as well.

The Ferrara Pan Company became recently purchased by Nestle. This means that Red Hots are a part of the Nestle company these days. Nestle owns almost all of the most traditional candies that are still sold on the market today. They have been preserving the marketing appearance and flavor of other candies for generations.

A snack doesn't have to be complicated to be delicious. Old-school-style roasted, salted peanuts mix surprisingly well with classic red-hots for an understated party snack. It's like trail mix with a kick. Red Hots poured into my popcorn at the movies is always my favorite snack.

Red Hot Brownies

Add red hots to your brownies. Use your favorite brownie recipe or a boxed mix and ½ cup of red hot candies. Fold about 2/3 of the candies directly into the batter just before pouring it into the baking pan. Topping: Sprinkle the remaining Red Hots evenly over the top of the batter in the pan for added visual appeal and concentrated cinnamon flavor. They will melt slightly in the oven. Baking: Bake according to your brownie recipe's instructions. Cooling: Allow the brownies to cool completely in the pan before slicing. The melted candy helps form the brownie's texture and cooling is important for them to set properly.

Red Hot Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ¼ cup Red Hots, crushed

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, cream of tartar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside. In a stand mixer, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla extract, mixing until combined. Add flour mixture 1/2 cup at a time, mixing until completely combined. Stir in crushed red hots until evenly distributed (either by hand or with the stand mixer). Place powdered sugar in a medium-sized bowl. Roll one heaping tablespoon of dough into a ball and coat in powdered sugar. Place on prepared baking sheet, leaving about 1-inch for spreading. Bake for 8-10 minutes, until centers are set. The cookies will not look browned or cooked, but they are (they will finish cooking while cooling on the cookie sheet). Remove from oven and let cookies rest on baking sheet for 5 minutes. Then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

Red Hot Applesauce Jello

Ingredients

- ¼ cup Red Hots candies
- 1 cup water
- 1 3 oz box cherry Jello powder
- 2 cups applesauce

Instructions

Put 1 cup water and ¼ cup Red Hots candies in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring frequently until the candies are dissolved. Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the 1 3 oz box cherry Jello powder until dissolved. Add the 2 cups applesauce and stir until combined. Transfer the mixture to your serving dish and refrigerate for at least 4 hours (but up to 3 days) before serving.

Red Hot apples

Ingredients

- 3 lbs. apples
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup Red Hot candies

Instructions

Wash 3 lbs. apples. Remove cores and peel if desired. Cut into your preferred shape. Rings, chunks or slices work. In a large saucepan, dissolve the 1 cup granulated sugar in 1 cup water over medium heat. Add the prepared apples and ½ cup Red Hot candies. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Drop the heat to medium-low and simmer until the apples are cooked to your preferred tenderness. Add a couple of drops of red food coloring if you would like a deeper red color. Allow to cool then serve or transfer to a storage container and refrigerate until ready to enjoy. These apples are great served warm or chilled as a side dish, snack or simple dessert.

Local students earn academic honors at Presbyterian College, ETSU, University of Alabama

Several Salem students have been recognized for academic achievement at their respective colleges and universities.

Elijah Bowery I, of Salem, was named to the President's List at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, after earning a perfect 4.0 grade-point average for the spring 2025 semester.

East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee, announced that more than 4,700 students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2025 semester. To qualify, undergraduate students must complete at least 12 credits, excluding audits, incompletes, repeats and pass/fail courses, with no grade below a B-minus and a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Local students named to the ETSU dean's list include Avery Lewin and Corrine Neff, both of Salem.

Claire Rawlins, of Salem, was also named to the dean's list at the University of Alabama for the fall 2025 semester. University officials reported that 15,388 students were recognized on the dean's list, awarded to those earning a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, or the president's list, awarded to students earning a 4.0 average.

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curriculum was designed to cover the core domains of psychology while focusing on student success.

"We plan to be as needs-focused as possible, because we really want students to succeed," Findley-Van Nostrand said. "Psychology in particular is a broad discipline. We want to make sure students are able to work through that — to figure out how to articulate their skills and how to explore what options are available."

Each student will be paired with a faculty mentor whose expertise aligns with their interests. Mentors will guide students through professional development, research and the thesis process. Students may choose a traditional empirical thesis or work with community partners to apply their research in a real-world setting.

Although the college will not offer graduate assistantships, each student will receive a stipend to support research expenses, conference travel and related academic activities.

Applications for the first cohort are due March 1, 2026, with rolling admissions afterward. Students interested in living on campus are encouraged to apply by mid-February. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in psychology or a related field and have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Application materials include a personal statement, transcripts, a curriculum vitae or résumé, and contact information for two letters of recommendation.

More information about the program and application requirements is available on the college's Master of Science in psychology webpage: https://www.roanoke.edu/academics/graduate_programs/psychology_master

Organist Peggy Haas Howell to present recital at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Internationally acclaimed organist Peggy Haas Howell will present a solo organ recital Friday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 42 E. Main St.

Howell, an internationally respected recitalist, has performed throughout the United States and Europe and is known for her musicianship and technical skill at the organ.

She serves as organist and choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Lynchburg and as national vice president and councilor for competitions and new music for the American Guild of Organists. She is also director of Cantate Children's and Youth Choir, a community ensemble dedicated to bringing classical choral music to young singers in central Virginia.

Howell holds a bachelor's degree in church music from Susquehanna University and a master of sacred music degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She also pursued advanced study at the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und darstellende Kunst in Hamburg, Germany. Her teachers have included James Boeringer, Heinz Wunderlich, Charles Dodsley Walker, Cherry Rhodes and Harald Vogel.

Her career as a recording artist, recitalist, teacher and church musician was praised by The Plain Dealer of Cleveland, which described her as a "play anything virtuoso."



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Howell

The recital program will span several centuries of organ repertoire, featuring works by Georg Böhm, Johann Sebastian Bach, C.P.E. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and contemporary composer Dan Locklair, as well as anonymous Renaissance dances from the 1599 Suzanne van Soldt manuscript. Highlights include Bach's Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor (BWV 542) and Locklair's Salem Sonata.

The concert is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow. More information is available at salemstpauls.org.

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SIXTH DISTRICT PERSPECTIVE



Ben Cline

Congressman

Five Appropriations Bills Signed Into Law—Results for Virginia

Widening Interstate 81 remains one of my top priorities because it is essential to the safety of our communities and the economic vitality of Southwest Virginia. I'm proud to have secured an additional $17 million in federal funding through the transportation appropriations bill, which is dedicated to necessary improvements along I-81 and helps protect a critical corridor for the Commonwealth that moves billions of dollars of goods annually. This funding builds on my consistent advocacy since coming to Congress for federal support of I-81, including the construction of a third lane, to address congestion, reduce fatal accidents, and ensure this vital freight corridor can keep up with today's growing demands. The urgency of these improvements cannot be overstated. I-81 carries a disproportionate share of commercial truck traffic along the East Coast, yet for years it has lacked the infrastructure needed to safely and efficiently support that volume.

With this additional investment, which I secured and which was signed into law by President Trump, we are now moving closer to long-overdue upgrades. Improving I-81 is not just a transportation priority; it's a public safety imperative that Virginians and frequent travelers of I-81 know all too well. Beyond these critical infrastructure investments, the broader appropriations package was also signed into law and included additional appropriations bills, leaving only one of the total twelve annual appropriations bills remaining. House Republicans also prioritized national security and advanced a peace through strength approach by supporting our allies, countering adversaries, bolstering border security, and combating the flow of fentanyl and other illicit drugs into the United States. At the same time, the package delivers meaningful spending reductions and reins in funding for unaccountable international organizations by eliminating wasteful overseas pet projects that failed to serve the America First agenda. Together, this appropriations package delivers on critical priorities and ensures taxpayer dollars are directed toward projects that provide meaningful benefits to the American people, rather than toward policies that fail to prioritize their best interests.

Faith, Fellowship, and Service at the 74th Annual Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is a historic event that brings together lawmakers and global leaders of all faiths to pray for our great nation. This longstanding tradition dates back to the Eisenhower Administration. As we reflect on the approaching 250th anniversary of our founding, we remember the Judeo-Christian values that helped shape our nation's history. No matter the party, leaders come together in prayer for the President and for our nation's strength. This year, I had the honor of co-chairing the event alongside my Democratic colleague, Rep. Jonathan Jackson, as we joined in prayer for our leaders and for the continued resolve of the American people. Following this event, I joined the Special Report with Bret Baier for the Common Ground segment alongside Rep. Jackson to discuss the highlights of the event and the importance of bringing people together across the aisle. May we continue to seek wisdom and guidance as we serve our country and remain steadfast in our commitment to the principles that have sustained our nation and its people for generations.

Fighting to Balance the Budget and Cut Wasteful Spending

In the Judiciary Committee last week, I spoke in support of a constitutional amendment that would rein in Washington's out-of-control spending and put our nation back on a path toward fiscal responsibility. I refuse to sit back while our country faces a national debt exceeding $35 trillion. We cannot continue spending our way deeper into a crisis while leaving future generations to bear the consequences. That's precisely why this amendment would permanently prohibit deficit spending by limiting total federal expenditures to the average annual revenue collected during the previous three years, adjusted for population growth and inflation. It includes limited exceptions for national emergencies and times of war, but requires approval from a two-thirds supermajority in both chambers of Congress to exceed the spending limit. Importantly, the amendment also requires a two-thirds supermajority vote for any legislation that creates a new tax or increases an existing tax rate, ensuring Washington cannot simply tax its way out of fiscal irresponsibility.

Washington's reckless spending has jeopardized our nation's financial stability and placed an unsustainable burden on American families and future generations. This proposed amendment restores a basic principle of fiscal responsibility in Washington: you cannot spend what you do not have. Families and businesses live by that budget every day, and it is long past time for the federal government to do the same. Trillion-dollar deficits have become routine, and we need binding guardrails that force Congress to live within its means and protect the financial future of the American people.

Advocating for Virginia Agriculture in Washington

Our farmers and agriculture leaders are the backbone of our local communities. As the representative for the Commonwealth's largest agricultural district, I remain committed to ensuring their voices and concerns are heard in Washington. Late last year, I hosted an agriculture conference that allowed me to hear directly from farmers and industry leaders across the Sixth District about their challenges with USDA programs and where improvements are needed to better support their operations. I took those concerns with me to the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, where I questioned officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Inspector General.

