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Council approves historic designation protection for Salem's oldest home

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

The future of the oldest house in Salem is more secure now after Salem City Council agreed to transfer Preston Place to a 501 c 3 non-profit status.

The action came at Monday night's City Council meeting. Preston Place is the two-story brick home on West Main Street across from Walmart that dates back to 1821.

It was given to the Salem Historical Society by the family of the late Dr. Esther Brown, the first female physician in Salem. For several years the house was the home of the White Oak Tea Tavern until it succumbed during the COVID pandemic.

Until last year the house was the location of GLOW Healing Arts holistic wellness center.

Council's Feb. 23 action paves the way for Preston Place to be transferred to the newly created Preston Place

Preservation Foundation Inc. Officers are President David Robbins, Vice President Dr. Whitney Leeson, Secretary Stella Reinhard and Treasurer Susan Garrison. Brown's granddaughter, Victoria Brown, is a board member.

She and other members of the Brown family were at the Council meeting.

"It's great to see that it is going to be preserved," said Brown after the meeting.

Council unanimously approved a resolution to convey Preston Place to the new 501 c 3 foundation, and to authorize \$275,000 for the Salem Historical Society to use for roof repairs and heating ventilation / air conditioning needs at the Salem Museum.

Twenty citizens interested in historic preservation were at the Council meeting to show their support.

At a January 2025 work session, members of the Salem

Historical Society's Board offered Preston Place to the city.

In other matters, Council:

* Approved on second reading rezoning for McDonald's restaurant at the corner of East Main Street and Electric Road. A representative of the restaurant's owners told Council at the Feb. 9 meeting that next year the restaurant will be razed and replaced with a more current type of building;

* Approved sale to Habitat for Humanity of 1.34 acres of city-owned property and old house at 216 Chapman St., for a future Habitat home;

* Approved condemnation and easement across properties for repair and replacement of sewer lines.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Renee Turk welcomed and congratulated four new Salem Police Officers who are in field training.

All five Councilmembers were present. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Victoria Brown, granddaughter of the late Dr. Esther Brown, and other members of the Brown family talk with Salem City Councilman Hunter Holliday, left, after Council's vote for Preston Place to be transferred into a new 501 c 3 foundation.

Pride of Salem band participates in Disney Imagination



The Pride of Salem participated in Disney Imagination Campus.

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

While Salem-area residents battled ice-topped snow, members of Salem High School's Pride of Salem Band enjoyed warm weather in Florida and what the Disney area had to offer.

On January 26-Feb. 1, band members and boosters traveled by bus to Orlando to participate in Imagination Campus.

Members had a chance to visit Universal Studios, Epic Universe, the Magic Kingdom and Epcot as well as the Islands of Adventure.

On that Friday they

marched around the Around the World Showcase at Epcot.

The band performed an arrangement of "Ducktales" and "You're Welcome" from the Disney movie M'wana.

They were welcomed by Mickey Mouse himself, and Matt Simon, vice president of Epcot.

Pride of Salem Band Director John E. Wright was enthusiastic about the performances and his students in general. "The kids were amazing. There was not one problem. They behaved well. The biggest challenge this time was the weather."

Heavy snow and below



PHOTOS BY TOM WRIGHT

SHS Band members march around the Around the World Showcase at Epcot.

freezing temperatures Tuesday morning instead of Monday night because of the weather," he said, Wright said. "We left that

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Carroll named 2025 Officer of the Year

Brendan Carroll, Salem's 2025 Police Officer of the Year, is a hometown product who was raised in a law and-order family and rarely missed an episode of the TV show Cops.

"Growing up, I thought it was the coolest thing in the world that my dad was in law enforcement," he said. "Plus, my grandfather and I used to always watch Cops together on Friday nights and I remember thinking that job looked like it was so much fun."

Carroll is now a Salem Senior Police Officer assigned to the detective division and his actions in the early morning hours

of September 28, 2025, earned him the latest edition of this coveted honor.

"I had just pulled over a driver and stepped out of my patrol vehicle when I heard the radio traffic," he said. "I immediately went back, checked my computer, and took off. When I pulled up at the location, I was the first one on the scene and I could see the front door glass was shattered."

Carroll was just completing his regular shift around 2 a.m. when he heard the 911 call related to a burglary and break-in in the 1100 block of West Main. After assessing the



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Carroll outside of the building, he immediately touched base with dispatch and utilized some technology that didn't exist on those old episodes of Cops. "The dispatchers had the business owners on

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PHOTO BY AILA BOYD

The GEOLANDAR A/T G015, one of the tires produced at the plant.

Yokohama, union reach agreement; plant to close March 18

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Yokohama Tire Manufacturing Virginia LLC and United Steelworkers Local 1023 have reached a tentative agreement that will permanently close the Salem plant March 18, according to a statement from the union.

USW Local 1023 announced that the agreement was reached in the early hours of Feb. 20. Under the terms of the agreement, the company has committed to continue

paying all employees through March 31.

To qualify for the negotiated effects bargaining package, employees must work through the plant's closure date of March 18. Any exceptions to the departure date must receive prior approval from the company's human resources department. Employees with questions about early departure are advised to contact the union hall.

Additional details about the agreement

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Regional teacher recruitment job fair hosted at Salem Civic Center

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The WVPEC Teacher Recruitment Job Fair was held from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 14 at the Salem Civic Center.

The event was open to licensed teachers, nurses, administrators and others who will be licensed before the start of the 2026-27 school year, as well as individuals seeking information about becoming licensed. Nineteen public school divisions that are part of the West Virginia Public Education Consortium participated, offering opportunities for questions and on-site



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Barber

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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 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.

Women Veterans Whole Health Retreat — The Salem VA Health Care System will host a Women Veterans Whole Health Retreat from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 24 and March 25, 2026, in the auditorium (Building 25) at the Salem VA Medical Center. Women veterans may attend one or both days. The retreat will feature camaraderie and connection, mindfulness meditation, a Healthy Teaching Kitchen demonstration and a labyrinth self-centering and theme walk. Register by emailing Melissa.Miles2@va.gov or calling 540-982-2463, ext. 3782. More information: [https://www.va.gov/salem-](https://www.va.gov/salem-health-care/events/86103/)

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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](http://Ticketmaster.com); additional fees may apply to online purchases.

Foreigner: The rock band Foreigner will return to the Salem Civic Center this fall as part of its 50th anniversary tour celebrating five decades of performances since the group's first rehearsal in 1976. The concert is

scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The band last performed in Salem in May 2023, playing a sold-out show featuring many of its best-known songs. Tickets may be purchased at the Salem Civic Center box office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or online through [Ticketmaster](http://Ticketmaster.com).

- Public meetings:**
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 9.
 The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on March 10.
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 23.
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 13.
 The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on April 14.
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 27.
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 11.
 The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on May 12.
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 26.
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 8.
 The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on June 9.
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 22.
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 13.
 The Salem City School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on July 14.
 The Salem City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 27.

POLICE REPORT

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Arrest Report

Week of February 10, 2026 – February 16, 2026

DATE	NAME	AGE	OFFENSE
2/13/2026	Antonio L. Glenn	40	Public Intoxication
2/14/2026	Michelle D. Harris	49	Fail to Appear
2/14/2026	Lisa L. Stanley	45	Public Intoxication
2/15/2026	Benjamin C. Russeau	41	DUI
2/15/2026	Elijah D. Ferris	25	Peeping Tom
2/16/2026	Mark A. Gregory	60	Reckless Handling of Firearm

City of Salem Police Department



Weekly Crime Report (Felony Cases)

Week of February 10, 2026 – February 16, 2026

DATE REPORTED	LOCATION	OFFENSE REPORTED
NO FELONY CASES TO REPORT FOR THE ABOVE TIME PERIOD.		

Foreigner to bring 50th anniversary tour to Salem Civic Center

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With 10 multi-platinum albums and 16 Top 30 hits, Foreigner has sold more than 80 million albums worldwide. The band was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2024.

Foreigner is known for enduring rock hits including "Juke Box Hero," "Cold As Ice," "Hot Blooded," "Waiting for a Girl Like You," "Feels Like the First Time," "Urgent," "Head Games," "Say You Will,"



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Foreigner

"Dirty White Boy," "Long, Long Way From Home" and the No. 1 hit "I Want to Know What Love Is."

Despite numerous lineup changes over the years, the band's music continues to reach new audiences, with streaming totals approaching 10 million plays per week.

Tickets start at \$49.50, with limited VIP packages available online only. Tickets go on sale

to the general public at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27. A venue presale will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

Tickets may be purchased at the Salem Civic Center box office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or online through [Ticketmaster](http://Ticketmaster.com).

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Disney

and missed out on going to Sea World. On the return trip, the band left Universal Studios at night instead of staying over, he said, and the buses drove as far as Brunswick, Ga. The group ate at Buckees.

In Brunswick the group was able to get 30 hotel rooms, Wright said.

The trip was the highlight of winter for the band, which has a busy schedule for the next few weeks. Wright said there will be state concert band assessment in two weeks. "And if the band earns a Superior rating, the band will become a five-time Virginia Honor Band.

The school's Indoor Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion will be performing this weekend at Glenvar High School, and in March at Patrick Henry High School. Then come band championships at East Tennessee State University. Wright said to raise money for the

trip band members and Boosters sold coffee and popcorn in November, earned money from the Summer and Fall Music Games Drum Corp. Performances at Salem City Stadium, and sold Slice the Price Pizza cards.

Ninety four students plus Band Boosters went on the Floridary trip.

In order to be accepted into Imagination Campus, the band had to audition by submitting a recording of the band performing, Wright said, as well as videos from a competition show and even photos of the uniforms.

This was the year the Pride of Salem went on a big trip. "Every four years we do a bigger trip," Wright said.

"Our Band Boosters work super, super hard," he added. The Pride of Salem still goes away to Band Camp in the summer at Camp Bethel in Botetourt County. "We get so much done," Wright said.



PEGGY HAAS HOWELL

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Wanting desperately to continue his father's reputable business, Robbie worked during his free time to attempt to keep jobs going. Kenneth continued to help but the company had to dissolve the name. In 1993 Robbie, at the age of 18, reopened under the new name Pierce Siding & Window Company. Top of customers list of honest, hard-working hometown businesses.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Shelly Koon

Contributing Writer

One of my dad's favorite comfort foods was rice pudding. I too like rice pudding. Soft chewy rice in a sweet custardy pudding is another form of a food hug. Rice pudding is simple. Neutral in color and mild in taste, rice pudding has a minimal list of ingredients and always pleases a crowd. It's also familiar, most of us have encountered rice pudding at one time or another.

