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The Kings performed at the July 11 Mingle at the Market concert.



Dancing in the downtown streets at Mingle

Chamber hosts another amazing Mingle

The Kings, the “band that plays everything,” performed for a huge audience at the July 11 Mingle at the Market in Vinton. The Kings have been around since the mid 1960s, appearing as the house band and main attraction at The Kings Inn during the 1970s.

While countless bands have come and gone, this band keeps doing what it does best: pleasing crowds, employees, and themselves.

Mingle at the Market concerts are sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce twice monthly during the summer months, and their crowds have grown in size and enthusiasm for over a decade with nearly 125 concerts in that time.

There was something for all ages at last Saturday’s Mingle— food trucks (Empanada Nirvana, Mrz. Sweet Cakez, Star City Sips, and the Local Lemon), a bouncy house for the kids, a mobile photo booth, and beverages by Blue Ridge.

Once again, the William Byrd football players volunteered their time to set up and tear down for the event; volunteers from Defy Gravity handled admission and drink ticket sales.

Sponsors for the first Mingle included Stage Sponsors HomeTrust Bank and Pok-e-Joe’s, the Shepherd Realty

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Great local bands still to come during the 2026 season include Gasoline Alley, Five Dollar Shake, Supafly Five, Big Daddy Raye, Solacoustix, and Chris Keaton and the Millennials.

Individuals or organizations interested in volunteering at the Mingle events may contact the Chamber office at 540-343-1364 or email info@vintonchamber.com.

A new perk this year is renting a table at Stone Plaza to watch the shows. Contact the Chamber for more information.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report



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The Day everything changed: *The Cunninghams*



PHOTO COURTESY OF JUDY CUNNINGHAM

Jim Cunningham of Vinton with his 1927 Model T Ford

Debbie Adams
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The lives of Jim and Judy Cunningham turned upside down when he was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) on April 8, 2026. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, is a neurological (nervous system) disease that begins in the brain and spinal cord and affects nerve cells called motor neurons. These motor neurons provide a line of communication between the brain and muscles, which produce movements like walking, chewing, breathing, and talking.

It’s a rare disease. Statistics indicate that about 5,000 cases are diagnosed in the United States annually. About 30,000 Americans currently have ALS. As of yet, there is no cure—there is just learning to manage, and hopefully reduce, the symptoms.

The Cunninghams have both lived most of their lives in Vinton. Jim’s

family lived in Southeast Roanoke when he was a child, but his stepfather, Jack Anderson, owned the Amoco Station on Pollard Street where the Vinton Municipal Building sits now, so much of his childhood was spent in Vinton.

He worked at Hub Pattern in Roanoke for 41 years which makes patterns for foundries—anything that can be cast. His wife Judy is the executive director of the Vinton History Museum. They just celebrated their 59th anniversary.

The Cunninghams say they were totally surprised by the diagnosis since Jim, age 79, has been completely healthy his entire life, never having surgery or any hospitalizations. In fact, Judy says his first stay in a hospital bed was in the emergency room at Carilion, from issues related to his ALS.

He has always eaten healthy foods, exercised, never smoked, never drank. He has lived a life focused on family, church,

and wholesome hobbies including old school hot rods, hunting, and home projects.

A couple of years ago, Jim began experiencing weakness in his legs, then body weakness, which progressed to his hands, leaving him with problems writing. His speech is still good, although his voice is softer in tone. He has experienced a significant weight loss in recent months.

Physicians first thought his symptoms might indicate arthritis, leading to 12 weeks of physical therapy. Eventually doctors decided on spinal surgery. As part of the preparation for the planned surgery, Jim underwent one more procedure— an EMG Nerve Conduction Test by Dr. Christian Van Doren, a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Specialist at Carilion.

An EMG Test evaluates the electrical activity of muscles. It involves inserting a needle electrode into the muscle to record

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Renovations are nearly complete at W.E. Cundiff Elementary School on Hardy Road in Vinton.

School Board updated on renovations at W.E. Cundiff

Program Manager Kamal Khalil with Skansa Consultants updated members of the Roanoke County School Board on progress at W.E. Cundiff Elementary in Vinton at their work session on July 9. Renovations and additions to the school began in the summer of 2024. The project is expected to be completed by the reopening of schools on August 13.

Renovations and expansions include removal of outdated open concept classrooms, which allows for more effective instruction and greater opportunities for interactive, hands-on instruction.

Khalil says remaining work includes: Library, Gym and Exterior work

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WVWA asks public to conserve water

Since October 2025, the Roanoke area has received 40-60% less rainfall than normal. The Carvins Cove Reservoir level has triggered Stage 1 voluntary conservation measures for this area— for the first time in 22 years. The first stage in the Western Virginia Water

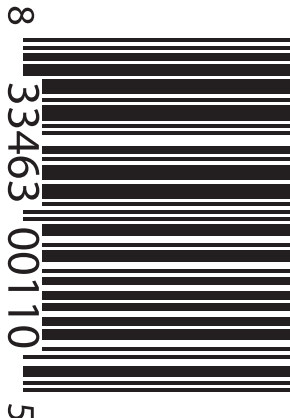
Authority’s Drought Contingency Plan is voluntary conservation.