During this hearing, I appreciated the opportunity to hear from USDA Inspector General officials, including John Walk and Nicole Gardner, about the steps they are taking to strengthen oversight and improve how the department serves local communities. Specifically, our discussion focused on ensuring the USDA is operating effectively and is prepared to meet farmers' needs ahead of the busy spring season.

I also raised specific concerns from Sixth District producers, including ongoing issues with Farm Service Agency loans that are critical to their livelihoods. Farmers need timely access to credit, as it can determine a season's success or failure. Moving forward, I will keep working with the USDA, the Office of Inspector General, and my colleagues in Congress to advance solutions, strengthen accountability, and ensure federal programs deliver for the farmers who feed and fuel our nation. At the end of the day, when agriculture succeeds, so do our communities, our economy, and our country.

Keeping Our Promise to Those Who Served

When our veterans return to civilian life, they deserve a system that delivers results, respects their service, and uses taxpayer dollars responsibly. That is why I am proud to support bipartisan legislation that strengthens accountability at the Department of Veterans Affairs and ensures veterans and their families receive the benefits and opportunities they

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Roanoke Valley Libraries transitioning to new library catalog

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

This month, Roanoke Valley Libraries are transitioning to Polaris, a new online catalog designed for easy and efficient use. RVL member libraries in Botetourt County, City of Roanoke, City of Salem, and Roanoke County are excited to offer this improved experience for all RVL patrons.

As of Monday, 02/09/2026, library staff and patrons will not be able to place holds on materials in the library catalog until the go-live date Tuesday, 02/24/2026. If you call a library and the book is on the shelf, library staff will check it out to you and hold it for you. We will be unable to transfer books between the libraries during this period.

The library catalog will be offline between February 15-23. The good news is that throughout the transition, patrons will still be able to access digital materials through Libby and Hoopla.

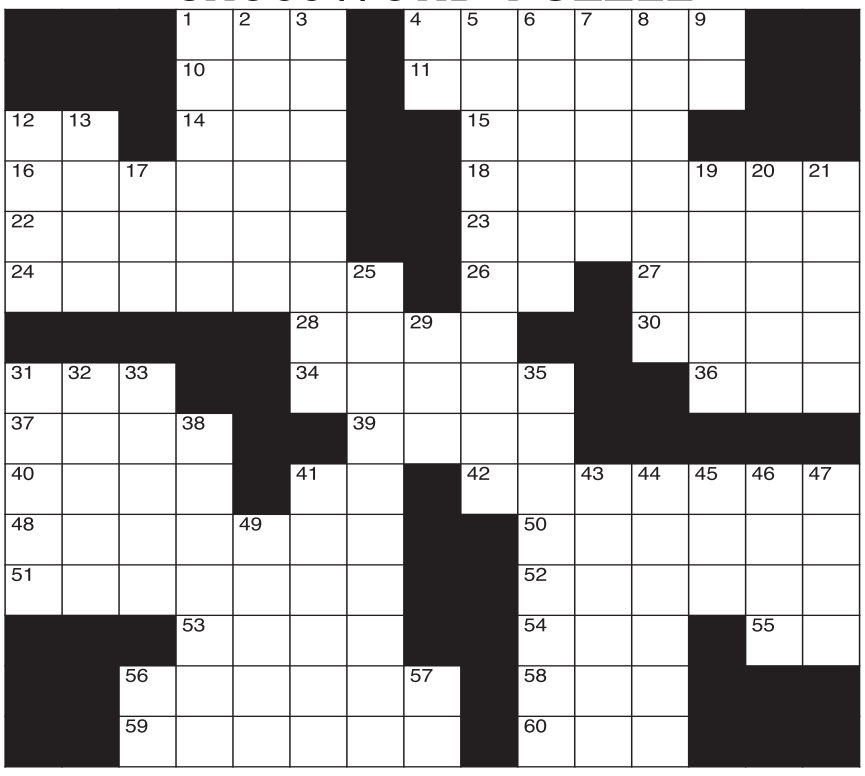
Roanoke Valley Libraries will remain open and active during the catalog transition period. Patrons can continue attending programs, browsing and checking out items in person, using public computers and printers, and studying or working at library locations

The upgrade will improve how users search, manage, and access library materials. After the launch, library patrons will be able to:

- Navigate the catalog on their phone, tablet, or computer.
- Use Smart Searches, which have spell-check and automated search suggestions.
- Check out and hold eBooks, audiobooks, and more in the catalog.
- Select a preferred pickup location from any participating library location.
- Choose to renew material automatically three days before it's due.
- Change communication preferences to be contacted via email, text, or automated calls.
- See library locations integrated with Google Maps.
- Continue using features they already use, such as keeping track of what they've checked out, maintain existing holds, and create reading lists.

We appreciate your patience during this transition and look forward to serving you with our improved online library experience.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. Revolutions per minute
4. Hymns
10. Brew
11. Did not acknowledge
12. Atomic #77
14. Partly digested food
15. Not one
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24. An aggregate of molecules
26. Equally
27. Khoikhoi people
28. Jump in figure skating
30. Lantern
31. TV network
34. Georges __, French philosopher
36. Sharp, shrill bark
37. Albanian monetary units
39. Launched Apollo
40. One who graduated
41. Exist
42. Passed by
48. Very unpleasant smell
50. Graduates
51. Seedless raisin
52. Self-protection
53. Clue
54. Life-savers
55. Ingest too much
56. Misrepresented
58. Small Eurasian deer
59. Most mocking
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN
1. Flower cluster
2. A form
3. Inner organ regions
4. Local law enforcement
5. A citizen of Senegal
6. Positively charged electrodes
7. Connects granules
8. Business practice
9. The Mount Rushmore State
12. Leader
13. Hindu queen
17. Proofreading mark
19. European country
20. Greek mythological nymph
21. Grandfather
25. Clears
29. Amount of time
31. Mollusks
32. German municipality
33. Body part
35. City of Angels hoopsters
38. Suffocate
41. Pleasing to the eye
43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
44. Ship officer
45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
46. Prefix meaning within
47. Ceased to live
49. Day by day
56. Not color
57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)

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ROUTE 11 LANE SHIFT AND CLOSURE - Drivers should expect several impacts to Route 11 for various projects that are underway.

- Route 11 northbound will have an outside lane closure between Route 772 and the I-81 ramp through January 2026 for fiber installation.
- Route 11 southbound will have a lane shift between Route 838 (Vista Drive) and Route 1007 (Bryant Road) for construction of a temporary construction entrance through January 2026.

CRAIG BOTETOURT SCENIC TRAIL BRUSH CUTTING AND STABILIZATION WORK - Residents along the former Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Craig Valley Branch railbed in Botetourt and Craig counties may notice maintenance work continuing on the old railbed. These activities are intended to prevent additional deterioration and to help designers who are developing plans for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail. VDOT continues to collect d23ta and conduct site visits and field reviews on the railbed. The design plans for Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail are still being refined and a specific schedule for construction has yet to be determined.

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have earned. The first piece of legislation, the Veterans Readiness and Employment Program Integrity Act, focuses on ensuring the Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) program effectively helps veterans succeed after service. It prioritizes outcomes, transparency, and oversight so veterans are not left waiting or pushed through a system that lacks accountability. The bill requires the VA to report employment outcomes and annual wages for VR&E participants to better measure whether veterans are securing meaningful, long-term careers. Additionally, it mandates reporting on the average wait time from application to a veteran's first meeting with a counselor, addressing concerns about delays that can prevent timely access to support. The legislation also calls for an independent third-party review of each VR&E track, along with recommendations to modernize and strengthen the program.

Right now, the VA lacks clear performance measures, making it difficult to determine whether this program delivers real value to veterans and taxpayers. This legislation brings needed accountability to a program that should be focused on results, not bureaucracy. Ensuring accountability in employment and training programs must go hand in hand with delivering benefits efficiently and without unnecessary red tape.

In addition, I also supported the bipartisan Ernest Peltz Accrued Veterans Benefits Act, which fixes a flaw in the VA's pension process by ensuring accrued benefits are paid for the month of a veteran's death, including in cases where payment was approved but later withdrawn due to a bureaucratic error. This means families will receive earned benefits they may otherwise lose, helping reduce the risk of financial hardship during an already difficult time. No veteran's family should be forced to fight the VA while grieving the loss of a loved one. Together, these bills reflect a clear priority that the VA must be transparent, accountable, and focused on serving our American heroes. Whether helping veterans transition into civilian careers or ensuring families receive earned benefits on time, Republicans remain committed to delivering for those who served us.

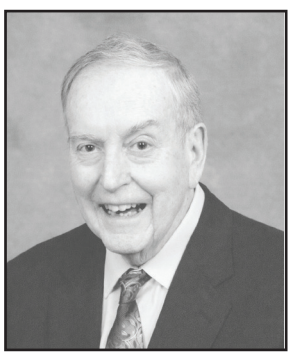
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Congressman. If my office can ever be of assistance, please contact my Washington office at (202) 225-5431.

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OBITUARY

Thomas, Michael James "Poppie"



Michael James "Poppie" Thomas, 84, loving husband of Sandra Young Thomas, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

Born in Roanoke, he was the son of the late Alfred "Ray" Thomas, Sr. and the late Edna Gaynelle "Toots" Spangler Thomas Ridenour. He was preceded in death by his brother, Alfred Ray Thomas, Jr.

In addition to his wife, Sandra, of 62 years, he will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his children, Kevin Michael Thomas (Kim), Jay Bradley Thomas (Christine) and Krista Thomas Beheler (Jason); grandchildren, Kory, Lance, Josie, Jack, Wyatt, and Emelia.

Michael was a long-time member of Melrose Baptist Church, where for many years he enjoyed teaching Sunday school, pouring his heart into preparing his weekly lessons. He also was a former member and deacon at Villa Heights Baptist Church. Michael was a graduate of Jefferson High School and National Business College, with a Business/Accounting degree.

He went on to work for N&W, now Norfolk Southern Railway, for almost 40 years as a Payroll Accountant.

Michael loved sports, especially baseball and bowling. The New York Yankees was his favorite team, and he enjoyed seeing them play at Yankee Stadium. He coached a church baseball team and later coached his two sons. He was always in the stands cheering them on during their games.