I must not be alone in my love for rice pudding. Nearly every culture has aversion of the comfort food, from kheer in India, to Swedish risgrynsgot and champorado, the chocolate sticky rice pudding that is a staple in the Philippines. While the exact ingredients change, the basic elements are universal: Rice – short, medium, or long grain; white, brown, or black. Liquid – whole milk, heavy cream, coconut milk, water, evaporated milk, sweetened condensed milk. Flavorings and Spices – vanilla, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, almond, lemon, orange, pistachio, rosewater, chocolate. Sweetener – brown sugar, white sugar, honey, fruit, syrups. Some are baked, some are boiled, and others are slowly simmered. The flavors and cooking techniques may change, but the comfort remains the same.

The origins of rice pudding are thought to be traced back to grain porridges made by Middle Eastern and Indian cooks. Originally thought to have digestive and medicinal properties, early doctors often prescribed rice pudding as a treatment for common ailments. I'm not sure if today's physicians would agree with prescribing rice pudding, but it has definitely cured me a time or two.

Rice cultivation in the U.S. began in the late 17th century with the introduction of African rice by enslaved Africans to the marshy Lowcountry of South Carolina and Georgia, where it became a major cash crop, a success attributed to their prior agricultural knowledge and forced labor. Following the Civil War, production shifted west

to states like Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, and then to California in the early 20th century, with Japanese immigrants playing a key role in its development.

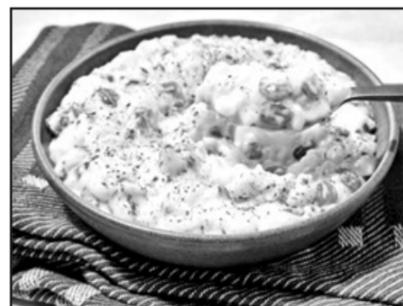
Today, the United States is a major global producer and exporter of rice, with a diverse range of varieties grown across the country with a history deeply intertwined with forced labor, immigration, and global trade.

Rice is such an important food in some countries that "to eat" means "to eat rice." Nearly half of the people in the world get approximately 50% of their calories from rice. Without rice, or something to take the place of rice, many people would go hungry.

Brown and white rice are the same grain, just milled differently. Kernels of brown rice have the bran layer intact. In white rice, it has been polished away. The presence of the bran layer makes brown rice more nutritious than white, although some white rice is fortified. The bran layer also makes brown rice take longer to cook. For maximum nutrition, choose brown rice.

Rice is a rich source of carbohydrates, the body's main fuel source. Carbohydrates can keep you energized and satisfied, and are important for fueling exercise. Brown rice, especially, is an excellent source of many nutrients, including fiber, manganese, selenium, magnesium, and B vitamins. Dietary Guidelines suggest that at least half of your grains be from whole grains, and brown rice is considered a whole grain. But even white rice has nutrients. It is considered a good source of folate.

In the past decade, food scientists have figured out a way to help people digest refined carbohydrates, such as rice, potatoes and pasta more slowly. It's called resistant starch. Studies have found that eating more resistant starch comes with myriad health benefits. It can improve gut health, lower inflammation in your body and enhance insulin sensitivity. And for people with diabetes, it helps with blood sugar management, a meta-analysis in



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Frontiers in Nutrition found.

And here's the good news: You can create this super nutrient in your own kitchen. All you have to do is cook the rice, pasta, or potatoes and then chill it.

After you cook it, the rice contains chains of sugar molecules, known as digestible starch. Enzymes in our saliva and stomach rapidly tear these chains apart, releasing a whole bunch of sugar into your gut. That sugar then quickly rushes into our blood.

Now instead of eating the hot, steaming rice immediately after cooking, let's say you take it and put it in the refrigerator overnight (or for at least six to eight hours). As the hot rice cools down, some of those sugar chains transform. They stick together in a way that makes them no longer digestible.

That means our enzymes can no longer tear the chains apart. We can't release their sugar molecules. So, less sugar rushes into our blood. These twisted chains are called resistant starch (because they "resist" digestion). Another name for resistant starch is fiber.

You don't have to eat the rice cold; you can reheat them, just do it gently, either quickly in the microwave or lightly fry it. I like to make a batch of rice and store it in the refrigerator. Then, I reheat it as I need it. Frozen, steamable rice has the same benefits.

There are four steps to cooking rice; rinse the rice, boil the rice and water together, simmer the mixture until the liquid is absorbed, and then steam and fluff the rice before serving. Rinsing the rice removes excess starch to prevent stickiness. After bringing the water to a boil and adding the rice, the heat is lowered to a simmer to cook it gently. Once cooked, the rice is allowed to steam off the heat before being fluffed.

This week's recipes are for a stovetop version and my dad's favorite baked rice

pudding.

Creamy Rice Pudding (stovetop)

Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups cold water
- ¾ cup uncooked white rice
- 2 cups milk, divided
- ½ cup white sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg, beaten
- ⅔ cup golden raisins (or dried cranberries)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

Gather all ingredients. Pour water into a saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat; stir in rice. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until rice is tender and liquid has been absorbed, about 20 minutes. Combine cooked rice, 1 ½ cups milk, sugar, and salt in a clean saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, until thick and creamy, about 15 minutes. Stir in remaining 1/2 cup milk, beaten egg, and raisins; cook 2 minutes more, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in butter and vanilla until combined. Serve warm.

Lana's Baked Rice Pudding

Ingredients

- ½ cooked white rice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup whole milk
- 2 eggs
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 teaspoon vanilla

Instructions

Beat together sugar, milk and eggs, vanilla, nutmeg and salt. Add cooked rice. Pour into 8x8 pan. Place 8x8 pan into a larger shallow pan and fill the larger pan halfway up the sides of the 8x8 pan with hot water. Bake in this bain-marie at 350°F for one hour. (The bain-marie or water bath allows for the custard to bake gently and evenly. Serves 4 but can be doubled for 9x13 pan.

Yokohama

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are expected to be released next week.

The announcement confirms the closure timeline first outlined in a Jan. 16 federal WARN notice issued by Yokohama, which cited declining demand for small-diameter tire products, aging equipment and rising maintenance costs at the Salem facility.

Tommy Miller, Salem's economic development director, said the city is continuing to coordinate with multiple partners to support displaced workers.

"The City of Salem is actively engaged as a partner with Yokohama, along with regional, state and federal workforce partners, to support employees directly impacted by the planned closure of Yokohama's Salem facility,"

Miller said.

Miller said the city is also beginning to look ahead to the future of the 62-acre site on Indiana Street.

"With respect to the future of the property, Salem's Office of Economic Development is evaluating a range of opportunities and will work closely with Yokohama to pursue a coordinated, strategic approach to marketing the site," he said.

The Salem plant, which began operations in 1968 and was acquired by Yokohama in 1989, employed more than 1,000 workers at its peak in the mid-1990s and produced its 100 millionth tire in 2023. The closure will end nearly six decades of tire manufacturing in the city.

New FEMA flood maps available for comment

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released a mapping application featuring new, preliminary flood maps for our region. Roanoke County residents are encouraged to review the updated maps to identify any changes affecting their property and to submit comments or appeals to FEMA before the maps are finalized later this spring.

Roanoke County staff will hold two open house meetings to answer questions about the new FEMA flood

maps and how they may affect future development.

Feb. 26

Roanoke County Administration Center at 5204 Bernard Dr. in Roanoke from 5-7 p.m.

March 3

Glenvar Library at 3917 Daugherty Rd. in Salem from 5-7 p.m.

The revised floodplain maps will determine whether residents are required to carry flood insurance. Homeowners in newly expanded flood hazard areas may now be required to

purchase flood insurance if they have federally backed mortgages. In other areas, FEMA has determined that flood risk has decreased, which may reduce the need for flood insurance.

To view the maps, visit the FEMA Region 3 Flood Map Changes Application at: <https://arcg.is/0PuKW8>.

Residents are encouraged to review the updated maps and attend the open house if they have questions.

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Carroll

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the phone, and they were actually watching the individuals inside the store on their surveillance cameras through their phone app," he said. "They were able to confirm that they were no longer inside and knowing that information was very helpful."

As soon as Carroll and dispatch had confirmation that the perpetrators had vacated the site of the break-in, he and his fellow officers began canvassing West Main Street and the adjacent area neighborhoods. They eventually spotted the suspects in the 1800 block of West Main.

"Once I put my car in drive, I saw the suspects take off running and we followed them to the back of a store," he said. "I remember they high fived each other like they had gotten away with it, but then one of them saw my lights and he took off running again."

But there is no way a bad guy is outrunning a former First Team All-River Ridge District baseball performer, who also snagged 60 fly balls for putouts in his career while roaming the outfield in college.

"I do love that foot chase part, for sure," Carroll said. "The guy ended up getting inside the store, but I was able to catch him and take him into custody."

Two suspects were apprehended during that initial pursuit and Detective Carroll's interviews with those two resulted in the apprehension of the third suspect. In addition, a vehicle associated with the suspects was located

at a nearby hotel. Inside the car, in plain sight, officers found items of clothing matching those worn by suspects involved in several vehicle burglaries on the west side of Salem.

"Detective Carroll had just transferred from the patrol division to the detective division two weeks prior to this burglary-in-progress call," said Salem Police Chief Derek Weeks. "A great deal of initiative and many hours culminated in a successful result of a multi-layered investigation, so he is very deserving of this honor."

Multiple stolen items from Salem and other jurisdictions, as well as stolen firearms, were recovered after a search warrant was secured. Thanks to Carroll's rapid response, investigative initiative, and attention to detail, all three suspects were arrested and charged with numerous offenses related to vehicle burglaries and a commercial burglary in Salem. His actions also resulted in the recovery of stolen property, which was successfully returned to the owners.

"Brendan's unwavering dedication, integrity, and commitment to excellence truly embody the highest standards of our department and our community," said Salem Deputy Police Chief, Danny Crouse. "As a young officer, Brendan has always exhibited a calm presence, strong ethics, and a dedication that inspires everyone he encounters."

"People in Salem always thank me for my service and the community is very grateful for all of us, so, in turn, I am

very grateful to be here," Carroll said. "I appreciate this award, and it means a lot that my fellow officers think that much of me. I just view it as another day, even if it was a very long day."

Carroll graduated from Salem High School in 2016 after matriculating from West Salem Elementary and Andrew Lewis Middle school. While in high school, he excelled on the baseball diamond for Head Coach Wes McMillian as an outfielder.