As of July 9, the Western Virginia Water Authority is asking customers to voluntarily reduce their indoor and

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Vinton History Museum lift project ramps up

Vinton Capital Projects Director Jamie Hurt says work on the Vinton History Museum lift project is getting ready to ramp up.

“The necessary permits have been secured, and the contractor has begun mobilizing on-site. We anticipate that foundation work for the lift will begin within the next couple of weeks.

“At the same time, the final details are being finalized with the lift manufacturer so the lift can be released for production, which is expected to take approximately five to eight weeks. This timeline should align well with the contractor’s construction schedule and planned installation.”

“The installation of the much-needed lift will not only enhance accessibility for visitors but also significantly benefit the dedicated museum volunteers, many of whom are retired and among the senior population. By providing them with improved access to the second floor, the project will create an environment for volunteers to actively participate in museum activities, share their expertise, install new exhibits, and engage in meaningful interactions with visitors. The lift will also enhance safety protocols and instill a sense of civic pride in the community.

“This is an exciting milestone for the history museum, and we are pleased to see the project moving forward,” Hurt said.

~ Town of Vinton



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The fence has gone up at the Vinton History Museum marking the beginning of installation of the new cargo/personnel lift.

TINKER CREEK CLEANUP

August 8th
8 am - 12 pm

Sign up at Facebook/Roanoke Stormwater

Sign up closes July 22nd, noon

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Time to register for annual Tinker Creek Clean-up

The annual Tinker Creek Clean-up, hosted by the City of Roanoke Stormwater Division, is scheduled for August 8, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sign-ups close on July 22, so register now for a day of fun and community service.

Clean up participants will receive lunch, beverages and a few extra goodies from the event sponsors. The kick-off meeting starts at 8 a.m. in Fallon Park where crew work maps, information and supplies will be handed out.

Choose between land- and canoe-based clean up along Tinker Creek and the Roanoke River. There are different physical activity levels between sites, so choose according to your physical ability.

Register at Facebook/Roanoke Stormwater. Let them know if you would like to use your own canoe, and if you will bring your own PFD (personal floatation device). Don't forget to give a T-shirt size. If you have food allergies or needs, put a note in the T-shirt comment box and someone will follow up with you.

Fill out our waiver ahead of time here: <https://www.roanokeva.gov/FormCenter/Stormwater-23/Volunteer-Application-and-Release-from-L-196> or the waiver for Minors here: <https://www.roanokeva.gov/FormCenter/Stormwater-23/Parental-Consent-and-Release-Form-197>.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

Vinton Library patrons learn about Stone Age tools



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Hannah Jones (left) presented a talk on Stone Age tools at the Vinton Library. One guest was recent William Byrd graduate Annabelle Teague, who plans to study historic preservation in college.

The Vinton Public Library is well known for its children’s activities, its craft classes, its book clubs, and more, but it also offers a variety of special interest programs like “Stone Age Tools of Virginia,” presented on July 13 by Assistant Librarian Hannah Jones. Turns out you can learn a lot about people and cultures throughout history by the kinds of tools they used.

Jones is a 2023 graduate of Roanoke College where she majored in Art History, Criticism, and Conservation. She gained experience in her field by working as an apprentice in the school’s Archaeology Lab and as an intern with a Department of Historic Resources project at the 1830s Preston House with DHR expert Tom Klatka.

In her PowerPoint presentation, Jones explained the rock cycle, noted that the Appalachian Mountains we live in are estimated to be about 450 million years old, among the oldest mountains on earth— and discussed some of the most common rocks found here.

She talked about coal and, surprisingly, gold— which were abundant for periods of time in the area (coal peaked in the 1990s, gold in 1849).

She then moved on to stone tool making, which originated at least 9,000 years ago. There is an archaeological site in Dinwiddie County that appears to have been an actual tool-making factory.

In this area the most common precision stone tools appear to be ones for scraping hides, making projectile points, and serving as axe heads. Close examination of rocks reveals which tool was used by the pattern imprinted. Apparently, converting rocks into tools requires a substantial amount of time chipping off edges.

In answer to a question, Jones explained that not many stone tools were used as weapons in our area— more for felling trees or similar activities.

Jones warned that those who hunt for, or come upon, rocks in the outdoors need to notate precisely where the rock was found (the coordinates) for identification purposes or for it to be of any value— otherwise, “it’s just a pretty rock.”

Rockhounds need to be cognizant of federal laws which prohibit disturbing archaeological and burial sites.

One member of her audience, Annabelle Teague, had a special interest in the topic. She is a recent graduate of William Byrd High School, a Vinton History Museum volunteer, and a Scout, and will be attending the University of Mary Washington to study Historic Preservation.

Look for the “Beyond Books” column in The Vinton Messenger each month to discover more events provided by the Vinton Library staff.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

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Vinton Breakfast Lions assisted with Camp Too Sweet registration at Camp Bethel.

Vinton Breakfast Lions support Camp Too Sweet

One of the Lions Clubs International and local Lions Club goals is to support diabetes programs. For the past several years, the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club has helped register campers for the youth diabetes Camp Too Sweet sponsored by Carilion Hospital. This year 50 campers took advantage of the camp, hosted by Camp Bethel in Fincastle.

According to the Lions, “All campers have diabetes, so children won’t feel alone or different. We provide positive role models to help kids establish healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Camp

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LEVI WHITCOMB
William Byrd High School band members (from left) Zane Telsch, Levi Whitcomb, Landon Hollins, and Drayven English continue to practice over the summer months.