Michael thoroughly enjoyed attending Krista's gymnastic practices and tournaments. He bowled with the railroad league for 58 years and enjoyed every moment of it. Often, he chose to celebrate his birthday with his family at the bowling alley. He loved supporting all his grandchildren's many hobbies, talents, and athletic events. Later, he became very interested in tennis, as two of his grandchildren played for many years, never missing any of their matches.

Michael was an avid animal lover and enjoyed all the little strays that were brought home. He was a dedicated pet parent to his favorite pups, Missy, Hokie, Gus and his current mini dachshund, named Blue.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at Simpson Funeral Home, 5160 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 16, 2026 in the Chapel of Simpson Funeral Home, 5160 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019 with Rev. Mark Mofield officiating. Interment will follow at Sherwood Memorial Park.

While flowers are appreciated, memorial donations may be made in Michael's memory to Melrose Baptist Church, 3520 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Good Samaritan Hospice and to the Visiting Angels staff for their compassionate and loving care for both Michael and his family. Also, a huge thank you to Krista, for her continued love and devotion to her dad while he was sick. Her countless hours while striving for his healing and comfort will be remembered forever. Michael was a real family man and touched the lives of so many with his kindness and love. He will be so dearly missed, but we find peace in knowing that he is in heaven and in the arms of the Lord.



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Spring Pond, better known as the "Duck Pond" at West Main and Fourth Street.

In other matters at the Feb. 9 Council meeting, City Manager Chris Dorsey commended city crews for their day and night work clearing snow from city streets, sidewalks and city parking lots after last week's snows glazed into "snowcrete," as the Virginia Department of Transportation dubbed it, by three inches of ice and temperatures in the 20s.

"The crews were able to collect garbage the next day," Dorsey pointed out.

He also gave an update of recent city staff and Council activities, including traveling to Richmond for local government day where Dorsey, Mayor Renee Turk and Vice Mayor AnneMarie Green spoke to local representatives to voice opposition several General Assembly bills that are of citizen concern.

Dorsey said city budget preparation has begun, with meetings with department heads. "As the budget is prepared, of major concern is the potential loss of $1.5-million revenue from Yokohama. The tire company is in the process of laying off more than 400 employees and has announced plans to close before the end of the year.

The city manager noted several businesses coming and recently opened. "First Watch breakfast and brunch restaurant opened today. Recently Cook Out opened, Panda Express plans to build at the corner of Fourth and West Main, construction is continuing for WaWa," he said.

Also at the meeting, Council voted 4-1, with Councilman Randy Foley dissenting, to oppose a specific bill before the General Assembly that would mandate housing growth.

House Bill 804 would require localities to meet mandatory housing growth requirements, and submit housing growth plans to the state.

Council's resolution says the bill does not adequately consider the unique conditions of each community, and could weaken local decision making.

Foley said he does oppose the bill but voted against the resolution because "in my 20 years on Council, I don't think Council has ever opposed a specific Bill."

Councilman John Saunders also said he opposed the Bill, calling it "So blatantly wrong."

Another split vote defeated changes to the city's sign ordinance that would have put restrictions on how much lighting businesses could have. The vote was 3-2 against the motion, with Mayor Turk and Councilmen Saunders and Hunter Holliday voting to kill it.

Green and Foley voted for it. Turk said "We need to look at this a bit more before we pass this."

Vice Mayor Green said the change was "trying to make the city more tasteful and attractive."

Ella Langley bringing 'The Dandelion Tour' to Salem Civic Center in June



COURTESY PHOTO

Country artist Ella Langley will bring her headlining "The Dandelion Tour" to the Salem Civic Center on Thursday, June 25, with the show scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Dylan Marlowe and Gabriella Rose are slated to appear as special guests.

Tickets went on sale Friday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. Prices range from $53.50 to $123.50. Tickets may be purchased at the Salem Civic Center box office, open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or online through Ticketmaster. Additional fees may apply to online purchases.

Langley recently announced the 16-date arena tour, which is scheduled to kick off May 7 in Toledo, Ohio, and conclude Aug. 15 in Fort Worth, Texas, with stops planned in several major cities across the United States.

The tour announcement follows the reveal of Langley's upcoming album, Dandelion, scheduled for global release April 10. The album is executive produced by Langley along with Miranda Lambert and Ben West and is described as her most personal project to date, focusing on themes of growth, self-reflection and storytelling.

The record includes the title track "Dandelion" and the single "Choosin' Texas," which recently reached No. 1 on Billboard's Streaming Songs chart, becoming one of only a few country songs by a female lead artist to top the chart. The song has also reached No. 1 on both the U.S. Spotify chart and the Apple Music U.S. songs chart.

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TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH - 4339 Daugherty Road, Salem, Greg Irby, Pastor, Church: 380-3567; Home: 389-7240, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship Services 11:00AM & 6:00PM, Mid-week Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00PM, www.templebaptch.com.

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

BETHEL BAPTIST - 1601 S. Colorado St., Salem, Pastor Hilton Jeffreys, 389-2376, Sunday: Connect Groups meet at 9:30am; Worship Service starts at 10:30am. You can stream live with us at 10:30am on Facebook, YouTube, our App & Website (www.bethelbaptistva.com). Tuesday mornings we have Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.; Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm we have TeamKid for kids 3 years old through 5th grade, Amplify Youth (6-12th grade), Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study and then our College & Young Adult Bible Study at 8:00pm. www.bethelbaptistva.com

MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev.Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. with nursery available and children's ministry, Ladies Mission Group.

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GREENHILLCHURCHOFTHEBRETHREN, 2699 Harborwood Road, Salem, Interim Pastor J. Michael Varner, Phone: 540-389-5109. Facebook: "GREENHILLCOB,SALEM,VA". Youtube: " @greenhillcob4205". Adult Bible Study, Sunday: 10 am. Sunday Traditional Worship, 10:45 am.

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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104
Case No.W240000082
BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 205 NORTH ROANOKE STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090
ESTATE OF CHARLES PATRICK KANE

It appearing that a report of the account of Diana Tuck, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Patrick Kane, deceased, and the debts and demands against his estate has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification of the Administrator on March 20. 2024.

On the motion of the Administrator, it is hereby ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested, in the Estate of Charles Patrick Kane do show cause, if they can, on the 4th day of March, 2026at 9:00 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Charles Patrick Kane, deceased, to the distributees under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia with out requiring refunding bonds, subject only to the retention by the Administrator of sufficient funds to satisfy the remaining costs of administration.

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Entered this 3rd day of February, 2026.
Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

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proposes to build a 199-foot self-support communications tower at the approx. vicinity of 40 Eastpark Drive, Roanoke, Botetourt Court, VA 24019 [Lat: 37-20-34.49, Long: -79-52-36.47]. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Mitra Rahimi, m.rahimi@trileaf.com, 7700 West Highway 71, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78735, 512-519-9388.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1302 LAYMANTOWN ROAD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2022, in the original principal amount of $303,750.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 220000407. 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 April 3, 2026, at 10:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO APPERTAINING, LYING AND BEING IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: PARCEL 1: BEING LOT 4, BLOCK 24, ACCORDING TO MAP NO. 3 OF BLOCKS 11-24, RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C. B. MALCOLM & SON, SCE, DATED JUNE 29, 1962, CONSISTING OF SHEETS 1 THROUGH 5 RECORDED IN THE CLERK`S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 143. PARCEL 2: LOT NO. 5, BLOCK 24, ACCORDING TO MAP NO. 3 OF BLOCKS 11-24, RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C. B. MALCOLM & SON, SCE`S, DATED JUNE 29, 1962, CONSISTING OF SHEETS 1 THROUGH 5, RECORDED IN THE CLERK`S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 143. 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.

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-380025-1.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 11505 Countyline Road, Bent Mountain, VA 24059 Tax Map No. 117.00-01-91.01-0000

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated February 7, 2011, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Roanoke, Virginia, as Instrument No. 201101629, the Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on February 18, 2026 at 9:00am, at the Roanoke County Circuit Court, 305 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

That certain lot or parcel of land with all appurtenances thereto, being a parcel of land containing 0.655 acres more or less lying and being in the west side of Virginia Secondary Route No. 644, fully shown on a map attached to and made a part of the certain deed recorded in Deed Book 1217 at page 926 of the records of the Circuit Court Clerk of Roanoke County, prepared by Buford Lumsden & Associates, Engineers & Surveyors, dated February 20, 1985, the description being incorporated herein by reference.

Date of Sale: February 18, 2026 at 9:00am at 305 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

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

OPTIONS:

1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third-party purchaser.

2. The Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq.
Trustee

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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 February 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing to consider the conveyance of an approximate +/- 0.134 acre tract located in Salem, Virginia, being Tax Map # 122-8-6. Questions concerning the proposed conveyance may be addressed to the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, at 540-375-3016. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said request.
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Salem City Council

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING TO: CITY OF SALEM REAL ESTATE OWNERS

The Board of Equalization for Real Estate Assessments in the City of Salem will meet on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room at City Hall located at 114 N. Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. The Board will continue its meeting from time to time thereafter, by adjournments, at and for such time or times, at the same place or such other place or places, as may be designated and deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish and complete its task of equalization of real estate assessments and to perform the duties imposed by law upon the Board. Said meeting will be adjourned on April 28, 2026, unless the powers of the Board are extended by order of the Circuit Court for the City of Salem. The purpose of the Board meeting is to equalize property assessments in the City and to hear and give consideration to all complaints of any inequalities in such assessment so that the burden of real estate taxation shall rest equally upon all owners.
At its meeting, the Board will hear and decide all inequality protest complaints, whether made by property owners, the City, or any taxpayer, on appeal to this Board by property owners. The Board may equalize any assessment by raising or lowering assessments fixed by the Assessor, in proper cases, in order to make assessments uniform in the City as far as practicable.
If you wish to discuss the assessment with the Board, call (540) 375-3058 for an appointment by February 20, 2026. Upon request, the Assessor will provide copies of assessment records pertaining to the determination of fair market value.
Information pertaining to the Assessor's valuations, along with forms for appeal to the Board of Equalization, may be obtained from the Assessor's office by calling (540) 375-3058, or online at www.salemva.gov.
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ESTATE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SALEM
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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

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4366 BRADSHAW RD, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 19, 2016, in the original principal amount of $127,645.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160003643. 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 April 16, 2026, at 1:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: PARCEL 1: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.063 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT FOR DAVID E. VANDER VLIET OF AN UN-NUMBERED 1.063 AC. LOT NEAR ROUTE 622 MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" PREPARED BY NEAL H. WIRT, L. S., DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1992, DESIGNED AS PLAT NO. 92-688, WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 766, PAGE 561. PARCEL 2: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 5.153 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "SURVEY FOR DAVID E. & ALTHEA L. VAN DER VLIET OF A 5.153 ACRE PARCEL SITUATE IN. THE MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA", PREPARED BY JACK G. BESS, C.L.S. , DATED JULY 24, 1995, DESIGNATED AS N.B. W-9 0-95648, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK`S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONATGOMERY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 886, PAGE 759. 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.aldridgepite.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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:15 pm or as soon thereafter, at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to receive citizen comments on the proposed Ordinances Temporarily changing the A-3, E-3 and F-3 Precinct Polling Place from Squires Student Center located at 290 College Avenue, Blacksburg, Virginia, to Johnston Student Center located at 920 W. Campus Drive, Blacksburg, Virginia, for the June 16, 2026 Primary Election Only.