"My dream was to play college baseball and Carolina University gave me that opportunity," he said. "Without a doubt that was one of the best experiences of my life, but as my graduation approached, I realized I needed to figure something out because life was about to start really fast."

Carroll played 74 games and started 40 for the Carolina University Bruins in the NCCAA - National Christian College Athletic Association. He finished his career with an on-base percentage of .333 and a fielding percentage of .913 thanks to his speed between the lines. He graduated in 2021 with a degree in business management, but in his heart, he knew public service was his destiny.

"When I talked to my parents about it, they were not surprised at all that I was leaning towards this career," he said. "I loved it down in North Carolina, but I had known then-Chief Mike Crawley my entire life, so I was very comfortable talking to him and it just made sense for

me to come back here."

Carroll graduated from college in the spring of 2021 and he was immediately hired by Salem.

"Chief Crawley and Chief Weeks talked to me about the importance of hiring Salem people and they also wanted athletes who understood the team mentality and what it takes to come together quickly and work effectively as a group," he said.

As an athlete, Carroll was accustomed to hard work and commitment, but his training at the Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy was eye-opening to say the least.

"I have no problem telling you that I didn't always enjoy the training, and there were days when I wondered what I had gotten myself into," he said. "But I really do enjoy my work, and I have a lot of fun doing this job. I am very happy with my decision."

Carroll and his determination will be honored at the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce's annual awards breakfast on March 18.

"Detective Carroll comes from a family of service and it's exciting to see a young officer progress in his career and stay committed to serving his community," said Weeks. "To be selected for this honor, by your peers this early in a career, highlights Carroll's work ethic and reputation within the department."

-City of Salem

OPINION

Polaris: New online library catalog now ready to use

Many thanks to our library users for your patience as we completed our transition to Polaris, our new online catalog. Everything should now be fully operational. The library catalog is much more user-friendly and there are easy to follow navigational instructions on the website.

What you need to know:

The URL for the library catalog is still the same: rvl.info or you can get to the library catalog from the link on our library's webpage: www.salemlibrary.info If you have difficulty getting the new catalog to operate, you will need to clear your cache on the browser you are using.

New starting password for all library accounts: book You can change your password after you log into your account if you wish to do so.

Please call the Salem Library (540-375-3089) if you have questions.

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
Benita VanCleave

Friends of Salem Library Spring Booksale: March 6-March 8

The Friends of the Salem Library (FOSL) will hold their semi-annual book sale at the Salem Public Library Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 8. The FOSL members only sale is Friday, from 9a-noon. Anyone can come to the early sale by paying for FOSL

membership at the door. The minimum joining fee is \$10 per individual. Family membership is \$15. Lifetime membership is \$75.

Book sale chairman Ken Sosnowski reports that there will be a great selection of books as well as some very unusual special books for sale.

Spring Book Sale Hours:
Friday, March 6: 9am-noon: FOSL Members only
Noon-4pm: General Public
Saturday, March 7: 9am-4pm General Public
Sunday, March 8: 1-4pm \$5 Bag Sale
Let the Craft Wars Begin! Grades 4-8
Saturday, Feb 28, 2pm: On your mark...get set...craft! Receive a bag of mystery supplies and see where your creativity takes you. Compete against other participants to find out the answer to the question: Who will win the Craft War? Grades 4-8. Register at salemlva.libcal.com

Virginians support tougher gun laws but doubt the impact

Most Virginians favor stricter gun laws, but many question their effectiveness, according to a new Roanoke College Poll. Residents also support the commonwealth's existing method of redistricting and drawing legislative lines. The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research (IPOR) at Roanoke College interviewed 800 Virginia residents between Feb. 9 and Feb. 16, 2026.

The survey was conducted as the Virginia General Assembly debated bills on gun control and redistricting. The results have a weighted margin of error of 4.43%.

Gun Control

A majority of Virginians support a wide variety of gun control measures, including requiring gun owners to be licensed (71%) and requiring all guns to be registered with the state (67%). Most also support banning semi-automatic rifles (57%), semi-automatic shotguns (52%), and magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition (53%). An even larger share (59%) favor banning guns often referred to as assault rifles, and half (50%) favor banning semi-automatic handguns. However, only 19% support banning all firearms.

Virginians are nearly evenly split on whether it is

Roanoke College Poll

more important to protect the rights of Americans to own guns (49%) or to control gun ownership (48%). They also think better enforcement of existing laws (56%) is more likely to reduce gun-related violence than adopting stricter laws (42%). When asked which factor is most responsible for mass shootings, respondents most commonly cited poor mental health policies (52%), followed by weak gun laws (30%) and poor enforcement of gun laws (29%). Almost half (49%) think stricter gun laws would make them safer, but slightly more think it would make no difference (35%) or make them less safe (16%). Virginians are also somewhat skeptical of making it more difficult for citizens to legally carry guns, with 39% saying it would make them safer, 29% saying it would make them less safe, and 32% saying it would make no difference.

Redistricting

A majority of respondents (62%) support the current method of mapping electoral districts. When asked how they would vote in a referendum to amend the state constitution and change that method, most (52%) said they would vote to keep the current process while 44% said they would vote to adopt the change proposed by the General Assembly. The Roanoke College Poll did a prior look at this issue in January 2016. Those results can be found at the conclusion of the topline.

Job Approval, Favorable/Unfavorable, and

Directions of Virginia and Nation

Two-thirds of Virginians (65%) think the country has gotten off on the wrong track, while just over half (51%) believe the commonwealth is on the wrong track. The assessment of the nation rebounded from the November poll, but the view of Virginia is more negative than November. President Donald Trump's job disapproval rating (61%) remains similar to November, while Gov. Abigail Spanberger's initial approval level (53% approve/39% disapprove) is extremely close to former Gov. Glenn Youngkin's final numbers (54% approve/38% disapprove).

Spanberger's favorable rating (51% favorable/39% unfavorable) declined somewhat from what may have been a short-lived "honeymoon" following her November electoral victory. Trump's 33% favorable rating is slightly lower than is typical of his second term.

Analysis

"Virginians clearly support a variety of gun control measures, but many question their efficacy," said Dr. Harry Wilson, interim director for IPOR and author of three books on gun politics. "A majority supports bans on essentially any and all semi-automatic firearms. But many think current gun laws aren't the cause of mass shootings, and less than half think that stricter laws will make them safer. There is also strong support for gun registration and owner licensing, regulations that are anathema to many Second Amendment supporters."

"On the redistricting issue that seems to be headed to a referendum, Virginians generally prefer the current system. Still, given the partisan ramifications and the Democratic-inspired wording of the question 'to restore fairness' to elections, this may not be indicative of the outcome."

- Conducted by the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

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Job Fair

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interviews. Some divisions offered same-day contracts.

Organizers said more than 500 vacancies were available across participating school divisions. Attendees were encouraged to bring multiple copies of their resumes.

Kirstine Barber, the executive director of human resources for Salem City Schools, said job fairs provided valuable recruitment

opportunities for both candidates and school divisions.

"Job fairs serve as a valuable recruitment tool giving school divisions the opportunity to introduce themselves to potential candidates," Barber said. "Often candidates are unfamiliar with the size, demographics, culture, and most importantly, positions available. Candidates are searching

for information on how to apply; what documents they need for their application packet and where to access the application portal. For employers, job fairs provide a chance to put a face with a name, get a sense of the candidate's fit in the school division, and ask targeted questions related to teaching and learning."

Correction:

A letter to the editor in the Feb. 19 issue of The Times-Register incorrectly stated the address of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Virginia as being on Rockland Road. It should have been 2224S Jefferson St., Roanoke, VA 24014.

-The Salem Times-Register

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1. Bay Area Transit Auth. (abbr.)

5. Pull apart by force

9. Ancient Egyptian King

12. Missing soldiers

13. Capital of Japan

14. Diamond month (abbr.)

15. Spheres

16. Surpassing good

17. British thermal unit

18. Philippine island & seaport

19. Legally argued

20. Belonging to singer Fitzgerald

22. Bowler hats

24. Has a strong odor

25. Doyens

26. London Gallery

27. Rural delivery

28. Rods

31. Stonehenge plain

33. Withdraw from membership

34. Execute or perform

35. Central or Yellowstone

36. Municipality in Norway

39. Bay of NW Rep. of Ireland

40. Skin designs

42. Son of Jephunneh

43. Baseball's Ruth

44. Clare Booth __, Am. writer

46. Black tropical American cuckoo

47. Filled with fear or apprehension

49. 6th Jewish month

50. Wide metal vessel used in cooking

51. Make by pouring into a cast

52. Colombian city

53. Heat unit

54. Carpenter, red and army

55. Adam and Eve's garden

CLUES DOWN

1. Big man on campus

2. Made public by radio or television

3. Labelled

4. Inform positively

5. Drinks habitually

6. Supplemented with difficulty

7. SW Scottish river & port

8. American poet 1874-1963

9. Pads

10. Ingestion or intake

11. Tie up a bird before cooking

13. Bulrushes of the genus Scirpus

16. Turned rod on a spinning wheel

21. Having or covered with leaves

23. The 44th U.S. President

28. Midway between S and SE

29. Tuberculosis (abbr.)

30. Inspected accounting procedures

31. A twilled woolen fabric

32. Potato state

33. The work of a sailor

35. Involving 2 dimensions

36. Fanatical or overzealous

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38. Wild sheep of northern Africa

39. Erect leafless flower-bearing stalk

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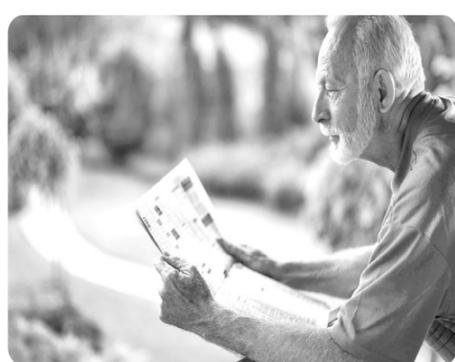
43. Very dry champagne

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Nicely hired by Botetourt County Public Schools

Botetourt County Public Schools has appointed Dr. Kenneth Nicely as director of Human Resources, effective July 1.

Dr. Nicely brings 35 years of experience in education and administration to the role. He currently serves as superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools and will retire from that position prior to joining Botetourt County Public Schools. In addition to his eight years as a superintendent, Nicely has held positions including assistant superintendent, director of secondary instruction, school administrator, Spanish teacher, and adjunct faculty member at several universities.

