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Salem Mayor Lynn Towe, middle, stands with town officials and members of the Eagles Nest Art Center after a lease agreement signing in November.

## Donation made to Salem auditorium restoration group

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**SALEM** — The Salem Lions Club recently presented a \$5,000 donation to the Eagles Nest Art Center, a nonprofit organization behind the renovation of the auditorium in the old Tamassee-Salem High School.

Center president Lynne

Martin told The Journal the mission of the group is to "promote arts and community for charitable and educational purposes."

The group signed a 25-year lease with the town of Salem last November and has been "working diligently to reopen the auditorium for the community," Martin said.

**NEXT** Eagle Ridge will also have access to the auditorium, Martin said, to attract residents and local artists to "participate in or enjoy performing arts."

The Salem Auditorium Restoration Committee raised the funds for the project before transitioning into the nonprofit group.