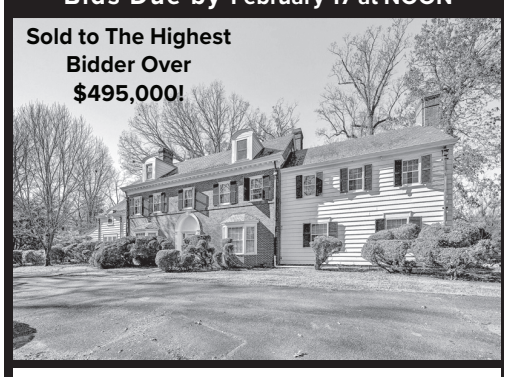
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Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

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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.aldridgepite.com. VA-372257-1.

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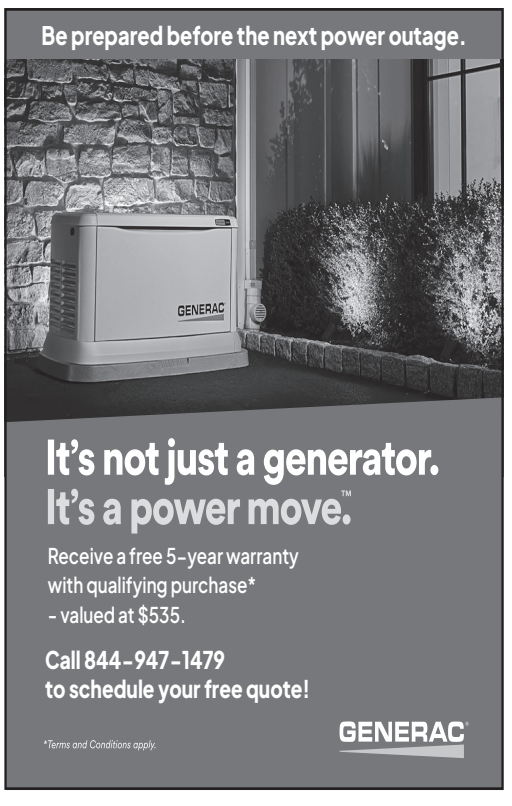
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RC men are 2nd in ODAC, finish with four straight home games

The Roanoke College men will begin a stretch of four straight home basketball games to finish off the regular season this week, with Guilford visiting on Wednesday and Shenandoah on Saturday at 2 pm. The Maroons are hanging on to third place in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference standings after splitting two ODAC games last week.

Last Wednesday, February 4, the Maroons saw their six game winning streak come to an end with a 64-56 loss to Washington & Lee in Lexington. Roanoke trailed by as many as 17 points in the second half but fought back to within six, 54-48, with 5:52 left in the game but could get no closer.

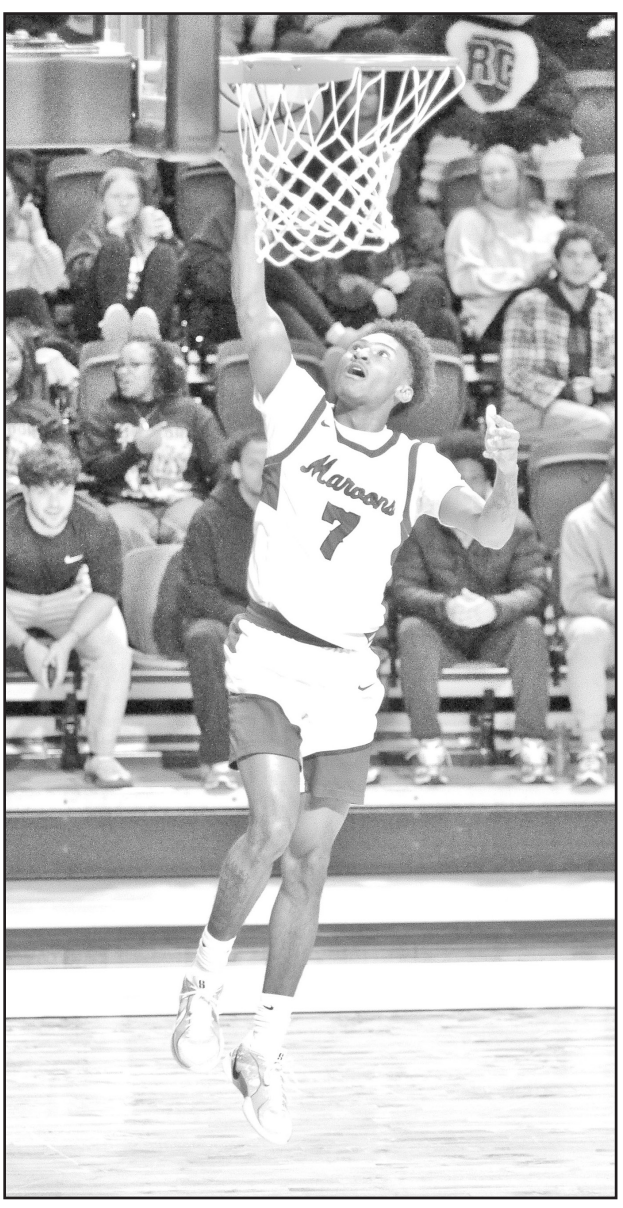


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Caleb Franze lays one in for the Maroons.

The Generals forced Roanoke into just 3-of-28 shooting from three-point range for the game.

On Saturday the Maroons bounced back with a convincing 73-57 win over Eastern Mennonite University in Yoder Arena in Harrisonburg. The Royals are coached by former Salem High and Roanoke College graduate Melvin Felix.

RC junior guard Jackson Bell delivered 23 points, eight rebounds, five steals and two blocked shots for the 17th ranked Maroons. Caleb Franze had a full stat line of 12 points, six rebounds and five assists, Porter Stanley had 11 points and six rebounds and frontcourt mate Gavin O'Malley produced 10 points and four rebounds.

With the win the Maroons improved to 16-5 overall and 9-3 in the ODAC. Randolph-Macon and Virginia Wesleyan are tied for the conference lead at 10-2 each while W&L is one game behind RC at 8-4.



Halie Watkins shoots a free throw for Glenvar. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Highland girls look to break losing streak before season ends

The Glenvar girls have four more chances to pick up a win and avoid a third consecutive winless season. The Highlanders are 0-17 after falling at Patrick County Tuesday night, 53-35.

The Highlanders are home tonight to take on Martinsville, who comes into the week with just six wins. On Monday the girls have a non-district game at home against Giles, who has won just twice and is winless in the Mountain Empire District. Then the Highlanders finish the regular season at home against Floyd on Tuesday and at Carroll County on Wednesday, February 18.

The Highlanders played at Radford last Thursday and lost 58-38. Audrey Moles led the team with 17 points while Ryan Jones had eight and Halie Watkins had seven. Tuesday's loss at Patrick County was Glenvar's 59th in a row dating back to March of 2023.

"We've played well in spurts but are still working to get a full game together as a team," said Glenvar coach Cheryl Hayes. "I really think if we can do that we'll be successful, and that means more than wins and losses."

Maroon women tied for 8th

The Roanoke College women are making a run to earn a spot in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference basketball tournament with two weeks to go in the regular season. The Maroons have won their last three conference games to tie for eighth spot in the ODAC with eight of the 12 teams qualifying for the post-season tournament.

Roanoke has defeated Randolph, Hollins and Eastern Mennonite in the last three games to improve to 4-8 in the conference, tying the University of Lynchburg for eighth place. RC will play at Lynchburg on February 18th in a game that could determine who makes the tournament.

Last Wednesday at home the Maroons hosted Hollins and took a 66-57 win at the Cregger Center. Nadia Snesarev and Ashley Fowler led the offensive charge with 13 points each. Alicea Farmer also hit double figures with 11.

On Saturday in Harrisonburg the Maroons completed a season sweep of Eastern Mennonite with a 65-56 win over the Royals. Freshman Cecilia Robinson topped the squad in scoring with 12 points as she went 4-8 from the field and added four free throws. Robinson's fellow freshman, Moriah Tate, was right behind with 11 points. Tate also dished out a team high three assists while picking up two steals on the evening as the Maroons improved to 10-11 overall.

The Maroons were hoping to keep it going Wednesday of this week with a home game against Averett. The Cougars are just 2-10 in the ODAC and 6-14 overall. Lynchburg was scheduled to play at Hollins on Wednesday.

This Saturday the Maroons are home again to host Shenandoah at 2 pm while Lynchburg goes to Averett. Then it's RC against the Hornets next Wednesday in Lynchburg.

GHS boys top Radford, Patrick Co.

The Glenvar High boys are 10-10 after defeating Patrick County at Glenvar High Tuesday night. The Highlanders are now 6-3 in Three Rivers District games with three regular season games to play.

Glenvar got a big win last Thursday when the Highlanders defeated Radford at home, 63-49. Jax Bolling led the way with 20 points, Parker Doolan had 17 and Ryder Francisco had 15.

"Jax was a problem for them to guard in the first half and as they turned their attention to him more in the second half, Parker was able to make some plays," said Glenvar coach Hank Luton. "Ryder Francisco continued to shoot it well at home despite being limited by a nagging injury."