Nicely earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with a minor in mathematics from the College of William & Mary, a Master of Arts in Teaching with a concentration in Spanish from the University of Virginia, an Educational Specialist degree in educational leadership from Virginia Tech, and a Doctor of Education from Virginia Tech. A graduate of Botetourt County Public Schools, he has an extensive record of professional experience, publications, and service.

Botetourt County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Janet Womack said, "Dr. Nicely brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, along with a thoughtful and collaborative approach to supporting our employees."

As director of Human Resources, Nicely will oversee recruitment, hiring, employee support, licensure, and personnel services. His leadership will help ensure the division continues to attract, develop, and retain outstanding staff in support of student success.

Dr. Womack added, "His experience and dedication will further strengthen our commitment to supporting every employee and fostering a positive working environment across the division."

Nicely will officially join Botetourt County Public Schools on July 1.

- Fincastle Herald staff report



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Nicely

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Jason Maxwell, Owner.

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Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on March 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of WILLIAMHART LLC, property owner, for a special exception permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 740 North Mill Road (Tax Map #48 - 2 - 7).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: Christopher J. Dorsey
Executive Secretary

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 182 SUNSET AVENUE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 31, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$227,272.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 220002086. 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 LOT, PIECE, OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT CORNER NO. 1, BEING A FENCE CORNER POST AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE GALEN R. LAYMAN BARNYARD LOT; THENCE WITH THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE REMAINING PROPERTY OF SAID GALEN R. LAYMAN AND FOLLOWING THE EXISTING FENCE LINE, S. 85° 19' W. 122.36 FT. TO A FENCE CORNER POST AT CORNER NO. 2; THENCE N. 4° 30' E. 36 FT. TO A STEEL PIN AT CORNER NO. 3; THENCE N. 77° 04' W. 164 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER POST AT CORNER NO. 4; THENCE LEAVING SAID LAYMAN PROPERTY AND WITH THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE

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PROPERTY OF HADEN S. CRONK AND FOLLOWING THE EXISTING FENCED LINE, S. 30° 47' W. 169 FT. TO AN OLD IRON PIPE AT CORNER NO. 5 ON THE NORTH SIDE OF OLD FINCASTLE ROAD, BEING SECONDARY ROAD ROUTE 651; THENCE WITH THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF SAID ROAD, BEING 30 FT. WIDE, S. 58° 36' E. 151.22 FT. TO CORNER NO. 6; THENCE S. 88° 50' E. 129.59 FT. TO CORNER NO. 7; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD AND PASSING THROUGH THE CENTER OF A FENCE POST AT 2.88 FT. AND THENCE FOLLOWING THE EXISTING BOUNDARY LINE FENCE AND WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE REMAINING PROPERTY OF GALEN R. LAYMAN, N. 34° 25' E. 198.87 FT. TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 1.386 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING AS SHOWN ON RECENT SURVEY BY T. P. PARKER & SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, LTD., DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 1983, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 288, PAGE 54, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HERE AND NOW MADE FOR THE LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON SAID PROPERTY AND SLIGHT FENCE ENCROACHMENT ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE THEREOF. 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.bwvsales.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.bwvsales.com. VA-381507-1.

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The Town of Blacksburg and the New River Valley HOME Consortium (NRVHC) invite public Comments to inform the development of the 2026-27 Annual Action Plan for Blacksburg's CDBG Program & NRVHC's HOME Program. The Annual Action Plan describes how the Town and NRVHC plan to use funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to support low-income affordable housing and community development programs from July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027.

A public hearing on the development of the Annual Action Plan will be held Wed, March 4, 2026 at 12:00 pm (virtual) and Wed, March 4, 2026 at 5:00 PM (in person)

A public hearing on the draft of the Annual Action Plan will be held Wed, May 14, 2026 at 12:00 pm (virtual) and Wed, May 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM (in person)

Materials related to this proposal and link for virtual meetings will be available to the public prior To the scheduled hearings at Blacksburg.gov/HUDreport

Legals - Montgomery County

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

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

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Questions and requests for accessibility assistance or special arrangements may contact Jill Mahler at 540-443-1615.

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

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by Madison Apartment Homes LLC and Madison Apartment Homes II LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, for an amendment to proffers on Tax Parcel 434 - ((A)) - 8A (Parcel ID 110779) and 434 - ((A)) - 8B (Parcel ID 310087), consisting of approximately 7.950 acres, located at the intersection of Peppers Ferry Road, New Village Drive, and Bozeman Trail. The property is zoned Multi-Family Residential (R-3) with proffers, and the request is to amend the proffers accepted with the 2020 rezoning action. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, by phone at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

945 Brooklyn Ave., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073 Tax Map No. 080-9 32 / Parcel ID No. 150446

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated June 30, 2022 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 022005240, the undersigned substitute Trustee, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at or near 945 Brooklyn Ave., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, on March 6, 2026, at 12 o'clock p.m., property located at or near 945 Brooklyn Ave., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, which property is more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: Being all of Lot Number Thirty-Two (32), The Preserve At Walnut Creek, Phase IV, as shown and described on a plat of survey entitled, "PLAT OF MAJOR SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1-13, 29-35 & ESMT. DEDICATION THE PRESERVE AT WALNUT CREEK," prepared by Gay and Neel, Inc., a copy of which is of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia at Instrument Number 2008011650 (the "PLAT"). This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

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Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE
VINTON CAFÉ LLC, trading as VINTON CAFÉ KITCHEN & BAKERY, 126 E. Lee Ave, Vinton Roanoke County, Va 24179-2518.

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Kerriann Campbell
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Glenvar High football coach Kevin Clifford presents plaques to members of the team who made the All-Region 2C team at Sunday's Highlander football banquet.

Highlanders celebrate state runnerup football season

The Glenvar High football team celebrated their 2025 state runnerup season with a dinner and awards ceremony Sunday afternoon. The event was held at the Moose Lodge on 311.

Highlander coach Kevin Clifford and his staff awarded letters to deserving players and also recognized boys who made All-Three Rivers District, All-Region 2C and All-State Class 2 teams. Jayvee coach Neil Swanson recognized the jayvee team and handed out special awards.

Clifford and assistants took turns presenting some special team awards. Among them Nick Wilson received the Crunch Award for hardest hitter while Jake Franklin was named Rookie of the Year. "Special Force" honors for special teams performance went to Jacob Campbell on defense and Ranger Swanson on offense.

Cooper Mullins, who played with torn ligaments in his ankle for some of the season, was presented the "Jacob Noble Toughman Award." Noble once played

an entire season on an injured knee. Jackson Hartman received the "Michael Sandridge Team Spirit Award" while Rawlin Hanks was named the "Unsung Hero" for his willingness to play many positions and excel at all.

Jace Forster was selected as the Most Improved on Defense and Trey Dawyot received the same on Offense. Cale Vaughan was presented the Coaches' Award.

Senior Brody Dawyot, who is already in school at UNC-Charlotte and prepar-

ing to play for the 49ers next season, received two awards. He was presented the Iron Man Award and also the Tim Woods "Heart and Soul Award." Former Glenvar assistant coach Scott Woods presented the award in honor of his late son Tim, who was a stand-out player for the Highlanders but was killed in a motorcycle accident while serving in the military.

The event concluded with senior members of the team honoring the coaches.

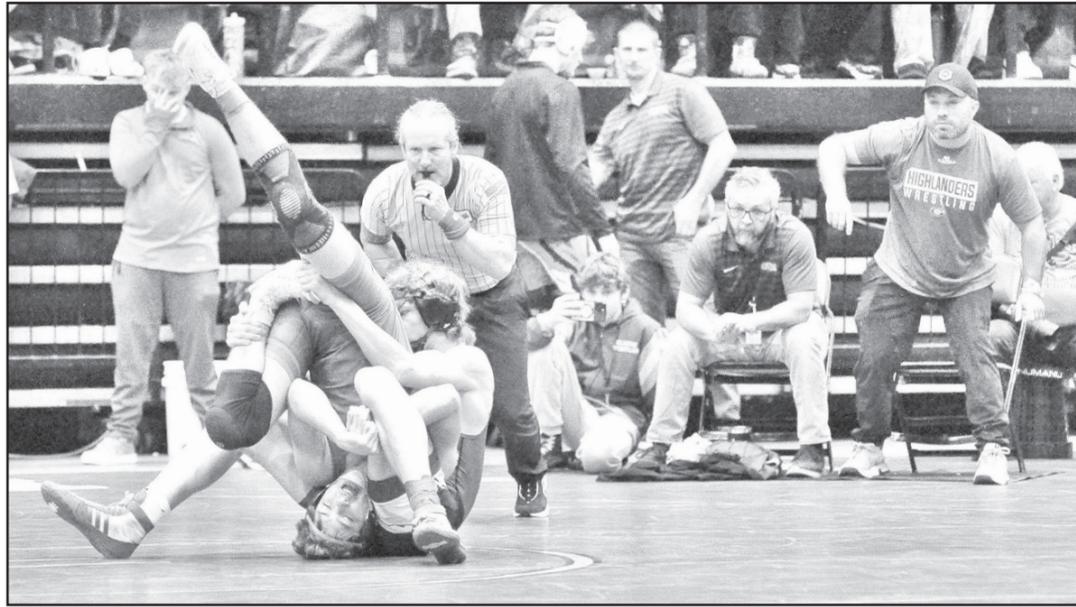
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the six Highlanders who placed, John took second as he lost to Ian Ray of Lebanon in the final, 13-4, to finish the season at 26-12.

"John Vishneski is a prime example of what makes coaching worth it," said Miles. "Only wrestling a handful of years and losing a season to a broken bone, he made the most out of his senior year. Really proud of his tournament. Outsourcing the multiple time champ in the third period and nearly pulling off the Cinderella story."

Jack Osburn placed fourth at 157 to finish 23-14 and Haden Henderson was fifth at 150 to finish his sophomore season at 18-7.



Glenvar coaches look on as John Vishneski (right) wrestles to a win in the state semifinal on Saturday morning at the Salem Civic Center, earning a spot in the championship match.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

"All season long we've told the guys that it's not about the wins and losses but more about how we compete despite our circumstances, never letting adversity get in the way," said

Miles. "The team embodied that this weekend. Osburn was dealing with sickness Thursday and Friday. Henderson took a heartbreaking loss in the quarters and made some adjustments and

really got cooking in the revenge match. The sky's the limit for the returning guys on the team. Not only chasing being the best wrestlers in the state but also national recognition."

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Wood in the championship match 3-0.