Going solo for the summer

Summer is often characterized by the grueling off seasons of high school sports. However, all sorts of programs toil for their passions throughout the break, of which the WBHS Marching Band is no exception. Across leadership and line marchers, everyone in the band feels a deep connection to their work in music. From passionate solo work to jams, get-togethers, or the formation of temporary groups, everyone has a way of staying engaged.

At the very top, veteran drum major Zane Telsch has been doing his part to ready himself for field service. Over the summer, he has been transcribing each instrument part into his native alto saxophone key, so that he may be better acquainted with everyone's parts and therefore more able to help. This has been no easy task, but he now has other dedicated leadership to rely upon, including the new drum major-in-training, Kyleigh Ginger. Like Zane, she has sacrificed time—and now her passions for flute and piccolo—to practice

conducting to help the marchers. It is no wonder that, prior to school closing, many marchers communicated their trust and excitement in the new leadership for the upcoming season.

Top players practice for the betterment of the band as well, such as top trumpeter and rising brass captain Blair Godlesky. He has buried himself in the music books, practicing tone, notation, rhythms and more to make sure that the band can count on him for its performances.

Rising woodwind captain Erica Barton has finally reached her dream position after six years in the band. Through the summer, she has been working on strategies to unite the woodwinds into an even stronger section and plans to build on changes she's witnessed throughout her band career.

While studying for the band is highly honorable and appreciated, many band members have also remembered to keep music as a part of surrounding areas in life. On the group side, a sax

quartet comprised of Landon Hollins (baritone sax), Zane Telsch (tenor sax), Drayven English (alto sax), and Levi Whitcomb (soprano sax) has been practicing two top-level pieces for personal performance in August. They will debut their pieces at the marching band drill camp and serve as a community event for bonding the band together.

Aside from their marching instruments, band members also keep personal instruments for practice. On the string side, band member Aiden Beasley has performed on the bass at the Maury River Fiddler's Convention, winning second with his grandfather, Bob Giles.

Furthermore, Levi Whitcomb performed with his violin in Lexington, Roanoke, Salem, and Big Island with Geoff the Fiddler. His twin sister Emma has also performed with the guitar in Blacksburg.

Practicing extends to the integral color guard as well, where rising captain Kendall Perkins

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VINTON HISTORY: Currency

Between the world wars, Germany experienced heavy economic depression, along with most of the world. However, the war's damages, debts, and lasting famine only worsened the situation for German citizens.

At the beginning of 1914, German inflation only increased about 1 or 2 percent per year, and the economy was stable. The war made such a heavy impact that where you could buy several pints of beer with one Mark at the beginning, you couldn't even buy a slice of bread after its end.

In 1923, it would take 4.2 trillion Marks to equal a single U.S. dollar. The Vinton History Museum's 10,000 Mark note from 1922 was initially quite

valuable, offering the buying power to purchase a month's worth of groceries, but the currency faded in December of that same year, when it could only buy a few loaves (approximately 320 Marks per U.S. dollar at the beginning of 1922 to 7,400 marks per at the end). It would take a year of hardship after this for the German economy to miraculously stabilize.

More relics from the interwar periods can be found at the Vinton History Museum, which is offering limited hours due to impending construction.

- By Museum Volunteer Levi Whitcomb



PHOTO BY LEVI WHITCOMB
A German Mark from 104 years ago on display at the Vinton History Museum

Upcoming Primary Elections in Roanoke County

Registered voters in Roanoke County will have the opportunity to vote for candidates in the Republican Primary for the United States Senate on Tuesday, Aug. 4. Candidates include Bert Mizusawa, Kim Farington, and David E. Williams (in all Roanoke County precincts).

There is no statewide Democratic Primary Election for the U.S. Senate.

Mark Warner is the Democratic candidate.

Registered voters in the 6th Congressional District have neither Democratic nor Republican Primary Elections to participate in.

Ben Cline will be the Republican Party's candidate for the 6th

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Been There; Done That

Read Ecclesiastes 1:1 through 4:16

The familiar phrase "been there; done that" is often said by those who feel they've seen it all and done it all, and they're bored by it. This appears to be the outlook of the author of Ecclesiastes.

He concluded that everything he had experienced was meaningless, including the pursuit of wisdom and pleasure—things many in our modern culture seek. Even the hedonistic lifestyle of "wine, women, and song" proved to not be satisfying. These indulgences created only fleeting enjoyment.

Much of happiness depends on attitude

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 3:12–13).

Once we determine to find satisfaction in life's simple things, including what God has given us to do, we will no longer base our worth or our hope in the accumulation of more things.

Thought for Today: "People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be." —Abraham Lincoln

Quicklook: Ecclesiastes 3:1–13

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Molasses Sugar Cookies

By Debbie Adams

Molasses is reportedly good for your digestion and may boost your iron levels. Whether that is accurate or not, these are some pretty tasty cookies and simple to make.

Ingredients:
3/4 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup dark molasses
1 egg
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda

1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 tsp. ginger
1/2 tsp. salt
More sugar for rolling cookies

Cream shortening and one cup sugar in mixer. Add molasses and egg, then dry ingredients. Chill several hours. Shape into 1-inch balls. Roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on a greased cookie sheet or one lined with parchment paper. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Cookies should still be soft. Cool.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Elections

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Congressional District's seat in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Beth Macy will be the Democratic Party's candidate for the 6th Congressional District in the House of Representatives.