Glenvar is scheduled to go to Martinsville tonight to play a Bulldogs team that is undefeated in district play. They'll wrap up the regular season with a game at Floyd next Tuesday and a home game with Carroll County on Wednesday, February 18.

"The win put us firmly in second place in the distrust behind Martinsville, who we have another crack at this week," said Luton. "Also keeps us moving forward as we head into Regional play."

Roanoke lacrosse picked 4th

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team has been picked to finish fourth in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference pre-season poll, voted on by the conference coaches.

The University of Lynchburg was selected first, Washington & Lee University second, and Randolph-Macon College third, just one point ahead of the Maroons in the coaches' poll. This is the first year for new RC coach Grant Zimmerman after long-time coach Bill Pilat retired after the 2025 campaign.

Roanoke College senior midfielder Julian Kammerman was named a pre-season first-team All-American when USA Lacrosse Magazine released its 2026 Preseason All-American list and team top 20 poll. Kammerman won a host of awards at the conclusion of the 2025 season. The Maroons came in at number 20 in the first top 20 poll of the season. Roanoke will open the season this Saturday against the University of Mary Washington at noon in Fredricksburg, VA. The home opener is next Wednesday, February 18, when Averett Univerity comes to Salem for a 5:30 pm game at Kerr Stadium.

Spartan hoops sitting in second in south region after Tues. win

The River Ridge District basketball tournament has been cancelled but the Salem High team is battling for position in Region 4D. The Spartans are currently in second place in the region for the tournament, which begins January 20th with a four-five game.

The Spartans are 17-3 overall after defeating Pulaski County at Salem High Tuesday, 67-41. That puts them in second in the region behind E.C. Glass. If they can hold that spot they'll get a home game on February 23rd for the Region 4D South semifinal.

The River Ridge District tournament, scheduled for this week, has been cancelled so schools can get their regular season games in after the many postponements due to the January winter storm. Salem had a game with Blacksburg postponed several times, but the Spartans finally got it in Monday and took a 92-51 win over the Bruins at Salem High.

Jack Stroud had a career high 24 points in this one to lead the Spartans, sinking four three-pointers. Salem had five players in double figures as Jaydius Hamm had 15 points, Cam Boles had a dozen, Oliver Gilliam had 11 and Elijah Paddyfote had 10 points. Salem had a 47-32 lead at the half, then outscored the Bruins 45-19 after intermission.

The Spartans are now off until next Tuesday when they play host to Hidden Valley, one of two teams that has beaten them this season. The regular season finale is a week from tonight, on February 19, at Christiansburg.

Women's lax opens at home Saturday

The Roanoke College women's lacrosse team will open the 2026 season at home this Saturday when the Maroons host St. Mary's College of Maryland. The opening draw is scheduled for 3 pm at Kerr Stadium on the RC campus.

The Maroons were selected to finish third in this year's Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) preseason poll with 81 points, seven points ahead of fourth ranked Randolph-Macon and 11 points behind second ranked Shenandoah. Washington & Lee leads the poll with nine first place votes for 99 points.

RC junior attacker Maddie McDonald was selected as a Second Team Preseason All-American by USA Lacrosse prior to the season. McDonald earned Third Team All-American honors from USA Lacrosse after her performance last season in addition to IWLCA Second Team All-Region and First Team All-ODAC. In 2025, the Massachusetts native led RC in goals and draw controls with 56 and 75 respectively. She also added six assists, 16 ground balls, and nine caused turnovers.

Maroon softball team picked 5th, opens Sat.

The Roanoke College softball team was picked to finish fifth in the 2026 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) softball pre-season poll, voted on by the league's coaches.

Virginia Wesleyan University was picked first with 100 points and 10 first-place votes, followed by Bridgewater College (87 pts.), Randolph-Macon College (83), the University of Lynchburg (73) and the Maroons (67) in the 11-team conference.

The Maroons will open their season this Saturday at Greensboro College with a 1 pm doubleheader. The first home games are Saturday, February 21, when the Maroons host William Peace University for a doubleheader at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem, beginning at 1 pm.

Roanoke baseball picked 6th in ODAC, will open at Greensboro this week

The Roanoke College baseball team has been picked to finish sixth in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference by a poll of conference coaches. The Maroons are scheduled to open the season on Wednesday, February 18, at Greensboro College.

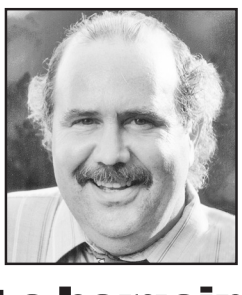
RC earned 51 points in the poll, putting them seven points ahead of seventh ranked Guilford and 11 points behind fifth ranked Hampden-Sydney. The University of Lynchburg earned nine first place votes to place them atop the preseason poll. The Maroons finished fifth last season under first year head coach Brett Kaminski.

Beginning this spring, the RC baseball team will honor the life and legacy of the late Eddie Kaufman through the establishment of the Eddie Kaufman Legacy Award. The award is an honor that will be bestowed upon a Maroon each year that best embodies Eddie's work ethic, selflessness, and team-first spirit. That Maroon will then wear Eddie's number 3 jersey for the season.

Kaufman lost his battle with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia in October of 2025. Eddie's spirit and courage inspired hundreds of Maroons to turn out for a National Bone Marrow drive last April in the hopes of finding a match.

This season, junior outfielder Dylan Bonzon has been selected to carry on Eddie's legacy and wear number 3. The first RC home games will be Saturday, February 21, when the Maroons host Alfred State College in a doubleheader at 11 am at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

Brian Hoffman



Redskins got a bargain

I was sad to learn of the passing of Christian Adolph Jurgensen last week, who everyone knew as "Sonny." He was one of my all-time favorites.

Sonny lived to be 91, which is a pretty good run, and he had a great life. . .NFL Hall of Famer, TV celebrity. Still, you hate to see someone leave who was one of your favorites since you were a kid.

My first remembrance of NFL football was the 1960 season, when I was seven years old. The Eagles won the NFL championship with an aging, but still very effective, Norm Van Brocklin at quarterback. The "Dutchman" retired after that season and his backup, Sonny Jurgensen, became the Eagles starting quarterback in 1961. The Birds went 10-4 that season and Jurgensen was named to the Pro Bowl after throwing for an NFL record 3,723 yards and 32 touchdowns, which remained a Philadelphia franchise record for 56 years until Carson Wentz threw for 33 in 2017. Both went on to play for the Redskins/Commanders, but we'll get to that a little later.

Sonny and his favorite receiver, Tommy McDonald, were my favorite football players outside of the ones on our local high school team. And, I actually got to meet Jurgensen when he came to our town.

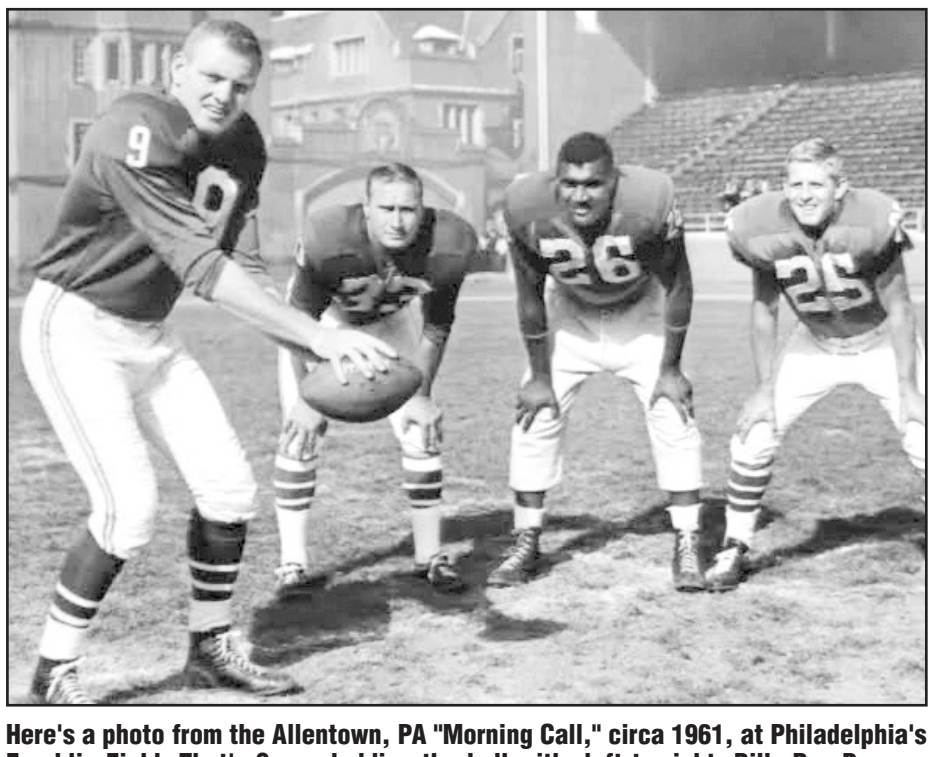
Back then, NFL football players had summertime jobs because the pay wasn't quite as good in the early '60s. The Eagles had a roaming off-season basketball team that played exhibition games around the area to pick up off-season money. The Eagles team usually played against a group of local "all-stars" and the games drew good crowds.

I was thrilled when I learned the Eagles were coming to Souderton Area High School to play a bunch of our locals, and I was anxious to see which players would attend. We didn't know until we got to the game, and when Sonny Jurgensen came out of the locker room it was about as exciting as it gets for a young Eagles fan.

After the game the Eagle players sat along the wall of the gym, under the basket, and signed autographs for as long as fans hung around. I didn't know this was going to happen so I wasn't prepared, but a friend of mine had some extra paper and I was able to get Sonny's autograph along with a bunch of other Birds who no one else would remember unless they are now old and long-time Eagle fans like myself.

Now we get to the Redskins part of the story. After the 1963 season Sonny and his backup, King Hill, held out for more money, maybe so they wouldn't have to do the basketball deal anymore. That didn't sit well with the team ownership at the time and Sonny was traded to Washington, along with safety Jimmy Carr, for Norm Snead and Claude Crabb.