Junior Derek Bush, who won a state championship as a Spartan freshman, won his first two matches at 120 before losing in the semifinal, 20-16 to Brodie Gibbs of Atlee. Derek then wrestled back to take the next two, winning his consolation championship match 7-0 over Declan McCarton of Eastern View.

Other place winners for the Spartans included Anthony Baudanza with a fourth at 132, Giuseppe Baudanza with a fifth at 138 and Sayge Herdon with a sixth at 106. All six Spartans who reached the podium are underclassmen.

"All state placers are back next year," said Van Liew, who looking to move up a couple spots in the team standings next season. "We have one goal!!"

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These swimmers competed for Salem High in the Class 4 state meet last week. Left to right are coach Christen King, Riley Miller, Mike Bateman, Riley Handy, Carter Biscotte, Zach Boccock, Starke Griffith, Jack Lawrence, Aubrey Snead and assit coach Jake Bowery. PHOTO COURTESY SALEM HIGH SWIMMING

Salem High boys take 11th in state swim meet

The Salem boys finished 11th among 31 schools at the Class 4 state swim meet last weekend. The Lafayette boys and Monaca girls won state championships at the SwimRVA facility in Richmond.

"Our swimmers did awesome at finals," said Salem coach Christen King.

Salem had two relay teams place eighth. The 200 free team of Zach Boccock, Starke Griffith, Mike Bateman and Carter Biscotte was eighth as well as the 400 free team of Jack Lawrence, Griffith, Bateman and Biscotte. The 200 medley team of Griffith, Riley Handy, Lawrence and Boccock was 11th.

Individually, Biscotte took a fifth in the 100 free and a ninth in the 50 free. Bateman was 11th in the 100 free, Riley Miller was 14th in the 100 backstroke and Lawrence finished 15th in the 100 butterfly.

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(4th) and 200 IM (6th) while Nikita Larin placed in the 500 freestyle (9th) and 100 breaststroke (12th). Delby placed 10th in the 100 backstroke, Miller placed in the 50 freestyle (11th) and 100 freestyle (13th) and Childers finished 9th in the 500 freestyle and 10th in the 100 breaststroke.

"With multiple individual state champions, relay dominance and new school records Glenvar once again proved why it is one of the top programs in Virginia Class 2 swimming," said Hall.

Maroon lax team will be tested at Dickinson

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team will get a stiff test this Saturday when they travel to Carlisle, PA to take on traditionally strong Dickinson College. Game time is noon as the 2-0 Maroons look to remain unbeaten.

Roanoke didn't get much of a test last Wednesday when they hosted Averett University for their Old Dominion Athletic Conference opener. Roanoke jumped on top 19-0 at the half and coasted to win as first year coach Grant Zimmerman was able to clear the bench.

Evan Friend led the Maroons with four goals in the game and Owen Ameo had three in a game where the Maroons could have scored even more but slowed the pace in the second half. Jackson Kreter, Griffin Dabbs, Anthony Muniz, Christian Friedl, Brayden Phillips and Charlie Ryan all scored twice. Blake Rieger, Connor Lockwood, Julian Kammerman, Preston Shields, Jack Savoie, Michael Ormond, and Brayden Phillips all notched two assists. David Hamilton and Alex Feuer combined for six saves on the only six shots on goal that Averett got off all night.

Roanoke is back home next Tuesday, March 3rd, to host Grove City College at 1 pm.

Women fall to Captains

The Roanoke College women's lacrosse team went down to defeat last Saturday in Newport News, falling to Christopher Newport University, 17-9.

After going down 2-0 in the early going the Maroons rallied back to make it 3-2 by the end of the first period. The Captains responded quickly and it was CNU the rest of the way as RC couldn't find a way to stop their attack.

Maddie McDonald and Sydney Winpigler led the way offensively for RC with four points each on two goals and two assists. Zoe Blair also tallied a pair of goals in the contest.

Now 1-1, the Maroons return to action this Saturday with a home game against Catholic University. Draw time is 3 pm at Kerr Stadium.

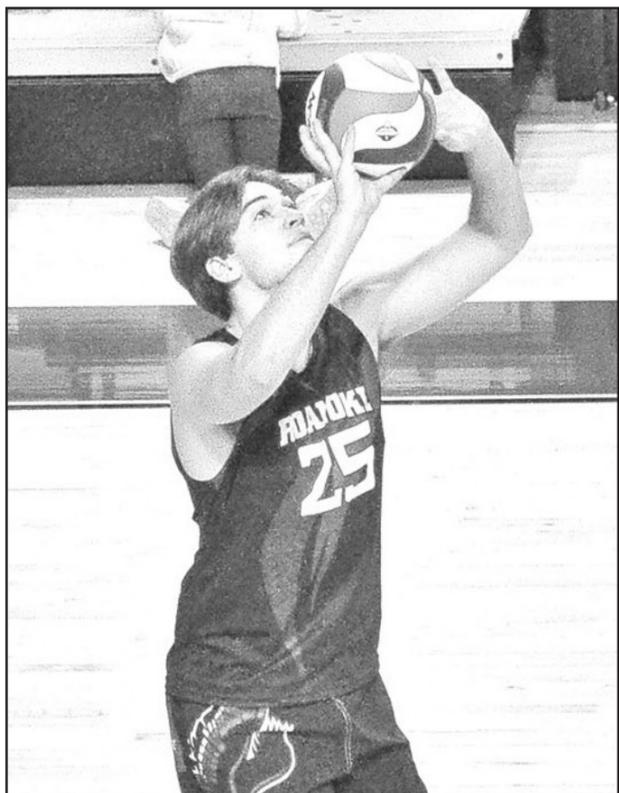
Maroons volleyball is 4-0 in ODAC games

The Roanoke College men's volleyball team took home a pair of 3-1 victories as they bested Randolph and Penn State Altoona last Saturday at Randolph College in Lynchburg.

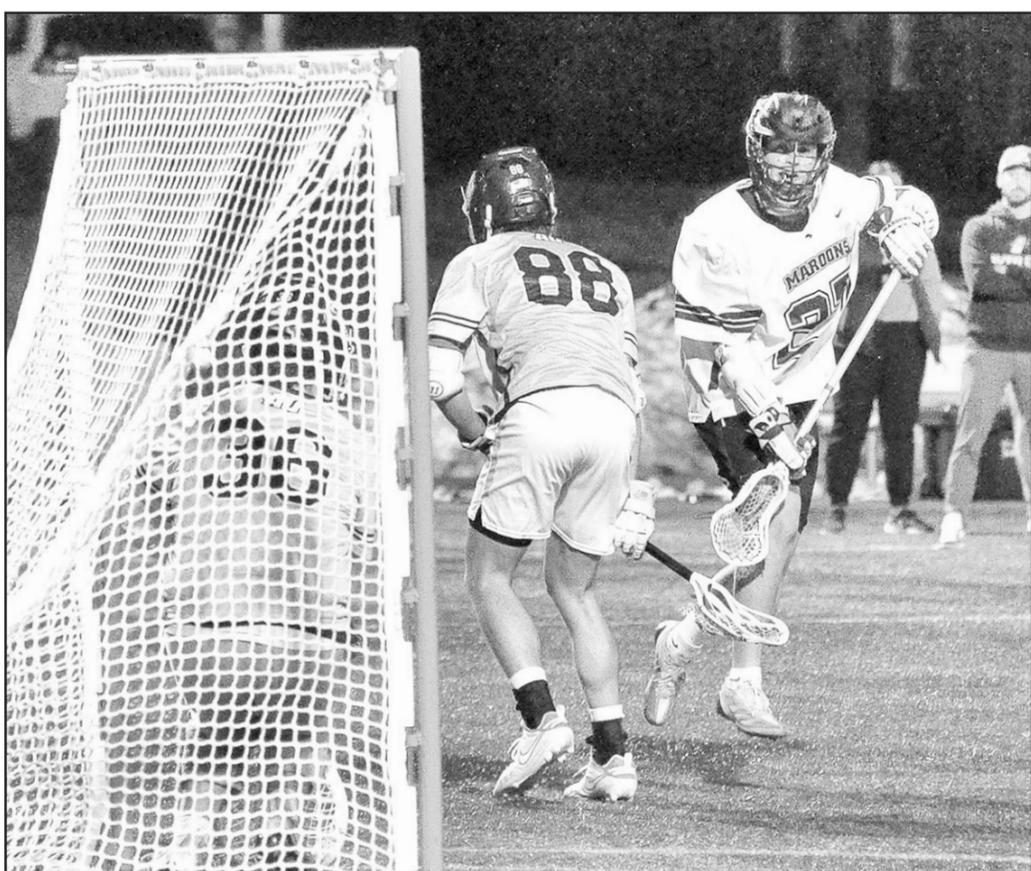
In the first match, against host Randolph, Jackson Rutkowski topped the Maroons in kills with 14. Michael Cummins joined him in double digits at 12 kills. Dominic Wheaton recorded a team high four blocks.

In the second match against Penn State-Altoona Eli Looney recorded a career high 16 kills to lead Roanoke. Teagan Cole topped the squad in assists with 24. He also recorded three service aces.

The two wins lifted RC's overall record to 8-3 and the win over Randolph put them at 4-0 in ODAC matches. The Maroons were scheduled to host Randolph-Macon in an ODAC match on Wednesday of this week. On Friday they host Regent University at 5 pm and on Saturday Bridgewater College and Elizabethtown College come to Salem for a round-robin beginning at 1 pm.



Noah Kuhn sets one up for the Maroons. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Evan Friend of Roanoke College(right in white) fires in one of his four goals in last week's win over Averett University at Kerr Stadium. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Roanoke baseball team earns sweep

The Roanoke College baseball team remained undefeated on the young season with a four game sweep of Alfred State College last weekend at Salem Memorial Ballpark in Salem. The Maroons improved to 5-0 with the sweep and have three more home games this week.

Last Saturday Roanoke swept two seven innings games, 3-2 and 20-5. Nate Prince and Tyler Galloway had two hits each in the opener and Thomas Burgess pitched five innings, allowing one earned run to pick up the win.