Morgan Griffith will be the Republican Party's candidate for the 9th Congressional District's seat in the House of Representatives.

Registered voters in only the 9th Congressional District may vote in the Democratic Primary for the U.S. House of Representatives (Catawba, Windsor Hills, and Cave Spring Magisterial Districts). The candidates in the 9th Congressional District are Joy Powers, Adam Grayson Murphy, and Douglas E. Crockett.

Early in-person voting began in Roanoke County on June 18 for the Primary Election and remains available through Friday, July 31. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Roanoke County Elections Office

on Chestnut Street in Vinton.

At the Brambleton Satellite Office, you may vote on Sunday, July 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then Monday through Friday, July 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Special Weekend Hours in Vinton and at Brambleton are:

- Sunday, July 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, July 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, July 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(After this date and time, all in-person voting must take place at your assigned voting precinct's designated polling place on Election Day. (You will not be able to cast your ballot at either the main office in Vinton or at the Brambleton Center's Satellite Office.)

- To identify your assigned Election Day polling place, visit VoterView at <https://voterview.roanokecountyva.gov/> to

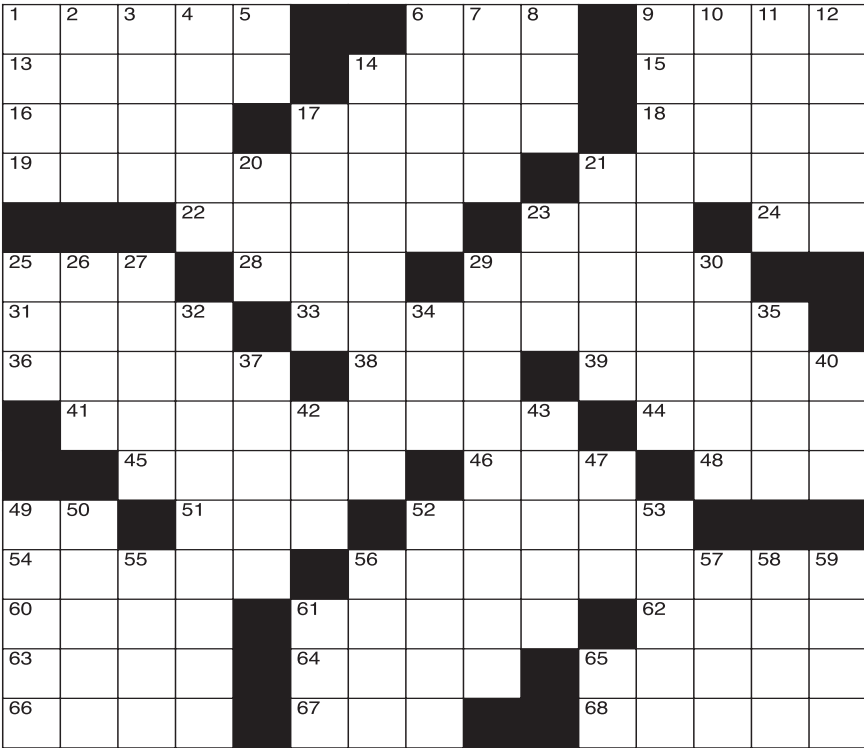
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If you requested an absentee ballot by mail and decide that you would rather vote in-person, we ask that you bring your unmarked, unvoted absentee ballot with you to exchange for a new ballot; if you do not have your mail-in absentee ballot to exchange for a live in-person ballot, you will have to vote provisionally.

-Roanoke County Elections

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Thou __ do it
6. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
9. Brainstem part
13. Town in New York state
14. Little (Spanish)
15. Continent
16. Retch
17. Short-billed rails
18. Small period of time (abbr.)
19. Confused
21. A team needs one
22. Woman in ancient times
23. Republican Party
24. Spanish be
25. "The Godfather" character Johnny
28. Not around
29. City in Zambia
31. A type of beginning
33. Numb
36. Gurus
38. Small, gray-headed crow

CLUES DOWN

39. Vehicle type
41. Disorders
44. One point east of southeast
45. Indian soldier
46. Tree type
48. Midway between south and southeast
49. It cools your home
51. Corn comes on it
52. Ship's deck
54. A way to bake
56. Improvised
60. Butterfly genus
61. Baseball fields have them
62. Designated space
63. Discharge
64. Two of something
65. Once more
66. Part of your face
67. Tax collector
68. Cassia tree

CLUES DOWN

1. One-time Aaron Rodgers target
2. Wings
3. Overly studious person
4. They protect your valuables
5. The Volunteer State
6. Non-hydraulic cement
7. Horse mackerel
8. Jackson and Diddle are two
9. Splendid displays
10. Mountain in NE Greece
11. A daughter or your brother or sister
12. German surnam
14. Having more than one husband at a time
17. Romanian city
20. Energy
21. Makes less hot
23. Gas diffusion electrode
25. Former CIA
26. Set an example for others
27. Support of a particular

- person
29. One from the Big Apple
30. Mountain range
32. Violate the sanctity of something
34. Supervises flying
35. Talks
37. Persian male given name
40. Born of
42. Forcibly take one's possessions
43. Discounts
47. Knockouts
49. Posh Colorado destination
50. Form of therapy
52. British rock band
53. Type of virus (abbr.)
55. The U. of Miami mascot is one
56. Volcanic crater
57. Middle Eastern nation
58. Sinn __ Irish organization
59. Ethiopian lake
61. Bits per inch (abbr.)
65. Equally

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No. 26-1292 VIRGINIA: IN THE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE **COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,** Complainant, Vs.