I was heartbroken. Norm Snead was a decent quarterback and some of you may know he was from Virginia, playing at Warwick High School in Newport News. He had a nice run at Wake Forest and was the second overall pick in the 1961 draft. Snead went on to play 17 NFL seasons with the 'Skins, Eagles, Vikings, Giants and 49ers and was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1984. He died in January of 2024.



Here's a photo from the Allentown, PA "Morning Call," circa 1961, at Philadelphia's Franklin Field. That's Sonny holding the ball with, left to right, Billy Ray Barnes, Clarence Peaks and Tommy McDonald. Funny, but I could name all four without looking them up and sometimes I can't remember what I did last week.

Snead was a pretty good player, but he was no Sonny Jurgensen. The "Red Head" had an NFL Hall of Fame career in Washington, making four Pro Bowls, passing for over 20,000 yards and throwing 179 touchdown passes. When he retired after the 1974 season, his 265 touchdown passes were third-most in NFL history, behind only Johnny Unitas (290) and Fran Tarkenton (266) and his 32,224 passing yards were fourth-most. Jurgensen was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1983.

After retiring Sonny had a second career in broadcasting. He was a color commentator on Redskins' broadcasts from 1974 to 2008 and served in some capacity with the team until retiring from broadcasting prior to the 2019 season.

He was really fun to listen to. He knew his football inside and out and, teaming with former linebacker Sam Huff, they made listening to Redskins' games enjoyable and informative.

Back in the '70s and '80s the late Bob Teitlebaum covered Washington home games for the Roanoke Times. A few times every season he would get me a photo pass and I'd ride along and take pictures at the games. As you can imagine, that was a thrill for me, roaming the sidelines at old RFK and taking pictures of the greats of the game. . .Joe Namath, Walter Payton, Roger Staubach, Terry Bradshaw, Tony Dorsett and I can go on and on about great players I had the joy of photographing.

After the game Bob had to interview the players and write his story, so I had about an hour and a half to kill. I remember one year the Redskins were struggling and someone had hung a banner from the upper deck of RFK that read, "Come back Sonny, we need you."

After the game I got on the elevator to ride to the press box and was pleased to see Sonny in the same elevator. A woman turned to Sonny and asked if he noticed that banner, to which Sonny replied in that distinctive voice all Redskins fans loved, "I had to come out here an hour before the gates opened to put that up."

Rest in peace Sonny Jurgensen. You were one of the all-time greats, and for another ten thousand dollars a year you could have been the best Eagles' quarterback ever.



Left to right Salem's Audrey Harmon(#6), Glenvar's Anna Hall(#3) and Salem's Olivia Huff(#7) battle it out in the 500 meter race at Roanoke College Saturday. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



It's a wrap

Monday was one of the saddest days of the year. The END of football season.

It started back in August with high hopes for high school, college and pro teams. Slowly but surely their seasons ended and, if they were any good, they most likely ended with a loss. If you don't end with a loss, you either won the championship or you didn't make the playoffs.

Our season ending football contest was in the Christmas edition and at that time the college playoffs were just starting and the NFL was still in the regular season. So, picking the champion in each wasn't easy. In fact, several of our contestants missed 11 or 12 of the 15 games.

However, Diane Beason wasn't one of them. She missed just four games, which was two better than anyone else in the contest. Diane missed TCU over UCLA, didn't have Miami in the college semifinals and had the Patriots over the 49ers in the Super Bowl for her other two misses. That was pretty good, so she'll get the $50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and a year's subscription to the Salem Times-Register.

For our final 19th hole winner the day of free golf goes to Bob Kiker, who picked the Seahawks to win the Super Bowl. He won't be out there in the next week or two but warmer weather is coming. It HAS TOO!!

Thanks to everyone for playing our contest this year. We'll be back in August for another six months of football. I can hardly wait. **–Brian Hoffman**

High School teams prepare for post-season

The Salem and Glenvar track teams sent athletes to the last regular season indoor meet at Roanoke College last Saturday, and Glenvar's Joey Loder also competed in a big meet in Virginia Beach.

Running in the 63rd East Coast Invitational, Loder took second in the boys 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.35. Joey was also seventh in the 500 meter run in 1:07.27.

Glenvar took 13 athletes to Roanoke College for the East Coast Elite Top 600 Invitational. Evan Harris took first place in the boys 1000 meters with a PR of 2:42.86. The girls 4x200 and 4x400 teams both took thirds. The 4x200 team consisted of Meena Chen, Kaillee McDonald, Elle Graffeo and Aiden Beverly and the 4x400 team was Anna Hall, McDonald, Rayya Bryson and Beverly.

"Despite the weather's negative effect on practices, we had several season best performances," said Glenvar coach Bekka Loder.

For Salem the boys 4x800 relay team of Grant Horner, Thomas Scharp, Austin Prosser and John Stovall took first place with a season's best time. DaVon Jones took a third in the 55 hurdles.

For the girls, Salem's 4x800 team of McKenzie Eversole, Olivia Huff, Addison Hancock and Audrey Harmon took second with a season's best run. Harmon also took sixth in the 500 meter dash.

Salem's next meet will be the Region 4D meet on February 16th at Rockingham. Glenvar will run in the Region 2C meet at Roanoke College on February 22nd.

Roanoke College indoor track team to host Joe LaRocco Invitational Sat.

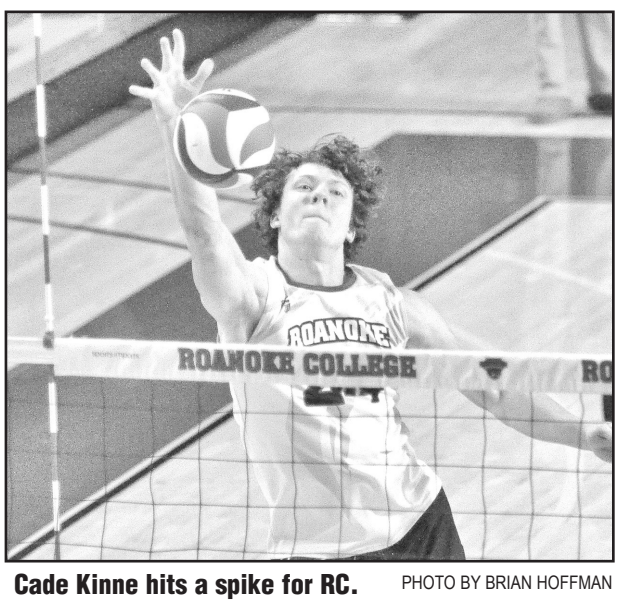
The Roanoke College Track & Field team will host the Joe LaRocco Invitational at the Kerr-Cregger Fieldhouse in Salem this Saturday. Last week Maroon men and women had big days at the Camel City competition at the JDL Fast Track in Winston-Salem, NC.

For the men, Max Cardwell ran the second-fastest 400m time in program history and Elias Ammon also posted a PR time in the mile run. Cardwell set a personal record in the 400m, clocking in at 48.80 seconds to finish eighth in the event. His time, which puts him in second place in the Roanoke record book, currently ranks third in the ODAC and the NCAA South Region and 31st in Division III.

Ammon's personal-best time of 4:18.67 in the mile led all D3 competitors and was good for 26th place overall. He now ranks seventh in both the conference and the region.

In the women's competition RC's Lindsey Hobin logged the second-fastest 400m time in school history, finishing the race in 57.65 seconds. That mark leads the ODAC, and it currently ranks second in the NCAA South Region and 26th in the country. She led all Division III competitors and finished 15th overall in the seeded branch of the event.

The distance medley relay team of Ava Wray, Nadira Cantey, Allie Gallaher and Maya Herndon finished third overall with a mark of 13:27.56.



Cade Kinne hits a spike for RC. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC volleymen edged in Elizabethtown

The Roanoke College men's volleyball team put up a strong fight with RV Elizabethtown, coming back from being two sets down, but ultimately fell in the fifth set in a match in Elizabethtown, PA last Saturday. The Maroons were also scheduled to play Hood College that day but that match was cancelled due to weather concerns.

Elizabethtown improved to 11-2 win the win while Roanoke fell to 4-3. The Maroons won their first four matches of the season but have now lost their last three.

In Saturday's match Jason Rutkowski put together a season high of 17 kills to lead RC. Cade Kinne also hit double figure kills with 12 in the match. Gabe Fabbro and Johnny Moran led the way in setting duties, recording 21 and 20 assists respectively.

The Maroons head to North Carolina this Saturday to take on Warren Wilson at 1 pm. They will also scrimmage the Milligan University club team at 3 pm.

Salem wrestlers are second in the region, qualify 8 for state

Highlanders wrestle at Liberty in Region 2C tournament Saturday

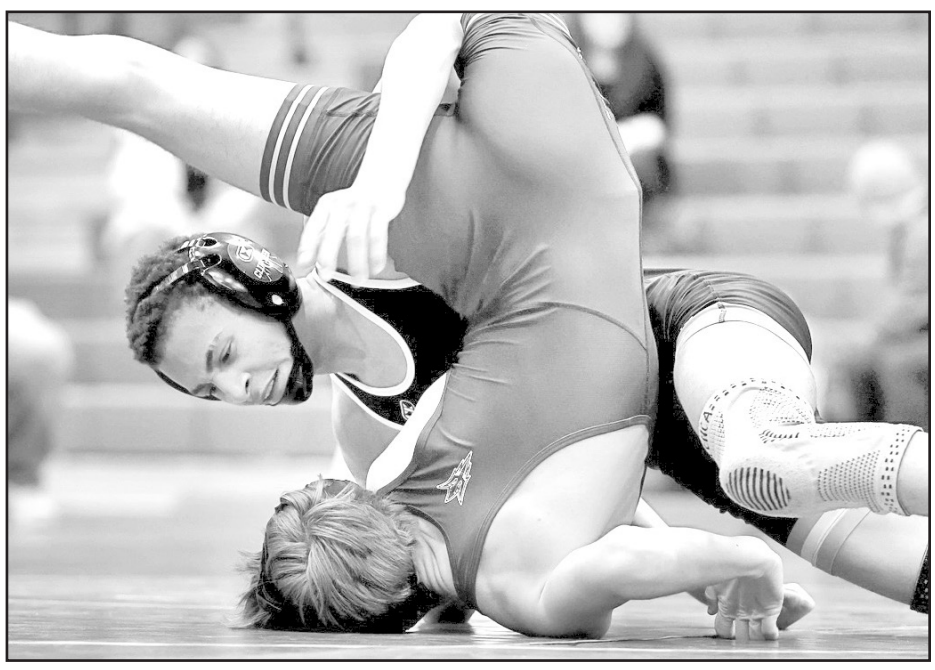
The wrestling post-season is here, and the Salem and Glenvar teams are looking to make some noise. The Spartans were runners-up in the Region 4D tournament while Glenvar is scheduled wrestle in the Region 2C tournament this Saturday at Liberty High School in Bedford.