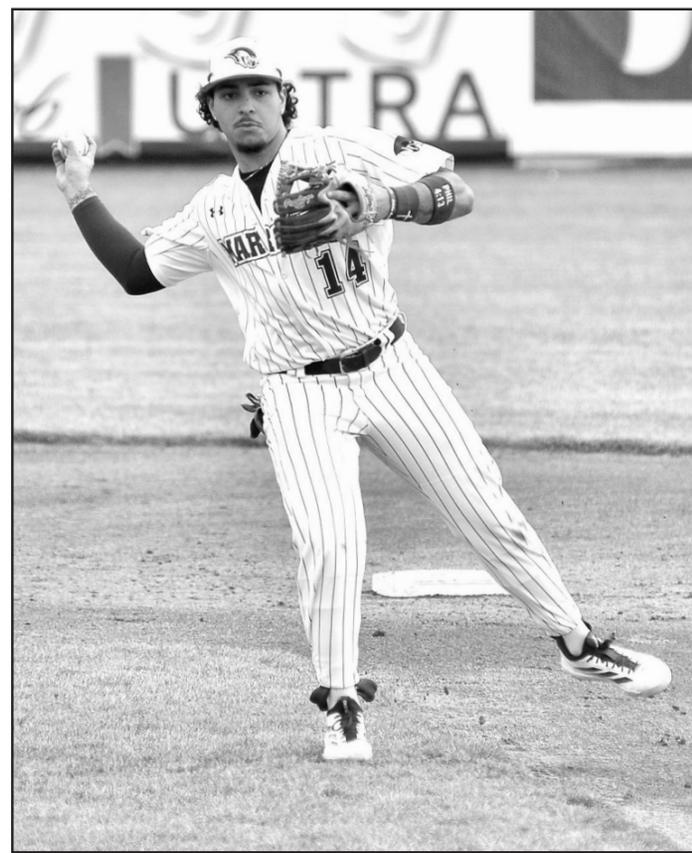
In Saturday's nightcap Roanoke scored five runs in the first inning and put the game away with 10 in the bottom of the sixth. Hector Orozco and Timothy Hootselle had three hits each and Orozco had a home run. Chase Booth picked up the win on the mound.

The Maroons swept a pair of seven inning games again Sunday, 4-1 and 9-7. Riley Fitzgerald allowed one run over five innings in the opener and Roanoke completed the four game sweep in the second game when they came from 7-6 behind with three runs in the sixth to pull out the win. Alec Jones and Liam Murphy drove in big runs in the sixth

and Will Emerson picked up the win in relief.

The Maroons were scheduled to host Greensboro College

on Wednesday. This Saturday William Peace is here for a doubleheader with the first game scheduled to begin at 11 am.



Roanoke College secondbaseman Jordan Olivera fires to first in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Roanoke College football team releases 2026 10-game ODAC season schedule

Head coach Bryan Stinespring and the Roanoke College football team released its 10-game schedule on Tuesday morning, with five home dates at Salem Stadium. The Maroons finished the 2025 season, its first season of varsity competition since 1942, 5-4 overall and 4-4 in conference play.

"We are excited about the upcoming 2026 season and looking forward to building upon the inaugural year," said Stinespring. "Our team is busy prepping for spring practice and looking forward to seeing a packed Salem Stadium this fall."

RC opens the year on Saturday, September 5, at the Virginia University of Lynchburg and follows up Sept. 12 at home against Greensboro

College. Following a bye on Sept. 19, Roanoke travels to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 26.

The Maroons begin Old Dominion Athletic Conference play Oct. 3 at Guilford College before hosting Hampden-Sydney College the next week. RC visits Shenandoah University on Oct. 17 before hosting back-to-back home games against Averett University and Bridgewater College.

Roanoke travels to defending ODAC champion Randolph-Macon College on Nov. 7 and wraps up the regular season Nov. 14 at home against Washington & Lee University.

Ticket information, and when sales will begin for the five home games, will be announced in the coming months.

ODAC men's, women's tournaments at the Civic Center

Roanoke College men will play Virginia Wesleyan in the semifinals after hammering Generals in opener

The Salem Civic Center will be the site of the annual Old Dominion Athletic Conference basketball tournament this weekend. Men's semifinals are Friday evening with the championship game at 8 pm Saturday. Women's semifinals are Saturday afternoon and the championship is Sunday at 2 pm.

Each tournament included eight teams, with action beginning Tuesday for the men and Wednesday for the women at home sites. In the men's tournament top-seeded Randolph-Macon opened with a 94-73 win over Guilford on Tuesday while fourth seeded Hampden-Sydney downed Lynchburg, 82-70. The Yellow Jackets and Tigers will play a tournament semifinal at 5 pm at the Salem Civic Center Friday.

On the other side of the bracket Roanoke College hosted Washington & Lee Tuesday and took a 92-68 win. Caleb Franze scored a career high 31 points for the Maroons as they avenged two regular season defeats to the Generals. The Maroons will play Virginia Wesleyan in the other semifinal Friday night at 7:30 pm. The Marlins won their opener over Averett Tuesday, 71-65.

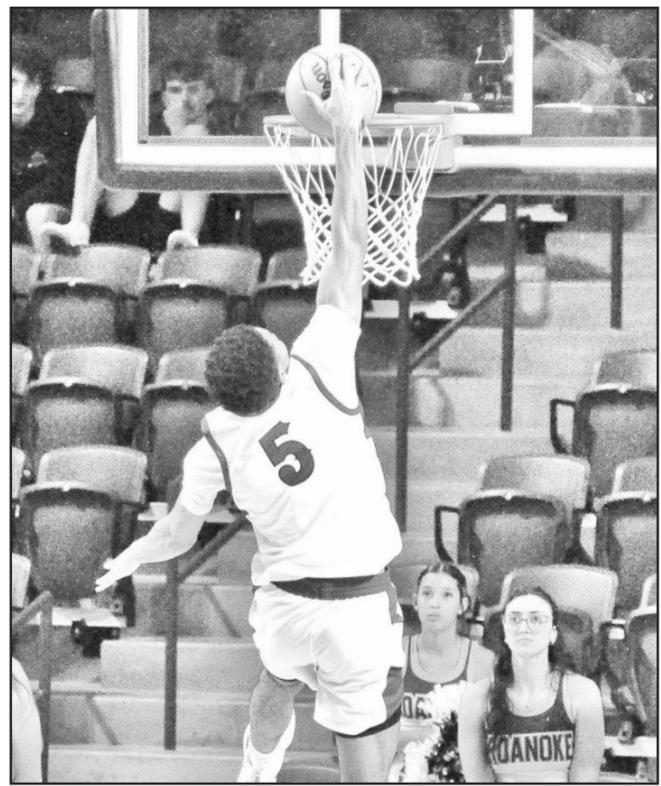
In the women's tournament Roanoke snuck into the eighth seed and the Maroons were scheduled to play at undefeated Washington & Lee on Wednesday. The Generals victory over Guilford College to end the regular season marked their 16th win in as many tries in ODAC play. W&L's win also brought the Generals'

full regular-season record to 25-0 to showcase as the first-ever completely unbeaten regular season slate in ODAC women's basketball history. The Generals are riding the Division III's second-longest winning streak, tied with the University of Scranton and trailing behind two-time defending national champion NYU, which is on an 85-game unbeaten run.

The Roanoke women earned a spot in the tournament by defeating the University of Lynchburg on the road last Wednesday, 64-60. The two teams were tied for the eighth spot prior to the game with nine ODAC losses each. The Maroons trailed 28-23 at the half but outscored the Hornets 41-32 in the second half to pull out the win. Roanoke was led by Moriah Tate with 14 points while Abigail Rice had 13 and Alicia Farmer had a dozen points and nine rebounds.

The Maroons closed out the regular season with a 55-42 loss to Randolph-Macon in Salem Saturday while Lynchburg beat Eastern Mennonite. Both teams finished at 6-10 in the conference but the Maroons won the tie-breaker and grabbed the final spot in the tournament. The Maroons finished the regular season with a 12-13 record.

Other first round women's games found second seeded Randolph-Macon hosting Virginia Wesleyan, Hollins at third seeded Bridgewater and Shenandoah hosting Guilford in the four-five game.



Jackson Bell of RC goes up for a dunk in last week's overtime win over Lynchburg at the Cregger Center.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Audrey Moles was Glenvar's leading scorer this season.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar girls come up two points short as losing streak reaches 63

The Glenvar girls will have to wait until next season to end their basketball losing streak. The Highlanders saw their season end with a loss to Carroll County last week as their four season losing streak reached 63 games.

This one was a tough way to end the season. The Highlanders led by as many as eight points in the second half, on the road, before the Cavaliers rallied to take a 48-46 win.

"Probably one of our most balanced games we played all season," said coach Cheryl Hayes. "I was proud of how our girls competed. Carroll had a great fourth quarter and outscored us in the fourth to close out the game on top."

Grace Fiedler led Glenvar with 15 points. Audrey Moles had 11, Ryan Jones had nine and Raegan Duncan had 11 rebounds.

The Highlanders lose just one senior, Halie Watkins, and hope to get some talent coming up from the jayvee team to end a losing streak that started in March of 2023.

"This summer we will focus a lot on strength and speed and agility work," said Hayes. "Of course, we need to play as much as we can so getting the girls together to just play is crucial to the next few years' success. We are committed to getting the girls to work harder so it will pay off in season."

VHSL state indoor track meets are at Liberty U. next week

Glenvar boys, girls take 3rd in Region 2C

Salem and Glenvar track teams will be competing in state meets next week at Liberty University. Salem athletes will be in the Class 4 meet next Tuesday, March 2nd and 3rd, while Glenvar athletes will be in the Class 2 meet on March 4th and 5th.

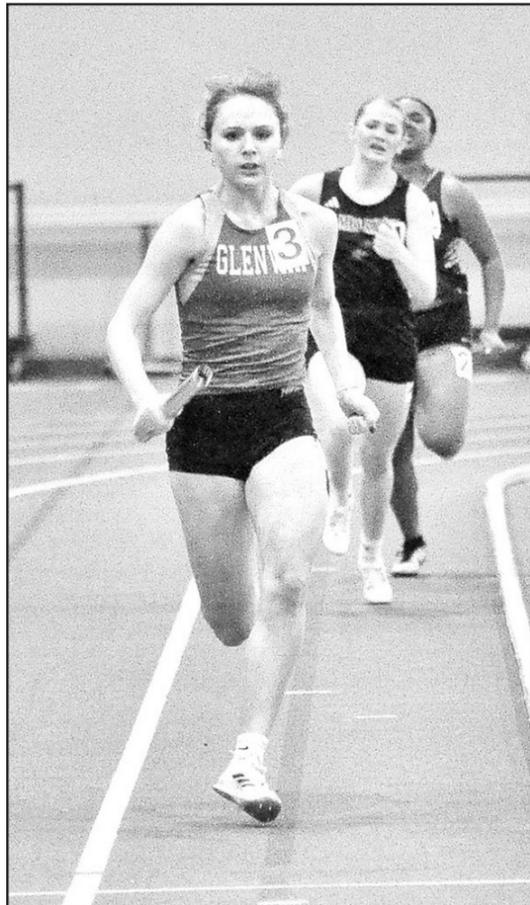
The Class 4D meet was held on February 16 but the Class 2C meet wasn't held until last Sunday at Roanoke College. Both the Glenvar boys and girls teams took third place at the Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse in Salem, as the boys scored 80 points and the girls totaled 70.