PURCELL BARRETT, et al, Respondents.

TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 026.19-01-27.00-0000. An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Clyde B. Barrett and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Clyde B. Barrett and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Clyde B. Barrett, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the August 12, 2026, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.

It is further ORDERED, pursuant of Va. Code Ann.§8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Salem Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in County of Roanoke, Virginia. Entered this 7th day of July 2026.
Hon. Charles N. Dorsey, Judge

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 **Case No.CL26-1177** VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, v.

RUBY C. BONHAM, *et al,* Respondents.

The object of this suit is to: enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No.064.01-03-17.00-0000. An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Ruby C. Bonham and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Ruby C. Bonham, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the August 14, 2026, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann.§8.01-321, that this order of Publication be published once a week for FOUR successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in County of Roanoke, Virginia. Entered this 18th day of June, 2026.

Honorable James R. Swanson, Judge I ask for this:
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1514 Golfside Avenue NW, Roanoke, VA 24017 Tax Map: 2461312

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated December 15, 2023, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Roanoke, Virginia, as Instrument No. 230010160, the Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on July 23, 2026 at 9:00am, at the Roanoke City Circuit Court, 315 W. Church Ave, Roanoke, VA 24010.

All that certain lot or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Roanoke, Commonwealth of Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Twelve (12), Block Five (5), according to the map of Carol Heights dated February 21, 1955, prepared by David Dick, State Engineer & Surveyor, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerks' Office of Circuit Court of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, in Map Book 1, Page 55.

Date of Sale: July 23, 2026 at 9:00am, at the Roanoke City Circuit Court, 315 W. Church Ave, Roanoke, VA 24010.

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

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

2. The Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title,

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the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

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

John K. Prillaman, Esq. Trustee
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2676 DRY VALLEY ROAD, RADFORD, VA 24141.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 25, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$60,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2003010550. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on September 16, 2026, at 11:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT UN-NUMBERED PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.731 ACRE DESIGNATED AS RETAINED BY OLLIE BAIN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEYENTITLED "PLAT FOR KYLE E. DAVIS AND SHARON B. DAVIS OF AN UN-NUMBERED 1.0005 AC. LOT NEAR BAINS CHAPEL IN RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MONTGOMERYCOUNTY, VIRGINIA", PREPARED BY NEAL H. WIRT, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 5, 1997, DESIGNATED PLAT NO. 97-505, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 991, PAGE 410, AND TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCED IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED. 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 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.aldridgepите.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

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Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepите.com. VA-378698-2.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday, July 27, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter in the Board Room in the Montgomery County Government Center located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, in order to hear citizens comments on a proposed ordinance establishing a tax at the rate of \$1.00 per One Hundred Dollars of assessed value for a separate classification for tangible personal property taxation for motor vehicles owned or leased by certain members of a volunteer rescue squad or volunteer fire department in the County of Montgomery, Virginia.

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Busy summer for WB hoops

The William Byrd High boys’ basketball team has been busy this season playing in a summer league and several camps. The Terriers participated in team camps at Liberty University June 4-6, Emory and Henry University June 10-12 and Northside High Tuesday June 16. They also wrapped up Summer League play recently at North Cross School.

“It’s been a great offseason so far for us with a lot of guys showing significant growth and promise,” said coach Brad Greenway. “We’ve developed a strong chemistry and are looking forward to seeing that continue to develop this fall.”



William Byrd basketball players pose for a group shot in front of the Liberty University dormitory.

PHOTO COURTESY WILLIAM BYRD BASKETBALL

Solo

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has focused her time on drilling flag movements and making sure that the guard stays in touch during the break.

Other members like Ben Hoyos have

kept up their dedicated practice work as well and have remained in contact by organizing picnics to truly form a strong bond for the seasons to come.

As the summer comes to a close, the Marching Terriers will take their personal experiences and share them with others, resulting in an even better

and more connected band for this upcoming season.

- By WBHS student Levi Whitcomb

Lions

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Too Sweet focuses on helping campers accept their diabetes, teaching them how to live a healthy lifestyle — and most importantly, on having fun. Campers interact with other kids just like themselves, who are facing the same challenges,

in the beautiful and exciting setting of a residential camp.”

Camp Too Sweet activities included group games, crafts, music and singing, campfires, swimming, adventure tubing on the James River, low-ropes group challenges, high-ropes

courses (for junior high age and older), creek exploration, hiking camp trails, polar bear swims, equestrian activities, and educational sessions on diabetes care.

Campers stayed in supervised cabins with other children.

Learning to live with diabetes can be especially challenging for children, who don't like feeling different from their peers. The Camp Too Sweet program is for children ages 8 to 16 who have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. This week-long summer program

teaches young people with diabetes the self-management skills that they need to take care of themselves.