Salem was the Region 4D runnerup and qualified eight wrestlers for the Class 4 tournament in Virginia Beach the weekend of February 21. James Wood was the Region 4D champ, outscoring Salem by 21 points with 231. Salem had 210 points and Sherando was third with 190.5.

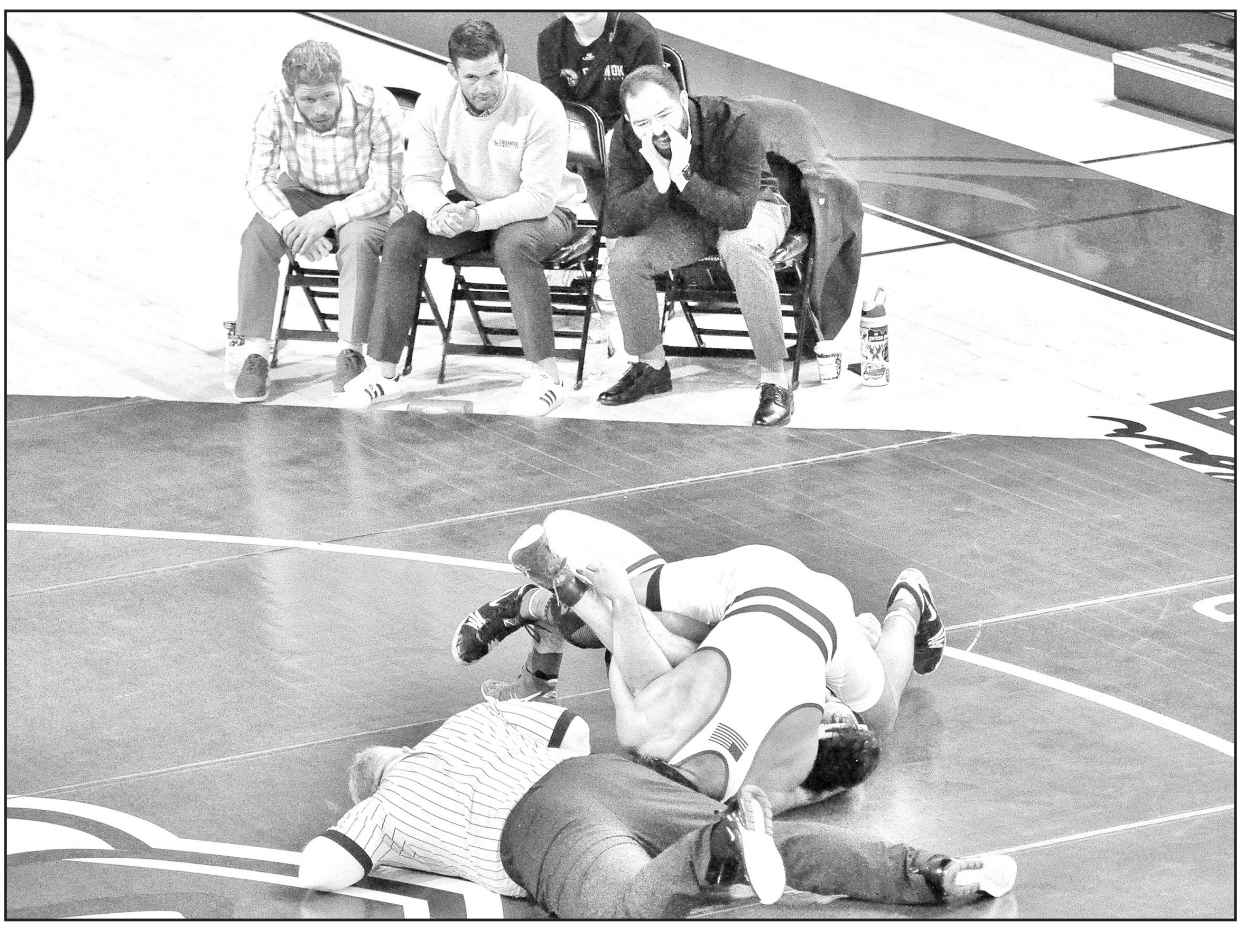
"We had every wrestler compete and score points," said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "It was a huge team effort."

Salem put three wrestlers on the top step of the podium. Derek Bush took first place at 120, Anthony Baudanza won the 132 pound title and heavyweight Jake James was also first. Sayge Herndon made the final at 106 and finished second.

Three Spartans won consolation finals to finish third and qualify for the state, Patrick Patterson at 113, Kolynn Eastman at 126 and Giuseppe Baudanza at 138. Jake Preston advanced with a fourth place at 215 and also scoring points for Salem but not advancing to the state were Dylan Bonet, Tre Kunz, Tolin Saul, Rocket Cowling and Keegan Price.



Salem's Patrick Patterson(on top) finished third in the region and qualified for the Class 4 state wrestling tournament. PHOTO BY JON FLEMING



Roanoke College coaches look on as Lorenzo Pellot-Vazquez finishes off a pin at 197 pound in Saturday's ODAC wrestling match at Roanoke College. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Maroons pin W&L, Averett to win 4th straight ODAC title

The Roanoke College wrestling team earned its fourth-straight Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) title Saturday with a 45-0 victory over Averett University at the Cregger Center in Salem. The Maroons also defeated Washington & Lee in a Friday "Senior Night" match, 30-7.

With the two wins the Maroons, ranked No. 1 in the nation, end the regular season unbeaten with a 15-0 record, including 5-0 in the conference. RC recorded five shutouts this year in dual matches.

On Saturday against Averett two Maroons posted pins, Hunter Moore (4:11 at 184) and Lorenzo Pellot-Vázquez (3:51 at 197). Jude Robson, at 133 pounds, was one of four RC wrestlers to pick up a technical fall victory, joined by Mark Samuel at 141, Taylor Smith at 149 and Cade Parent at 165.

Kyle Lee won by major decision at 174 and Casey Smith was a decision winner at 157, as was Cam Cavins at 285. Mac Cafurello opened the dual with a hard-fought 4-1 win in the sudden victory period.

This Saturday the Maroons will compete in the ODAC Tournament at Shenandoah University in Winchester. The tournament decides the champions of individual weight classes.

Salem boys are fourth in Region 4D swimming

The Salem High swim team competed in the Region 4D meet at Liberty University in Lynchburg last weekend and qualified a bunch of swimmers for the state meet. As a team the Spartan boys were fourth and the girls were seventh out of 11 teams competing as River Ridge District rival Blacksburg won both the boys' and girls' region championships.

For the boys, Salem's Mike Bateman won the 50 freestyle, took third in the 100 Free and swam on two state qualifying relay teams. The 200 Free relay of Bateman, Zach Bocock, Starke Griffith and Carter Biscotte was third and the 200 Medley team of Biscotte, Riley Handy, Jack Lawrence and Bateman placed fourth.

Biscotte also placed second with a state cut in the 100 Free and swam a state cut in the 50 Free. Lawrence was second in the 100 Fly and Bocock was fourth in the 50 Free.

Two Salem girls made the state meet. Aubrey Snead was third in the 50 Free and Riley Miller was fifth in the 200 IM.

The state meet will be held in Richmond on February 20th.



Salem's Zach Bocock leaps off the block at the start of the 50 yd freestyle at the Region 4D championship meet. Bocock placed 4th (23.25) while teammate Mike Bateman won the region title in a time of 22.84. The Class 4 state swim meet will take place on February 20th at SwimRVA in Richmond. PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

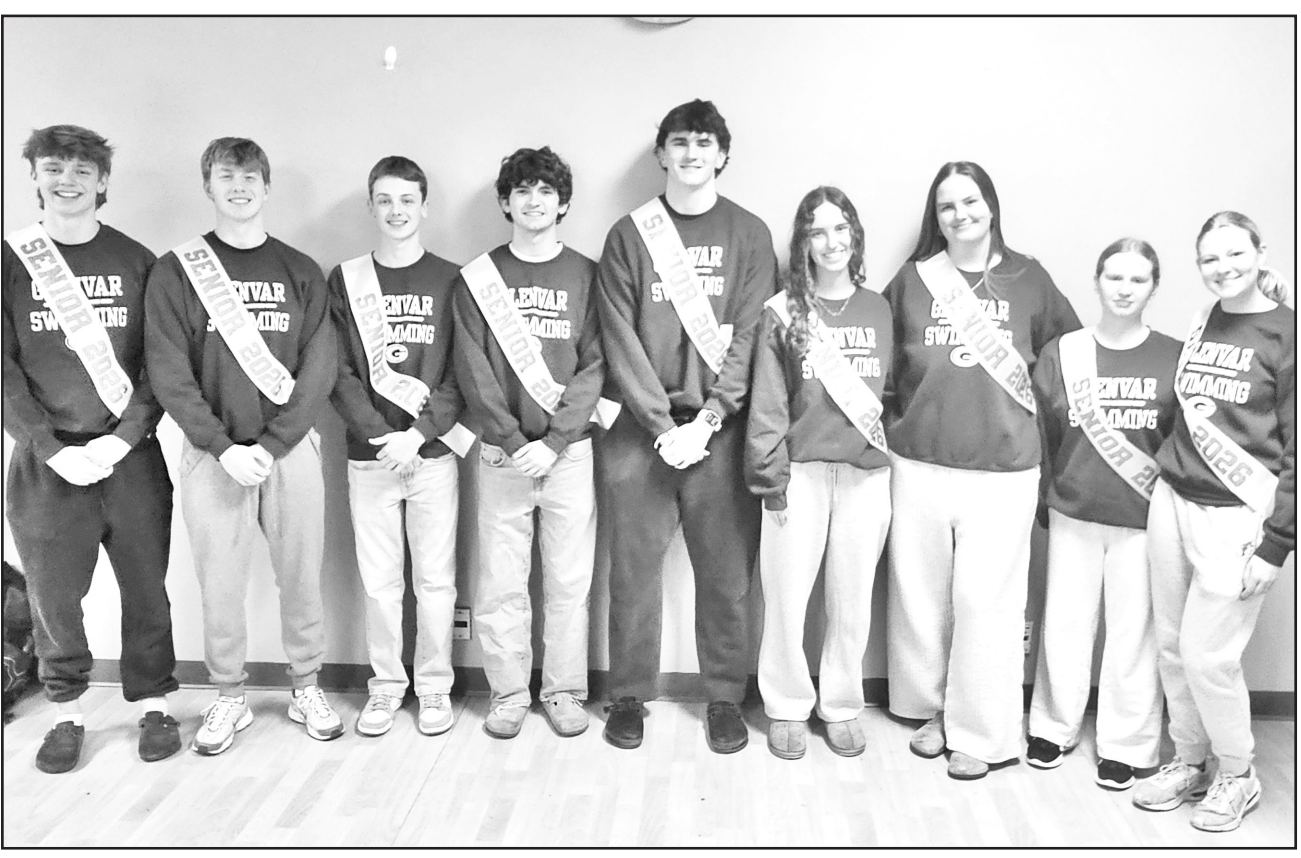


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GHS Seniors **Glenvar High senior swimmers recognized on "Senior Night" included, left to right; Grayson Shearer, Landon Cairns, Darren Delby, Lincoln Boren, Avery Thompson, Sophie Childers, Addi Cockram, Grace DeWeese and Rayah Kelley.**

Highlanders swim in Region C meet Wed.