"It was a great day for our program," said Glenvar coach Bekka Loder. "Our athletes rose to the occasion, delivering great performances,

PRs, and unforgettable moments that showcased the heart of our team. Even though not all made it through to states, the team came out with eight personal records and two season's best.

The top three in each event qualified for the state and Glenvar had five individual region champions. For the boys Joey Loder won the 55 hurdles in 7.60, Evan Harris won the 1,000 meters in 2:45.17 and Aldin Smith won the 3,200 in 10:27.43. Champions for the girls were Anna Hall in the 500 in 1:26.94 and Aiden Beverly in the 300 in 44.21.

"Adding to the excitement were our four relay



Left, Glenvar's Aiden Beverly comes down the home stretch as the last leg of Glenvar's Region 2C champion 4x200 relay Sunday at Roanoke College. Right, Joey Loder of the Highlanders is on his way to a region win in the 55 meter hurdles.

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teams that captured overall wins," said Loder. "Relays are about more than speed, they're about trust and seamless execution. Each of our relay teams ran with confidence and determination, with one goal in mind."

The boys won the 4x800 with Smith, Cash Malcolm, Asher Faught and Evan Harris. The girls swept all three relays. Hall, Kailee McDonald, Lauren Smith and Rayya Bryson won the 4x800. Meena Chen, McDonald, Elle Graffeo and Beverly won the 4x200 and Hall, Chen, Bryson and Beverly won the 4x400.

Others who qualified for the state for the boys were Loder with a second in the 300 dash and Faught with a third in the 1,600. For the girls, Graffeo was third in the 55 hurdles and Bryson took a third in the 1,000 meters.

"As coaches, we couldn't be prouder," said Loder. "Watching our athletes sprint or run down the home-stretch is always a reminder of what makes track and field so special. Individual excellence combined with team strength and spirit. This meet reflects months of dedication that have brought us to the upcoming state meet."



RC's Ophelia Ladner.

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RC will host ODAC indoor track meet

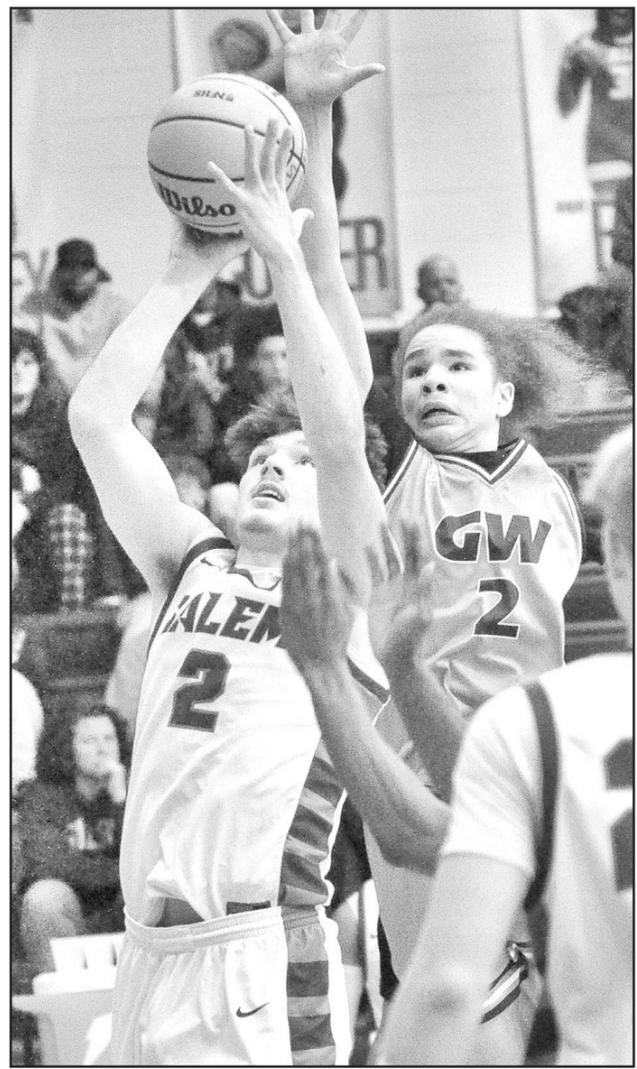
The Kerr-Cregger Fieldhouse on the Roanoke College campus will be the site of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference track meet this weekend. The meet will be held on Friday and Saturday in Salem, February 28 and March 1.

Last weekend the Maroons participated in the Wittenberg Invitational in Springfield, Ohio and RC senior sprinter Lindsey Hobin had a big day, picking up her third indoor Athlete of the Week honor this season. Hobin improved upon her personal best time in the 400m as she put down a 56.53 to take third place. Her converted time of 57.29 ranks her first in the ODAC and second in the region. Hobin's 400m time also puts her at 22nd in Division III. The Rhode Islander also placed fourth overall and first among DIII competitors in the 200m, moving her up to second in the Roanoke's all-time rankings for the event.

Ophelia Ladner came in third in the 60m hurdles, clocking in at 9.32 seconds. She also finished third in the prelims at 9.17. Ladner is currently slotted second in the ODAC and fifth in the region.

For the men, Elias Ammon set a new school standard in the 800m, while Lorenzo Camobreco broke his own mark in the 400m. Ammon broke the Roanoke indoor record in the 800m with a time of 1:52.87. He also sits atop the leaderboards for both the ODAC and the region, and he resides in 35th place in the country. Camobreco improved upon his own school record in the 400m, winning the event with a time of 48.34 seconds. He currently leads the ODAC and the NCAA South Region in the event, and he ranks 27th in Division III.

Salem High grad Mitchell Taylor came in seventh in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.73 seconds. His mark of 8.34 in the prelims was good for third place.



Left, Salem's Braylon Smith handles the ball in Monday's Region 4D game against GW-Danville. Right, Cam Boles goes to the bucket to score.

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Spartans fall to GW-Danville in region basketball

The Salem High boys basketball team saw their season come to an end Monday in the first round of the Region 4D tournament. Salem dropped a 65-59 decision to visiting George Washington High of Danville at the SHS gym.

"It was a great atmosphere," said Salem coach Kevin Garst of the nearly packed gym. "It was two good teams going at it and they were able to make some plays they had to make."

The game was close to the wire. The Eagles held a 28-27 lead at the half and scored the final bucket of the third quarter to take a 42-40 edge into the final stanza. They scored the first six points of the fourth quarter to go up 48-40 but Salem cut the lead to two at 54-52 with 1:42 on the clock as Jaydius

Hamm and Braylon Smith connected on three point baskets.

Salem hung close for the final minute and a half but wasn't able to pull even. The Spartans were forced to foul and GW made nine consecutive free throws to keep Salem at arm's length. The Eagles were 24 for 27 from the line for the game for 89 percent.

Danville lived in the paint, shooting just six three pointers in the game and making only one. However, they were 19 for 38 on twos and out-rebounded the Spartans 30 to 24.

"We wanted them to take more threes," said Garst. "They made some good plays you hope they don't make at crucial times."

Senior Cam Boles led Salem in scoring with 18 points and led both teams with 11 rebounds. Braylon Smith had 17 points, including some big buckets down the stretch to keep Salem close. Tanner Overstreet had 11 points and three assists.

With the loss Salem finished the season at 19-4 while George Washington moved on to play 23-0 E.C. Glass in the south sub-region final Wednesday in Lynchburg. The winner of that game clinches a spot in the Class 4 state tournament and plays the north sub-region winner Friday.

"Our guys were fun to be around and they gave it everything they had," said Garst. "Every year the goal is to try to get as close to your ceiling as you can, and I think we did that this year."

Salem girls one win away from trip to state tournament

The Salem High girls were getting ready to play Mecklenburg County in the Region 4D south sub-region tournament Wednesday as the paper went to press. A spot in the Class 4 state championship tournament was on the line.

Salem opened the sub-region with a 69-27 pounding of Jefferson Forest at Salem High Monday while Mecklenburg defeated E.C. Glass, 65-55, to improve to 16-5 on the season. The Spartans are 22-1 and haven't lost since playing in a Christmas Tournament in Tennessee over the holiday break.

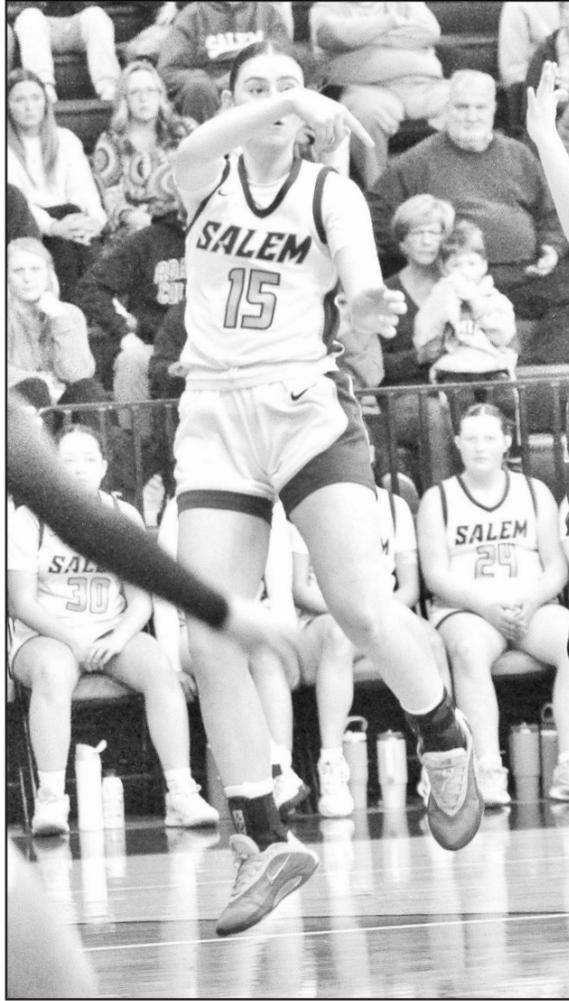
The winner of Wednesday's game earns a spot in the state championship and will play the north sub-region winner on Friday. The north top seed is Charlottesville, who improved to 21-2 Monday with an 80-30 win over Sherando. The Black Knights were scheduled to host north number two seed Handley on Wednesday.