- Vinton Messenger staff report and Lion John Berry

WVWA

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outdoor water consumption to help local reservoirs continue to serve their intended purpose of sustaining water supply through dry conditions,

This includes residential and commercial water users in the City of Roanoke, the counties of Roanoke, Franklin and Botetourt, and the towns of Boones Mill and Vinton.

The City of Salem is also putting a voluntary water conservation order in effect for the city’s municipal water system, pursuant to its Drought Management Plan.

Officials emphasized that drinking water remains safe and reliable, and

the voluntary measures are intended to preserve the region’s water supply before mandatory restrictions become necessary.

The Western Virginia Water Authority is maximizing the use of alternative water sources, such as stand-by wells, and closely monitoring reservoir conditions as outlined in its drought response plan. Stage 1 of the plan says it’s designed to extend existing water supplies while ensuring adequate water remains available for drinking, fire protection, sanitation and recreation.

Here’s how you can help:

- Limit outdoor watering to before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m., when

evaporation rates are lowest

- Limit vehicle washing
- Use bucket watering instead of hose watering whenever possible
- Sweep, instead of hose, driveways and sidewalks
- Turn off ornamental fountains
- Identify and repair leaks
- Turn off tap while brushing teeth, shaving, etc.
- Reduce shower time to five minutes or take baths with less water
- Only run full loads of laundry and a full dishwasher

The Carvins Cove Reservoir holds 6.42 billion gallons of water at full

pond; Spring Hollow Reservoir holds 3.2 billion gallons of water at full pond. Based on current demand, each reservoir stores over a year’s worth of water.

On July 13, Carvins Cove was 14.9 feet below full pond with 4.2 billion gallons remaining (65.3%). Spring Hollow Reservoir was 19.4 feet below full pond with 76.2% of its water remaining. New statistics are posted each morning at <https://www.westernvawater.org/home>.

For a list of water-wise tips, information about voluntary conservation, or to access the drought contingency plan, visit www.westernvawater.org/waterwise.

- Submitted by WVWA

Cundiff

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- Electrical conduits, receptacle switch boxes in the gym
- Final painting of upper and lower levels
- Doors and hardware installation
- Light fixtures in the library
- Elevator work update of controls
- Ceiling grids, ceiling

- panels
- Framing and drywall, covered conduit with drywall
- Carpeting/flooring library floor
- Skylights installation
- Added HVAC transfers openings to rooms, and loose ends
- Dirt removal and spreading of this dirt ongoing
- Landscaping/ reseeding

in front of the school

- Asphalt cap in parking lot and striping
- Playground installation applied mulch
- Egress door installation
- Punch list items ongoing

During the work session, there was also a discussion of the visitor’s side bleachers in the main gym at William Byrd

High School, which are not functional. The bleachers will not deploy/retract. The metal framework of the bleachers is bent and out of alignment. RCPS maintenance has examined the bleachers and has worked with three contractors to determine the best course of action. Two of the contractors declined to attempt repair. The third contractor offered a repair

quote but would not guarantee the results.

Staff recommended that \$70,000.00 be appropriated from Minor Capital Special Projects to cover the cost of replacing the bleachers. This recommendation will be placed on the next Consent Agenda.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

Cunningham

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its electrical activity at rest and during contractions. The results can indicate whether a muscle is functioning properly and whether it is receiving appropriate signals from the nerves. Dr. Van Doren inserted needles in all four quadrants of Jim’s body and even in his tongue.

The results of that test changed everything.

“Jim called me from Dr. Van Doren’s office, saying ‘I have ALS,’” Judy said. “I went to the computer and did a search while he was driving home. I’ll never forget how it felt— like my heart just stopped. I had to quit reading.”

The surgery was immediately cancelled because it might make the ALS worse or cause other complications.

Jim was quickly scheduled for an appointment within days with Dr. Lydia Sharp, medical director of the Carilion ALS Clinic.

“I texted the kids from Dr. Sharp’s office instantly when she confirmed ALS. She was very kind but did not sugar coat what was ahead for us. I remember we were in shock and just looked at each other and I grabbed his hand,” Judy said. “Driving home, we were very quiet.

“Several hours went by and both of us said

we must tell the kids. He asked me if I would do it.”

The Cunninghams’ advice for anyone diagnosed with ALS is to “get all the information you can; reach out to every source available. Try to get to know someone with ALS or a caretaker who understands the heartbreaking journey.”

Judy says she wants to be there for anyone she can help in the future and to be involved in the community in spreading awareness of ALS.

There are actions people can take, such as advocating for bills in Congress regarding research funding for ALS, which is backed by Virginia’s congressmen and senators. She knows because she has written to them asking for support.

As for what they wish existed for ALS patients and their families/ caregivers: at the top of the list would be hospitals and medical staff receiving more education about ALS, especially in emergency rooms.

ALS seems to take a long time to diagnose, possibly because its symptoms mimic those of so many other diseases. Judy believes that if medical personnel learned more about the symptoms and ordered the EMG test sooner,

ALS patients could be

diagnosed more quickly and get treatment/therapy for their symptoms.

They noted that ALS creates big expenses no one is prepared for. There are clinical trial drugs available but very costly. One drug Jim has taken costs \$22,000 a month. However, there are grants and other funding that can be applied for.

What they have experienced so far in their journey includes medications (currently four mainly for pain and breathing), insertion and then removal of a feeding tube, the addition of a customized motorized wheelchair, and a lift chair, moving the household around to be more accessible and removing unneeded furniture, making oxygen available, signing up first for palliative, then hospice care.