The Glenvar swimmers were scheduled to compete in the Region 2C swim meet at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham Wednesday. Results were too late for publication.

After 10 days of inactivity the Highlanders were able to get in a meet against Salem last week for "Senior Night." Nine senior swimmers were honored on the last regular season meet of the season.

Individually, Glenvar saw several standout swims. Aspen Thompson captured first place in the boys 200 freestyle with a 2:02.54 and later added a second-place finish in the 100 freestyle at 52.03. Senior Landon Cairns earned a pair of victories, winning the 200 IM in 2:14.22 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:06.99.

On the girls side, Macy McMahon delivered a strong performance with a win in the 100 butterfly and another victory in the 100 backstroke, leading the Highlanders in multiple events. Chloe Childers added a first-place finish in the 100 breaststroke, while Sophie Childers contributed key points with solid swims in the sprint freestyle events.

"More than the final results, the meet served as a celebration of Glenvar's nine seniors whose leadership helped shape the program this season," said coach Shannon Hall.

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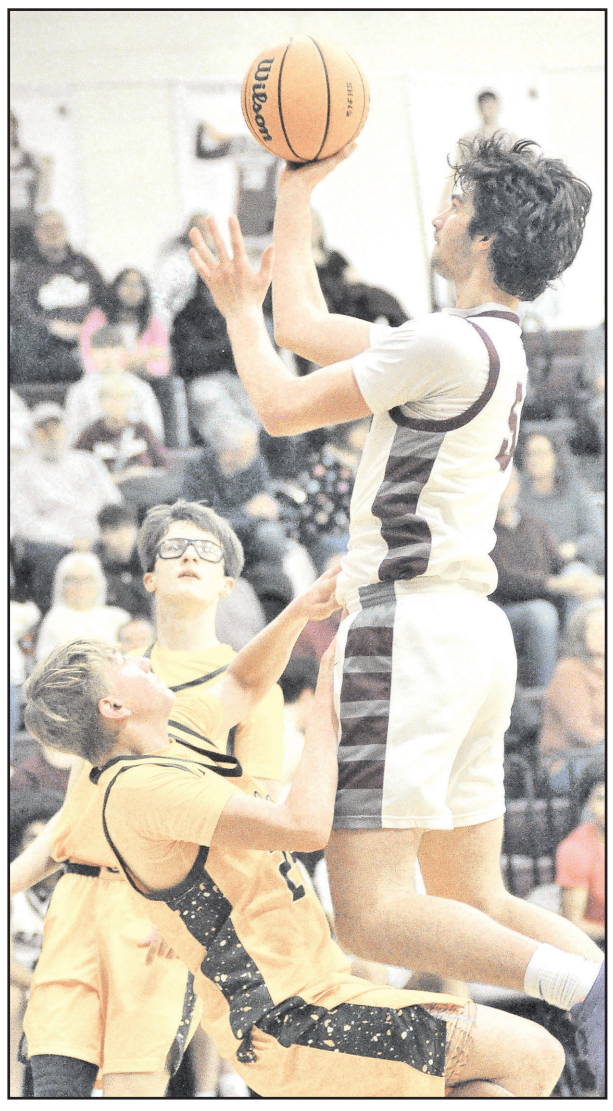
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Salem downs Glenvar in Adam Ward Classic basketball

Spartans shoot 63 percent from the floor





Above, Glenvar's Ryder Francisco drives to the basket as Salem's Gabriel Claxton-Martin defends. Right, Logan Sparks of Salem shoots over Glenvar's Parker Doolan. More Salem and Glenvar boys basketball on page 9. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The highlight of the Adam Ward Classic weekend for Salem fans was Friday night's annual Salem-Glenvar boys' game. When the tournament originated 10 years ago Buddy Ward, Adam's father, requested that Salem and Glenvar play in the tournament every year. Buddy had been a coach at both schools.

The Spartans were favored and playing on their home court for this year's game, and the result was an 85-52 Salem win. The Spartans jumped off to a 21-9 lead in the first quarter and upped the lead to 50-23 by the half. The more experienced Spartans slowed things down in the second half and eased to the win in front of a big crowd in the Salem High gym.

"Great environment for a high school basketball game," said Salem coach Kevin Garst. "Glenvar has been playing really well. They are a hard team to prepare for and play against. Overall I thought we did a pretty good job of contesting their shooters. Offensively we had balanced scoring and we shot a higher percentage than we normally shoot."

Salem shot 63 percent from the floor and held the Highlanders to 21 percent. The Spartans made 50 percent of their threes, draining 12 of 24, while Glenvar was just five for 36 for 13 percent, and that was a big difference.

"Great atmosphere," said Glenvar coach Hank Luton. "We hung in early and needed to make some shots, and we just didn't. The pace was great, the way we want to play. Problem is Salem made a ton of shots and we couldn't get a few to go. Credit to them, they were motivated. When they play like that, they are one of the top teams in the state."

Tanner Overstreet led Salem in scoring with 21 points on 10 for 14 shooting from the floor. Elijah Paddyfote was seven for 11, including four for six on threes, for 18 points and Jaydius Hamm made five of six overall and four of five on threes for 14 points. Cam Boles had 11 rebounds for Salem, including the 500th of his high school career, and Overstreet had seven assists.

Glenvar was led by Parker Doolan with 21 points and Jax Bolling had 17. Doolan was also high rebounder for the Highlanders with seven.

"Our kids didn't quit, they never do," said Luton. "Proud of them for continuing to battle."

Weather can't keep Adam Ward Classic from being big success again



Salem High's Grant Smythers(left, blue shirt), a member of the Adam Ward Classic committee, conducts a "halt time shootout" to help raise money for the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Despite the cold weather and a couple late cancellations the Adam Ward Classic basketball event at Salem High School was a big success again. The tournament was one game short but attendance was good and the games were exciting.

The three games Friday night found the Salem jayvees opening with a win over Glenvar. In the second game the Salem girls beat Staunton River, 66-45, and in Friday's nightcap the Salem boys beat Glenvar, 85-52, in a varsity game.

Saturday's schedule was originally seven games. Varina dropped out of the event on Wednesday and the Hidden Valley boys jumped into that spot to play Handley. Then, on Friday night, the George Wythe-Radford game for 1:30 pm Saturday was cancelled. It was too late to find a replacement so Saturday's 10 am game, between Lord Botetourt and Cave Spring was moved to 1:30 pm and the schedule was trimmed from seven to six games, beginning at 11:45 am.

In Saturday's opener Floyd County defeated Parry McCluer, 70-60, followed by Cave Spring downing Lord Botetourt in overtime, 68-62. The Fleming girls defeated Woodgrove, 58-33, followed by John Handley over Hidden Valley, 66-57, Patrick Henry over Northside, 62-43, and the Fleming boys over North Cross in the finale, 72-69.

"The Adam Ward is a great way to remember Adam," said Salem High coach Kevin Garst. "It also raises a lot of money for his scholarship fund which gives back to the community. There were a lot of evenly matched and competitive games."

SHS girls down Eagles in Adam Ward basketball; beat Cougars for 20th win



Salem's Emme Custer looks to hit Gabby Crawley with an outlet pass after pulling down one of her 13 rebounds Friday. Custer went over the 500 mark for career rebounds at Salem during the win over Staunton River. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Salem High girls continue to roll over the area competition as they improved to 20-1 with a 54-26 River Ridge District win at Pulaski County Tuesday night. The victory marks the third season in a row the Spartans have won 20 or more games.

The Spartans are currently the top-ranked team in Region 4D. The South Region tournament begins on February 20 but Salem will have a bye, then will have home games for the semifinal and final if they continue to win. The South final is on February 25 and the South and North winners will meet for the Region 4D championship on Friday, February 27.

Salem hosted Staunton River, the second place team in the Blue Ridge District, in the Adam Ward Classic last Friday night at Salem High. The visiting Eagles came in pumped up but proved to be no match for the Spartans as Salem took a 66-45 win behind 25 points by Gabby Crawley. Bailey Rider had 15 points, seven rebounds and four assists while Emme Custer had 15 points and 13 boards, including the 500th rebound of her high school career.

"Big win for us against a very talented team," said Salem coach Scott Jester. "I wasn't sure how we would play having two weeks without a game, but we really responded well."

On Monday the Spartans played a make-up game at Blacksburg High and hammered the Bruins by 57 points, 75-18. Custer outscored Blacksburg herself with 23 points, Rider had a bakers' dozen and Kourtney Goens had 12 points.

"Happy with our offense," said Jester. "Our shot selection was good and all 10 players scored."

Salem has yet to lose to a team from Virginia, as the Spartans only loss was to Gatlinburg-Pittman of Tennessee in a Christmas tournament. Salem will close out the regular season with a game at Hidden Valley next Tuesday and a home game with Christiansburg a week from tonight.