If Salem won Wednesday the region championship is at Salem High Friday. The winner will get a home game in the state quarterfinal while Friday's winner will make the state tournament but open on the road.

The Spartans were hitting on all cylinders Monday against Jefferson Forest. They jumped out to a 22-8 lead after the first quarter and led by 21, 35-14, at the half. Salem then blew it wide open, outscoring the Cavaliers 24-8 in the third quarter before coach Scott Jester cleared the bench.

"Good start to our postseason," said Jester. "The players did a good job of following the scouting report and we were dialed in defensively all night."

Bailey Rider led Salem with 20 points, nine rebounds and six assists. Emme Custer had 16 points and seven boards, Gabby Crawley had 13 points and five steals and Kourtney Goens had a dozen points and five rebounds.



Left, Salem's Bailey Rider drives the lane and dishes off for an assist in Salem's win over Jefferson Forest Monday. Right, Gabby Crawley lines up a three for the Spartans.

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Glenvar's Jax Bolling drives to the hoop in last week's win over Carroll County.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Minutemen eliminate GHS boys

The Glenvar High boys opened the Region 2C basketball tournament on a roll Friday but let the game slip away and were defeated by Liberty High. Glenvar fell 72-64 in Bedford to see their season come to an end at an even 12-12.

"Great atmosphere for a regional game," said Glenvar coach Hank Luton. "We got off to a great start and had control at halftime. In the second half they played with a little more grit and came away with the win. Our guys battled, but couldn't keep them off the glass. Credit to them for attacking one of our weaknesses."

Parker Doolan led Glenvar with 20 points. Jax Bolling had 17 and Ryder Francisco had 11.

"As a coach, just need to get better in all situations to give our guys a better chance to be successful," said Luton. "They give us everything they have."

Glenvar had a good year. The Highlanders lost a potential all-state player when Brody Dawyot took early enrollment at UNC-Charlotte to prepare for next fall's football season. A couple other seniors did not play for one reason or another and Luton didn't know what he had until close to mid-December.

However, playing in a very tough Three Rivers

District with a young team the Highlanders competed. They defeated Carroll County at GHS in the last game of the regular season last Wednesday, 82-78 in overtime, to finish 8-4 in the district. Doolan hit a big shot to send the game into overtime and Bolling made the game winner.

"Tough, overtime win coming off a road win at Floyd," said Luton.

The Highlanders lose just two seniors, Ishan Patel and Gray Hutchison, and will welcome back JD Williamson, who started his freshman year on fire before a knee injury ended his season. Luton also will get some talent coming up from the jayvee team.

"Overall, a long season and one that will go down as one of my more interesting and memorable ones," said Luton. "A lot of weird injuries, sickness and guys out throughout, but our kids found a way to be competitive each night."

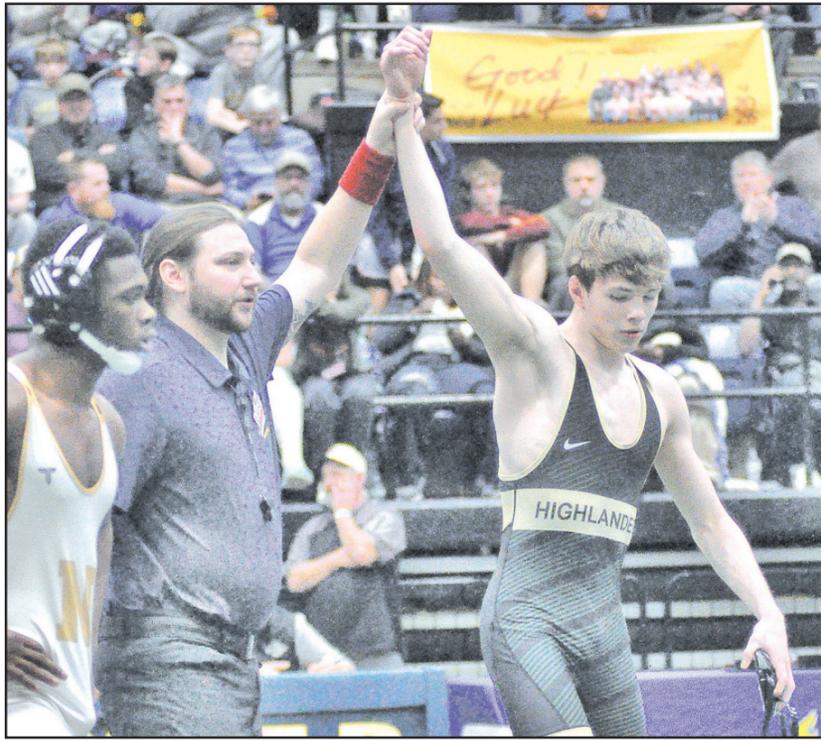
"Proud that we are the Three Rivers District runners-up two years in a row, but certainly looking to take a bigger step starting ASAP. Excited about a short break and getting back in the gym. Our team will look very similar to this year but we need to get better."

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Left, Glenvar's Jack Yetzer has Caden Hash of Marion in a precarious position on his way to the 106 pound state championship Saturday. Right, Levi Wright of Glenvar has his hand raised in victory after winning the 144 pound state championship, his second straight state crown.

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Glenvar wrestlers are third in state with two state champs

Four Glenvar wrestlers made the state Class 2 championship match Saturday night to lead Glenvar to a third place finish. The Highlanders had two state champions, Jack Yetzer and Levi Wright.

Poquoson High, with a team full of seniors, won the Class 2 championship with 244 points. Strasburg was second with 165.5 and the Highlanders finished third with 120 points and five underclassmen on the podium to go with one senior.

Jack Yetzer, Nick Yetzer, Levi Wright and John Vishneski all made the championship match on Saturday evening. Twins Jack and Nick Yetzer

opened the tournament at 106 and 113. They're twin sons of Roanoke College head coach Nate Yetzer, who has the Maroons competitive on the national stage in Division III. Roanoke was off last weekend so he was able to take in the state tournament on both days, and it was nerve wracking for Nate to watch two sons compete for state championships.

"I was there the whole weekend and I was about to throw up," he said. "It's a great experience. We get to work along side each other in something we love. I think it's every father's dream to share in something that we are passionate about."

Jack finished off a 29-5 season by pinning Caden Hash of Marion in the 106 pound championship match in 2:32. Nick was next at 113 and he lost a 4-1 decision to Kam Harrell of Poquoson in a match where Nick was on top for most of the match. He finished second in the state with a 27-12 record.

Glenvar's next finalist was Levi Wright at 144. Levi is the son of former Salem High and Christiansburg wrestler Jeb Wright, who was in the corner with coach Tim Miles, and Levi defeated Arnoldson Destine of Nandua by a 17-2 technical fall to win his second straight Class 2 state title. Levi

finished the season at 35-5.

"The performance of our two champs, Levi Wright and Jack Yetzer, can be summed up as nearly perfect," said Miles. "Bonus points in all matches and they are only sophomores. Those guys are leaders by example in the practice room and under the lights."

"Nick Yetzer had a great tournament and had a returning state champ on the ropes, winning over the Civic Center crowd in the process. Really bright future ahead for him."

Glenvar's final bout in the championships came at 165 with senior John Vishneski. The only senior among

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James is state heavyweight champ as Spartans put six on Class 4 wrestling podium

The Salem High wrestling team put six on the podium, had a champion in heavyweight Jake James, and finished a solid third in last weekend's Class 4 state tournament at the Virginia Beach Sports Complex. The tournament concluded one of Salem's best wrestling seasons ever.

"What an amazing weekend!" said Salem coach Lawrence Van Liew. "We went six for six in the quarterfinals to guarantee state placers. We ended up just short of our team goal of top two in the state by three points."

Woodgrove won the state championship with 153.5 points and two state champs. Loudoun County was second with 112 points and three state champs. Salem finished with 109 points and was second to Woodgrove, seven to six, in number of wrestlers who placed in the top six.

The highlight of the weekend was James, who pinned his way through the heavyweight bracket. Jake had pins of 12 seconds, two minutes even and 2:27 to reach the championship match. He then pinned Daniel Serrano of Park View Sterling in the final in just 34 seconds to win the state championship.

Patrick Patterson finished second at 113. He made the final before falling to Hayden Black of James

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Left, Salem heavyweight Jake James lets out a yell after pinning Daniel Serrano of Park View Sterling in the championship match. Above, Jake holds the 285 pound bracket on the top step of the championship podium.

Glenvar boys "3-Peat" in state Class 2 swimming meet

The Glenvar boys made it a "three-peat" with their third straight Class 2 state swim championship last weekend. The Highlanders scored 271 points to out-swim second place Poquoson, who had 203. Glenvar's girls were 13th among 28

schools competing.

"The boys and girls had an outstanding meet, swimming flawlessly," said coach Shannon Hall. "The hard work and commitment of the past three months was on full display."

Glenvar senior Landon Cairns added two more individual titles to his career total. He won the 500 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke, setting new school records in both events. Sophomore Aspen Thompson continued his standout season by winning the 100 backstroke and finishing second in the 100 freestyle. His time in the 100 freestyle set a new school record. Senior Avery Thompson placed second in the 200 freestyle and third in the 100 backstroke.

Glenvar's relay teams made school history as the boys' 200 Medley and 200 Freestyle Relay both won state championships for the third consecutive year. The same four swimmers, Avery Thompson, Cairns, Aspen Thompson and Brendan Miller competed on both winning relays. The Boys 400 Freestyle Relay team of Grayson Shearer, Bentley Crowe, Cooper Ermel and Darren Delby finished 10th, while the Girls 400 Freestyle Relay team of Sophie Childers, Evelyn Gard, Chloe Childers and Macy McMahon placed 8th.

Other Highlanders also competed at a high level. Ermel medaled (7th) in the 200 freestyle and placed 9th in the 100 butterfly. Shearer medaled (8th) in the 100 butterfly and placed 13th in the 200 IM. McMahon medaled in both the 100 breaststroke

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The Glenvar boys are Class 2 state swim champs for the third year in a row. Front row, left to right, are Avery Thompson, Aspen Thompson, Landon Cairns, Grayson Shearer and Darren Delby. Back Row, left to right, are Brendan Miller, Bentley Crowe, Cooper Ermel, Nikita Larin and Mason Young.

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