They signed up for a “Voice Preservation

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Services” program which records the ALS patient’s voice for future use when their speech becomes more difficult to understand. It essentially creates a custom synthesized voice based on samples of your speech, in essence “banking your voice.”

They have been told that other countries are more advanced in ALS research and treatment than the

United States at this point. The Cunninghams want to do what they can to change that.

Judy shared a quote from the Virginia ALS Association about the journey with the disease, “ALS takes away the ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe— but it can never take away courage or hope. Until there is a cure, people

living with ALS and their loved ones deserve every possible resource, every moment of support, and every opportunity to live with dignity.”

In future articles, we'll continue to share what we're learning about the disease, the resources available to families, and the people in our community whose lives have been touched by ALS.

Congratulations to Amber Goodpasture of ACG Hospice,

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Brian Hoffman

HOLLAND WAS ONE OF THE BEST ATHLETES EVER TO COME OUT OF THE ROANOKE VALLEY

I was sad to learn of the passing of Roanoke native Al Holland, who passed away on the 4th of July in South Carolina. Holland would have been 74 on August 16th.

Holland's athletic feats are legendary in Roanoke. Raised by a single mother along with three brothers, he attended a segregated Lucy Addison High School and played multiple sports. Al was not only a terrific baseball player but also excelled in football, playing both sports for North Carolina A&T on a college football scholarship.

Holland was a quarterback in high school but was moved to running back in college, playing four years for the Aggies. His younger brothers would follow him to North Carolina A&T in Greensboro.

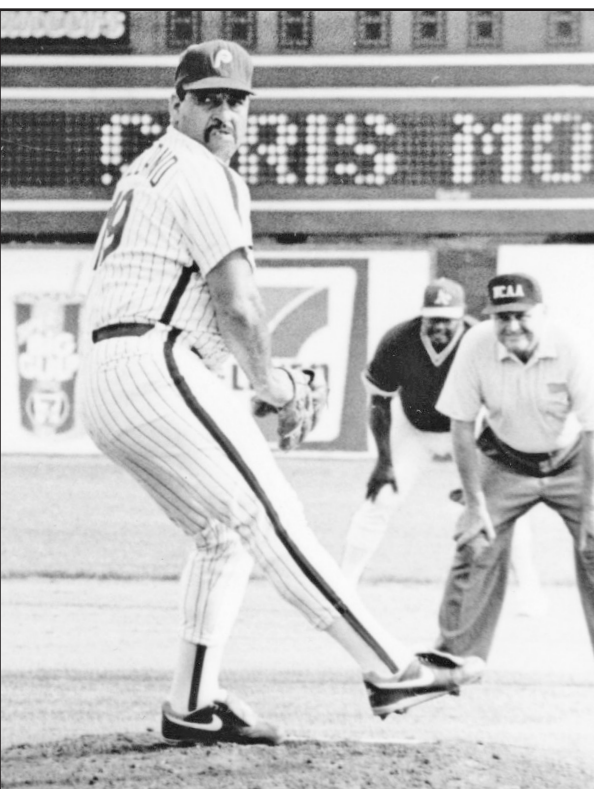


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A retired Al Holland pitches in the Old Timers/Media game prior to a Salem Carolina League game at Kiwanis Park in Salem sometime in the '90s. The umpire is the late Buck Fielder. Al is pitching to former Virginia Media reporter Chris Moody, whose name can be seen on the scoreboard behind Holland. "He soft-tossed to the person before me and when I got up there he threw three seeds right past me," said Moody. "I was thinking, 'what just happenend?' I couldn't have hit one of those pitches if he threw a hundred of them."

While he was good in football, baseball became Holland's best sport in college. He was an All-American twice and the most celebrated player in program history. He's one of three Aggie student-athletes to have his jersey retired along with Naismith Hall of Famer Al Attles in basketball and Pro Football Hall of Famer Elvin Bethea.

Holland was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 30th round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft in 1974 but did not sign. The Padres drafted him in the fourth round of the Secondary draft in January of 1975, and again he did not sign. In June of 1975 he signed with the Pirates as an amateur free agent, and that summer he started 11 games between Pittsburgh's Rookie and Low-A teams and had an ERA of 1.92 with 89 strikeouts in 89 innings.

In 1976 he came "home" to play for the Salem Pirates, and that was a turning point in his career. He was moved to the bullpen, where he would spend the rest of his baseball career. Holland had a 2.96 ERA with 13 saves, pitching 35 games in relief.

"Sad to hear about Al," said Murray Cook, who was a clubhouse boy for the Salem Pirates at the time. "I remember him playing in Salem on the 1976 team. What a competitor and a good guy!"

Cook eventually became the groundskeeper for Salem's Carolina League team and has gone on to become the most respected builder of baseball fields and turf projects in the world. Recently Cook's crew built Sofi Stadium's World Cup(soccer) field, where the Rams and Chargers play.

"FIFA calls it Los Angeles Stadium," said Cook. "I'm sure it has something to do with sponsorship stuff. We'll also flip it back to an NFL football field. Heading to Barcelona this week for field check, then we get ready for the Phillies and Twins in Dyersville for the next 'Field of Dreams' game."

Holland also had a bright future. He moved up to pitch in the Pirates organization at AA Shreveport and AAA Columbus in 1977 before finishing the season in Pittsburgh. In 1979 Al was traded to the Giants along with two other pitchers who played in Salem, Ed Whitson and Fred Breining. The Buccos received Bill Madlock, Lenny Randle and Dave Roberts in a trade that was beneficial for both teams. Madlock was a key member of the Pirates '79 "We are Family" championship team and Holland and Whitson both had solid big league careers. Holland and Whitson are both members of our local Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame.

Holland, in fact, was a charter member of the Hall, inducted in the inaugural class of 1992 with Dave Parker, Billy Sample, Steve Brodie and Kidd Carr. Holland likely would have qualified with his resume at Lucy Addison and NC A&T alone, but he went on to pitch 10 years in the big leagues with Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Philadelphia, the Angels and the Yankees. He finished his career with 78 Major League saves, coming out of the bullpen for 373 of his 384 big league games. He finished with a 2.98 ERA and 513 strikeouts.

I got to know Al when he returned to the Roanoke Valley and coached the baseball team at William Fleming and helped Jimmy Mitchell, another Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Famer, with his American Legion team. I have a few funny stories from those days.

When Al was pitching for the Phillies in 1983 I

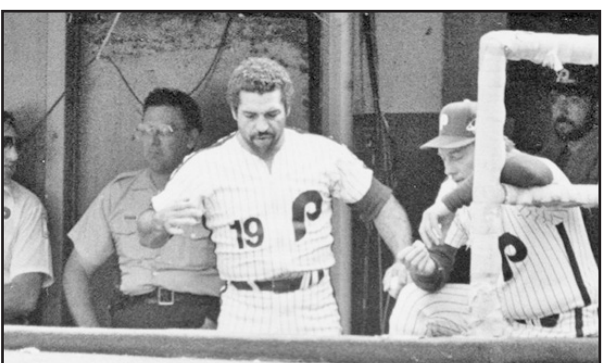


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Al Holland playfully jaws with former Pirate teammates in Philadelphia in 1983. In the next frame he "flipped the bird" to the Bucs, but that photo isn't appropriate for a family paper like the Vinton Messenger.

attended a Phillies-Pirates series in Philadelphia with a photo pass. I had a position in the photo booth at the end of the Pirates dugout along the third base line.

Early in the game I saw Al in the Phillies dugout, and he was playfully jawing back and forth with some Pirates who were his former teammates. I focused on Al, took a couple shots, and then he "flipped the bird" to the Pirates. I got a classic shot of him with a big smile and middle finger extended.

Years later I'm sitting in the dugout at what is now Billy Sample Field in Salem with Mitchell and Holland prior to a legion game. I hadn't known Al all that well at the time so I was somewhat leery of relaying that story to him. But I thought, what the heck, and told Holland about the photo I had of him flipping off his old teammates.

To my relief, he loved the story and wanted to know if he could get a copy of the photo. I found the negative and made him a copy and when I gave it to him at a future legion game he was all smiles, showing it off to all the kids.

And speaking of legion ball, I remember when William Byrd ace Chris Manning pitched for Mitchell's team. Chris was the main starter on Byrd's 1997 state championship team. He was a lefty, like Holland, and again I was down by the dugout prior to a game and witnessed an argument between Holland and Manning. Al was trying to change some things in Manning's delivery and Chris wasn't having it despite Holland's credentials, 10 years in the big leagues and the 1983 National League Rolaids Relief Man of the Year.

Finally, after a couple minutes of back and forth, Holland threw up his arms and said, "okay, just do it your way then." And Manning went out and pitched a no-hitter. Al just shook his head.

Al had some decent baseball teams during his time coaching Fleming, and that's saying something. The Colonels are traditionally the worst team in the Roanoke Valley, but when Al was coach they were competitive with his son, Al, Jr., on the team.

Holland mentored young athletes in the Roanoke Valley for more than two decades and was a terrific role model for area youth. He was in poor health in recent years and left us on Independence Day. A celebration of his life was held at Central Baptist Church in Roanoke last Saturday, and needless to say it was a life well lived.

Maroon football tickets are on sale for '26 season

Tickets are now on sale for 2026 Roanoke College home football games. Tickets will be sold for \$10 individually or \$40 for all five home games if purchased online in advance. Tickets purchased at the gate on game day will be \$15.

The Maroons finished the 2025 season 5-4 overall and 4-4 in conference play in their first season of varsity competition since 1942. Due to a stadium scheduling conflict, team's first game of the 2026 season has been moved up two days. The Maroons' road contest at the Virginia University of Lynchburg (VUL) originally slated for Saturday, Sept. 5 is now set for Thursday evening, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. at Lynchburg's City Stadium. The program will play a Thursday night game for the first time in history since

the team returned to varsity status in 2025.

Head coach Bryan Stinespring and the Roanoke College football team will have five home dates this season. RC's first home game is Saturday, Sept. 12 against Greensboro College. Salem Stadium, near Roanoke's Elizabeth Campus, will serve as the Maroons' home field once again and four of the five home contests will have 2 p.m. kickoffs. Roanoke's Oct. 10 game vs. Hampden-Sydney College will have a 4 p.m. kickoff.

"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."



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Former William Byrd football coach Jeff Highfill, now an assistant with the Roanoke College team, checks out the prospects during spring practice.

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